APPLICATION

Seminar on Youth Ministry and Practical Theology: Passion, Joy and Adolescence
EF5342 – 2-credit hours
EF5343 (travel) – 1-credit hour (must be taken in conjunction with EF5342)

An advanced practical theological exploration of the relationship between passion, joy, and adolescence, and faith practices that facilitate joy and adolescent flourishing. EF5342 is offered for 2-credit hours; students wishing to receive an additional 1-credit hour must also enroll in EF5343, which enables them to participate in and reflect upon a program on passion, joy and adolescence sponsored by Yale Divinity School’s “Joy and Adolescent Flourishing” project at YDS on Wednesday, November 2. Prerequisite: EF2352 or EF5353; enrollment limited to twelve students, by application. Application should be sent to Ms. Kristin Franke, Kristin.franke@ptsem.edu.

1. Why do you want to focus on joy, passion, and adolescents for a semester?

2. Have you read any theologians who have informed your thinking about joy or passion (not counting K.C. Dean)? What captivated you?

3. What courses on youth ministry have you had (at PTS or elsewhere?)

4. Have you worked in youth ministry? (If yes, describe)

5. If you’ve taken the enneagram: what is your highest number and what did you learn from it?
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Ecologies of Faith Formation
EF1520 – 3-credit hours

This course explores how people come to faith in community. Using their own faith stories as texts—and using farming practices that cultivate life as metaphors for practices that awaken faith as a “fruit of the spirit”—students will explore the interconnected webs that help faith grow using the lenses of religious socialization, faith development, situated learning, and transformative learning theories. The class itself will be treated as a micro-ecology of faith formation, meeting in 6 6-hour blocks at the Farminary. Each class will include hands-on farm work, academic reflection, and a pot luck dinner, rain or shine. Class is scheduled as follows:

- Friday, September 9, 5:30-7:30pm – on campus
- Monday, September 12, 2:00-8:00pm (pot luck) – at the Farminary
- Monday, September 19, 2:00-8:00pm (pot luck) – at the Farminary
- Monday, September 26, 2:00-8:00pm (pot luck) – at the Farminary
- Monday, October 3, 2:00-8:00pm (pot luck) – at the Farminary
- Monday, October 10, 3:00-6:00pm (pot luck) – at the Farminary

Students will travel by bus to North Carolina; leaving noon on Friday and returning Sunday night. Tentative travel dates, Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9. Priority will be given to first year and M.A. students. Enrollment is limited to twenty students by application. Application should be sent to Ms. Kristin Franke, Kristin.franke@ptsem.edu.