NMC SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

NMC MISSION: To empower and facilitate leadership, spiritual expression and justice to enable indigenous people to exercise self determination with the Christian Church and in society.

Under NMC initiative and active participation, the Indigenous Studies Centre at Vancouver School of Theology offers a Master of Divinity degree by extension for people in Native Ministries.

NMC PARTNERS: Anglican First Nations Council of Caledonia, Cook Native American Ministries (Tempe, AZ), Episcopal Church in Navajoland, Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, Henry Budd College for Ministry (The Pat, MB), Hummingbird Ministries (BC Presbytery of Westminster), Indigenous Theological Training Institute (Episcopal Church), John Makaukane Institute for Christian Leadership (Hawaii), Native Ministries Council, BC Conference (United Church of Canada), Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (MB) and Vancouver School of Theology.

Week of July 13–17

MORNINGS: 8:30am – 11:30am

1. INDIGENOUS THEOLOGIES: A Hermeneutical Approach
- Rev. Dr. Ronald Hashima, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology, Pacific Rim Christian University and the John P.C. Makaukane Institute of Christian Leadership (Hawaii)

This course introduces diverse interpretive principles from an Indigenous theological viewpoint, rooted in contextual studies. We will learn about post-colonial and post-modern approaches to engaging with scripture, apply insights gained from critical Enforming and liberation theology, and introduce competencies for teaching scripture from an Indigenous world view. We will contribute to a distinct “Pacific Rim” understanding, based on language, voice, history, interpretation, and value.

This course meets the requirements for the M.Div. degree program but is open to everyone.

2. PREACHING IN AN INDIGENOUS CONTEXT
- Rev. Canon Robert Two Bulls, Oglala Lakota, Vicar, All Saints Indian Mission, Minneapolis and Moline, The Department of Indian Work & Multicultural Ministries, Episcopal Church, Diocese of Minnesota.

In this course we will study, read and preach on the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) assigned for the upcoming Sundays during Pentecost from an Indigenous perspective. Each student will be assigned Gospel readings from the RCL, which they will study using primary/secondary source material (library time required) placed within an Indigenous context. At the end of the week students will preach both their prepared sermon as well as preach one extemporaneously.

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AFTERNOON: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

3. LET’S INDIGENIZE OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!
- Rev. Marlene Whitenabib Hillgaro, (Ho Chunk), Minneapolis, Mn. Ordained Lutheran Pastor of All Nations Indian Church, Executive Director of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ, George Maurer, Musician, Composer, Arranger, and Performer, integrates music with characters, emotions and actions.

This course explores our worship experiences, lifting up our tribal cultural values and gifts of music, liturgy and art. We will survey music and liturgies used today in our local communities. We will create our own Indigenous hymnody for our Native worship experiences. We will explore what it means and why it is important to indigenize our worship experience!

4. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EMERGING WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This is a critical time for Indigenous Peoples. Because of their unique inter-connected relationship with the environment and their often hostile relationship with economic systems and development, Indigenous Peoples stand in a place of prophetic significance—for their own life and for the life of the whole Creation. In the midst of this, a global network of Indigenous Christians is emerging. This course will examine this growing reality and provide access to the materials, information, and experience that will help people be involved with the many significant aspects of this work.

This course may also be available as an M.Div or MAiD elective but is open to everyone.
THE BATTLE OF INDIANS, FIRST NATIONS, AND OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO WIN THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PLACES IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

Robert T. Coulter, (Poxawatomi), Executive Director of the Indian Law Resource Center. Attorney with more than 35 years of legal experience in the field of Indian affairs. Publisher of numerous articles in the field of Indian law, primary author of the initial draft of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The course will examine the development of Indian and other Indigenous political action in the United Nations and the Organizations of American States, the resulting recognition of a broad array of Indigenous rights in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other actions at the international level related to Indigenous peoples in Canada and elsewhere up to the present time.

RESEARCHERS MUST BE MADE AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO PLACE RESERVATIONS FOR HIS/HER ACCOMMODATION. BE AWARE THAT AFTER THE DEADLINE (JUNE 21, 2015), SPACE WILL NO LONGER BE HELD SOLELY FOR NMCC STUDENTS. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Some housing may also be available at St. Andrew’s Hall. Contact housing@vst.edu for more information.

Shores in upper month apartments: $57

COURSE REGISTRATION:

Select a course by checking:
C – Credit • A – Audit • SA – spouse audit

WEEK ONE

Morning (choose one)
Course #1 C A SA
Course #2 C A SA
Course #3 C A SA
Course #4 C A SA

Afternoon (choose one)
Course #5 C A SA
Course #6 C A SA
Course #7 C A SA
Course #8 C A SA

WEEK TWO

Morning (choose one)
Course #1 C A SA
Course #2 C A SA
Course #3 C A SA
Course #4 C A SA

Afternoon (choose one)
Course #5 C A SA
Course #6 C A SA
Course #7 C A SA
Course #8 C A SA

I am currently enrolled in the Native Ministries M.Div. Program.

I have enclosed a $25 (CDN) registration fee. This fee is in addition to other fees.

REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

http://vst.edu/isc/isc-about/continuing-education/nmcc-summer-school/