The Spring 2006 Integrative Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at the Seminary campus. The theme of the day will be *Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be: Engaging Sin and Evil in the Life of the Church.* The focus will be on how leadership must discern and respond to the nature of evil in congregational life as an outcome of personal and corporate sin. The Integrative Seminar is a required educational event for all students who will be taking classes on campus during the Spring 2006 term unless they will be at the new Student Orientation the previous weekend. All students will be asked to prepare a pre-seminar assignment that will be brought with them to the event (see second page). Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

**Parking Protocol.** Due to the growth of our student body, our facilities will be crowded. To insure adequate and convenient parking, students are encouraged to “car-pool” with other students whenever it is feasible. The use of reserved parking at SIM will require shuttle service. Plan to arrive early to avoid delays (8:30 a.m.)

**Weather Policy.** As we enter the winter months, it is important that everyone be aware of procedures for inclement weather. If there is a threat to the Charlotte area that makes for unsafe driving conditions, please call the Seminary directly at (704) 527-9909. If you are calling after office hours, a message will be left on the general voice mail box with instructions about the event. A cancellation of classes policy is in the catalog.

**Attendance Requirement.** Since this is a required academic event, failure to attend unless for valid personal or health reasons will require a make-up assignment that will include the required pre-assignment work, an additional reflection paper, and a make up fee. Students who are not able to attend should e-mail Dr. Klipowicz to notify the Seminary of your absence.

**Student Services.** The Bookstore and some student services (course registrations and returned coursework) will be available during the Seminar.

**Guests.** Bringing a guest (spouse or mentor) is acceptable. In order to help with planning, please contact Dr. Klipowicz to register your guest. **Due to limited space and facilities, children should not be brought to the event!**

If you have any additional comments or questions contact:
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PRE-SEMINAR ASSIGNMENT

All students attending the Spring Integrative Seminar should prepare for the event by completing the following:

Carefully read *Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be* by Cornelius Plantinga. This excellent introduction to the theology of sin was awarded Christianity Today’s Book of the Year award in 1996. Copies of the book will be available in the Seminary bookstore.

Prepare a short (2-3 pages) personal case story describing a situation or experience in which you encountered sin/evil in the life of the church or a Christian ministry. Your account should include needed background and a description of the actual occurrence. As the account will be shared with other students, make sure you write about an event that you are willing to discuss and can protect the anonymity of participants by changing the names of people and organizations.

In addition to the written case description, please write out and bring your responses to the following reflection questions:

A. What insights to your case can you glean from the themes and concepts regarding sin presented in Plantinga’s book?

B. How has your encounter with sin in the church influenced you as a person? As a minister or counselor?

C. What lesson or truth have you learned as a result of your encounter?

The following preparations should be done before the seminar and a copy of all written work brought to the event. Completing the pre-seminar assignment will not be adequate for credit if a student cannot make it to the event!

*For questions or comments regarding the assignment, contact Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowi@gcts.edu.*