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To: Morningside Classes 2012 & 2014

From: Barb Mann, Registrar

Re: March 9-11, 2012 Session

Topic: Stewardship, Christian Ethics & Conflict

Faculty: Pastor Stephen Bibb, Retired UMC Clergy
Pastor Linda Hansen Bibb, Webster City, Asbury UMC

Reading Assignment:

In preparation for class, please purchase and read the following short books: Three Simple Rules by Rueben Job, Abingdon Press, Nashville 2007, ISBN # 9780687649662. The price for this book is \$5.99.

Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship & Ministry in Your Congregation by Charles R. Lane, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis 2006, ISBN # 9780806652634, price \$12.99.

Go online to www.religion-online.org. Search the home page for "Ethics," click on Christian Ethics and search for "Christian Ethics" by Georgia Harkness (#6). Read and print out the following two chapters bringing them to class with you: Chapter 1 - "What Is Christian Ethics?" and Chapter 3 - "The Ethics of Jesus."

At your local library find and read the following two books by Dr. Seuss: "The Sneeches" and "The Butter Battle Book."

Written Assignment: A reflection paper (no more than 1 page in length, double spaced) on a conflict you remember in your home church. If you cannot remember any there, choose a conflict in your workplace or somewhere else. Your reflection paper should consist of a paragraph on each of the following points:

1. What was the problem and what were the positions of the various sides (at least 2)?
2. What was the impact of the conflict on the congregation (or wherever)?
3. How was the conflict resolved?
4. What remains because of it?

Books can be purchased at Cokesbury. Let them know you are with the SLM and you will receive a 20% discount (if applicable) plus free shipping. To cut down on the cost of these books, be sure to check with your pastor, SLM graduates, Barnes & Noble or other bookstores, seminary libraries, public libraries, Amazon.com, etc.

Worship Leaders: Friday Evening – Dale Johnson
Saturday Evening – Jennifer Peterson

Student-led worship is held at the end of the Friday and Saturday sessions. Plan to devote about 10 minutes to a favorite Bible passage, a Bible story, a personal experience and/or your own faith journey. Feel free to bring items along to help you create the ambience you want: boom box, cassettes, CD's, props. If you are unable to lead devotions on your specified evening or if you have not yet had the opportunity to lead, please find another class member to trade with.

Location: Lincoln Center-Room 107, 3627 Peters Ave., Morningside College, Sioux City Iowa. You can check www.mapquest.com and www.morningside.edu for the location of the specific addresses if you are not acquainted with the area.

Bring: Your favorite translation of the Bible, The United Methodist Hymnal and a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times.

Lodging: Make your room reservations now! Be sure to tell them you are with the School for Lay Ministry.

New Victorian Inns & Suites (formerly Baymont Inn)

712-233-2302 3101 Singing Hills Blvd: \$49.99 + tax, one person per room
\$59.99 + tax, two to a room

Days Inn	712-258-8000	3000 Singing Hills Blvd	\$60.99 single or double
Comfort Inn	712-274-1300	4202 Lake Port Rd	Rates change monthly

Details: Registration is at Lincoln Center in Room 107 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. with a meal together on campus. Dinner hour is 4:30 to 6 pm at Olsen Student Center. Class begins at 6:30 on Friday evening closing with devotions at 8:30 p.m. Sunday's closing worship, which *may include* communion, starts at 11:30. You will be headed home by noon.

Money Matters: Tuition is \$120 per class session *for all students* and covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts and Friday and Saturday meals. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books, and breakfasts. Please make checks payable to the Iowa Annual Conference and pay at the time of registration at class.

Emergency: In case of an emergency, a call may be placed to the Morningside Security Office at 712-274-5234. Identify the School for Lay Ministry and indicate you are in Lincoln Center. They will get a message to the Dean for you. You may also want to share the number of your motel (see above).

We look forward to seeing you at our next session. Let us know if you have any questions.