Doctor of Ministry
“Building Leaders Who Build the Kingdom”

— Course Synopsis —

**COURSE NUMBER and TITLE:** PTH 939 Sp. Stu.: Contemporary Issues in Pastoral Care/Family Min.  
**CREDIT HOURS:** 3  
**SEMESTER:** Fall 2020  
**COURSE DATES:** September 17 - 19  
**LOCATION:** National AACC Conference, Dallas, TX  
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**REQUIRED TEXTS:**


Additional “selected” readings required. Selections contingent upon topic. Contact professor if you have questions.

Course Requirements:

1. **Conference attendance and participation**
2. **Conference reflection paper:** write an 8-10 page critical reflection and integration paper on the conference
3. **Reading:** complete a minimum of 2,500 pages of reading
4. **Final project:** stemming from the conference sessions, prepare a final project that will assist in integrating the conference-based course into participant’s personal leadership and ministry context
   - Option 1: *Traditional Research Paper*. Write a 30-page research paper on the topic of your choice. Participant and professor will confer on the direction of the paper.
   - Option 2: *Integrative Project*. Prepare a final project/intervention useful in the participant’s ministry context

Details on the course requirements, writing style format, etc. will be a part of the syllabus, which is currently available in D.Min. Central in CANVAS.