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## **Congregational Care – C204**

April 22, May 6, May 20 & June 3, 2017

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### **Description and Purpose**

This experience is designed for those who desire to be supportive of persons in times of crisis. It is particularly helpful to those who provide pastoral care with congregations, serve as deacons or are engaged in visitation ministries.

#### ***Class Objectives for the student are:***

- To reflect theologically about congregational care experiences
- To develop an awareness of self as a caregiver and how to set appropriate boundaries
- To identify signs of rescuing and triangulation
- To learn and practice active listening skills
- To develop skills to address congregational care situations that include: Visiting the sick, Ministry with the dying and bereaved, Marriage & Family Life, Domestic Violence and Suicide
- To identify when and how to refer persons for additional help
- To develop congregational care resources

### **About the Instructor**

Rev. Ed Roberts has served as the pastor of Indian-Kentuck Baptist Church in Canaan, Indiana since 2001. He has been a bi-vocational pastor and a minister of education at other churches in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. Before accepting the call to full time ministry, he worked at several corporations as a system analyst and project manager. He earned his BA in History and Political Theory from Clemson University in South Carolina, and earned his MDIV in Christian Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Ed and his wife Bonnie have been married 42 years and reside in Madison, Indiana.

## Requirements to Earn Credit

1. Read text assignments and handouts as indicated
2. Write three verbatims (guidelines will be distributed in class)
3. Present one verbatim in small group
4. Active participation in class -- role playing, discussion
5. Attend at least 3 class sessions or at least 15 total hours of the classroom experience
6. If absent one class session, earn an excused absence by doing the following:
  - contact the instructor about your absence (preferably before the absence, but at least within 72 hours of the absence)
  - obtain notes from two students who did participate in any class session you missed
  - request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation(s) for the class session you missed in note format (3 slides per page); of course, this only applies if the instructor uses PowerPoint in the class session you missed.
  - complete a special assignment given by your instructor in addition to regular assignments; this is usually an enriching experience that will most likely pertain to the class session the student missed in some way.

## Required Text

Pastoral Care Emergencies by David K. Switzer. Fortress Press, Minneapolis. 2000.  
This book can usually be ordered through Amazon.com for less than \$12.00 with used books less than \$6.

Additional Handouts for reading will be distributed in class.

## Class Sessions

**Please bring the following to each class session:**

- 1 Required Text Books with always includes a good English translation of the Bible
- 2 Notebook (for handouts, assignments and taking notes)
- 3 2 pens/pencils (electronic device to take notes, if preferred)
- 4 Syllabus, handouts & assignments

**April 22, 2017**

**Session 1**

Assignments prior to Session 1: Read the chapters indicated below

Classroom Activities

Introductions and Devotions

Review Objectives and solicit expectations from students

What is Pastoral Care?

**Read Introduction and Chapter 1**

Caregiver Self-awareness

**Read Chapter 2**

Active Listening Skills

**Read Chapter 3** - small group practice in class

Pastoral Care Through Prayer

Introduction to Verbatims

**May 6, 2017**

**Session 2**

Assignments prior to Session 2: Read the chapters indicated below; Write first verbatim according to guidelines given and instructions from session 1.

Classroom Activities

Devotions

Visiting the sick

**Read Chapters 4&5**

When and How to Refer

**Read Chapter 11**

Suicide

**Read Chapter 8 and (Handout on Suicide to be given in class)**

Verbatim presentation – Small Groups

**May 30, 2017**

**Session 3**

Assignments prior to Session 3: Read the chapters indicated below; Write second verbatim.

Classroom Activities

Devotions

Ministry with the Dying

**Read Chapter 6**

Ministry with the Bereaved

**Read Chapter 7**

Verbatim presentation - Small Groups

**June 3, 2017**

**Session 4**

Assignments prior to Session 4: Read the chapters indicated below; Write third verbatim.

Classroom Activities

Devotions

Marriage and Family Life

**Read Chapter 9**

Marriage and Family Emergencies

**Read Chapter 10**

Verbatim presentation - small groups

Closing

Turn in all work due to complete the course

Evaluation Forms

Student Signature on Course Completion Form

**DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE**

8:45am Arrive  
9:00am – 10:15am Session A  
10:15am – 10:30am Break  
10:30am – 11:45am Session B  
11:45am – 12:30pm Lunch  
12:30pm – 1:45pm Session C  
1:45pm – 2:00pm Break  
2:00pm – 3:15pm Session D

**CLASS LOCATION**

Switzerland County Technology  
& Education Center  
708 W Seminary St  
Vevay, IN 47043

## **Bibliography of Helpful Resources:**

Biddle, Perry H. (has written the following available through William B. Eerdmans Publishing)

[A Hospital Visitation Manual](#) (1994)

[A Marriage Manual](#) (1994)

[A Funeral Manual](#) (1994)

Beattie, Melody. [Co-Dependent No More](#). Harcourt. 1987.

Carkhuff, Robert R. [The Art of Helping in the 21st Century](#). Human Resources Development Press, Inc., Amherst, Massachusetts. 2009 (There is also a companion workbook)

Domestic Violence: Man Prayer: YouTube; OneBillionRising.org;

TEDTalk.org – Leslie Morgan Steiner “Why domestic violence victims don’t leave”;

Tony Porter “A Call to Men”; Jackson Katz. “Violence against women – It’s a men’s issue”

Glusker, David and Peter Misner. [Words for Your Wedding](#). Harper, San-Francisco. 1986.

GriefShare.org

Griffith, William H. [More Than a Parting Prayer: Lessons in Care-giving for the Dying](#). Judson Press. 2004.

Hamman, Jaco J. [When Steeples Cry: Leading congregations through loss and change](#). Pilgrim Press, Cleveland. 2005

Hybels, Bill and Lynne. [Fit to Be Tied: Making Marriage Last a Lifetime](#). Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1991.

Karnes, Barbara. Has written the following booklets available through Barbara Karnes Books, PO Box 189, Depoe Bay, OR 97341

[Gone From My Sight: The Dying Experience](#)

[My Friend I Care: The Grief Experience](#)

[A Time to Live: Living with a Life-Threatening Illness](#)

Keller, John E. [Ministering to Alcoholics](#). Augsburg, Minneapolis. 1991.

Levy, Alexander. [The Orphaned Adult: Understanding and Coping with Grief and Change After the Death of Our Parents](#). Perseus Publishing, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1999.