

DS521 UCC Studies: Faith Formation in an Intercultural Church

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A Note About January Interterm UCC Studies:

The goal of this course is to prepare learned and able leaders to contribute to the health and well-being of the church at all levels through its faith formation. DS52: Faith Formation in an Intercultural Church (January 10-12) will engage and enable students in the leadership of faith-forming and community-shaping in an intercultural church. This course is required for United Church MDiv. students

Purpose:

This course equips students to be leaders in The United Church of Canada with an understanding of the church's history and contemporary ethos in education and faith formation. The seminar will provide an opportunity to study, reflect on and discuss issues that are critical to faith formation in intercultural congregational ministries.

Competencies Related to Course

- an ability to describe, interpret and analyze current faith formation and educational issues facing the United Church with an awareness of their historical development
- an ability to locate, understand and articulate the United Church's social, cultural and ecclesial locations
- an ability to envision and employ the commitment of the United Church to becoming an intercultural church
- a knowledge of the various ways that the United Church supports and facilitates faith formation for all ages.

Format of the Course

This 1.0 credit class will meet January 10-12, from 2-5:30. The course is taught as a seminar with instructional input. Participation is through active listening, collegial group work, in-class discussions and guest presentations. Preparation for the course includes pre-reading and writing. A final paper/project will be due by the end reading week.

Required Reading

Hyeran Kim-Cragg, "Beyond Adult-Centered Worship," in Kim-Cragg, *Interdependence: A Postcolonial Feminist Practical Theology*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2018, pp. 57-80.

Greer Anne Wenh-In Ng, "The United Church of Canada: A Church Fittingly National," in Paul Bramadat and David Seljak, eds., *Christianity and Ethnicity in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008, pp. 204-246.

Hyeran Kim-Cragg and Don Schweitzer, "Excerpts from 'Intercultural Ministries: Living into Transformation,'" in Kim-Cragg and Schweitzer, eds. *An Introduction to The United Church of Canada: Key Texts with Introductions and Commentary*. Daejeon, South Korea: Daejeonggan Publisher, 2013, pp. 79-91.

Students are required to become familiar with these documents and web collections prior to the course.

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/faith-formation>

Other documents will be noted on the syllabus.

Course Expectations and Assignments

- 100% attendance of the class
- Appropriate preparation for participation in class activities and discussion
- Preparation for the course includes pre-reading and writing. A final paper/project will be due by the end of reading week. Details will be included in the syllabus.