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**SENIOR REFLECTION COMMUNITY
IR700 -- STUDENT SYLLABUS
SPRING 2004**

The Senior Reflection Seminar serves as an integrative closure to the Seminary experiences of spiritual, intellectual, personal and vocational formation. The experience is designed to foster a sense of community through peer reflection and group interaction. Major components of the course include case studies, and a Theology of Ministry paper. It is required in the final semester of a student's degree program. Two hours of credit will be given for the seminar.

ATTENDANCE: Since an inherent value of the IR700 resides in the group experience, attendance is mandatory for credit in the course. The only absences allowed will be for personal or family emergencies and unavoidable church responsibilities (e.g., funerals and mandatory attendance at denominational meetings for ordination). All absences should be negotiated with your seminar leader.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

GOAL #1: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP/STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD.

Objective A: Students will share their seminary spiritual life journey.

Objective B: Students will affirm and support each other through fellowship and acts as a Christian community.

Objective C: Students will design and covenant to maintain a personal and corporate devotional practice.

GOAL 2: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR VOCATION.

Objective A: Students will develop spiritual, intellectual, personal and vocational goals for their first year in ministry.

Objective B: Students will develop a list of questions regarding their first year in ministry.

GOAL #3.: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF INTEGRATION

Objective A: Students will reflect on given case studies and interact with other students in their IRC community.

Objective B: Students will write a Theology of Ministry.

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IR700 SCHEDULE

February 12 INTRODUCTION TO IR700, GOALS 1-A, B

19 CASE 1, GOALS 1-A, B, C

26 CASES 2, 3 GOAL 3-A

MARCH 4 CASES 4, 5 SETTING GOALS FOR MINISTRY, GOALS 2-A, B

11 DISCUSSION ON STARTING WELL AND FIRST YEAR AFTER SEMINARY.

18 **THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY PAPER DUE**
5 HOUR MINI RETREAT AT DINKIN'S HOME

25 CASES 6, 7

MARCH 29- READING WEEK

APRIL 2

APRIL 8 CASES 8, 9

15 SURVIVING THE BIG C'S OF MINISTRY

22 CASES 10, 11

29 CASES 12, 13

MAY 6 CLOSURE AND WORSHIP

13 **NO CLASS**

17- **EXAM WEEK – NO FINAL EXAM**
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