TO: DMin students registered for online DMin Project Course

FR: Dr. Fortson

RE: Info on upcoming course

Looking forward to our time together in the DMin Project course. The course will be released in Canvas on July 30 with all info available to you at that time – including the syllabus. You’ll receive directions for each element of the course which will walk you through the process of writing a Project Proposal at the end of the course. The course will be six-months (from July 30 to January 15) so you’ll have significant time to work on the course requirements, including reading.

The course will have a unique format – due dates for assignments will be spread throughout the six months of the course; it will imperative that you stay on track in assignments by due dates so that you can turn in your completed Project Proposal by the end of the course.

I will be your primary instructor in the first half of the course, and then you’ll work with another RTS professor for the second half depending on your course topic. Todd Whiting of the Global Campus with be the course TA who will assist me/you with technical questions in Canvas as well as keep us on track with the course requirements.

There are only two required texts for the course – the first one is very short, and the second one is a reference tool only but you’ll need to refer to it repeatedly. You may go ahead and purchase the books (many of you likely already have Turabian – any edition will work) but it is not necessary before January 30. Here are the two books:

Kibble, Michael. *From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research*. Downers Grove, IL:

InterVarsity Press, 2016.

Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th ed Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

Looking forward to our interaction online!

Please Note: The last day to drop this class will be August 31. Please be mindful of the course requirements and due dates as any extensions will result in the regular DMin Extension Fee.