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To: Cornell Class of 2014

From: Barb Mann, Registrar

Re: March 9-11, 2012 School for Lay Ministry Session

Topic: Missions & Social Concerns

Faculty: Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck, LDM Social Justice & Mission
Anne Bacon, Executive Director, Bidwell Riverside

Scripture Readings: Micah 6: 6-8; Amos 4:1-5; Luke 4: 16-30 and Isaiah 61: 1-4; Matthew 25: 31-46; John 3: 16-17; John 13:34-35; Matthew 22:34-40; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-24

Reading Assignment:

When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...or Yourself by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett, 2009 Moody Publishing ISBN 978-0802457059 \$14.99 at Cokesbury.

Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty, resulting in the use of strategies that do considerable harm to poor people and themselves. "When Helping Hurts" provides foundational concepts, clearly articulated general principles and relevant applications. The result is an effective and holistic ministry to the poor, not a truncated gospel.

A situation is assessed for whether relief, rehabilitation or development is the best response to a situation. Efforts are characterized by an "assess based" approach rather than a "needs based" approach. Short term mission efforts are addressed and microenterprise development (MED) is explored. AND

Churches That Make a Difference: Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works by Ronald J. Sider, Philip N. Olson & Heidi Rolland Unruh (2002). Publisher: Baker Books; illustrated edition (April 1, 2002); ISBN 978-0801091339; paperback \$21.99 at Cokesbury. **Please read one part of the book that is of particular interest to you and your church. You can finish it later as you need the information for your church. We will refer to many parts of the book, so you will have background for your future reading.**

Churches over the past generations have been weakened by a failure to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of their communities. Many have adopted a narrow vision, focusing on only one aspect of ministry. But in today's environment of faith-based opportunities many Christians are eager to start reaching out to their world with both Good News and good works, and therefore they are searching for appropriate ways to integrate both into their ministry.

In Churches That Make a Difference, best-selling author Ron Sider and his coauthors give those involved in community outreach a comprehensive resource for developing holistic ministry, a balance of evangelism and social outreach. Illustrations and helpful organizational tips detail the how-to's of an effective holistic ministry. Case studies that show how different churches across the United States reach out to their communities provide a variety of ideas and practical applications.

The authors draw on extensive experience with church ministries and faith-based organizations as they share the life-changing vision and biblical mandate for living the whole gospel. Church leaders will be encouraged in their process of developing and maintaining a holistic ministry, and local churches will rediscover a passion for loving the whole person the way Jesus did.

Supplemental Readings (Not Required)

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario; "the story of a boy's dangerous odyssey to reunite with his mother." This novel can be purchased at your local bookstore or at Cokesbury for \$16.00; ISBN 978-0812971781. Publisher is Random House Trade Paperbacks (January 2, 2007). The library that you use may also have it. *This is an amazing book!*

Old Turtle and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood Publisher: Scholastic Press; 1 edition (October 1, 2003) ISBN # 978-0439321099; hardcover, *illustrated children's book* \$17.99 at Cokesbury.

"A soulful new tale about the wise old turtle who advocates listening to the 'language of breezes...learning lessons from stones and animals and trees and stars.' In this story, a truth falls from the stars, breaking in half when it lands. Crow, Fox, Coyote and Raccoon, each pick up this piece of truth but discard it because of its rough edges and broken nature. But when a human being finds it, noting the words "You Are Loved" written on it, he and his people cherish it as their most important possession. Time passes, and jealousy, fear and anger rise up in the people who hold this Great Truth, as well as in those who do not have it. The world begins to suffer. Finally, it's up to a little girl to seek understanding and a solution to the woes of the world."

If ordering books from Cokesbury, be sure to let them know you are with the SLM to receive your 20% discount (if applicable) and free shipping. Their phone #'s are: 278-1631 or 877-231-1594. Remember, 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.

Asset-Based Strategies for Faith Communities by Susan Rans and Hilary Altman (2002). This book presents a collection of stories from Christian churches and organizations throughout the United States. Each describes a particular faith-based initiative aimed at revitalizing a congregation or its surrounding community, and several stories include activities designed to spur economic development. The book is available for \$12.00 plus a shipping and handling fee at <http://www.abcdinstitute.org/publications/workbooks/>. **IF ORDERING THIS BOOK, PLEASE ORDER THROUGH WEBSITE ABOVE.**

Worship Leaders: Friday Evening: **Kathy Frees**
Saturday Evening: **Kristin Happel-Ruyle**

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, please find another class member to trade with.

Bring: Please bring to class a copy of your favorite translation of the Bible; a hymnal and The Faith We Sing songbook, and a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times.

Where: Cornell College, 600 First Street SW in the Commons/Student Center. You can check Cornell's website at www.cornellcollege.edu or www.mapquest.com for the location of the specific addresses if you are not acquainted with the Mt. Vernon area. A campus map is also posted on the SLM website.

Details: Registration is from 5 - 7 p.m. with a meal together on campus at 5:30. We close about 9:30 p.m. with worship. Sunday's final session will include communion during worship and you will be heading home by 11:00 a.m.

Money Matters: Tuition is \$120 per class and covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts, Friday and Saturday dinners and Saturday lunch. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books and breakfasts. *Make checks payable to the "Iowa Annual Conference"* and please pay when you register for class on Friday evenings. If you already paid your \$60 deposit, you will only owe \$60 at your first class.

Emergency: In case of emergency, a call may be placed to the Cornell Switchboard at 319-895-4499. Identify the School for Lay Ministry and indicate which room you are in. They will get a message to the Dean for you. You may also want to leave information at your hotel.

Lodging: **Sleep Inn:** 310 Virgil Avenue / 319-895-0055. We have negotiated special student rates with Sleep Inn at \$76.55 per night for one king or two queens with a Continental breakfast. Please identify yourself as being with the School for Lay Ministry to receive this rate.

Palisades Road B&B: 902A Palisades Road, Mt. Vernon (1 block north of Hwy. 30) / 319-895-6155 (Joyce). Family room with walk out basement into yard; large bedroom with a double bed, single bed and pull out couch; breakfast each morning \$55/night for 2 people (adjusted for more).

Blyth Cottage Inn: 108 Bryant Court, Mt. Vernon (2 blocks from the western edge of Cornell) / 877-895-0188. Continental breakfast. Check out website for photos and information <http://www.pollyanns.com/indexinn.html>.

Bracket House B&B: 418 2nd St NW, Mt Vernon / 319-895-4425. Different sized rooms with Cornell affiliated rates from \$62/night to \$77/night depending on number of people. Continental breakfast; closed in porches, sitting room, fire pit. <http://www.cornellcollege.edu/brackett-house/index.shtml>

Engelbrecht B&B: 117 7th Avenue NW, Mt. Vernon / 319-895-8895 Jackie/John. Located approx. 2 blocks from Cornell's Admissions Office (Wade House). 1 Q. room \$59.50; 3rd floor suite can sleep 3-4 people, \$69.50 for 2, \$7.50 each additional. Continental breakfast, parlor with TV, screened-in wrap around porch.

Mt. Vernon Motel: 353 Hwy. 30 SW, Mt. Vernon / 319-895-4039. \$55 for the first person, \$5 extra for each additional person (new rate). Check out their website for photos and Senior/Military discounts <http://www.mountvernonmotel.com/>. No continental breakfast; coffee shop with pastries next door.

**Be sure to double check the rates as they may have changed without our knowledge.

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Lynn or me if you have any questions.