Interreligious Understanding Program

“Contemporary Christian Traditions” course

The second course of the Interreligious Understanding Program at PTS, “Contemporary Christian Traditions” will be taught by Dr. Ellen Blue, Mouzon Biggs, Jr. Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies at PTS, and will begin October 4.

Students will be introduced to the Greek Orthodox tradition with a field trip to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Orthodox churches are constructed so as to highlight the beautiful icons which serve a teaching as well as a devotional purpose. Students will become acquainted with the art of iconography and its use in Christian spirituality.

The class will visit the Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and hear the story of her appearance in this hemisphere in 1531. The shrine has a wonderful copy of the image of Our Lady on Juan Diego’s cloak which is housed in her basilica in Mexico City. Tulsa has the only official shrine to the Guadalupe in mid-America.

“We will also explore several Protestant expressions of Christianity. The class is intended to give persons who are not Christians a basic overview of how that religion is practiced today, and also give Christians the opportunity to learn about other traditions within their own faith. Oftentimes the best way to reflect on our own beliefs is to spend some time learning how others express theirs. The rich variety of Christian churches here in Tulsa provides a fertile field for this kind of study.” — Dr. Ellen Blue

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Classes will be held on the scheduled Thursday evening from 6:15—9:00 p.m.

October 4: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #1
October 11: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #2
October 18: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #3
October 25: No class (Day of Atonement: Islam)
November 1: No class
November 8: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #4
November 15: No class (Islamic New Year begins)
November 22: No class (U.S. Thanksgiving Day)
November 29: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #5
December 6: Contemporary Christian Traditions class #6

Classes will meet at the Phillips Theological Seminary campus
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