I. **Course Description:**
An advance practicum designed to utilize field experience in the student’s ministry setting to test theory and methodology in the practice of ministry, with specific attention given to discipleship and spiritual formation. (2 semester hours)

II. **Co-requisite Course:**
This course is a co-requisite with DM 7025 Discipleship and Spiritual Formation.

III. **Course Objectives:**
The student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- Apply the DMin Seminar DM 7025 content in a ministry setting.
- Evaluate the use of discipleship and spiritual formation programs for ministry.
- Assess and propose the implementation of discipleship and spiritual formation in one’s ministry context.
- Participate in an interactive online discussion with fellow students and faculty engaging important questions or issues relevant to discipleship and spiritual formation.
- Employ the use of a spiritual discipline(s) for Christian growth in one’s life.
- Examine and integrate the reading of a devotional classic of the Christian faith into one’s life.
- Demonstrate a balance between classroom learning and on-field applied ministry.

IV. **Course Texts:**

**Textbooks:** Manuals and Workbooks (Choose one)


Textbooks: Devotional Classics


V. Course Requirements:

Assignments:

1. Set aside a four hour period for a time of solitude with focused biblical meditation and prayer which will include journaling. Additional instructions on how to utilize the time will be provided. Submit a 2-3 page paper summarizing and evaluating what you did. After submitting the paper in Blackboard, post to the Discussion Board thread a 500 word summary of your thoughts. Then respond to two of your classmates’ posts.

2. Each student will be assigned to read one of the above discipleship/spiritual formation manual/workbooks. This assignment includes writing a five-page evaluation of the work assessing its practical usefulness as well its biblical and theological soundness. After submitting the paper in Blackboard, post to the Discussion Board thread a 500 word summary of your thoughts. Then respond to two of your classmates’ posts.

3. Each student will prepare a 7-8 page paper evaluating discipleship and spiritual formation in their ministry setting. This paper should assess where the ministry has been in the past, where it is presently, and project where the ministry should go in the future to strengthen discipleship and spiritual formation.

4. Each student will read the devotional classic, *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. With each section of reading, a journal reflection entry of at least 500 words must be made on the reading. The reading sections are divided into the following pages: 1) 25-35; 2) 36-47; 3) 48-58; 4) 59-69; 5) 70-80; 6) 81-92; 7) 93-107; and 8) 108-118. After submitting the journal in Blackboard, post to the Discussion Board thread a 500 word summary of your overall thoughts on the book. Then respond to two of your classmates’ posts.
### VI. Grading

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**Grade Scale**

Grading Scale for this Course:

- 91 to 100    A
- 81 to 90     B
- 71 to 80     C
- 61 to 70     D
- 60 or Below  F