



MAS 604 Prayers and Services of World Religions 2 Credit Hours

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Required Texts	Bowker, John. <i>World Religions: The Great Faiths Explained & Explored</i> . NY: DK Publishing, 2006.
Other Required Reading	Internet Sites – URL's provided in class.
Recommended Reading	Stone, Howard and J.O Duke. <i>How to Think Theologically</i> , Second Edition. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2006.

Course Description

This course is designed primarily for chaplains and other ministers who need a broad repertoire of prayer and worship skills. Students will explore ecumenical and multi-faith prayers and services suitable for a wide variety of special occasions. Cultural and socio-economic factors in choosing prayers and special services will also be addressed.

Prerequisite: SPD 511 Prayer and Meditation and SCS 514 World Religions.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Create services and rituals appropriate to the occasion and the faith of the participants
2. Write and select prayers appropriate to the occasion and the faith of the participants
3. Recognize and explain how to serve the spiritual needs of individuals spanning a broad spectrum of religious, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity: MD-4 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge needed for ministry.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Certificate in Unity Ministry: C-4 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge needed for ministry.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Arts in Religious Studies: MA-1 Demonstrate mastery in the study of religion.

Schedule & Assignments

Term paper or major creative project, plus shared class leadership responsibilities. Details TBA