

Canadian Theological Seminary - Calgary
Feb 3-5 & Mar 10-12, 2005

Pastoring in the North American Chinese Church (PT 650-CM)
Instructor: Dr. Titus Yu

I. Course Description:

This course explores key contemporary issues and challenges related to pastoral ministry in a Chinese church context. The purpose of this course is to examine church ceremonies and apply student's theological understanding to local church ministry practice. Chinese churches in North America are bi-cultural. Local church pastors need to be sensitive to the language and the background of the congregation when performing church ceremonies. Relevant biblical responses and pastoral methodologies for ministering to the 21st Century Chinese churches in North America will be examined. This course is taught in Cantonese.

II. Course Expectations and Objectives:

- a. To examine and to evaluate the theological, biblical and cultural principles behind each of these ceremonies, such as: baptism, communion, anointing for healing, baby dedication, funeral service, wedding service, installation service, and ordination service.
- b. To understand the role as a chairperson in the Chinese Elder Broad, the role as a peacemaker-pastor in Chinese churches, the role in the testimonies against the powers of darkness/demonic spirits, the role as a discipleship trainer, the role of an every-Sunday-preacher and the role as a pastoral counselor.
- c. To rehearse some of the above ceremonies.
- d. To learn to apply each of the ceremonies in a local church setting, as it may differ depending upon church size and congregation.
- e. To discuss real life pastoral ministry issues, provided by the students.

III. Textbooks and Resources:

1. Schwarz, Christian A., **Natural Church Development**, Carol Stream: ChurchSmart 1996 / 施瓦茨著, 黃婉儀譯 **自然教會發展**, 中文版: 高接觸有限公, 1998
2. **宣道會崇拜模式指引**, (Worship Guidelines for CMA CUHK) 香港: 宣道出版社, 2003
3. 蕭壽華, **聖靈領導的教會管理**, 宣道出版社, 2002
4. 保羅卜納 (著), 葉華 (譯), **傾出我心——神僕書簡 19 篇 (Pour Out My Heart – 19 Letters from the Lord's Servant)**, 香港: 宣道出版社, 2004

5. Bailey, Keith M., **Divine Healing: The Children's Bread**, Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publication, Inc., 1977.
6. **The Pastor's Handbook**, Pennsylvania: Christian Publication, Inc., 1989.
7. **The Minister's Manual**, Hong Kong: Baptist Co-workers Fellowship, 1974.
8. London, H. B., Wiseman, Meil B., **The Heart of a Great Pastor: How to Grow Strong and thrive Wherever God has Planted You**, Ventura, California: A Division of Gospel Light. 1994
9. Barna, George, **The Habits of Highly Effective Churches**, Ventura: Regal Books, 1999.
10. Christensen, James L. **The Minister's Service Handbook**, Westwood, N.J: Fleming H. Revell Company., 1960.
11. McGraw, Gerald E. **War Manual—Against the Powers of Darkness**, Westminster, S.C.: Shamain Ministries.
12. Tsang, Rennie L., **An Investigation of the Renewal of Church Ministry**, Hong Kong: Alliance Bible Seminary, 2000. (曾立華 · 教會職事的重尋與更新)
13. Tang, Sammuel Y, C., **Ritual and Meaning on Church Liturgy**, Hong Kong: Excellence Book House, 1997. (唐佑之 · 儀式與真義)
14. Webber, Robert E., **Worship Old and New**, Hong Kong: China Alliance Press, 2000. (Translated by Ho Li Wing-fan, 崇拜：認識古今)

IV. Assignments:

- a. Classroom attendance & participation. (10%)
- b. Book reading, 1,000 pages. (10%)
- c. To Compile A Personal Pastoral Manual. (45%)
- d. Rehearsal reflection paper (5%)
- e. Three 5-pages research papers on three pastoral roles. (10% for each)

V. Assignments Due Date:

All assignments are due on April 12, 2005.

Date	Time	Topics
1 st week – Feb 3-5, 2005		
Thursday	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Introduction: Understanding of the calls of a pastor (general and local). The basic roles of a pastor. What “full-time pastor” means to a congregation?
Friday	7:00 – 10:00 pm	The Role of the Holy Spirit in the pastoral ministry The importance of a Scripture-minded pastoral ministry The role of an every-Sunday-preacher and the role as a pastoral counselor are the basic steps
Saturday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Lectures and Discussions: Baptism, communion, anointing for healing, baby dedication, funeral service, wedding service, installation service, and ordination service.
	2:00 – 5:00 pm	The role as a chairperson in the Chinese Elder Board, the role as a peacemaker-pastor in Chinese churches, the role in the testimonies against the powers of darkness/demonic spirits, the role as a discipleship trainer.
2 nd week – Mar 10-12, 2005		
Thursday	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Rehearse
Friday	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Discussions and reflections How to apply each of the ceremonies in a local church setting, as it may differ depending upon church size and congregation
Saturday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	To discuss real life pastoral ministry issues, provided by the students and some local guest pastors
	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Conclusion and guideline for the pastoral manual research study