

guide students to plan wreath blessings, candle lighting rituals and other services to prepare their congregations to celebrate Christmas and Kwanzaa. *Rawn Harbor, MTS*

## 2019 Degree Course Offerings

**JULY 1 - JULY 19, 2019**

**IBTH 5010 Black Approaches to Theology.** Stresses the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology; the reasons justifying its existence and its relationship to other theologies within the Roman Catholic Tradition. Required for all new students. (3 units) *Modeste Malu Nyimi, PhD*

**IBTH 5020 History of Black Catholicism.** Explores the role played by Blacks in Catholicism from the beginning of the Church, with special emphasis on the presence and contributions of Blacks to Roman Catholicism in the United States. (3 units) *Cecilia Moore, PhD*

**IBTH 5440 The Spirituals.** Studies a broad range of the black sacred songs known as the "Spirituals." Focus is placed on their origins, meanings, and purposes. Emphasis is also given to their importance in the foundation of African American culture and Christianity; and their possible uses in worship and pastoral ministry. (3 units) *Rev. Dwight Webster, PhD*

**IBTH 5030 Black Approaches to Scripture.** Black history, culture, and experience are presented as a locus for responding to the Word of Scripture. Methods and tools of biblical exegesis are introduced; similarities between biblical mentality and Black mentality, and problem texts are also discussed. Core Course. (3 units) *Gilberto Ruiz, PhD*

**IBTH 5425 Slave Narratives.** The course traces the themes of transcendence, self-determination and cultural transmissions outside the ordinary avenues of traditional culture. From classic slave narratives to more recent manifestations of African American imaginative work, there is an unbroken thread of cultural awareness and human dignity that guides the understanding of African American culture and religious sensibilities. (3 units) *Ernest Gibson, PhD*

**IBTH 5997 Integrative Colloquium.** Students learn to enter more deeply into a way of thinking, reflecting, conversing, and writing about questions and issues that emerge from their ministry and ministerial research. They are assisted to meet the goal of preparing successful drafts of (a) the major theological research paper and (b) the Practicum proposal. (3 units) *Albertina Walker-Hughey, PhD*

**IBTH 5999 Qualifying Examination.** (0 units) *Schedule TBD*

**IBTH 6000 Practicum** (6 units) *Schedule TBD*

**IBTH 7000 Comprehensive.** (0 units) *Schedule TBD*



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