



SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR CONFERENCE, INC.

SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR PASTORS CONFERENCE Organizing for Justice: Reawakening, Reclaiming and Restoring the Village February 6 – 9, 2006

SEMINARY CREDIT – 2006 WINTER INTENSIVE

Course Title and Introduction:

Organizing for Justice in the Age of Prophetic Witness and Pentecostal Revival

The aggregate expertise, research, teaching and pastoral experiences of the theologians and pastors at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Pastor Conference afford an unprecedented and unique opportunity for seminarians to partake in a specially designed intensive. The 2006 conference theme is *Organizing for Justice: Reawakening, Reclaiming and Restoring the Village*. With this theme, significant focus will be on intergenerational reflections of historical and contemporary theological contexts, points of view, pastoral and church challenges. This course will help frame students' basic understanding of the intersections and tensions between the Pentecostal Movement, Liberation Theology and Hip Hop Culture.

Course Overview

Racism, classism, sexism, militarism, impoverishment, HIV/AIDS and ecological threats are just a few of the issues that challenge today's Church to engage in prophetic witness. "No peace without justice" has become a third millennium refrain requiring increased sensitivity to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue. As Christians confront these myriad of issues, the rise of Pentecostalism throughout the world is shaping patterns of theological and political engagement. This is the 100th year anniversary of the "Azusa Street Revival" in Los Angeles, California, led by the African American preacher and teacher, William Joseph Seymour. From Azusa Street, the Pentecostal Movement has become a major force in Christendom. A total of 400 million persons are reported to be followers of the tradition, transforming communities of faith around the world. Despite any argument for the separation of Church and state or apolitical theologies, Liberation Theology not only challenges Christians to be politically engaged, but sees the fight for global justice in all its forms as a Christian imperative. Hip Hop music is the first genre of music innovated by African Americans that did not significantly find its roots in the Black church. In that sense, a new generation of young people have been incubated in a culture that is external to the African American church. The Pentecostal Movement, Liberation Theology and Hip Hop Culture meet on Christian terrain, posing new challenges for pastors and the African American Church.

Course Requirements for 3 hours semester credit or 5 quarter hours include:

- (1) Conference Registration
- (2) Attendance and full participation at all the seminary seminars and conference sessions from February 7 – 9, 2006 (Optional Session, February 6, 2006 - 7 PM)
- (3) Submission of a short reflection paper that reports how this intensive informed and supported your understanding and ministry formation.
- (4) Completion of any reading assignments

Course registration process:

- (1) Students at the sponsoring seminaries and related institutions should enroll for this course at their home institution as a part of their winter 2006 schedule.
- (2) Other seminarians may select which of the sponsoring seminaries is most appropriate for enrollment and transfer of credit back to their home institution. In all cases, the course registration process and tuition costs are determined by the host seminary.

Sponsoring Seminaries

Center for African –American Theological Studies

Chicago Theological Seminary and Association of Chicago Theological Seminaries (ACTS)*
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical
Theological Seminary, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, McCormick
Theological Seminary, Meadville/Lombard Theological School, Mundelein Seminary
North Park Theological Seminary, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seabury-
Western Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Howard School of Divinity

Interdenominational Theological Center

New York Theological Seminary

Payne Theological Seminary

Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University

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Payne Theological Seminary –	Professor Howard W. Wiley
Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University –	Dr. John Kinney
Shaw University Divinity School	Dr. J.T. Roberson, Jr.

Feb. 06, 2006	Optional Open Mike & Round Table Discussion	7:00 PM
Feb. 07, 2006	Required Seminar	8:00 AM
Feb. 07 – 09, 2006	Conference Sessions	As Registered

Suggested Readings:

Kitwana, Bakari, The Hip Hop Generation
Sekou, Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru, Urban Souls
Gilkes, Cheryl Townsend, If It Wasn't For The Women
Korieh, Chima & Ugo Nwokeji, Religion, History & Politics in Nigeria – Essays in Honor of Ogbu Kalu
Carruthers, Iva, F. Haynes & J. Wright, Blow The Trumpet in Zion
Cone, James H., A Black Theology of Liberation- 20th Anniversary Edition
Risks of Faith – The Emergence of Black Theology of Liberation, 1968- 1998

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