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ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR WITH DR. JIM WILHOIT
CD552A (1 hour credit) – Spring 2005

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*** This syllabus is still subject to change as I await final approval from Dr. Wilhoit. The required texts listed will not change.

This seminar class course will meet Friday, April 1\textsuperscript{st} from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 2\textsuperscript{nd} from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Wilhoit will be teaching the class sessions, and I will collecting and grading all assignments.

Title of Seminar Class:

\textit{Teaching for Spiritual Formation: Adult formation activities}

Description:

Adult education in the church can provide an excellent setting for intentional spiritual formation. However, the heart and heart connection, which is essential to true spiritual formation, can be hard to maintain in such settings. In this seminar we will look at proven patterns of formation activities that can be used in adult education environments. Activities include praying scripture, meditative forms of Bible study, and guided reflection.

Seminar Objective:

The goal of the seminar activities is to promote a humble self-awareness, a deep understanding of Scripture and a greater reliance on God’s grace for our spiritual transformation.

REQUIREMENTS (All assignments should be completed by April 15\textsuperscript{th}):

I. Attendance at all meetings of the seminar, Friday and Saturday.

II. Reading of all required texts:

   a. \textit{The Way of the Heart} by Henri Nouwen
   b. \textit{Prayer} by Richard Foster
   c. \textit{Embracing the Love of God} by Jim Smith

III. \textbf{Love of God Project Form}

   a. Must be completed prior to the beginning of class on April 1\textsuperscript{st}
b. See attached document

IV. **Summative Paper**

Write one paper, eight to ten pages in length. The paper should address the following:

1. **Reflection:** Describe the relationship between the seminar activities and your understanding and experience of spiritual transformation.

2. **Integration:** In what ways do the required texts speak to (enrich, expand, inform, challenge, inspire) your understanding and experience of spiritual transformation? You must demonstrate understanding of all required texts.

3. **Vision:** Describe several ways in which the patterns of formation addressed in the seminar teaching AND the **required texts** could be enabled or implemented within the educational context of a congregation.

The summative paper is due by April 15th (do your taxes early). See Dr. Beverly Johnson-Miller if this deadline creates a problem for you. Turn in the paper with an addressed envelop returnable to you through the SPO, or to another address if you are leaving campus.