

**Petition for Chapel Attendance Alternative Fall 2017**

**\*\*The last day to apply for a chapel attendance alternative for Fall 2017 semester is September 30th, 2017.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On-campus mailbox #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have received an attendance alternative in the past (Please list the semester)** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Simpson University Chapel is a valued part of a student's educational experience at Simpson University. More than a week-day version of church, it is an important place for information and transformation associated with living out the Christian life. It is where "our hearts and minds encounter God." This is why Simpson University has an attendance requirement for full-time students (66% of chapels), and why chapel attendance alternatives are granted for extreme cases only.*

**Are you requesting a FULL or PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative?**

**FULL:** I will not be able to attend any Wed/Fri chapels and I will complete chapel attendance alternatives (any combination of attending alternative chapels, listen/respond to online chapel messages, and/or selected article reflections)

**PARTIAL:** I will attend at least 9 Wed/Fri chapels, and complete 8 chapel attendance alternatives (any combination of attending alternative chapels, listen/respond to online chapel messages, and/or selected article reflections). OR Half of my required chapels.

**Reason for requesting a chapel attendance alternative: (use back of page if needed)**

**Work - Please list your work schedule and how many hours you work per week and what days.**

**Commuter - Do you commute to school? If so from where?**

**Medical – Please list any conditions you have and provide documentation**

**Family – Please explain family related needs that would exclude your participation in chapel**

**Other – Please list other reasons in detail.**

## **The Chapel Attendance Alternative**

Campus chapel at Simpson University is geared to intentionally develop the life of our community through meaningful worship, inspirational messages, and opportunities to share our spiritual journeys. It is a central part of our life together. Chapel normally convenes two times weekly (Wednesday, and Friday from 10:20 am to 11:20 am) providing opportunity for community worship, inspiration, and spiritual instruction.

Under extreme circumstances, we understand some students may not be able to attend chapel for the required amount (66%). Therefore, we offer to them a Chapel Attendance Alternative in order that you may still benefit from this vital aspect of the Simpson University experience. When you listen to chapels on-line, although you will miss out on the community aspect, you will still have the opportunity to hear the same message as the rest of the student body. We have also selected specific articles for you to read or videos to watch that also touch upon the same topics we will focus on in chapel this semester. You may also attend any of our alternative chapels.

### **FULL Chapel Attendance Alternative Requirements:**

**You must complete 17 alternatives (any combo of alternative chapels, audio messages, or chapel articles listed below)**

#### **1. Alternative Chapels:**

Please remember, you can always receive chapel credit by attending the variety of alternative chapel opportunities on campus They include:

1. UNITE - Mondays @ 8:30pm in the Prayer Chapel (Starts Sept. 18th)
2. Special evening chapels - Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> (details in chapel schedule, which can be found at <http://simpsonu.edu/chapel>)
3. Women Made Well events (See Wellness Center for details)

#### **2. Chapel Podcast Reflection Papers:**

Listen to **up to 13** individual chapel messages (they must be from the current semester) and write a **300 word** reflection paper on each session. Visit [www.simpsonu.edu/chapel](http://www.simpsonu.edu/chapel) to find the iTunes link for Simpson University Chapels. The chapels should be available on-line within a week.

Each reflection paper should include your name, the date of the chapel, word count, and an acknowledgment that you listened to the entire chapel message. Suggestions for the content of the reflection paper:

- *What did the Lord have for you in the chapel message? Was the Lord speaking anything to you?*
- *One aspect that challenged/helped you in the message (or an aspect you disagreed with)*
- *One way you will apply something from the chapel session to your life.*

#### **3. Readings and Reflection Papers**

Reading #1: Meeks, Chad. Vaster Than The Ancients Imagined. *Christianity Today*. October, 2016. p. 70-71

Kandiah, Krish. When God Does the Unexpected – Learning to Worship a God Who is Consistently Unpredictable. *Christianity Today*. March, 2017. p. 52-55

**Due October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Reading #2: Willard, Dallas. Chapter 6: Knowledge of Christ in the Spiritual Life. *Knowing Christ Today*. p. 139-167

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Reading #4: Miller, Donald. Chapter 20: Jesus – The Lines on His Face. *Blue Like Jazz*. p. 233-240

**Due December 6<sup>th</sup>**

You may also read each of the assigned articles and write a **300 word** reflection paper on each one. You can download the four articles from the “17FA Chapel Attendance” course in Moodle.

Each article reflection paper should include your name, date, word count, title and author of the article, and an acknowledgment that you read the entire article. Suggestions for the content of the article reflection paper:

- *What did the Lord have for you in the chapel message? Was the Lord speaking anything to you?*
- *Your response to the article (points of agreement or disagreement)*
- *A significant quote(s) that especially challenged/helped you*
- *How the content of this reading applies to your current situation in life*

### **Due Dates for FULL Chapel Attendance Alternative Papers:**

1. **Due October 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- 4 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Paper #1 (Meeks & Kandiah Articles)

2. **Due November 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- 5 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Papers #2 & #3 (Williard Chapter; Kristian interview)

3. **Due December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 4 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Paper #4 (Miller chapter)

**Please turn in all papers to Kevin Bennie in the Student Development Office (OC 206)**

Or e-mail them to [kbennie@simpsonu.edu](mailto:kbennie@simpsonu.edu)

### **Consequences for Late or Incomplete Work**

Due to the constraints of the office work schedule of Spiritual Formation, work that is turned in late runs the risk of not being counted. Students who fail to complete the required work of the Chapel Attendance Alternative will be given a chapel warning, chapel probation, or chapel suspension for the semester, whichever is applicable (see the student handbook at [www.simpsonu.edu/handbook](http://www.simpsonu.edu/handbook) for the chapel code).

## **PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative Requirements:**

1. You must attend 9 Wed/Fri chapels in person (scan in for each chapel)
2. You must complete 8 alternatives (any combo of audio messages, or chapel articles)

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## **Due Dates for PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative Papers:**

1. **Attend 9 Wed/Fri chapels by the end of the Fall 2017 semester (be sure to scan in and out)**
  
4. **Due October 15<sup>th</sup>:**
  - No more than 4 Chapel Reflection Papers
  - Reading Reflection Paper #1 (Meeks & Kandiah Articles)
  
5. **Due November 10<sup>th</sup>:**
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