

## CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

### *HIS PLACE CHURCH*

#### THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

#### I. PROGRAM:

<i>First Year</i>		<i>Second Year</i>	
<i>Spring 2019 (Session I)</i>	<i>Introduction to Prayer: Communing with the Triune God</i>	<i>Spring 2020 (Session I)</i>	<i>Introduction to Church History</i>
<i>Spring 2019 (Session II)</i>	<i>Jesus the Messiah: God's Plan of Redemption</i>	<i>Spring 2020 (Session II)</i>	<i>Introduction to Christian Theology</i>
<i>Summer 2019</i>	<i>Acts of the Apostles: Christian Mission</i>	<i>Summer or Fall of 2020</i>	<i>Evangelism and Discipleship in the Modern World</i>
<i>Fall 2019 (Session I)</i>	<i>Epistle to the Romans: Bible Study Methods</i>		
<i>Fall 2019 (Session II)</i>	<i>Psalms: Prayer Book for the People of God</i>		

#### INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER: COMMUNING WITH THE TRIUNE GOD

As Evagrius of Ponticus said, "He who prays truly is a theologian; he who is a theologian prays truly." Prayer stands at the foundation of the study of God, and learning about the practice of prayer across various denominational traditions stands at the foundation of understanding Christian unity. In this course, we will study the prayers of the Bible and the ways that the church has practiced prayer through church history. Following this course, the students will be increasingly aware of the dynamics and health of their personal prayer lives; the students will also know how to structure and lead corporate prayer services.

## JESUS THE MESSIAH: GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

Jesus Christ stands as the central figure of the entire Bible, and his crucifixion and resurrection stand as the central event of God's revelation in the Scriptures. This is a Bible survey course that examines the prophecies about the messiah in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of these promises in Jesus the Christ in the New Testament. The course introduces the fundamentals of the gospel. Following this course, the student will be able to outline the entire structure of the Bible and relate any major section of the Bible to the gospel story.

## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: CHRISTIAN MISSION

The Apostle Paul is remembered as the greatest Christian missionary of the early church and perhaps of all time. In this class, we will map out the expansion of the early Christian movement as detailed in the Book of Acts. We will explore the missionary strategy of Paul and consider how these principles of Christian mission may be applied today. The Book of Acts presents the biographical and missional framework for understanding the Pauline Epistles, and following this course, students will know the historical context for each of the Pauline Epistles. This course includes a project dedicated to the analysis and presentation of the missional principles of one of the ministries of the host church.

## EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS: BIBLE STUDY METHODS

This class represents an in-depth investigation of the doctrines Paul teaches in his Epistle to the Romans. The course will also teach Bible study methods. Following this course, the students will be familiar with the standard tools of Bible study, including commentaries and Bible dictionaries; the students will be able to prepare Bible study lessons for use in small groups.

## PSALMS: PRAYER BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Psalms has served as the prayer book of the People of God for three thousand years. The Book of Psalms is divided into 5 sections, and each psalm belongs to a particular class of psalms, including the penitential psalms, the imprecatory psalms, and doxological psalms. Following this course, the student will be familiar with several classification systems for the psalms and be able to incorporate the Psalms into private and public prayer.

## INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY

The church has experienced many waves of progress—and some waves of regress—in its journey over the past two-thousand years. This course gives students an overview of the history of the various expressions of the Christian faith and orients students to the differences in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, and Pentecostal forms of Christianity.

## INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

“Theology” can be an intimidating word. In this course, we will be introduced to classics about the study of God from a variety of streams (to use Richard Foster’s language) of the Christian tradition, including the contemplative, holiness, charismatic, social justice, and incarnational tradition. From the evangelical tradition, we will study A. W. Tozer’s *The Pursuit of God*. NB, this classic may be substituted by another book that is particularly significant to the local learning community, such as a book authored by a local pastor. Following this course, students will be prepared to lead a discussion group in reading theological classics.

## EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP IN THE MODERN WORLD

This is a capstone course for the Certificate in Christian Ministry program. The course will introduce discipleship as a relationally-driven form of mentorship or Christian spiritual direction. Following this course, students will be prepared to provide mentorship for new believers.