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Monday

6:00-8:30 p.m.

PT601 Foundations of Ministry

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A survey of the biblical, theological, and spiritual foundations of ministry, and an examination of the expressions of lay and ordained ministry in various Christian traditions.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 800 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing (no more than 30 pages):**
 - Reflection paper on one's own call to ministry – 10% (1-2 pages);
 - Book review (3-5 pages) and class discussion leadership on book – 20%;
 - Paper on one's own denominational understanding of ministry (10-12 pages) – 30%;
 - Paper describing an interview and observation of a person in ministry (8-10 pages) – 30%
- **Other:** Class contribution – 10%

Required Texts:

- Barton, Ruth H., *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* (2nd ed.). IVP Press, 2018. ISBN 978-0-8308-4645-0
- Stevens, R. Paul, *The Other Six Days: Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective*. William B. Eerdmans, 1999. ISBN 978-0-8028-4800-0

Choose one of the following for book review and class discussion:

- Cahalan, Kathleen A., *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us*. William B. Eerdmans, 2017. ISBN 978-0-8028-7419-1
- Palmer, Parker, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. Jossey-Bass, 2000. ISBN 978-0-7879-4735-4
- Taylor, Barbara Brown, *The Preaching Life*. Cowley Publications, 1993. ISBN 978-1-56101-074-5