



CESE8307 Networking for Transformational Ministry
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepares servants to follow Christ, proclaim his truth and fulfill his mission.

NOBTS Core Values and Core Value Focus

Doctrinal Integrity – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Spiritual Vitality – We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

Mission Focus – We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Characteristic Excellence – What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Servant Leadership – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. The Core Value for the 2019-2020 academic year is *Spiritual Vitality*.

Course Description

This special event seminar will be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to begin networking relationships with key denominational leaders about emerging strategies of Christian education that seek to produce transformation. In addition, seminar participants will utilize the convention sessions, ancillary meetings, and displays to discover useful resources for transformational ministry.

This seminar will focus on identifying and developing the various networks for implementing a comprehensive Christian education program in a local church ministry context. Specific attention will be given to initiating connections with denominational aspects of educational ministry, peer learning networks and associations, professional organizations, and other networking systems. Priority will be given to strategies for transformational ministry in a ministry leadership context. The seminar is designed for both pastors and staff leaders.

Course Objectives

By the completion of the course, each student will have had an opportunity to ...

1. Identify the strengths and opportunities of developing personal and professional networks to facilitate ministry.
2. Understand the biblical foundations and examples supporting the practice of partnering in the practice of ministry.
3. Identify strategies for transformational ministry in the context of Christian education.
4. Identify potential networks and resources to support leading transformational ministry in a local church or denomination. Begin the process of integrating potential networks and associations into the practice of ministry.
5. Appreciate the values of working and learning in community rather than exclusively as individuals.

Special Seminar Considerations:

Students are expected to participate in selected convention sessions and activities. Additionally, three sessions will be scheduled with the participants during the convention for interaction with the professor and other presenters. **A specific schedule for these seminar sessions will be distributed to enrolled students approximately two weeks before the convention.** You can anticipate meetings Monday and Tuesday during the day and a wrap up session Wednesday afternoon. The schedule will be developed after the final convention schedule is released in order to minimize conflicts and maximize networking opportunities.

Housing and Meals: All travel, food and room costs are the responsibility of the student.

Information available at: <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc20/>

Blackboard Enrollment: You will be enrolled in our class on Blackboard. Communication will be primarily through emails via Blackboard. Assignments will be posted and collected on Blackboard.

Textbooks

Networking (Choose **two** of the following Kindle eBooks)

Sperry, Rob. *The Game of Networking: MLMers Are Many. Networkers are Few*. 2018

France, David and Toni Oloko. *Show Up: Unlocking the Power of Relational Networking*. 2017

Misner, Ivan and Brian Hilliard. *Networking like a Pro: Turning Contacts into Connections*. 2017

Convention Topic(s):

Tracey, Stephen R. *Mending the Soul: Understanding and Healing Abuse*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005

Pastor's Conference Speakers (Select books by **two** of the following)

Wayne Codeiro, Pastor, New Hope Christian Fellowship, Honolulu, HI

David Platt, Pastor McClean Bible Church, Vienna, Va.

Jim Cymbala, Pastor of The Brooklyn Tabernacle in Brooklyn, N.Y.;

Vance Pittman, Senior Pastor of Hope Church in Las Vegas;

David Hughes, Senior Pastor of Church by the Glades in Coral Springs, Fla.

Joby Martin, Lead Pastor of The Church of Eleven22 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jimmy Scroggins, Lead Pastor of Family Church, West Palm Beach, Fla

Emerson Eggerichs, Author and Founder of Love and Respect Ministries;

Erik Cummings Sr., Senior Pastor of New Life Baptist Church of Carol City, Fla.

Pre-Seminar Work

Please consult the website <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc19/> for convention registration and schedule information.

1. Reading and Application Report.

Due: June 3, 2020

Read **two** of the required textbooks on networking and generate a report which includes a brief synopsis of each book, a synthesis of the primary ideas and a personal application.

Summarize the primary principles or ideas (with parenthetical citations) applicable to the student (cite at least 5 potential application points.) Report should be 7 pages total.

Synopsis (2 pages), Synthesis (2 pages), and application (3 pages.) Highlight strengths and weaknesses in your personal networking practices.

2. Convention Topics & Speakers Book Reports.

Due June 3, 2020

Read the Tracey Book and books from **two** of the Pastor's Conference Speakers. (Select books you have not read previously.) Write a two-page personal reaction paper on each.

Create a list of 5-7 key insights or observations. Intrinsic response to the content is expected and valued. (First person and parenthetical references are permitted).

3. Presidential Brief.

Due: June 8, 2020

Research the candidates for the SBC presidency. Write a one-page brief on each noting their education, experience, denominational history and potential contribution to the SBC. Be prepared to discuss your findings on day one.

4. Personal Reflection Paper.

Due: June 8, 2020

Prepare and submit a two part reflection paper. Each part should be 2-3 pages in length.

Part 1 is a reflection on the impact of people who have helped shape your life or ministry.

Consider people who have guided your spiritual, educational and career path. Cite at least

5 individuals. Please do not include parents or immediate family. Part 2 will include examples of ways you are investing intentionally in others to assist their ministry leadership development. This paper should follow the NOBTS Style Guide. First person is permissible. The paper should be 5-6 pages in length.

During the Seminar

- Attend all seminar sessions.
 - Take thorough notes during the Convention for use in the final assignment.
- 5. Convention and Special Session Participation:** Participate in the convention activities by attending some of the general sessions, meeting organizational leaders and gathering information relevant to your ministry setting. Attendance at three class meetings (Time and Location To Be Determined) is mandatory **Due: June 10, 2020**
- 6. Interviews:** Interview at least one person or representative (preferably a director, manager, or officer) from each the following types of organizations, institutions, agencies or ministries: LifeWay Christian Resources, North American Mission Board, Baptist college/university, SBC seminary, International Mission Board, state convention, local association, an author, and a specialized ministry (Racetrack Ministries, Motorcycle Riders, Mega Force, etc.). You may ask any questions you desire. Discover the history and purpose of the organization. Investigate how this organization is partnering with local church leaders to advance kingdom directives. Explore ways that your church or ministry might interface with them. Be prepared to write a one-page summary on each interview (see assignment #5). **Due: June 10, 2020**

Post-Seminar Requirements

- 7. Interview Report.** **Due: July 14, 2020**
Write and submit the results of the interviews conducted during the convention (see assignment #4). Submit a one page (1 ½ spacing) summary of each interview (for a total of 8-10 pages.) Include the basic information and points of particular interest to you. Verbatims are not required.
- 8. Integration Paper.** **Due: July 31, 2020**
Prepare and submit an *Integration Paper* (4-5 page, double-spaced, typewritten, and in proper form) reflecting on the impact of personal conversations, interviews, seminar meetings, and the SBC experience on you and/or your current ministry setting. .

Seminar Evaluation

Use the NOBTS Style Guide https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf (*Turabian 8th edition*) when preparing work for this seminar unless otherwise noted. Grammar will be considered in the grading of papers. Papers will be graded based on 70% content and 30% form, spelling and grammar.

All assignments are expected to be submitted through blackboard by midnight of the due date. Late assignments will incur a late penalty for the grade.

Reading and Application Report	15%
Convention Topic Book Reports	10%
Presidential Research Brief	5%
Personal Reflection Paper	20%
Convention Attendance	15%
Interviews & Interview Report	20%
Integration Paper	<u>15%</u>
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