

To: DMin students registered for online DMin Project Course 03DM8990  
From: Dr. Fortson  
Re: Information on 03DM8990

**\*\*Please note:** You must complete 7 DMin courses (21 credits) *before* enrolling in this course.\*\*

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I am looking forward to our time together in the *Doctoral Project and Research Methodologies* course. The course will be released on July 30 with all info available to you at that time – including the syllabus. You'll receive directions for each element of the course which will walk you through the process of writing a Project Proposal at the end of the course. The course will be six months long (from July 30 – Jan 15) so you will have significant time to work on the course requirements, including reading. Remember that all coursework will be submitted through the Canvas classroom. This course is different from your other DMin courses in that you will have due dates for each assignment throughout the course rather than just due dates at the end of the course.

I will be your primary instructor in the first half of the course, and then you'll work with another RTS professor for the second half depending on your course topic. Evan Frazier of the Global Campus will be the course TA who will assist you with technical questions in Canvas as well as keep us on track with the course requirements.

There are only two required texts for the course – the first one is very short, and the second one is a reference tool only but you'll need to refer to it repeatedly. You may go ahead and purchase the books (many of you likely already have Turabian – any edition will work) but it is not necessary before July 30. Here are the two books:

Kibble, Michael. *From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2016.

Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed  
Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

Looking forward to our interaction online!

Please Note:

*The last day to drop this class will be August 31.* Please be mindful of the course requirements and due dates as any extensions will result in the regular DMin Extension Fee.