

Christian Leadership Center – Ministerial Ethics – Fall 2018

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9:30 am – 11:30 am

TEXT	Trull, Joe E.. Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders. Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.
DATES	TOPICS, CHAPTERS, & ASSIGNMENTS
9/15/18	<p>1.1. Defining Ethics</p> <p>1.2. Conversation on Theology, Character and Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Statement 1: The nature and revealing activity of God</li> <li>➤ Statement 2: The nature and saving mission of Jesus Christ</li> <li>➤ Statement 4: The Holy Spirit’s cleansing and gifting work in the believer’s life</li> <li>➤ Statement 6: Human nature, sinfulness, and destiny</li> <li>➤ Statement 8: Holiness</li> <li>➤ Statement 11: Christian stewardship of life and financial resources</li> </ul> <p>1.3. Personal Core Values</p> <p>1.4. <b>Assignment:</b> Share a personal experience in which you applied personal core values and theology to overcome your problem. Due 9/29/18</p>
9/29/18	<p>2.1 Conversation on Calling</p> <p>2.2 Read the following chapters in Trull &amp; Carter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction</li> <li>1 The Minister’s Vocation: Career or Profession?</li> <li>2 The Minister’s Moral Choices: Endowed or Acquired?</li> <li>3 The Minister’s Personal Life: Incidental or Intentional?</li> </ul> <p>2.3 <b>Assignment:</b> Trull and Carter say on pg. 22 “Clergy ethics...does begin with a proper understanding of the minister’s vocation.” How does your calling help sustain your integrity? Due 10/20/18</p>
10/20/18	<p>3.1 Boundaries</p> <p>3.2 View Video: <i>Guardrails</i> video series by Andy Stanley Be ready to share what you grasped <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lw3WoD_P0fl&amp;list=PLyesxT1ht2HGQh3S8y0d052u7906fTol7&amp;index=8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lw3WoD_P0fl&amp;list=PLyesxT1ht2HGQh3S8y0d052u7906fTol7&amp;index=8</a></p> <p>3.3 Read the following chapters in Trull &amp; Carter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 The Minister’s Congregation: Friend or Foe?</li> <li>5 The Minister’s Colleagues: Cooperation or Competition?</li> <li>6 The Minister’s Community: Threat or Opportunity?</li> </ul> <p>3.4 <b>Assignment:</b> Use 2 Biblical stories to say how they vividly help you draw boundaries for your life and ministry. Due 11/3/18</p>
11/17/18	<p>4.1 Read section 2.10 The Moral and Ethical Qualifications in the 2017 Credential Manual.</p> <p>4.2 Read the following chapters in Trull &amp; Carter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 A Major Ethical Issue: Clergy Sexual Abuse</li> <li>8 A Ministerial Code of Ethics: Help or Hindrance?</li> </ul> <p>4.3 <b>Assignment:</b> Create a minister’s code of ethics for yourself. Covenant with 3 persons to hold you accountable. (1 clergy, 1 family member, and 1 congregational leader). Submit it with their dated signatures by 12/1/18.</p>
Other Texts	<p>Bible &amp; Ethics in the Christian Life – Bruce Birch &amp; Larry Rasmussen</p> <p>Trull, Joe E.. Ethics for Christian Ministry: Moral Formation for Twenty-First-Century Leaders</p>