



Title of Activity: Liberation Theology: How it relates to Interpreting and our Ministry with the Deaf Community. We will exam how Christian Biblical Teachings fit into our discussion of the issues within Power, Privilege and Oppression. We will look at Liberation Theology and the organization called Christians for the Liberation of the Deaf Community and seek to understand their perspective. We will also examine the biblical basis for a Christian approach to this issue.

By attending one of the day and time options listed in the registration, each participant will receive 0.5 CEU.

Educational Objectives (List specific measurable actions by participants that will demonstrate comprehension and integration of information presented):

1. The student will be able to explain the reasoning for this new requirement.
2. The student will be able to describe Liberation Theology and its historical origin.
3. The student will be able to discuss the reasons for the establishment of the organization Christians for the Liberation of the Deaf Community.
4. The student will be able to list ways in which the Church unknowingly participated in the oppression of the Deaf Community.
5. The student will be able to identify Biblical references that will help us to understand the appropriate Christian response to this issue.
6. The student will be able to discuss these issues and identify ways to address it within the Church.

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