



THE NEW SEMINARY ELECTIVE COURSES FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2010

REVISED

SPRING 2010 OFFERINGS

	<i>Class Name</i>		<i>Dates</i>	<i>Tuition</i>
1	The Art of Spiritual Comforting	Sunday	January 24, 2010, 10am-4pm	\$100
2	Self Care for Ministers	Saturday	February 20, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm	\$50
3	Wedding Class*	Sat. & Sun.	February 27-28, 2010, 10am-4pm	\$150
4	Shamanic Healing	Friday	March 5, 2010, 6:30pm-9:30pm	\$50
5	Pre-Marital Counseling*	Sunday	March 14, 2010, 10am-4pm	\$100
6	Intuition for Ministers	Friday	March 19, 2010, 6:30pm – 9:00 pm	\$50
7	Singing As A Spiritual Practice (Attending Only)	Saturday	March 20th, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm	\$50
8	Calling All Empaths	Saturday	April 3, 2010, 6:00pm-8:00pm	\$50
9	The Enneagram	Saturday	April 10, 2010, 10am-4pm	\$75
10	Remembering Our Ancestors	Friday	April 16, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm	\$50
11	The Authentic Sermon	Sundays	April 18 & May 16 th , 2010, 1pm-5pm	\$150
12	Ministry As Your Business	Sat. & Sun.	May 1st & 2nd, 2010, 10am – 4pm	\$150
13	Interfaith Values: A New World View	Sunday	May 2, 2010, 10am-4pm	\$100
14	Intro to Drug & Alcohol Counseling	Monday	May 3, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm	\$50

1. THE ART OF SPIRITUAL COMFORTING

Sunday January 24th, 2010, 10am-4pm

What To Say And Do For People In Distress

At work and at home, when people need our warmth and care, we try to be comforting while making split second decisions and pushing through endless tasks. Is there ever enough time? We feel too often we aren't comforting enough. We are lost for words. Are there ever the *right* words? We have a vital capacity to be comforters, but need practice and confidence with the language of comforting. This presentation offers highly practical and effective communication tools designed for busy caregivers, ministers, and loved ones who struggle to find the best words of comfort with those in distress. There really are helpful things we can say and do that make a difference, even in just a few minutes.

Presenter: Val Walker

Previously as rehabilitation counselor and as grief support group facilitator, trainer and writer, her mission is to restore the art of comforting to health care communities and families. For 18 years, Val has trained groups in communication and stress management skills at hospices, long-term care and pastoral care programs, behavioral health and government agencies, and college continuing education courses. Val is the author The Art of Comforting, to be published by Tarcher/Penguin.

www.artofcomforting.com

2. SELF CARE FOR MINISTERS

Saturday February 20, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Finding Balance As a Minister

This workshop will explore how to live your bliss by identifying and following the ministerial path that brings you the most fulfillment and joy. Rev. Dawn Smith-Camacho, a mom, author, and Interfaith Minister, presents tips and tools, some practical, and some more spiritually-oriented, for identifying dreams and desires, job search, time management, finding balance, and creating daily sacred space. This class is for ministerial students as well as ordained ministers. Workshop includes writing, visualization and Q&A.

Presenter: Rev. Dawn Smith-Camacho

Rev. Dawn graduated with a BA in Psychology from the University of Vermont in 1996. Dawn developed and launched Justice by Uniting in Creative Energy (J.U.i.C.E.), a hip hop focused community center, inspired specifically by her work with incarcerated youth. The program has been featured in the LA Times, as well as on ABC, FOX, MUN2, and a variety of other outlets. Dawn was ordained by The New Seminary and officiates weddings and other ceremonies. She also writes about holistic living for various outlets. Her work has been featured in Whole Life Times, Awareness Magazine, The Messenger, LA Yoga Magazine, and Atlanta's Oracle 20-20. Her unique areas of focus include: international foods and sacred food rituals, eco-conscious celebrations, and coaching around goal manifestation, finding one's bliss, and conscious relationships. She lives in Atlanta, GA. www.SeventhSenseProductions.com

3. WEDDING CLASS*

Sat. & Sun. February 27-28, 2010, 10am-4pm

From the First Phone Call to the "I Do"

****This class is offered to Second Year Students and Graduates Only***

This course will demonstrate how to organize and work with Interfaith couples to create the perfect marriage ceremony for each couple, no matter what their religious beliefs. We begin with how to talk to prospective couples (and their parents if necessary), and how to close the deal, make contracts, and then how to create the ceremony. We will also cover advertising, what to do the day of the wedding, how to fill out wedding licenses and much more.

Rabbi Ross and Rev. Ross often perform interfaith weddings together and have created a method of working with couples and creating the perfect ceremony for each occasion: www.lovingheartsceremonies.com

Presenters: Rabbi Roger Ross & Reverend Deborah Steen Ross

Rabbi Roger Ross received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Philosophy from New York University, and is a graduate of The New Seminary in New York City. Rabbi Ross received Smicha (Rabbinical Ordination) from the Rabbinical Seminary International. He is the Executive Director of the Rabbinical Seminary International as well as the Rabbinical Fellowship of America, International. He is a Board member of the International Federation of Rabbis, and is the Executive Director of the New Seminary. Rabbi Ross has a private practice in Marital Counseling as well as Spiritual Counseling for couple and singles.

Reverend Deborah Steen Ross (see bio above)

4. SHAMANIC HEALING

Friday March 5, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm

A Journey to Balance, Clarity and Wholeness

Shamanism is an ancient spiritual practice, spiritual philosophy, and way of being. Shamanic healing is the use of healing techniques, ritual, and ceremony in relationship with spirit helpers and allies to support healing, balance, and well-being of the individual and community. Through discussion, lecture and experiential activity (healing circle), we will explore shamanism and shamanic healing as sacred tools used for our own healing and clarity, and in spiritual support of those embarking on that sacred journey of life. Rev. Anthony

Farmer~BlackEagle will share his journey and how it is being integrated in his life as an Interfaith Minister, Teacher and Guide. Come and journey to balance, clarity and wholeness in this exciting workshop.

Presenter: Rev. Anthony Farmer~BlackEagle

Rev. Anthony Farmer~BlackEagle was ordained an Interfaith Minister from The New Seminary in 2008. He has been consciously walking a shamanic path since an eagle appeared in meditation to guide him into flight. Rev. Anthony has facilitated workshops on shamanism, the shamanic journey, and sacred healing. In 2007, he began facilitating Feather of Fire: Shamanic Healing, Practice and Studies a program of personal development and transformation. He is the author of Conversations with the Elders, an e-newsletter of his personal journeys with his Elders, scheduled for publication as a book in 2010. In 2009, Rev. Anthony Farmer launched Way of the Mystic Heart: Path of Knowing Thyself through the Heart, a program modeled after the ancient mystery schools. Rev. Anthony Farmer~BlackEagle, Interfaith Minister, Teacher and Guide. www.visionsoftheheart.org

5. PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING*

Sunday March 14, 2010, 10am-4pm

****This class is offered to Second Year Students and Graduates Only***

This course will cover specific topics and information needed for the minister who plans to counsel and care for couples as they move through the time preceding and leading up to creating their wedding/civil union. Includes lecture, role play, individual reflection, large and small group discussion and process. We will consider some Interfaith and cross cultural considerations, as well as blended families, family of origin, issues around intimacy, money, power and communication.

Presenter: Reverend Susan Alice Mufson

Rev. Mufson LCSW, is an ordained Interfaith Minister (graduate of TNS) and a psychotherapist in private practice in New York City. She specializes in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, childhood trauma and abuse, traumatic bereavement, as well as spiritual issues. Rev. Susan frequently offers classes and workshops on religious injury, and the human/animal bond.

Presenter: Rabbi Roger Ross (see bio above)

6. INTUITION FOR MINISTERS
Nurturing Intuition In Our Ministry

Friday March 19, 2010, 6:30pm – 9:00 pm

We all have intuition, our inner knowing created in the quiet crossroads between our animal senses, our trained mind, and our more-than-normal perceptions. In this experiential workshop with follow-up study groups, we'll bring our attention to how our unique intuition works, honor it, exercise it together and learn to protect our intuition and our center in the process. Intuition provides another way to be present with those to whom we minister, helping them find their expression. We'll explore how to safely open, know how to filter, and safely close our extra perceptions for the subway ride home.

Presenter: Reverend Deborah Steen Ross

Reverend Deborah Steen Ross graduated from Ithaca College with a BFA and is a graduate of the New Seminary. She has been in the Holistic Health field for more than 27 years with certifications in Nutritional Counseling, Applied Kinesiology, Hypnotherapy and Counseling and holds Masterships in four styles of Reiki including The Radiance Technique ©. She has studied many forms of energy healing and has created her own technique called Release ® which works with concepts of Issue Therapy and energetic release work. Reverend Steen Ross teaches workshops in energy healing and has a private practice in spiritual counseling and healing work. She is the Co-Director of the New Seminary.

7. SINGING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE (Attending Only)

Saturday, March 20, 2010, 6:30-8:30pm

Expand your consciousness through the power of singing!!

Have any of you ever heard any of the following when it comes to singing: "You just don't have the talent", "I could sing great if I sounded like ____", "I like to sing but only in the shower", "I don't want others to hear me sing cause I am not good enough", or even "I've always wanted to sing but never had the courage to try." During this introductory course, you will begin to learn, embody, and transfer the miraculous power of Spirit and expression found in pure connection to Spirit through singing. Your goal in taking this program might be to find more healing and freedom on a personal level, or to become a more intuitive channel for Spirit when you sing, or to simply experience the incredible fulfillment received by opening up and finding your true voice hiding beneath all of those fears and judgments around your voice. When we connect to singing, we miraculously drop below our "head" experience and begin to have a body experience; an experience with Spirit. This is when we become a channel for Spirit, for ourselves, and for others. Allow the powerful force of Spirit moving through you to connect your voice to your soul and change your life and the lives of those around you in the process.

*****Please note that previous vocal training and/or experience is not needed in order to take this class.***

Presenter: Tony George

Tony George is the Director of the Sacred Center New York Gospel Choir, and has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Laurie Beechman Theatre, and has been debuted on WNYC. Before making NYC his home, Tony spent several years in Atlanta as a Professional Violinist performing with artists such as Josh Groban, Jo Dee Messina, Faith Hill, and Olivia Newton-John. Tony has had many years of training in the church music realm and has worked with some of the largest names in church music. Tony has traveled all over the globe spreading his passion in music in South Africa, China, Canada, Germany, Austria, and most of the continental U.S.A. Tony now has a new vision for his music ministry; "Singing As Spiritual Practice". His passion and love for music, singing, and personal freedom has lead him to the development of this powerful method to be free through the power of singing. www.tonygeorgemusic.com

8. CALLING ALL EMPATHS

Saturday April 3rd, 2010, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Understanding Your Sensitivity and Letting It Work For You

Have you ever been called 'too sensitive'? Have you ever wondered why some people's energies stick with you and you can't get rid of them? Have you ever tried to heal someone and ended up with their energy or their problems? Many of us believe we are just too vulnerable to the world around us, or we just can't adjust to people or energies. Perhaps it is not that at all. Perhaps you are an Empath and you don't know it. In this workshop we will focus on what it means to be empathic, how to use it to help people and the world, and how to help yourself stay balanced and not affected by all the energies you come in contact with. We will do exercises and meditations to help each of us connect with that empathic, intuitive being inside of us and learn how to release the unwanted energies that we take on.

Presenter: Reverend Deborah Steen Ross

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practice in spiritual counseling and healing work. She is the Co-Director of the New Seminary.

9. THE ENNEAGRAM

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 10am-4pm

Eckhart Tolle and most other spiritual teachers speak of living in the present moment. This is vital to our physical survival and our psychological and spiritual growth. When we are not present we are living in a trance. The Enneagram teaches us about the trance most of us are living in and how to extract ourselves from it to become the persons we were meant to be. It is the only developed psychology that can lead us on a spiritual path to wholeness. Other psychologies tell us who we have become but stop short of transformation. We will explore how our ego sabotages us and how we can regain our true selves. We will learn why even people of the same personality can behave very differently. The Enneagram does not peg us but rather explains the rich variations possible among human personalities. Besides better understanding ourselves, we will learn how to accept others and treat them in a way that helps them to grow. The Enneagram will give us the tools to quickly assess the root issues of those we lead on a spiritual path so we will be better able to serve them and give them the tools for healing.

***Required Text: The Wisdom of the Enneagram by Don Riso and Russ Hudson**

Presenters: Dona M. Ferry MS and Rev. Paula Ferry Boccia

Dona Ferry first became involved in the Enneagram in 1985. She has a Masters Degree in School and Agency Counseling and is a trained teacher in the Enneagram. Dona has studied extensively under Don Riso and Russ Hudson and has attended trainings of other Enneagram teachers such as Helen Palmer, Andrea Isaacs and Tom Condon. She has furthered her education in the Enneagram by reading extensively and studying the Enneagram as it continues to evolve. She has attended International Enneagram Conventions as well as taught the Enneagram since 1993 in her spiritual life center, Souler Power Academy in Amenia, New York.

Rev. Paula Ferry Boccia is an Interfaith Minister and Dean of Accelerated Students at The New Seminary. She holds a Masters Degree in Social Work and has a clinical private practice in upstate NY. She studied the Enneagram for over 20 years through books, workshops and conventions and uses it in spiritual direction and as a regular part of her private practice.

10. REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS

Friday April 16, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm

African Ancestor Reverence

“For those whose blood flows through my veins: Remembering our Ancestors” is an interactive workshop exploring ancestor reverence in the spiritual and religious cultures of the African Diaspora with a focus on Santeria, Vodou, and Obeah. We will ask, “*What is ancestral healing?*” “*How can we heal our ancestors in the spirit realm?*” “*How can ritual be used to heal our own karmic energy?*” Participants in this workshop will learn how to begin the process of creating their own personal ancestral altar as well as healing prayers and rituals for communicating with their bloodline relatives. ***Please bring a picture of a deceased ancestor and an item that reflects their spirit.***

Presenter: Rev. Jamaul Roots

Rev. Jamaul Roots is an ordained Interfaith Minister, a 2006 graduate of The New Seminary. Jamaul is the founder and director of Reverend Roots LLC, a spiritual event planning company specializing in custom designed ceremonies, healing rituals, workshops, seminars and retreats. An initiated Vodou Priest (Hougan), Reiki Master Teacher and spiritual advisor, Rev. Roots has traveled the world studying and practicing ritual and indigenous medicine and is in the beginning stages of establishing a permanent retreat center in San Ignacio, Belize. www.reverendroots.com

11. THE AUTHENTIC SERMON (Attending Only)

Sundays April 18th & May 16th, 2010, 1pm-5pm

Finding Your Voice, Ministering from your Core

Make your sermon a visceral experience. Join Megan Leigh to experience the power of ministering from your most vulnerable and open self. Learn what it takes to make your words vibrate from within you out to your congregants. Working with the premise that you communicate *what you feel* more strongly than what you say, you will learn to use specific tools to help you speak, and connect, from a place of authenticity and excitement. Free yourself to offer your very best and most charismatic self to congregants. Learn how to play while at work! This class is for students who are ready to grow and learn skills to help them to be exciting ministers.

Please wear comfortable loose clothes that you can move in. Bring a notebook, pen, water and a copy of your favorite song on cd. Please *memorize* 5 minutes of the best part of a sermon written by you.

Presenter: Megan Leigh

Megan is the owner and director of Chichester Yoga in upstate New York where she offers training and workshops. She also works locally in New York City as a healer and yoga teacher. Currently, she is on tour training yoga teachers throughout Europe to teach from their most inspired self. Megan draws on her 20 years of experience as an actress and yoga practitioner to help corporate leaders, teachers and ministers to plug in and turn on.

12. MINISTRY AS YOUR BUSINESS*Sat. & Sun. **May 1st & 2nd, 2010, 10am-4pm****Defining Your Mission and Structuring Your Business**

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Is your calling to impact the lives of millions or service a small community? Do you want your ministry to be global or simply a congregation of one? Whatever spiritual path is unfolding for you, it is wise to handle the basics of planning, implementing and recording your activities, so you can focus on your ministry. We will discuss the relationship between the objectives of your ministry with the structure and resources requirements. We will cover the business basics of your ministry, your near term and long term financial imperatives, and marketing. This session includes basics of accounting and bookkeeping, banking and borrowing money, building and financing your church or ministry. Come with your dreams, your plans, and your questions! I will discuss what the class desires, from the very basics to more complex.

All participants are welcome to email their questions in advance of the class to: tim@timothybassett.com

Presenter: Reverend Timothy P. Bassett MBA, MSC

Rev. Tim is a spiritually forward-thinker with a grounded, creative entrepreneurial spirit. He has a passion for conceptualizing and executing new business strategies and has several successful iterations of growing business start-ups to profitable enterprises and exceeding the organizational goals. His passion is competitive strategy, market identification and positioning, activity planning and implementing the "Go to Market" plan. He consults to both businesses and non-profits. Rev. Timothy is a 2007 graduate of The New Seminary.

13. INTERFAITH VALUES: A NEW WORLD VIEW

Sunday May 2, 2010, 10am-4pm

Cosmology, Mysticism, and the Birth of a New Myth

This class will explore an approach to Interfaith that addresses some of the core values of the modern world. How can we truly be Interfaith while immersed in a worldview that favors fragmentation and competition? How can we say we honor all paths when there seem to be contradictions? Rather than looking at the surface of the world's religious traditions to find obvious similarities, this course will take the participants on a journey through the world's traditions in order to find a deeper Interfaith—a journey that will invite us not only to think differently about religion, but also about what it means to be a human being. Finally, the class will be invited to begin the process of creating a new mythology, a new worldview, that can lead us to a more just, sustainable, and compassionate civilization—a civilization based upon Interfaith values. Students will be invited to participate in embodied exercises and creative responses as well as discussion and lecture.

Presenter: Rev. Theodore Richards

Rev Theodore Richards, PhD, is an Interfaith minister, poet, and the founder of The Chicago Wisdom Project, a non-profit working with teenagers. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, the New Seminary, Wisdom University, and the California Institute of Integral Studies. He has taught in various settings, from rural Africa to Harlem to the Creation Spirituality Conference in Asheville, NC. Theodore Richards' areas of expertise include mysticism, cosmology, Creation Spirituality, world religions, and the confluence of science and religion. He has traveled, worked, and studied in twenty-five countries, including the South Pacific, the Far East, the Indian subcontinent, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. He is the author of Handprints on the Womb, a collection of poetry. Theodore Richards currently resides in Chicago with his wife, Arienne, and daughter, Cosima. www.cosmosophia.org

14. INTRODUCTION TO DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNSELING

Monday May 3, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm

With this introductory course, the minister or student minister will learn what he/she needs to know to recognize the signs and symptoms are of a drug or alcohol problem, and what choices he/she might have to refer the person to assistance. There will be time for a question and answer period and experiential work as well.

Presenter: Dr. Michael Festa Ph.D

Dr. Michael Festa Ph.D, is the Founder of Turning Point, an alcohol and drug treatment facility in New Jersey, and is on the Board of Directors of Integrity House, a similar drug and alcohol treatment center. He is licensed by the State of New Jersey to teach Drug and Alcohol Awareness Counseling to police departments across the state. Dr. Festa is the CEO of The New Seminary.

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