Course Profile

Course # and Title  ML 416—Theology and Spirituality of Service for Deacons and other Christians
Instructor:  E. Louise Williams  Semester/Year:  Fall 2019

Course Rationale and Description
(Why do we offer this course?  Which of LSTC’s degree program learning outcomes does it address?)

This course is an introduction to the theology, history, spirituality and practice of diaconal ministry ecumenically and globally. Because all the baptized are called to service in the world, this course applies to all who are called to lead and serve God’s people and has special meaning to those considering a call to Ministry of Word and Service. It will also relate to the ministries of pastors and the whole people of God.

Course Learning Outcomes (Learners will be able to):
(What difference will this course make to students’ knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practices?)
Students will better understand the biblical and theological foundations for diakonia (service), encounter the varieties of diaconal service, experience some spiritual practices helpful in sustaining a life of diakonia, reflect on their own gifts and skills for diaconal ministry and become acquainted with some of the resources available for this ministry.

Strategies for Learning:
(How shall we go about achieving these outcomes?)
The course will be organized around five images for diaconal ministry: washing feet, waiting tables, telling the story, tending the door and bearing the light. The course will utilize assigned readings, presentations, class discussions, interviews, group projects/papers, and other experiences.

Assessment:
(How shall we know if we—students and instructors—have been successful in achieving the outcomes?)
Class participation, papers and a final exam will be used for assessment.

Bibliography:

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Additional information:

Several of the texts may be available in more than one edition. Any edition may be used. Additional readings will be available online.