COURSE NAME: CONGREGATIONAL STUDIES
COURSE CODE: CS400
COURSE CREDIT: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This is a final year course for students preparing for full time ministry. As the congregation is at the heart of ministry, students need to examine the dynamics that exist in congregations. Students will examine congregational life in relation to the doctrine of Ecclesiology and their own experience. Students will discuss issues affecting congregations in the light of recent research. At the end of this two semester course students will complete a study of a congregation of their choice.

AIM:
- To analyze and understand the social dynamics of the congregation.
- To examine the doctrine of Ecclesiology and how it impacts on congregational life.
- To complete a major research project using criteria and skills developed in class.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Students will be able to:
- Reflect theologically on what congregations do.
- Have an understanding of the different aspects of congregational life.
- Read, evaluate and engage the context of a congregation and its community with particular sensitivity to culture, conflict issues, leadership issues, and pastoral care.
- Develop leadership skills for congregational ministry.

COURSE CONTENT:
The task of Theological Reflection
Ecclesiology – Church doctrine
Ecclesiology-models of the church
Ecclesiology & Congregational Life
Theology in the congregation
The Congregation in our context
Telling Congregational stories
Starting a congregational profile
Congregational conflict
Congregational growth
Congregational transformation
Congregational leadership
Doing a Congregational study
COURSE TEXTS:

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:
Lectures
Power Point presentations
Student presentations
Class discussions

COURSE ASSESSMENT:
Student presentations  20%
Final Paper  80%
TOTAL 100%

Final paper on a congregational study at the end of second semester will be not less than 25 pages, Times New Roman, double space, letter size.