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CD 650: ADVANCED SEMINAR IN CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY

One Hour Credit

Gives students opportunity to grow in their understanding of spirituality and spiritual formation during childhood and to identify implications for the church's ministry with children and their families.

COURSE DATES

June 8-11 and August 9 2003

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. Articulate theologically, developmentally, and research grounded understandings of spirituality and spiritual formation during childhood.
2. Through personal research and interaction with conference participants and seminar members identify implications for the nurture of children that grow out of their new or refined understandings.
3. Demonstrate respect for the child's spiritual potential and the importance of spiritual formation during childhood.

COURSE PROCESSES

Students will invest at least 48 hours in the following:

1. Participate in the Children's Spirituality Conference in River Forest II, June 8-11 2003.
2. Read at least 400 pages exploring insights into the spirituality and spiritual formation of children, including materials written by conference presenters.
3. Write a 10-15-page paper on some aspect of the child's spiritual formation to be presented and discussed with other students in the August one day seminar.
4. Participate in a one-day seminar the last full week of August (possibly the end of the first full week in August, or at the end of the month, to be arranged with participants, considering needs of Florida students if enrolled) presenting their papers and leading the group in discussing some aspect of the paper.

COSTS AND REGISTRATION

The Conference registration fee of \$175.00 will be paid out of the tuition fee for the course.

For this to be possible, you will need to pay your tuition at the time of registration in April.

In addition, students will pay for travel to and accommodations at the Conference.

Since the seminar will not be completed until the end of August, register for CD650 in the Third Summer Term of 2003.

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