

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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MSSE 543(02) AG Missions Structure: SOM

(Limited to Veteran Missionaries of the Assemblies of God World Missions,
General Council of the Assemblies of God)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A thorough review of policies and procedures in the implementation of an ongoing missionary program, especially to the missionary's home board and field of service.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course is designed to be a comprehensive survey of the philosophy, methodology, and policies of the Assemblies of God World Missions, with special application to the interests and missions activities of the student.

REQUIRED ARTICLES

1. Corbin, Don. "Motivation For Missions."
2. Division of Foreign Missions. "Purpose Statement," 1987.
3. Division of Foreign Missions. "Philosophy of Operations of the Division of Foreign Missions," 1990.
4. Division of Foreign Missions. "Statement of Basic Values," 1989.
5. Foyle, Marjorie. "Burnout or Brownout?" Evangelical Missions Quarterly, 1985.
6. Williams, Morris O. "Attitudes," 1989.
7. Williams, Morris O. "The Biblical Authority of DFM," 1987.
8. Hanciles, Jehu. "Migration and Mission" International Bulletin of Missionary Research, 2003.
9. Bueno, John. "Government financial Assistance" 2004.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

Wilson, Everett A. Strategy of the Spirit: J. P. Hogan and the Assemblies of God Division of Foreign Missions (1960-1990). Regnum, 1997. (This indepth look at the history of AGWM under Hogan is extremely helpful in establishing a sense of how powerful cooperation with leadership is and can be. Every A/G missionary needs to read it, and it is crucial for structure.)

Bolman, Lee G. and Deal, Terrence E. Reframing Organizations: Artistry, Choice, and Leadership. Jossey – Bass, 1997 (In this third edition of their best-selling classic, authors Lee Bolman and Terrence Deal explain the powerful tool of "reframing." The authors have distilled the organizational literature into a comprehensive approach for looking at situations from more than one angle. Their four frames of viewing organizations as factories, families, jungles, and theaters or temples is very helpful.)

Dempster, Murray W., Byron D. Klaus, and Douglas Petersen, eds. Called and Empowered: Global Mission in Pentecostal Perspective. MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1991. (This entire book is a must read, but pay careful attention to the three chapters on Strategy by McGee, Klaus/Triplett, and Pate.)

RECOMMENDED READING

SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL FACTORS IN THE MISSIONARY LIFE

Carter, Les. Putting the Past Behind. Chicago: Moody Press, 1989.

Exley Richard. The Rhythm of Life. Tulsa: Honor Books, 1987.

Foyle, Marjorie F. Overcoming Missionary Stress. Wheaton: Evangelical Information Service, 1987.

Minirth, Frank B., et al. The Workaholic and His Family. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1981.

Seamands, David A. Healing Grace. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1988.

Seamands, David A. Healing of Memories. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1982.

Seamands, David A. Putting Away Childish Things. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1982.

Stoop, David. Living With a Perfectionist. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1987.

Welch, Reuben. We Really Do Need Each Other. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973.

Yance, Philip. Disappointment With God. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Billheimer, Paul E. Destined for the Throne. Fort Washington: Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Bubeck, Mark I. The Adversary. Chicago: Moody Press, 1975.

Bubeck, Mark I. Overcoming the Adversary. Chicago: Moody Press, 1984.

Burnett, David. Unearthly Powers: A Christian Perspective on Primal Folk Religion. Eastbourne, E. Sussex, UK: Monarch Publications, 1988.

Dawson, John. Taking Our Cities for God: How to Break Spiritual Strongholds. Lake Mary: Creation House, 1989.

Dickason, C. Fred. Demon Possession and the Christian. Chicago: Moody Press, 1987.

Harper, Michael. Spiritual Warfare. Ann Arbor: Servant Books, 1984.

Kraft, Charles H. Christianity With Power. Ann Arbor: Servant Books, 1989.

Matthew, R. Arthur. Born For Battle. Robesonia: OMF Books, 1978.

Montgomery, John Warwick, ed. Demon Possession. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1976.

Warner, Timothy M. Spiritual Warfare. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991.

BRIEF BIBLIOGRAPHY ON MISSIOLOGICAL STRUCTURES

Dempster, Murray W., Byron D. Klaus, and Doug Petersen, eds. The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made To Travel. Carlisle, U.K.: Regnum Books International 1999.

Engel, James F., and William A. Dyrness. Changing the Mind of Missions: Where Have We Gone Wrong? Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

Hesselgrave, David. "Does the Mind of Missions Need to be Changed?" Evangelical Missions Quarterly 38(1):10-13, 2002.

Hodges, Melvin L. The Indigenous Church and the Missionary. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1978.

Mintzberg, Henry. The Structuring of Organizations: A Synthesis of the Research. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc, 1979.

Poloma, Margaret M. The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads: Charisma and Institutional Dilemmas. Knoxville, TN: The University of Tennessee Press, 1989.

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Poloma, Margaret M. "The Assemblies of God: Revisiting O'Deas Five Dilemmas". Costa Mesa: Vanguard University of Southern California, 1999.

Senge, Peter, et al. The Dance of Change: The Challenges of Sustaining Momentum in Learning Organizations. New York, NY: Doubleday, 1999.

Shawchuck, Norman, and Roger Heuser Leading the Congregation: Caring for Yourself While Serving the People. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1993.

Shawchuck, Norman, and Roger Heuser Managing the Congregation: Building Effective Systems to Serve People. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996.

Snyder, Howard A. The Problem of Wine Skins: Church Structure in a Technological Age. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1975.

Snyder, Howard A. The Community of the King. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1977.

Taylor, William D., ed. Kingdom Partnerships for Synergy in Missions. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1994.

Wilson, Everett A. Strategy of the Spirit: J. Philip Hogan and the Growth of the Assemblies of God Worldwide 1960-1990. Carlisle, U.K.: Regnum Books International, 1997.

York, John V. Missions in the Age of the Spirit. Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 2000.

Zohar, Danah Rewiring the Corporate Brain: Using New Science to Rethink How We Structure and Lead Organizations. San Francisco, CA: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc, 1997.

Zohar, Danah, and Ian Marshall SQ Connecting with our Spiritual Intelligence. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2000.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attend all sessions of the Annual School of Missions.
2. Prepare for each "teaching" session a two-page, double-spaced, typewritten critique as listed on the back page, describing in brief what was presented, your reaction to the material, and how it might affect your ministry.

***Due Date: September 30, 2004**

3. For the three required textbooks, read thoroughly and prepare a two-to-four (2-4) page, double-spaced, typewritten report interacting with the author's point of view and describing the impact it is likely to have in shaping your missionary life and ministry.

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The **nine required articles** are to be considered as one book. These articles are to be interacted with in the same manner as the textbooks in a (2-4) page, double-spaced, typewritten report.

***Due Date: October 31, 2004**

4. **“Recommended Reading.”** Repeat #3 above for any two (2) books listed.

***Due Date: November 30, 2004**

5. Write a **research paper** (approximately 10-12 pages) on the topic:
“How my vision and giftings will integrate with the missionary fellowship and national church.”

Include the following in your research paper:

- a. A brief introduction of your field of ministry (nation, national church, A/G missionary body) and describe opportunities and obstacles that may be encountered (international ministry included).
- b. Specific ministry, vision and gifting for this term, incorporate the philosophy, methodology, policies of the Assemblies of God World Missions, and philosophy of the national church.
- c. Analyses of how the various required reading assignments are likely to have an impact in helping you blend your ministry with those on the field. **This should be the main thrust of the paper.**

***Due Date: December 15, 2004**

GRADING PROCEDURE

Reading reports 50%
Sessions critiques 15%
Research paper 35%

*NOTE: Points will be deducted for late papers.

Written reports should be sent to **AGWM, Attn: Rick Johnson, 1445 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802.**

Papers received after the due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change-of-grade fee (\$15.00), even when the instructor has granted an extension.

School of Missions July 13 - 22, 2004

Session	Date	Speaker
1. Rise...Let Us Go	July 14	John Bueno
2. Our Mission Forum	July 14	John Bueno
3. Gratitude / Entitlement & Closing Ranks	July 15	John Bueno
4. Worship Service	July 15	Mark Lehmann
5. Perspectives on Personal Issues	July 16	Lois Bueno (Panel)
6. Worship Service	July 16	Keith Jackson
7. Regional Studies	July 19 – 21	Regional Directors
8. Worship Service	July 19	Thomas Trask
9. Worship Service	July 20	Les Welk
10. Commissioning Service	July 22	Jim Bradford