

About the Course

This course seeks to provide students (both lay-leaders and those preparing for ministry) with a theological foundation and practical understanding of pastoral ministry. It integrates three dimensions of learning: (a) *personal reflection* through in-depth study of the course textbooks; (b) *ministry insights* drawn from 1 & 2 Timothy, and from the 'real-live' pastoral experiences of the lecturer; and (c) *community learning* through writing of papers and presentation in class. Among the topics covered: the call to ministry, meaning of ordination, women in pastoral office, pastor of the worshipping community, ministry of sacraments, pastoral visitation, etc. Practical issues (coping with criticisms, leadership backlash, what's behind the post-service hand-shake 'ritual', etc.) will also be discussed. We will also discuss pastoral leadership skills that are needed to shepherd the church.

Dates (2019)

July 27
Aug 10, 31
Oct 5, 26
(9.30am – 4pm)

Location

Mt Carmel B-P Church
152 West Coast Road
Singapore 127370

Credits

3CR

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240 (Audit)

Class Format

Live

* Students from Host Churches are entitled to 20% off credit courses only

About the Lecturer

Rev Dr Daniel Chua is the Pastor-at-Large of Mount Carmel B-P Church where he has served for the last 30 years. He completed his Master of Divinity at Singapore Bible College; and Doctor of Ministry at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA). He is the author of *Feeding on Ashes*, which provides a Christian response to Chinese ancestral worship.



Course Objectives

1. To have a good understanding of pastoral ministry
2. To think through common challenges and articulate your personal stand on some doctrinal issues related to ministry
3. To glean practical insights as preparation for future ministry
4. To help lay-leaders affirm and assist their pastors in ministry
5. To receive encouragement to stay the course as a pastor

Academic Information

1. **Course Texts:** (1) ODEN, Thomas C., "Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry," Harper, San Francisco, 1983 (2) DANIEL, Lillian, and COPENHAVER, Martin B., "This Odd and Wondrous Calling," Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 2009 (3) PETERSON, Eugene H., "The Pastor," HarperOne, New York, 2011
2. **Assignments:** (1) Attend all classes (you cannot be absent for more than one class); (2) Read through 1 & 2 Timothy for personal devotions; (3) Read main course textbook and be prepared to answer the quiz for the week; (4) Write a '**Ministry-in-Formation**' paper after attending the dialogue session with panel of invited pastors. [30% of course grade]; (5) Two Reflection Papers [30% of course grade]; (6) Major Paper (10-12 pages) [40% of course grade]

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