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**PT 102:Anthropological approach to pastoral care**

**RATIONALE**

This course is of fundamental importance since we are called to minister to all nations. Thus the study will enhance your interest in and respect for other people's culture and equip you with skills of dealing with different ethnic groups and thereby extend your ego boundary and increase your self knowledge and self identity. The study will endeavor to answer a profound question which is posed by the Psalmist: *What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of many that you care for him?*

**OBJECTIVE**

We will view the pastoral ministry from the perspective of the rites of passage and focus on the recurring experiences which are inherent to community and individual life cycle

**STRATEGY**

We will discuss the motifs which were externalized and ritualized by the initiation rites to adulthood. We will employ Gikuyu initiation, which was community rite per excellence, as the means of understanding the rhythms of human life. The topics to be covered include human sexuality, individuality, communality structure and antistructure, division of labor, lostness, pain, the Tree of God, the Great Mother and the Great Father.

**EVALUATION**

1. The student must submit 1-3 page paper on the **required reading** indicating personal impression about the over all message of the work, how reading was of benefit to you, as well as what you found challenging in the reading as well as identifying **your preference** in Chapter on Division of Labor. The way you answer the question on these pages do not affect your grade. Be as honest as possible. This test is intended to help you identify your personality type.
2. Write a 10-12(undergraduate) 12-20(graduate) 1.5 spaced term paper on one of your rites of passages(e.g. Graduating from high school or college, marriage, divorce, death of a loved one, moving from one country to another or one denomination to another. The paper must identify three phases of the rites of passage: separation, transition and incorporation and recommended pastoral action (what you would have expected from your pastor.) Use the insight from *Initiation and Pastoral Psychology* to interpret you passage. All the assignments are due no later than 60 days after enrollment..

**TEXT BOOK**

John G Githiga. *Initiation and Pastoral Psychology*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Booksurge, 2009.the book is available at >[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)>

**RECOMMENDED**

James E Griffins. *Anglican Theology and Pastoral Care*. Wilton, Morehouse.1983  
Charles V Gerkin. *Crisis Experiences in Modern Life*. Nashville. Abingdon, 1979

Submit your work electronically as an attachment to [bishopjoni@yahoo.com](mailto:bishopjoni@yahoo.com) .  
ACCIU grading system will be employed.

