YM463 - Philosophy of Youth Ministry  
Spring Semester, 2010 - Three Units

INSTRUCTOR: 
Les Christie

REQUIRED TEXT (choose one):  


COURSE DESCRIPTION:  
One fourth of the class sessions will have Les Christie sharing his philosophy of youth ministry. One half of the class sessions will feature several different youth ministers working in the Sacramento area speaking to the class on their philosophy of youth ministry. The students will use "listening papers" to take notes on each youth minister’s philosophy. The final fourth of the class sessions will have the students presenting their philosophy of youth ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVE  
The student at the end of this course will be prepared to compare and contrast a variety of youth ministry philosophies. The student will have confidence in presenting their own philosophy of youth ministry.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS  
1. A test will be given on **Wednesday, February 3** over the material Les Christie presented in the previous class sessions.

2. Type a four page response paper to *Purpose Drive Youth Ministry* by Doug Fields **OR** *Visioneering: God’s Blueprint for Developing and Maintaining Vision* by Andy Stanley, the required texts. I'm not merely looking for a restatement of the book, but rather a personal statement on how the book has affected you. Answer the following questions in your response:  
   - What new ideas did you receive from your reading?  
   - How have you struggled or been challenged because of your reading?  
   - What did you disagree with in this reading?  
   - What will you incorporate into your ministry?  

   The paper is due on **Wednesday, March 3**.

3. "Listening papers" will be turned in on **Wednesday, April 28**.
4. Your "Philosophy of Ministry" which will include:
   - A one page typed list of major activities for an entire year.
   - A one page typed list of regular activities offered each month.
   - A five page typed philosophy of ministry explaining why you do what you do in youth ministry. I am not grading this paper on what you do; I just want to make sure you have thought through the reasons for doing what you do.
   - You will also present a 10-15 minute verbal presentation of your philosophy of ministry on either April 28 or May 3 or May 5 (4 presentations each day in alphabetical order). Your typed philosophy is to be turned in on the day you give your talk.

5. No final exam

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Attendance: Class sessions are important for fulfilling the objectives of this course. Attendance is expected at all class sessions. A student who misses 20% of class sessions will be dropped one full grade. There are no differences between excused and unexcused absences, with the exception of a death in the family. It is in the best interest of the student to attend class faithfully. If the student has an emergency that precludes them from attending class it is the responsibility of the student to get notes from that class from a classmate. It is recommended that students get contact information of dependable and thorough classmates that can give them the notes of the class they missed. If a student is unexpectedly and without notice unable to attend class the student must leave an e-mail or voice mail with their professor prior to the end of that class time.

Student athletes must provide professors a copy of their season schedule at the beginning of the semester listing the dates of their upcoming absences for games. Student athletes will be allowed to miss class sessions for games plus an additional 15% of remaining class sessions before their final grade drops one full grade.

It is expected that students will arrive on time and continue until the end. To ensure this, three late entrances and/or leaving early will be considered as one complete absence. No extra credit work will be given to make up for absences.

Late Assignments: Assignments will drop two full grades if turned in within one week of due date. Exams must be taken at the assigned time unless previous arrangements are made, available only for extreme circumstances.

Cell phones:
It is the professor's expectation that each and every student, including myself, will take into consideration respect for the learning environment by turning off all devices with noise and the capability to interfere with the learning environment.
Laptops:
The use of laptops is for educational purposes only, therefore a laptop may be banned, by the professor, from the class for the remainder of the semester if it is used inappropriately (example: e-mail, games, internet surfing, other course work).

Grading Policy:
Test on Les Christie's lectures...........................................250
Book Response .................................................................250
Listening papers from class.................................................200
Typed philosophy of youth ministry and verbal presentation........ 300
Total......................................................................................1,000

Final Grade:
A = 900 - 1000
B = 800 - 899
C = 700 - 799
D = 600 - 699
F = Below 600

Individual Discussions:  Les Christie is available at 916-577-2268 to discuss any issues in the class. Email ichristie@jessup.edu. He is mainly available Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm, but may arrange occasional times outside these hours. If you are having difficulty understanding any assignments, lecture topics, or want further information, please do not hesitate to call or arrange an appointment during the class.

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Class Discussions:
Les Christie encourages questions during the class time and is available after class to meet with individual students.

Student Mailboxes:
Please put your name and student mailbox number on all papers.
**COURSE OUTLINE:**

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