

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute  
Spring 2022**

**Course Number and Title:** PT799 Ministry-in-Context

**Class Meeting Days: Thursdays** (Class meets from 6:00-8:30 pm)  
January 13, 27; February 3, 17; March 3, 17; April 7, 28; May 4 (make-up date included)

**Instructor Name:** Rev. C. Anthony Hunt, D.Min., Ph.D.

**Course Description:** This course is the cumulative experience for those graduating with the M.A. in Christian Ministries degree. The course has two parts: a field placement and project (also known as practicum), and a seminar.

**Course Requirements**

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 400 pages of required reading (exclusive of reading that is done for his or her project) and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Ministry-in-Context Practicum:** In the MIC Practicum the student will design, implement and evaluate a ministry project that integrates classroom work, independent reading and study, and hands-on experience in the ministry area of the student's choice. **(50% of final grade)**
- **Ministry-in-Context Seminar & Advising** – Students will attend and actively participate in the integrative seminar that will be held twice monthly for approximately two and a half hours each session. **(30% of final grade)**
- **Integrative Paper & Binder** – Students will complete a 15-20 page integrative paper, with both scholarly and reflective aspects. It will be scholarly in the sense that students will be expected to review selected books, articles, and research in their particular area of ministry. It will be reflective in the sense that students will be required to reflect on their own experiences in ministry (both in the practicum and any other prior relevant experiences) in order to formulate a personal statement their theology of ministry. The binder will contain artifacts of the project, which will be discussed in class. **(20% of final grade)**

**Required Texts:**

Frank Thomas, *Spiritual Maturity*, (Fortress Press, 2002), ISBN: 0-8006-3086-6

Joy F. Skjogstad, *7 Creative Models for Community Ministry*, (Judson Press, 2013), ISBN: 978-08170-1730-9

Richard Brown, *When Ministry is Messy*, (Franciscan Media, 2006), ISBN: 978-08616-777-1

**Degree Learning Outcomes (MA in Christian Ministries) Addressed by Course:**

- **integrate Scripture in ministerial identity and practice**
- **integrate Christian tradition in ministerial identity and practice**
- **demonstrate growth in faith commitment and spiritual awareness**
- **design, implement, and assess contextualized ministry**
- **employ ecumenical understanding and respect in working collegially with persons of other Christian traditions**