

Assignments and Grades:

Participation in Canvas discussion: 30 possible pts.

- 3 pts per week reflecting timely participation that engages course materials and advances the broader conversation. For full points, make a primary post in each discussion thread and at least two substantive comments on colleagues comments during the week.

Social Media: 20 pts total

- Participate in the discussion of social media for leadership on April 15 and follow up by experimenting with a form of social media. If the pandemic has already led you to try a new form of social media or to use a familiar form in new ways, you can reflect on that practice. If not, try a new platform (Twitter? Snapchat? Instagram? ...). In choosing one, it makes sense to think about what platforms people in your community, or your professional peers, use. Or you might think about what platforms people you want to reach, or in communities you want to join, are using. Try out the technology, begin to follow and respond to people who use it. Begin to express yourself through on the platform. Write a 4 – 5 page reflection for the instructor. 20 pts, Due May 14.

Interview a Leader: 20 pts

- Choose a leader in an area of ministry 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,
 - and how this has changed during COVID19.
 - What new practices will they continue after the pandemic?

(This will likely take several phone or Zoom conversations and may require some follow up which might be by email.)

- Prepare a presentation for the class that presents your leader's insights and analyses them in light of the challenges religious leaders face in digital culture, and reflects on what you have learned about leadership from the conversations. This presentation could be a recorded video in which you talk directly to us, a text and image presentation using PowerPoint or other presentation software presentation (with or without voice over), a short paper(4 – 5 pages), or other format negotiated with the instructor. Email your presentation to jmahan@iliff.edu no later than end of day Sunday, May 1st who will post it in Canvas for class discussion during the week of May 2 – 7th. Respond to questions and discussions in Canvas. Due Sunday, May 1st.

Final Short paper: 30 pts

- Write an 8-page (masters) or 10 pg. (DMin) reflection on your own current or future leadership in ministry. Considering how ideas about leadership, religious identity formation, community/networks, digital culture, and the nature and mission of the church shape your thinking about your vocation. Due Monday, May 24. (**Potential graduates, must submit by noon on May 20.**)

Format Expectations: Please double space and use a readable 12-point font such as Times New Roman. Where notation may be required, I am open to any system your familiar with and use consistently.

Grades:

Late Participation/Papers: Because the Canvas discussions depend on the presence of the entire class, participation points will be reduced for late posts. The grade will also be reduced for papers turned in late. In the event of extenuating circumstances please contact the instructor prior to the due date.

Final grades as follows:

A	94 - 100
A-	91 - 93
B+	89 - 90
B	84 – 88
B-	81 - 83
C+	78 - 80
C	73 - 77
D	63 - 72