Entering Students Pre-Seminar Assignments
Introduction to Systems Thinking
May 15 – October 15, 2013
DMin Orientation May 14, 2013

CS 800 – 1 credit hour
Dr. Mike Luedde – Foundations for Christian Spirituality and Formation
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**Textbooks:**

**Pre-Seminar Assignments: Due Friday, July 19**
1. Write a 4- to 5-page critical review of Mulholland’s *Invitation to a Journey*
2. Submit an 8-page paper describing your spiritual journey and at least three ways in which Mulholland’s book provides insight into that personal journey.

PL 800 – 2 credit hours
Dr. Peter Davids – Systems Thinking for Pastoral Leadership
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**Required Textbooks:**

**Recommended Texts:**
Background Texts for further reference:

**Pre-Seminar Assignments: Due Monday, July 15**
1. (10% of final grade) Answer the self-assessment questions from *The Leader's Journey* as noted below and be prepared to share in a group discussion (working lunches printouts due Thursday, July 18):
   - Monday – answer the first four bullets on page 13 (the end of chapter 1)
   - Tuesday – choose five questions from page 25 (the end of chapter 2)
   - Wednesday – choose five questions from pages 47-48 (end of chapter 3)
   - Thursday – page 66 (end of chapter 4)
2. (30% of final grade) Two Critical Book Reviews – Following the direction and sample provided during the orientation, turn in a five-page critical book review for each of the Gilbert texts, or Gilbert’s *The Eight Concepts* and one of the volumes by Steinke (which would spread your reading over more authors). Come to class prepared to discuss and illustrate your understanding of the eight concepts of Bowen Theory. Please upload to Turnitin.com prior to the deadline.
3. (5% of final grade) Family Diagram – Using information described in your texts and in other resources, prepare a family diagram (hand-drawn on a large piece of paper is fine), which begins with you, includes your current nuclear family, and goes back 2-4 generations. If you wish to use software, Genoware makes Genogram Maker Millennium that assists you in doing the project on your computer.

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**PL 801 – 2 credit hours**  
**Dr. Ken Shuman – The Transformational Pastor**  
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**Textbooks:**


**Pre-Seminar Assignments: Due Tuesday, July 16**
1. In preparation for the intensive week, students should read the three course texts.
2. Students are to write a four-page critical review of *The Leader’s Journey*.
3. Students are to write a six-page review combining both *Creating a Healthier Church* and *Becoming a Healthier Pastor* in one review.
4. Students should come to the intensive week prepared to discuss the content of *The Leader’s Journey* thoroughly.
RE 800 – 1 credit hour
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Textbooks:

Pre-seminar Assignment: Due Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Read Part I of Turabian and peruse the remaining sections, noting changes in citations and grammar since you were last in school. An additional assignment may be given during the DMin Orientation.

DM 860 – 1 credit hour
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Read/peruse the Project and Practicum Manual (found on the Student Resources page of the HGST website) and write down your questions for discussion of project/practicum development.