

SPRING SEMESTER SEMINARIAN SITE STUDY AND REFLECTION

5-7 pages, 12 pt. font, double-spaced.

SECTION I: SITE AND SYSTEM STUDY (approximately 2 pages)

To develop the habit of understanding your parish or organization as a system, to get a sense of their thinking, and to affiliate, describe your Site using the questions below.

- *For quantitative elements-* try for precision but accept rough estimates when exact detail is not available.
- *For interpretive elements-* realize there is always more to discover, this is an ongoing process, and this is your impression and theological reflection at this moment.

QUESTIONS (ANSWER ALL)

1. What is the stated mission of this Site?
2. How does the Site support its stated mission:
 - a. Financially (i.e., How does the budget reflect or diverge from the stated mission)?
 - b. Educationally (i.e., How do education programs reflect or diverge from the stated mission)?
 - c. Physically (i.e., How does buildings and grounds usage reflect or diverge from the stated mission)?
3. Who has decision-making influence, both formally and informally, on site?
4. Whether or not it's the same as the stated mission, what does the lived mission suggest about their theology?
5. Name three gifts (strengths) of this Site to its members and neighborhood.
6. How do my learning goals fit with my Site's vision and mission?
 - What skills do I need to develop to meet learning goals in this context?

SECTION II: ON SITE PERSONAL LEADERSHIP REFLECTION (2 pages) (**choose one**)

QUESTIONS

1. Share one or two highlights from the teaching ministry on site.
 - a. What are some of my growing edges with respect to teaching?
 - b. How will I continue to develop?
2. *If applicable:* Share two or three highlights from preaching on site.
 - a. What are my growing edges with respect to preaching?
 - b. How will I continue to develop?
3. What growing edges, if any, have I discovered in CXM to date? *Identify and explain.*
 - What is one resource I believe may help addressing this?
4. If there has been conflict in any relationships on site:
 - a. What did I learned about myself with respect to conflict? *Identify and explain.*
 - b. What is one resource that may assist in resolving conflicts within a system?
5. Have I engaged the wider community while on site? How?

- What insights have I gained about engaging in mission, especially with those with differing perspectives? (e.g., “spiritual, but not religious” or culturally diverse communities).
6. Has CXM changed and/or enhanced my understanding of leadership? How?

SECTION III: REFLECTION ON THE CONTEXTUAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE (2 pages) (**choose one**)

QUESTIONS

1. What has this experience taught me about myself and my relationship with God?
2. How has my CXM experience sustained, enhanced, and/or changed my image of God? *Explain.*
3. Which, if any, of my theological beliefs have been challenged? How did I respond?
4. Which, if any, of my beliefs about the Church have been challenged? How did I respond?
5. What do I affirm about the supervisory relationship?
6. What epiphanies have I had in a supervisory session?
 - What did I learn about ministry, leadership in general, or my own leadership?
7. What will I take from the Supervisor’s wisdom and experience into ministry after graduation?
8. What experience(s) would I have liked to, but did not have?
9. Has CXM prepared me to transition to ministry after graduation?
 - If so, how? If not, how could the program improve?

If you are preparing for ordination...

10. Reflecting on transition from lay to ordained ministry, share a story about an ancestor in faith from *The Holy Bible*, *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* or *Holy Women*, *Holy Men* or other resources in Christian tradition that helps to understand and/or navigate this transition.
 - How is this story a helpful resource in formation for ordained ministry?

If you are leaving your Site after the Spring Semester...

11. Was I intentional about saying goodbye to Supervisor, Lay Support Team, and community?
 - If so, how? If not, how can I still engage the work of leaving well?
12. What has saying goodbye to Supervisor, Lay Support Team, and community taught me about myself with respect to:
 - Endings
 - Leaving well
 - Leadership

SEMINARIAN SITE STUDY AND REFLECTION

NAME: _____ **SUPERVISOR:** _____

SITE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSE

Please type below a brief response to the reflection paper your Seminarian submitted to you for your review and discussion. The response should be 3-4 sentences, double spaced, 12 pt. font.