

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Continuing Education Course
September 27-29, 2004

BTHE / HISE / PCSE 640
APOSTOLIC MINISTRY IN THE PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC TRADITION
(2 or 3 Credits)

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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. (provided by the professor)
See also: http://ag.org/top/gc2003/resolutions/apostolic_definition.cfm.

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

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

September 27: 6 pm — Informal reception with a brief presentation by each lecturer

September 28: 9:30-11:30 am — Session 1 with Dr. Vinson Synan

2:30-4:30 pm — Session 2 with Dr. William Menzies

September 29: 10:20-11:30 am — Chapel Service with Dr. Vinson Synan

2:30-4:30 pm — Session 3 with Dr. Gary McGee

After each speaker, there will be a response by a select panel.

Vinson Synan, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Divinity Regent University

William W. Menzies, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary

Gary McGee, Ph.D.
AGTS Professor of Church History and Pentecostal Studies

METHODOLOGY

Lectures
Reading of the textbooks & position paper
Reflection Paper

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance of all sessions and Wednesday chapel
Read the three textbooks and position paper
Participation in an Internet user group (an email address is required)
The reflection paper:
Topic: “How does an apostolic ministry relate to ministry today?”

Style guide: Turabian, Kate. *A manual for Writers of Term papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.
Guidelines will be provided by the professor.

For Students enrolled for two credits

The required reflection paper should be 10-12 pages in length excluding the bibliography.
The student should read at least 1000 pages, which includes the required reading.

For Students enrolled for three credits

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	50%
Reading of the textbooks and position paper	30%
Participation in an Internet user group	20%

All coursework is due by the end of the fall semester, December 17, 2004. Late work will be penalized.

NOTE: Work received after the post-session due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) being charged, even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

YAHOO USER GROUP

Each student must participate in a “user group” discussion. The professor will provide details.

Group home page: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/apostolic_ministry_agts

Group email: apostolic_ministry_agts@yahogroups.com

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SPECIFIC DATA

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