DS9008W  Spirituality: Transforming Life

Offered: 2017: Semester 2

This unit explores the integration of spirituality with the practice and theology of ministry. Students will be introduced to a range of theoretical and experiential tools with which to explore the inward or contemplative and outward movements of the spiritual journey, the art and craft of discernment, and the significance of their personal identity in shaping their ministry practice.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Articulate a personal ministry identity.
2. Describe and explore the relationship between identity and a personal sense of vocation, giftedness and service.
3. Identify and analyse critical elements that enhance or restrict their spiritual growth.
4. Demonstrate the use of various resources and disciplines in the support and sustenance of their spiritual life for ongoing ministry.
5. Formulate and explain the interrelationship between the contemplative and the practical dimensions of ministry.
6. Demonstrate a capacity to integrate the disciplines of biblical studies, practical and systematic theology
7. Evaluate the relevance of their theological learning to their lived experience

Pre-requisite: 45 points in Foundational Studies

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
- One 1,500 word book report  (20%)
- One 1,500 word reflective summary of journal (30%)
- One 3,000 word essay  (50%)

Faculty: Roslyn Wright

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase


