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## PR 610 Servant Proclamation

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**PR 610**  
**SERVANT PROCLAMATION**  
**Fall 1999**

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**I. COURSE GOALS:**

- A. Progress toward the preparation of the preacher himself/herself with special reference to:
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| 1. The call to preach. | 3. Spiritual formation.   |
| 2. Disciplines.        | 4. Theology of preaching. |
- B. The preparation of the sermon with particular reference to:
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| 1. Homiletics.                     | 5. Structuring the body of the sermon. |
| 2. Speech.                         | 6. Finding apt illustrations.          |
| 3. Gathering and filing materials. | 7. Producing the conclusion.           |
| 4. Making the introduction.        |  |
- C. The preparation for delivery with specific focus on:
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| 1. Pulpit communication.       | 3. Actual sermon presentation. |
| 2. Getting ready for delivery. | 4. Cultural identification.    |

**II. COURSE IMPLEMENTATION:**

- A. Read the text: D. Demaray, *Introduction to Homiletics* (Revised). In Bookstore.
- B. Prepare sermonic materials in the flow of the course: introduction, conclusion, illustration, outline, then the whole sermon.
- C. Deliver introduction, conclusion, illustration, then the whole sermon. Use your own cassette and recorder, except for the final sermon when the Seminary provides a video tape which you may keep. (At term's end listen to each and graph your progress. Instructions, with models, later.)

- D. Make your own sermon outline for class discussion. Students will do outlines or flow charts, and if time put them on the overhead projector.
- E. One page reaction to Smalley and Trent, *The Language of Love* (in Bookstore). Twofold purpose of assignment: (1) grasp of content and sense of spirit, (2) learn economy of language. Record number of words at top of paper. Due Tuesday September 28, 1999. **250 WORDS ONLY!** Papers over 250 words not accepted.
- F. Read Doberstein's *Minister's Prayer Book*, the section on "The Minister as Preacher," pp. 395-437. Suggest reading slowly as part of your personal daily devotions.
- G. Write a Theology of Preaching paper of no more than 500 words. Due Friday December 3, 1999.
- H. *Optional honors program:*
1. Reading: such as *Heralds of God* (Stewart); *Persuasive Preaching Today* (Lewis) - (The Bookstore); *History of Preaching*, Vol. 3 (Turnbull); *Elements of Style* (Strunk and White), *Inductive Preaching* (Lewis and Lewis); homiletical works by Calvin Miller, Fred Craddock, Dennis Kinlaw. If you wish to read other books, please consult professor.
  2. Tape listening. The A.T.S. library holds an excellent collection of taped sermons. Consult professor in the choice of preachers. Examples of acceptable preachers: Charles Allen, David Seamands, Fred Craddock, Kenneth Goodsen, Earl Hunt, James S. Stewart, Charles Swindoll, John Oswalt, David McKenna, Maxie Dunnam, Dennis Kinlaw, Ellsworth Kalas.
- I. Daily readings to supplement textbook. All late papers docked one-half grade point as part of training in professional discipline.
- J. Please consult professor if you must excuse yourself from class. At end of term indicate your attendance record. Two 50 minute make-up periods = one 50 minute absence.
- K. Report all readings (except daily assignments) at end of term.
- L. Grading on materials submitted and delivered sermon. Consult Professor any time about your status.