

Dear Practicum II Participants:

Our first weekend class is scheduled for the evening of Sept. 30 and Saturday October 1, 2005. I am looking forward to working with each of you as you enter into the Practicum II process. As you are now aware, after the Practicum I process, that this can be a very meaningful and transformative experience!

In order to more fully engage in our time together, it is critical that you do the following preparatory work **BEFORE** we meet on **Friday, September 30, 2005.**

1. The **FIRST** session of the class will be **Friday evening, September 30 at 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday October 1, 9:00-3:30 pm. Hunthausen Hall. McGoldrick Commons.**
2. *The second session to be held during the spring quarter will be determined by the group during the first session.*
3. There is no formal syllabus for Practicum II other than the Student Manual.
4. The “Student Manual: Practicum II” is available through the Seattle University’s Reproduction Department (206-296-6180). This manual is **YOUR** roadmap through the process. The manual is about 60 pages. **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING IT TO THE FIRST SESSION.** The Reproduction Services Department will gladly mail it to you for a fee.

You can also obtain the **MANUAL** by downloading it from the **STM** website under the Field Education heading. Look for the Practicum II subheading.

5. Turn to **PAGE 19** of the **MANUAL**. There you will find the **working bibliography** for the course. **Begin reading the MANUAL** and the required texts. Please read the first **FOUR** chapters of Parker Palmer’s book “A Hidden Wholeness.”
6. **Enter into the process** beginning on page 20 of the Manual. You will need to purchase a notebook/journal to record your responses to the questions posed. **Work your way through to page 25.** We will be working with these questions and your reflections on our

weekend together. ***As you know, the more preparatory work you do the richer the Practicum experience will be.***

7. BEFORE coming to the first session on Friday evening, turn to pages 35-36. There is a Check list there for you to use to make certain you are prepared for the class.

I would highly recommend that you reflect on where your Practicum I covenant lead you. You may discover in the good work you did last year the seeds for your Practicum II focus.

I am looking forward to our time together and the work we will do in developing our professional identities and pastoral call. If you have any questions, Please feel free to call me at 206-296-6936 or e-mail me at vlesniak@seattleu.edu.

Blessings on you as you begin this Practicum II process. Enjoy these last days of summer!

Namaste,

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