**Assignments and Grades**:

Participation in online discussion: 45 possible pts

* Engagement with the assigned readings (9 chapters) 3 possible points per reading,
* Responses to the Instructor’s remarks (6 posts) 3 pts possible per posting,

Group project: 25 pts

* Read either *The Social Media Gospel, Net Smart* or *Digital Cathedral*
* Participate in small group discussion of the book, and
* prepare with the group a Canvas presentation on the book. Due Week 8, 9 or 10.

Gathering Days: 10 pts

* Be present, prepared, engaged.

Locating ourselves in Social Media: 5 pts

* Spend several days paying attention to your own involvement in social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Etc). 1) Reflect on the family, social, community, and professional links that are part of your online network. How do you present yourself to these various groups? What overall picture of you, your style, interests, commitments, and values are you presenting online? 2) Think about the online presence of people you think of as leaders within your social media networks. How do they present themselves? How do they use social media to lead? What do you like, and/or what troubles you about your own and other leaders use of social media. Write a 2 – 3 page reflection for the instructor. Due end of Week Two.

Interview a Leader: 10 pts

* Choose a leader in an area you are involved in, or preparing for, whom you admire. Interview him/her about:
  + their understanding of what constitutes leadership,
  + how they understand religious identity to be formed, and the role of leaders in the formation of religious identity,
  + the nature and importance of community and networks in a culture focused on the individual,
  + if/how, and why they think the church is changing,
  + whether they think of, and use social media, as a tool for leadership.

(This may take several conversations. If possible interview them face to face, but phone or online is necessary.) Post a 2 – 3 page, reflection of what you have learned for the instructor’s review, in week 7.

Final Short paper: 15 pts

* Write an 8 page reflection on your own current or future leadership in ministry. Considering how ideas about leadership, religious identity formation, community/networks, and the nature and mission of the church shape your thinking about your vocation.
* Due the beginning of week 10.

**Grades:**

Quarters Grades as follows:

A+ 100 - 105

A 93 - 99

A- 90 - 92

B+ 87 - 89

B 83 – 86

B- 80 - 82

C+ 77 – 79

C 73 – 76

D 60 - 69