Attached is the PALMER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY summer term 2015 information sheet, with an accompanying registration form.

The purpose of this document is to enable students to determine what courses they will take during the summer, to register for those courses, and to determine what courses they will need in the subsequent fall semester. This year we are offering required courses and electives during the month of June.

Intensive Course Requirements
Summer term courses are intensive. Classes for each course normally run for one full week, except for language courses and a few other courses which run as noted. Pre-course assignments are required in all intensive courses, unless noted. Post-course assignments are required in all 3-credit courses. They are also required in 1- and 2-credit courses unless the student has sufficient time during the week to fulfill course requirements. The proportion of pre- and post-course assignments is approximately 1/3 and 2/3 respectively. Textbooks are available from the online bookstore.

Registration
Palmer Masters students may register online for Summer term coursework with their advisor during the registration period running through May 1. Paper registration forms will also be available and accepted through May 1; students in a degree program at Palmer must obtain their academic advisor’s signature if they submit a paper registration form. For CPC and CPE courses, a completed approval form must accompany the registration form (obtainable from the Supervised Ministries Office). Students wishing to take a course for units of credit beyond what is published must meet eligibility requirements for Independent Studies as outlined in the Student Handbook, and must make the appropriate arrangements and complete a Learning Contract for Independent Studies with the instructor. The Learning Contract must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office by the end of the first day of class for consideration. Additional course credits are at the instructor’s discretion. Registrations for summer courses (including CPC, CPE, and independent study proposals) will not be accepted after Friday, May 1.

Payment
Include appropriate payments. Students enrolled in a degree program at Palmer will receive invoices through the Business Office. Each student must include a non-refundable registration fee of $25.00. Continuing Education students must include tuition costs with application form.
FOUR WEEK COURSES

June 1-26
(Four weeks, ONLINE course)

• **THLE-6310 Persevering Hope: The Problem of Evil and Suffering.** The daily news is filled with reports that may provoke questions about the goodness of God. If God is good, then why does God allow people to do evil things? If God is good, then why does God allow so much suffering? People in professional ministry are regularly faced with these and related questions arising both from our personal experiences and the personal experiences of those whom we serve. The purpose of this course is to equip the participants and those they serve in ministry to persevere in hope in the face of personal encounters with evil and suffering. **Prerequisites: THLE-520 Systematic Theology & Ethics: Vision of Community; AND EITHER BIBL-511 Old Testament Historical Books OR BIBL-512 Gospels and Acts. Three credits. Advanced Theology and Ethics Topic, Bible, or Theology elective. Dr. Donald Brash**

ONE- AND TWO-WEEK INTENSIVES

June 1-5
Monday – Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
(One week, five class sessions)

• **CHHM-530 Christian World Mission (West Virginia and Philadelphia Students).** An interdisciplinary introduction to the Church in mission around the world. Overview of the biblical and theological foundations for Christian mission and the historical development of models of missionary practice in light of anthropological and sociological perspectives. Analysis of key contemporary issues determined by the emergence of non-Western churches and the new local and global partnerships required to face obstacles and opportunities in the current century. **Prerequisite: THLE-520 Systematic Theology & Ethics: Vision of Community. Three credits. Core required course. Dr. Ben Hartley**

• **PRMN-644 Trauma-Free Zone? Psycho-Spiritual Resources for a Traumatized World.** What constitutes trauma? What is the impact of trauma on the bodies, minds, souls, and relational lives of individuals and communities? Given the pervasive nature of violence in the contemporary world, can we imagine ever standing in a Trauma-Free Zone? Beyond clinical and therapeutic resources, what spiritual resources are there for us to engage a traumatized world, and restore it to its intended beauty and wholeness? In this course we will seek to understand the severe disruption that traumatic experience can cause in the lives of individuals, communities, and countries. We will accomplish this task by studying trauma theory and by practicing basic assessment skills. Also, we will explore some of the rich resources available in our Christian tradition, and seek to learn from mystical and relational theologies how to move from brokenness to wholeness, from the “Good Friday” of traumatic disruption, to the “Resurrection Sunday” of re-integration and post-traumatic recovery. The course is designed for students, lay and clergy pastors who are interested in making a difference in their personal and family life, in their congregations, in their communities, and in the aftercare needs of survivors of human trafficking. **No prerequisites. Three credits. Counseling or Practice of Ministry elective. Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese**
June 8-12
Monday – Friday, at times noted
(One week, five class sessions)

- **BIBL-609 Mission Beginnings in Genesis.** When Jesus sent his followers to bear witness to the ends of the earth (Acts 1) and to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28), he was building upon the centuries-long work God had been doing with the children of Abraham. This course will include inductive study of the Genesis account of God’s work in and through Abraham, as well as reading in contemporary mission studies, in order to help participants reflect on their own ministries in the light of God's desire to bless all the families of the earth. **No prerequisites. Three credits. Bible elective. 8:30 am-5:00 pm.** Dr. Stanley Slade

- **PRMN-522 Boundaries and Systems for Ministry.** The course seeks to develop a systemic understanding of how clearer boundaries are a foundational component of a healthier ministry. Throughout this course, the Seminarian will develop an increased awareness of the life-long process of personal and professional boundary setting by applying specific Systems Theories and concepts to the analysis of her/his own ministerial context and roles. **Prerequisites: SFRM-510 Spiritual Formation AND PRMN-510 Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling. Three credits. Core required course. 8:30 am-5:00 pm.** Dr. Timothy Pretz

- **INTG-525 Integrating Social Work and Ministry: Spiritual and Religious Assessment.** Through small group discussion, presentation of case studies, written work, role play and lecture students will consider how a social worker can work within different religious traditions. We will study the basic belief systems of Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity and nonspecific Spirituality. We will examine how a nonprofit, faith based or public social worker can support a client who is of a different religious tradition and assess how spirituality can impact the healing process. We will discuss the challenge and importance of not imposing one’s own belief system upon the client. Students will also debrief and discuss their experiences at social work school or in the dual degree program over the past academic year. They will relate how they are developing their professional/personal selves through reflection upon the last year’s field work, church experiences, social work and ministry studies. Students will also explore ethical dilemmas they have faced. **No prerequisites. This class is open to all M.Div./M.S.W. students and is required for M.Div./M.S.W. students who are entering social work school in the Fall of 2015, who are already in social work school or who are returning to the seminary in the Fall of 2015. Auditors are welcome at the discretion of the instructor. 1.5 credits. Evenings, 5:30 pm-9:30 pm.** Dr. Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco

June 15-19
Monday – Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
(One week, five class sessions)

- **PRMN-629 Biblical Storytelling.** “Biblical Storytelling is a spiritual discipline that entails the lively interpretation, expression and animation of a narrative text of the Old and New Testament that has been first deeply internalized and is then remembered, embodied, breathe and voiced by a teller/performer as a sacred event in community with an audience/congregation.” (Master Storyteller, Dennis Dewey). The story once embodied and shared beyond the four walls of sanctuary enables us to share the gospel. It becomes in essence a “storied spirituality” in which the teller and listener become engaged in a
“language event” which acts as an experiential vehicle of God’s Kingdom. (Ian Scott) Prerequisite: BIBL-510 Old Testament Pentateuch OR BIBL-512 Gospels and Acts. Two units. Bible or Practice of Ministry elective. Dr. Deborah Winters and Rev. Cynthia Pollard

June 15-26
Monday – Thursday evenings 5:00-9:30pm
(Two weeks, eight class sessions)

- **PRMN615 Nuts and Bolts of Practical Ministry.** This course introduces students to the practical skills and pastoral dynamics of ministry. We will take a nuts and bolts approach to issues and tasks pastors face every day. Some of the topics we will cover are: developing and living within the church budget, administration of the church office, relating to staff members, developing and implementing new programs, training leaders, changing and or adding new worship services, and a strategy for the first year in a new pastorate. Prerequisite: At least 16 units/24 credit hours of coursework completed. Three credits. Practice of Ministry elective. Rev. Jana Purkis-Brash

June 22-26
Monday – Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
(One week, five class sessions)

- **SFRM-618 Journeys in Spiritual Care and Transformation.** Building upon the spiritual principles and practices introduced in SFRM510 Spiritual Formation, this course guides students into a deeper engagement with their transformative spiritual journey. Students will reflect upon their current personal journeys, and engage in practices that encourage spiritual self-care and draw them into deeper intimacy with God "for the sake of others." Note: the course will be taught in a retreat format, which will take place at a local retreat center. There will be an additional cost for accommodations and meals at the retreat center. Prerequisite: SFRM510 Spiritual Formation; students who have not completed SFRM510 may be admitted to the course with permission of the professor, and may be required to complete additional pre-class work. Three credits. Practice of Ministry elective. Enrollment limited to 15. Rev. Phaedra Blocker

OTHER SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUPV-522 Clinical Pastoral Care Practicum.** Pastoral visitation in a hospital or other institutional setting under clinical supervision. Verbatim reports, reading critiques, supervision, peer discussion and in-service learning experiences are included in the program. At least 160 hours of supervised learning is required. Core M.Div., M.T.S. Christian Counseling requirement. See Supervised Ministries Office for additional information. Three credits. Supervised Ministries

- **SUPV-532 Clinical Pastoral Education.** One half of a basic unit of supervised clinical pastoral education in certified CPE centers. The program includes verbatim writing, lectures, on-call involvement, peer process group, individual supervision and in-service learning experiences. Can substitute for the required SUPV-522; M.Div. students who pursue a full basic CPE unit (six Palmer credit hours, 400 contact hours) can use this to also satisfy their second year requirement of Theological Field Education (SUPV-530/531). Core M.Div./M.T.S. Christian Counseling requirement option. See Supervised Ministries Office for additional information. Three or six credits. Supervised Ministries
**SUMMER TERM 2015 COSTS**

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**REFUND POLICY**

Any student dropping a course **must** do so through the Registrar’s Office; no course is officially dropped **except** through that office. A full refund of tuition will be given if the course is dropped before the first class session. The $25 registration fee is non-refundable.

Academic Credit and Audit students who officially withdraw from a course after the first class session are granted refunds according to the Refund Schedule in the Catalog.

There is no refund for Continuing Education students who withdraw after the first class.
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Your Signature: ________________________________ Date: ____________________

Advisor’s Signature (Required of degree students only): ________________________________ Date: ____________________

*Registrar’s Office copy of completed Supervised Ministries approval form must be attached.
**Completed Learning Contract for Independent Studies must be attached.