0. Working Title

1. The Problem or Objective [1 paragraph, single-spaced]

2. Research Questions [Short, succinct, clear, use bullet points to enumerate] [1 paragraph single-spaced]


3. Working Hypothesis [1 paragraph, single-spaced]

4. Key Concepts (bullet-pts. list) [make sure they connect back to the problem-question-hypothesis] [1-2 paragraphs]

5. Methodology and Research Plan (e.g., My research project will be an ethnographic case study of a congregation; the research project will be a basic/applied research project; I will use non-probability sampling including snowball sampling; my target population is; my sample population is, etc.) [1 page, single-spaced]

6. The Literature Review: and their Interpretation of the Problem [1-2 pages, single-spaced] [talk to your readers and Angela Morris on this]
   - Scripture [2-3 scriptural authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
   - Tradition [2-3 denominational/doctrinal authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
   - Experience [2-3 practical theological authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
   - Reason [2-3 philosophical/scientific authorities and their interpretation]

7. Other Literature Review: and there Interpretation of the Problem (these are suggestions) [1-2 pages, single-spaced] [talk to your reader and Angela Morris on this]
   - Economics [1-2 economic authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
   - Sociology [1-2 sociological authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
     Race, Class, Gender Analysis – which you will get in class
   - History [1-2 historical authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
   - Psychology [1-2 historical authorities and their interpretation of the problem]

   - Key Concept (list books, articles, websites related to the concept)
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   - Key Concept

9. Protocols [As needed] [we will create these during the seminar]
   - Congregational Questionnaire
   - Interview Data Sheet
• Photographs
• Timelines
• Historical Documents
• Participant Observation Data Sheet
• Informed Consent Sheet
• Other

10. **Timeline to Graduate [use a calendar to project out] – ½ page**

• Research and Writing
• Submit/Revise/Resubmit/Revise/Resubmit
• Oral Defense Scheduled
• Oral Defense Finished
• Graduation

*The entire Social Science Research Prospectus should be no more than 10 pages, single-spaced (including bibliography).*

Please email acowser@lpts.edu with questions. We press on! Drs. Reistroffer and Cowser

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