



# 2018 Clergy Ethics Course

Friday, June 1 (6 p.m. – 10 p.m.) / Saturday, June 2 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

## Assignments

### I. PRE-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

1. Do a complete reading of the textbook entitled, Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders, second edition, by Joseph E. Trull and James Carter. [LINK TO PURCHASE ON AMAZON](#)
2. Read provided case studies prior to the class event. [LINK: Case Studies](#)
3. Select a Congregational Ethics Team (CET) consisting of three or four lay persons from your congregation. Please use the following guidelines:
  - Membership is by invitation of the pastor/student.
  - Team members are persons with whom the pastor/student has a comfortable working relationship.
  - Team members may be representative of the Pastoral Relations Committee, Diaconate, Board of Deacons, Church Officers, and/or any active church member. (If you are taking the course and not currently a pastor, please invite persons to be on the CET from the church where you are a member).
4. Select an accountability partner using the following guidelines on the ABCOPAD website [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org) for Accountability Partner Guide and place on worksheet:
  - We do not recommend using your spouse for this.
  - We recommend a same-sex accountability partner who will both support and encourage your ministry and your spouse and family.
  - This person does not have to be in your local church. They must be a Christian. A mentor in ministry is appropriate.
5. Meet with your CET prior to the course and take notes of their responses. Prepare and bring your detailed notes for discussion of the following items: (instructors will ask to see these)
  - Read with the Congregational Ethics Team the Case Study called, “Time for the Family.”
  - Discuss with the CET the questions provided at the end of the case study, plus the additional questions listed below:
  - What information from the textbook, Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders, sheds light on the case study? Discuss with your CET.

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- What are the Biblical passages that relate to the case study? (In other words, “What saith the Lord?” or, “What has God already revealed in His written word on this subject?”) Discuss with your CET – gain their input.
  - How is ministry affected?
  - When and how does the case study (issues, themes, etc.) speak to the Ministerial "Code of Ethics"? Congregational Code of Ethics? (Refer to the documents below: “A Covenant For Ministry”)
  - Find the LINK for [A Covenant For Ministry](#) on the ABCOPAD Website [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)
  - Find the LINK for the [Code of Ethics](#) on the ABCOPAD Website [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)
  - What have you learned from a pastor’s perspective; from a CET member’s perspective? Prepare written responses to all questions regarding this case study and bring with you on Friday, June 1. Limit responses to a few salient points. The case will be reviewed in class.

## II. POST-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write a reflection paper which connects and is informed by your reading of the Ethics book, the course teaching, the reflections by your CET (Clergy Ethics Team) on the case study “A Time for Family,” and the personal ethics statement you created. This should be 4-6 pages, double-spaced. in length not including the title page.
2. Write a Personal Ethics Statement that is concise and memorable. The CET would be an excellent “sounding board” and resource for aiding in the development of the Personal Ethics Statement. This should be 1 page in length and suitable for framing.

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### TUITION: \$99.00

Class size is limited. Early registration is encouraged because of the reading and Clergy Ethics Team pre-requisite (above).

Deadline for course registration is Friday, May 25, 2018. Late Registrations require a \$10 late fee.

Registration may be mailed with payment to:

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