

Systematic Theology:

Fundamentals of Christian Theology for the 21st Century

Feb. 1- May 2, 2019

Class Facilitator: Dr. Winston Persaud, Wartburg Seminary

Course Schedule

Orientation Conference call Tuesday Jan. 29 at 7:30 PM Central Time: You will be enrolled in the course site a few days before the orientation phone call. Please take the orientation week to explore the course site. There are a number of tasks to do during the orientation time: update your profile, introduce yourself in the “Getting to Know You” forum, and indicating your choice about “Why are you taking this course?” You can’t hurt anything, click around the course homepage and explore! There will also be an orientation call with the course facilitator on Tuesday January 29 at 7:30 PM Central Time. This call will be done using Zoom, a tool that can be joined by video or phone. There are instructions for the call in the class website.

Weekly course guide:

Sometime Friday through Sunday...

- Watch the lectures for the session
- Read any assigned readings
- Post your thoughts in the discussion essay forum

Monday through Tuesday

- Read the forum postings
- Respond to 2 of your classmates in the discussion essay forum with a 1-3 sentence response
- Post your thoughts in the key question forum

By Thursday evening of each week

- Read the forum postings
- In the key question forum respond to at least 2 other participants with 1-3 sentences.

Variation: Sessions 4 and 9

In these 2 sessions instead of the second forum, there will be a live small group discussion for 1 hour on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM Central Time. These will also be done using Zoom.

Final Paper

For those taking this course for preparation for the Associate in Ministry roster or for any other certification, the final paper is due May 17, 2019, two weeks after the completion of the course.

Course Sessions

Prolegomena

Session 1 — Theology and Christian Identity: Introduction and Approach

Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Wartburg Seminary
Session 2 — Revelation and the History of Religions
Dr. Kristin K. Largen Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
Session 3 — Revelation and Scripture
Dr. Faye E. Schott – Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest/Austin

First Article — Creation

Session 4 — A Biblical, Trinitarian Theology of Creation
Dr. Theodore ‘Ted’ F. Peters – Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Session 5 — Trinitarian Doctrine of God
Dr. Cheryl Meese Peterson – Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Session 6 — Anthropology: Image of God – Sin and Evil
Dr. Richard J. Perry, Jr. – Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Second Article

Session 7 — Who is Jesus Christ?: Jesus, the Messiah
Dr. Duane A. Priebe, Wartburg Seminary
Session 8 — What Has God Done in Jesus Christ? : Jesus Died for Our Sins According to Scripture
Dr. Jose David Rodriguez - Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Session 9 Trinitarian Theology of the Cross
Dr. Phil L. Ruge-Jones, Texas Lutheran University

Third Article

Session 10 — The Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life
Dr. Lois Malcolm – Luther Seminary
Session 11 — Word, Sacrament, and the Church
Dr. Michael J. Root – Southern Seminary
Session 12 — Eschatology: New Life in the Spirit
Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary