THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY
D. Min. Theology Core DMC801
John Frame & Doug Swagerty
July 18-22, 2005

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Since ministry is a calling from God, the most important thing is to do it God's way. So it is important for us to develop our concept of ministry theologically, that is according to God's Word. As we seek to do that we find that Scripture pushes us to apply its teaching to situations of our own time. In this course we will learn how to relate the teachings of God's Word to the situations we face in contemporary ministry, including new developments in culture, philosophy and models of ministry. We will also assess what the Reformed tradition says to us as we carry the Gospel to people today.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

John Frame is Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy at RTS Orlando. He received his A. B. from Princeton University, his B. D. from Westminster Theological Seminary, and his M. Phil. from Yale University. He has published a number of books, including *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*, *Medical Ethics*, *Perspectives on the Word of God*, *Evangelical Reunion*, *Apologetics to the Glory of God*, *Cornelius Van Til*, *Worship in Spirit and Truth*, *Contemporary Worship Music: a Biblical Defense*, *Doctrine of God*, *No Other God*. He is a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America, a pianist and an organist.

Doug Swagerty is Pastor of Harbor Presbyterian Church in San Diego where has ministered with Dick Kaufmann since the inception of this multi-site church in 1999. Harbor currently has five different worship services each Sunday in various locations throughout the greater San Diego area. Prior to his work at Harbor, Doug planted and pastored the Coastal Community Church (PCA) of Oceanside, CA for 14 years. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Covenant College, his M.Div. from Westminster Seminary, and his M.A. in Philosophy from Villanova University. He also served as the Stated Clerk of the South Coast Presbytery (PCA) for 10 years and is currently a co-opt member of the PCA’s Committee on Mission to North America.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

The integration paper is to be an informal discussion of specific ways in which you plan to change your ministry in light of class readings and discussion. You may choose to be broad or specific. You should interact with as many reading assignments, lectures, and discussions as possible. This 15-20 page paper should be written in *Turabian*, 6th Edition style and/or in the style of our Final Project Guidelines. Please mail to the D.Min. office by October 31, 2005.

Each student should read 2000 pages of new reading and write a one-page standard book report on each book or article over 50 pages in length. The book reports are due on the first day of class, July 18, 2005.
COURSE READING

**Required Reading:** (If not previously read)

Bridges, Jerry


Clinton, J. Robert


Frame, John M.


Essays at [http://www.thirdmill.org](http://www.thirdmill.org) (Search for "Frame")


Keller, Timothy J.


Miller, C. John


Newbigin, Lesslie


**Recommended Reading:** (In the event that you have not reached your 2000-page new reading quota, and/or for additional study)

**Gospel Proclamation**

Clowney, Edmund P.


Chappel, Bryan


Poythress, Vern S.


**Counseling**

Anderson, Neil

2000  *Victory Over the Darkness.* Gospel Light

Crabb, Lawrence J.

Adams, Jay Edward  

**Worship**

Frame, John M.  

Hauerwas Stanley and William H. Willimon  

**Small Groups**

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, *Small Group Manual*. NYC

**Leadership**

Blanchard, Kenneth H. and Patricia & Drew Zigarmi  

George, Carl F.  

George, Carl F. with Warren Bird  

Stanley, Paul D. and J. Robert Clinton,  

**Meditation and Prayer**

Toon, Peter  
1993  *The Art of Meditating on Scripture*. Zondervan.

**Gospel Discipleship**

Miller, John C.  
*Repentance and Twentieth Century Man*

Keller, Timothy  
*Gospel and Heart—Galatians Study, Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC*

Lovelace, Richard  

World Harvest Mission, *Sonship Course*

**Mercy Ministry**

McKinney, George et al  

**Evangelism**

Arn, Win & Charles Arn  
Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.
**READING REPORT SUMMARY GUIDE**

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DTS was founded as Evangelical Theological College in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer, who taught the first class of 13 students, and William Henry Griffith Thomas, who was to have been the school's first theology professor but died before the first classes began. Their vision was a school where expository Bible preaching was taught simply, and under Chafer's leadership, DTS pioneered one of the first four-year degrees in theology, the Master of Theology (Th.M.). The present location of the school was purchased in 1926 and Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) programs were started in 1927. In addition to these, a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program was opened in 1980. Walvoord retired as DTS president in 1986.

Scottish Journal of Theology. Volume 39 Issue 1. Theology and Function. And certainly there is good reason to examine the subject of ministry in terms of sign-value, if not in terms of sacramentality. But the question is being asked, shyly by some and more stridently by others: We can see what ministers represent, we can even see the sign-value of bishops, but what are they supposed to do? Export citation Request permission. Copyright. Eagan, J. F., Ordained Ministry in BEM A Theological Critique, Ecumenical Review, July 1984, pp. 266 and 269; and Wainwright, G., Reconciliation in Ministry, in Thurian, M. (ed.), Ecumenical Perspectives on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 1983, pp. 134f.