Course of Study  
Summer 2015  
Book List and Pre-Work

[Congregational Care  COS 323]  
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Book Titles (with author and ISBN number):

Required:

_A Primer in Pastoral Care_ ISBN 0-8006-3760-7  Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner


_Crisis Counseling In the Congregation_ ISBN 978-1-4267-2698-9  Dr. Larry Webb

Recommended:


_Listening and Caring Skills_ ISBN 0-687-01716-5  John Savage

Pre-Work Assignments:
1. Read the 3 required texts. Prepare a 3-4 page typewritten paper to be turned in no later than June 19. The paper should address the following questions and should include examples from all three of the required texts:

As you think about your ministry of pastoral care and your church’s ministry of pastoral care which ideas did you find most helpful and why? Please use concrete examples of how you might use or already have used these ideas in your ministry setting.

Which ideas did you find least helpful or hard to understand and why?

2. Prepare a 2-3 page typewritten description of a recent (last 3 months) conversation with a parishioner to be turned in no later than June 19. Please include the following:
   a. age, gender identity, sex, marital status or whether the person is partnered
   b. how you were contacted and where the conversation took place
   c. what the parishioner wanted to discuss (presenting issue)
   d. what informed your work with the parishioner (counseling theory, hunch, practical experience, biblical narrative)
   e. assess the parishioner’s response to you
   f. assess your efforts with the parishioner (what did you do well, what did you not do well, what would you have liked to have done and did not do)