

## **Equipping the Saints Curriculum 2007-2008**

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Learning Programs:

- Outreach
- Worship Leader
- Christian Formation

Pre-Course reading: Palmer, Parker. *Let Your Life Speak*. Jossey-Bass. ISBN: 0-7879-4735-0

### **Book List for ALL participants:**

- An NRSV Bible with commentary, such as *The Access Bible*, *Harper Collins Study Bible*, *Oxford Annotated Bible*, *NRSV with Apocrypha*.
- The Book of Common Prayer (1979) in an edition in which you can make written notations.
- 1982 Hymnal
- Biddle, Mark E. *Missing the Mark. Sin and Its Consequences in Biblical Theology*. Abingdon, 2005. ISBN 0-6874-9462-1
- Migliore, Daniel *Faith Seeking Understanding, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* Wm. Eerdmans Pub: Grand Rapids, MI 2004. ISBN 0-8028-2787-X
- Weil, Louis. *A Theology of Worship. The Church's New Teaching Series*. Cowley Pub.: Cambridge, MA, 2002
- Wilson, Marvin R. *Our Father Abraham. Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*. W. B. Eerdmans and Center for Judaic-Christian Studies. 1989. ISBN 0-8028-0423-3

***Additional book requirements are listed on the Outreach, Christian Formation and Worship Leader Learning Program descriptions and beginning on page 4 for those participating in the 3-year Pastoral Leader program.***

### **Notes:**

- Papers are due to your tutor by the last day of the month assigned. Extensions may be negotiated in advance of the date due.
- Those pursuing ETS Certification in Pastoral Leadership (those taking the academic course or pursuing ordination to the diaconate or priesthood) have supplement required reading and assignments beginning on page 4

- Paper topics are described in double space format. Please also refer to the Paper Rubrics for additional information.

	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Biddle</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Migliore</b>	<b>Papers</b>
				Note: If this is your 1 <sup>st</sup> year with ETS, please plan to read this entire book by the time you write the paper assigned for February. Please read chapter 12 before the Oct weekend	
Aug	Gen 1-4 Romans 1-7				
Sept.	Amos Hosea	Intro – Chpt 3		Chpt 12	Rule of Life: Write 4-6 pages discussing your current practices of prayer and other spiritual disciplines (for example, public worship, private prayer, study, service) and how these are integrated in your life. What is your commitment to these practices in the months to come (your rule of life)? Reflect on Include your discipline(s) of self-care and personal support.
Oct	Gospel of John 1 <sup>st</sup> letter of John	Chpts 4- 6		<b>Weil</b> (read for October weekend)	Goals/Ministry Plan: Write 4-6 pages on your area of specialization this year, the ministry project(s) you plan to undertake and what your learning goals are for the year. How do you expect it to impact your congregation or setting? Provide a copy to your priest and Senior Warden.
Nov.	Letters to the Colossians and Hebrews		Chpt 1-2		
Dec.	Psalms 4-5; 9; 13; 18-25; 31- 38; 40; 44; 49; 51-52; 59; 65; 69; 73; 78-79; 81-82		Chpt 3-4		Praxis/Reflection Paper: Write a 4-6 page paper on the praxis incident that you reported to your mentor group, drawing on some of the questions that the group process identified. Briefly summarize the event and reflect theologically on what happened or what you learned. For example: where was God present or absent in this event? Where was the holy spirit moving in your ministry? Relate this reflection to Biblical sources or your reading material. What additional resources might be helpful?

Jan	Psalms 85; 88; 90; 92; 95; 102-103; 106-107 and Isaiah 1-7; 19-33; 40-55; 59-62		Chpt 5-6		
Feb	Psalms 109; 119; 130; 137; 139; 143; 145; and Jeremiah 1-39		Chpt 7-8	<p><b>Migliori:</b></p> <p>Chpt 11 (read before the Feb 29-Mar 3 weekend)</p>	<p>Construct an exegesis of the prophetic message of Isaiah 24 – 27 by choosing a coherent unit and analyzing it using the understandings of sin, judgment and redemption presented in Biddle's <i>Missing the Mark</i>. How are we to understand this message both historically and in light of the New Covenant? The historical issue concerns the word from God addressed to Israel and Judah in the 8<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE; for what are the people being judged (how have they sinned; in what way have they sinned; how is the Lord responding; why is the Lord acting justly toward them). The word of God is not limited to the 8<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE; therefore one has also to propose a Christian reading of the unit chosen in light of the New Covenant established by Jesus' death and resurrection. This is a 10 page paper utilizing at least four resources in biblical scholarship. Selecting useful resources will be discussed at the October weekend.</p>
March	Gospel of Matthew and Romans 8-12		Chpt 9-10		
Apr	Proverbs 1-20 and Ecclesiastes		Chpt 11-12		<p>Write a 4-6 page paper based upon the learning program you attended during the August weekend.</p> <p><u>Outreach:</u></p> <p>Using the ministry plan you submitted in October, reflect theologically on what you have been doing and accomplishing. Incorporate what you have learned from the assigned reading and supplemental reading you have chosen and include insights from scripture and theology.</p> <p><u>Christian Formation:</u></p> <p>Using the ministry plan you submitted in October, reflect theologically on one of the projects you have completed for Christian formation.</p>

					<p>Incorporate the assigned reading and supplemental reading you have chosen and include insights from scripture and theology:</p> <p><u>Worship Leader Certification</u></p> <p>Design a liturgy (Eucharist, Baptism, funeral or wedding; if you feel called to the Diaconate, please focus on a funeral or wedding) and make a bulletin. In addition, include a 4-6 page paper describing the theological and/or pastoral rationale for your selection.</p>
May	Leviticus 1-11 and Numbers 11-14		Chpt 13-14		<p>Praxis/Reflection: 4-6 pages. Topic to be determined in consultation with your mentor/mentor group as being particularly applicable to the praxis incidents you have presented throughout the year, ministry or goals.</p> <p><b>**participants in the 3-year program have a separate assignment for this month; please see page 6**</b></p>
June	Micah		Chpt 15		<p>Praxis/Reflection: 4-6 pages. What did you learn? See the questions posed on the learning program description sheet. Provide a copy to your priest and Senior Warden.</p>

## Supplemental Assignments for the three-year program participants

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### Required Reading/Resources:

- Van Harn, Roger E., ed., *Exploring and Proclaiming The Apostles' Creed*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004. ISBN: 0-8028-2120-0.
- Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart *How to Read the Bible Book by Book. A Guided Tour*, Zondervan Press. ISBN: 0-310-21118-2
- Mitchell, Leonel L. *Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on the Book of Common Prayer*. Morehouse Publishing: 1991.
- Achtemeier, Paul J. *Harper's Bible Dictionary*. Harper, San Francisco.
- Cross, F.L., editor. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, Oxford University Press: NY, NY. 1997.

**Recommended Resources:**

- Birch, Bruce C. et. al. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Abingdon Press. ISBN: 0-6870-1348-8
- Branick, Vincent P. *Understanding the New Testament and Its Message. An Introduction*. 1998. ISBN 0809137801.

**Notes:**

Reading Fee and Stuart: read the chapter on the biblical book from which the reading is given under the heading of “scripture” starting on page 1 of this assignment table. For example, during September read Fee and Stuart on the book of Exodus. Some people prefer to read the Scripture first, then study aids, then return to Scripture; other people prefer to read study aids, then Scripture, then study aids. Experiment to find the order that works best for you.

See page 1 for due dates and other notes about papers.

	<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>Van Harn</b>	<b>Fee &amp; Stuart</b>	<b>Papers</b>
Sept.			See note above re reading schedule	
Oct.	Intro-Chpt 3			
Nov.	Chpt 4-6			<p>The Prophetic literature of the Hebrew Scriptures forms the foundation for Jesus’ teaching about caring for the poor and the outcast. Write a 10 page paper integrating your understanding of the teachings in these Scriptures about caring for others. In particular, you will focus on either the book of Amos or the book of Hosea in order to address the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why are we obligated to do this as people of faith? Cite specific Scripture passages from your chosen prophetic work that teach this message and the consequences of ignoring these teachings.</li> <li>2. How do we do this as part of our ministry as individuals/faith communities?</li> <li>3. What is your role as a Christian leader bringing a prophetic voice to your faith community?</li> </ol> <p>Note: to set the context for the paper, please include at least 2-3 paragraphs that provide a general introduction to the prophetic book you have chosen to</p>

				work with. Use at least two sources in addition to Hebrew Scriptures.
Dec	Chpt 7-9	Chpt 1-2		
Jan		Chpt 3-6		<p>Write a 10 page paper on some aspect of the Eucharist using resources from class and required readings. Choose <u>one</u> of these perspectives to write about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The theological understanding of the Eucharist in the Episcopal Church.</li> <li>2) The liturgical significance and meaning of the various elements of the Eucharistic liturgy.</li> <li>3) Your understanding of the 'open table' – should baptism be required before receiving the Eucharist? If so, why? In not, why not? At what age may people start receiving communion? Justify your answer using resources.</li> </ol> <p>This is intended to be both a research and a reflection paper. You are to explain your opinion on these matters and you must back up your opinion by citing resources.</p>
Feb		Chpt 7-8		
March		Chpt 9-12		
April		Chpt 13-15		
May				<p>Choose one of the doctrines discussed in chapters 9-15 of Van Harn and write a 7-10 page paper, making use of Migliore, pertinent biblical texts, the relevant chapter in Van Harn, the Prayer Book, and one other theological resource, reflect on the doctrine and its significance for contemporary faith.</p> <p>This is intended to be both a research and a reflection paper. You are to explain your opinion on these matters and you must back up your opinion by citing resources.</p> <p>Note: to set the context for the paper, please include at least 2-3 paragraphs that provide a general introduction to the doctrine you have chosen to work with.</p>