



## CLSR9302 Contemporary Contextual Issues in Christian Leadership

PhD Colloquium in Christian Leadership Major  
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the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church.*

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### **Core Value Focus**

NOBTS has five core values (rf., Graduate Catalog). The Core Value focus for 2018-19 is Spiritual Vitality.

### **Course Description, Teaching Methodology, and Curriculum Competencies**

This colloquium is designed to examine current issues of Christian leadership in a variety of congregational and denominational contexts.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

At the conclusion of this colloquium, students will:

1. Be able to identify foundational works which have shaped the field of Christian leadership.
2. Be able to list significant historical developments in field of Christian leadership.
3. Value the contribution of key leadership developments to the advancement of Christian leadership.
4. Demonstrate acceptable knowledge of significant leadership developments in their doctoral qualifying and oral exams.

### **Required Textbook**

Chaffee, Paul. *Accountable Leadership: A Resource Guide for Sustaining legal, Financial, and Ethical Integrity in Congregations*. Revised and Updated. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997.

### **Schedule of Colloquium Sessions**

This colloquium will be taught in a non-traditional format. Because the colloquium will only meet four times during the semester, students should take careful note of the assignments and the corresponding due dates. Students must come on the first meeting of the colloquium and every meeting thereafter prepared to discuss the corresponding assignments. The colloquium will meet on the NOBTS Campus in the Sanders Center for Ministry Excellence Classroom or individual participation via BlueJeans.

Thursday, August 29, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Introductions and Assignment review

Assignment #1 Discussion – Executive Summaries of *Accountable Leadership*

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Assignment #2 Discussion – Bibliographic Lists

Thursday, November 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Assignment #3 Discussion – Annotated Bibliographies

Thursday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Assignment #4 Discussion – Annotated Lists

### Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1. An **Executive Summary** of the *Accountable Leadership* textbook. An Executive Summary is a short document which summarizes a book in such a way that readers can become rapidly acquainted with it without having to read it in its entirety. The Executive Summary will consist of a one-page synthesis for EACH chapter (10 Chapters), to include these components:
  - a. A three-paragraph summation of the chapter contents.
  - b. A two-paragraph discussion of the Value of the chapter topic for the field of Christian Leadership.
  - c. Select three (3) key insights from the chapter and give a one-paragraph discussion (for each insight) of their application to contemporary Christian leadership.

Format for the Executive Summary: Single-spaced, no paragraph indentions, a double space between paragraphs, headings/subheadings, pagination, and cover page according to Turabian, references and/or quotes indicated by endnotes instead of footnotes.

2. The end of each chapter of *Accountable Leadership* provides a Resources list related to the chapter topic. Prepare a **Bibliographic List** of updated resources for EACH chapter, in the categories of Agencies/Websites, Journal Articles, and Books. Each categorical list should include five resources, for a total of 15 resources per chapter. No resources older than the year 2000.
3. Related to Assignment #2, the professor will assign one of the resources from each categorical list. The student will develop an **Annotated Bibliography** for the assigned entries. Maximum length of annotations – three paragraphs (300 words).
4. An **Annotated List** of the top ten (10) current issues of Christian Leadership in congregational and denominational contexts. Each annotation should identify the contemporary significance (importance) of the issue related to the student's ministry context/setting and articulate a plan of action to address the issue in the student's ministry context. Note: Some of the issues addressed in *Accountable Leadership* may be included in the Annotated List, but students are encouraged to develop their own top ten current issues list, which might include other issues not addressed in the textbook. Format for this assignment the same as Assignment #1. Length of the assignment – approximately one page for each of the 10 issues selected.

**Evaluation for Grading:** The assignments will be weighted according to perception of the professor in regard to the overall quality of the student's work.

The colloquium will utilize **BLACKBOARD**. Assignments are to be uploaded on Blackboard no later than 8 am on the due date.

### Absences, Make-up Work, and Late Assignments

Students are not allowed to miss any meetings of the colloquium. In emergency situations, students should notify the professor. Students who are excused by the professor for one colloquium meeting due to an unavoidable emergency must complete an additional assignment to make up for the missed seat time. Late assignments are not permitted.

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