

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BTHI / HISI / PCSI 601

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY IN THE PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC TRADITION

AN AGTS VIDEO COURSE

Featuring:

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Dr. William W. Menzies
Dr. Vinson Synan**

Independent Studies Program

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Since the beginning in the twentieth-century, Pentecostals and charismatics have sought to restore the “apostolic” witness of the Early Church in doctrine, mission, and practice. This course explores the history and theological components of that agenda, as well as current applications. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the local and global impact of apostolic ministry on the Church.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Explain how use of the word “apostolic” has conferred legitimacy to ministry and mission since the time of the Early Church.
2. Trace how the interest in apostolic ministry in the nineteenth-century missions movement contributed to the development of modern Pentecostalism in its various forms.
3. Discuss the ways in which Pentecostal theology is apostolic in nature.
4. Analyze how the apostolic preaching of the gospel in signs and wonders relates to the mission of the church in the world.
5. Evaluate contemporary claims of the restoration of an apostolic ministry.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Assemblies of God. *Apostles and Prophets*. Official position paper of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Springfield, Missouri: August, 2001. The position paper can also be downloaded at this link:

http://ag.org/top/beliefs/position_papers/downloads/4195_apostles_prophets.pdf

Hunter, George G. *Radical Outreach: Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.

Lee, Edgar R. ed. *He Gave Apostles: Apostolic Ministry in the 21st Century*. Springfield, MO: Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 2005.

Poloma, Margaret M. *Main Street Mystics: The Toronto Blessing & Reviving Pentecostalism*. New York: AltaMira Press, 2003.

Scudieri, Robert J. *The Apostolic Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Missionary*. Chino, CA: Lutheran Society for Missiology, 1995.

Wagner, C. Peter. *Changing Church: How God is Leading His Church into the Future*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2004.

BASIC OUTLINE

Video sessions feature Dr. Vinson Synan, Dr. William W. Menzies, and Dr. Gary B. McGee.

Session 1 with Dr. Vinson Synan

Session 2 with Dr. William W. Menzies

Session 3 with Dr. Gary B. McGee

After each speaker, there is a response by a select panel.

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METHODOLOGY

Video Lectures and Response Panels

Reading of the textbooks and position paper

Reflection Paper

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Viewing of all video sessions

Watch all video sessions and do a one-page reflection on each session answering these questions: What are the strengths/weaknesses of the session? What are the main thoughts in the session? How can these main thoughts be integrated into a local church context? The purpose of these session reflection papers are NOT to give a summary, but a reaction to the sessions.

2. Read the five textbooks and position paper

- a. Turn in a Reading Bibliography, including the number of pages read.
 - b. Email your reading bibliography to your AGTS professor of record.
3. Participation in the asynchronous online forum. Respond to the posted Forum Questions. Your response should completely address the question posed, using good grammar, spelling, punctuation, and organization. Each response should be at least 200 words in length. Also, respond to at least 1 (one) of your classmates' responses. Your responses should be an evaluation of the respondents' thoroughness, line of argument, reasoning, biblical support, and insights. These responses should be at least 100 words in length. It should not focus on spelling, grammar, or descend to an argument about opinions. These exercises will comprise 20% of your final grade. When you have completed the online forum questions, email your AGTS professor of record (see your course release form) to inform them of your completion. Instructions on how to register for the forum will be emailed to you from the AGTS Continuing Education Office.
 4. The reflection paper:
 - a. Topic: "How does an apostolic ministry relate to ministry today?"
 - b. Style guide: Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.
 - c. Guidelines are at the end of this syllabus.

The required reflection paper should be 18-20 pages in length excluding the bibliography. The student should read at least 1500 pages, which includes the required reading.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Reflection paper	40%
Reading of the textbooks and position paper	30%
Participation in the asynchronous online forum	20%
Video session reflection papers	10%

All written assignments are to be typed, double-spaced, represent high-quality, original, graduate-level work, and follow the *Turabian* style manual, 6th edition.

All assignments should be emailed to the professor with a title page that includes your name, address, phone and email, course number, and title.

Due date: All assignments are to be postmarked no later than 15 weeks after course registration (check your course release form for the exact due date). Grades for late work will be lowered by one letter grade for each week it exceeds the deadline.

(Note: the participant will be charged a \$30 change-of-grade fee if work is turned in after the due date stipulated on the syllabus, even if permission has been given by the instructor.)

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GUIDELINES FOR THE REFLECTION PAPER

Content

1. The lack of extensive guidelines indicates the expected subjective nature of each paper. It is anticipated that individuality will preclude close similarity of papers.
2. This is not a research paper. Therefore, documentation is not required. However, a student may quote something significant, if desired, and give credit in parentheses following the quotation.
3. The paper should be analytical, reflecting your observations from the three presentations, your readings, and interaction with your fellow students.

Form

1. Where applicable, carefully follow Kate Turabian's Manual of Style (latest edition) for form, e.g., typed, double-spaced, medium weight paper, and correct margins.
2. Provide a title page, table of contents, and main topic headings for each major division of thought in the paper.
3. Write in a manner reflecting graduate level academic scholarship.
4. Include an introduction (statement of purpose and any light background treatment, if needed, to enhance your paper), main body, and conclusion or summary.
5. Purge the paper of all errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, and typing
6. Length of paper: for students taking it for three credits, the paper should be 18-20 pages.

