

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Continuing Education Course
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P THE 640 MODELS OF MULTI-SITE MINISTRY
(2 or 3 Credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is a graduate credit option offered in conjunction with the AGTS pre-General Council seminar "Models of Multi-Site Ministry." It will focus on a variety of ways in which local churches are extending their ministry to evangelize geographically and demographically diverse peoples.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the participant should be able to:

1. Identify and describe several effective multi-site ministry models being used by local churches.
2. Evaluate the distinctives of multi-site ministry models so as to determine which of them might apply to his/her own ministry context.
3. Develop a plan for implementing a multi-site approach in his/her own ministry context.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

1:00-3:00 pm	The North Coast Church Model	Larry Osborne
3:00-3:15 pm	***Break***	
3:15-4:00 pm	The Cedar Park Model	Joseph Fuiten
4:00-4:45 pm	The First Assembly Model	Brad Liebe
4:45-5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	AGTS Staff

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Pre-Session

1. Reading requirement: From the recommended reading list, read the number of pages prescribed by the credit option below and prepare a bibliographic reading report noting the number of pages read in each source.

2 Credit Option – 300 pages.

3 Credit Option – 500 pages.

DUE DATE: July 25, 2005 (Must be e-mailed to the professor by this date).

NOTE: Pre-session work received after this date will be subject to a letter grade reduction pro-rated according to the time of its final submission.

B. Session

1. Full attendance at the pre-General Council seminar, “Models of Multi-Site Ministry,” on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. is required.

C. Post-Session

1. Reading requirements: Prepare a bibliographic reading report noting the texts, articles, or webpages (200 words) read and the number of pages in each.
2 Credit Option – 1000 pages total (including pre-session).
3 Credit Option – 1500 pages total (including pre-session).
2. Prepare a personal reflection paper on the seminar that incorporates the following:
 - a. The key components that were most meaningful to you.
 - b. An evaluation of these components with a view toward how they intersect (or not) with your current ministry context.

2 Credit Option – 3-5 pages.

3 Credit Option – 5-8 pages.

3. Prepare an action plan for implementing a multi-site model of ministry in your own context. The paper should demonstrate the integration of the seminar and course reading into the ministry development plan. The paper should contain the following elements:
 - a. An introductory presentation of the new ministry target group. (1-2 pages)
 - b. An evaluation of the type of model chosen to reach this group with an assessment of why this choice will be the most effective model. (3-5 pages)
 - c. A strategic plan for the resource development and the ministry implementation necessary for beginning this new model. (5-8 pages)
 - d. A projection of the impact that this new ministry model will have upon your current ministry setting. (3-5 pages)

2 Credit Option – 12-15 pages.

3 Credit Option – 18-20 pages.

DUE DATE: November 4, 2005.

(All projects must be e-mailed to the professor by this date)

NOTE: Work submitted after this date will be subject to a letter grade reduction pro-rated according to the time of final submission. The participant will also be charged a \$30 change-of-grade fee if post-session course work is turned in after the due date.

**SUBMIT WORK TO: Dr. Randy C. Walls
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GRADING PROCEDURES

Reading reports	30%
Pre-Session:	10%
Post-Session:	20%
Reflection Paper	25%
Ministry Action Plan	45%

RECOMMENDED READINGS LIST

Online Resources

- ChristianityToday.com. "The Multi-Site Church." Available at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/bcl/areas/vision-strategy/articles/le-2003-002-21.81.html>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- ChurchCentral.com. "Multi-Site Church Planting Gaining Steam." Available at <http://www.churchcentral.com/nw/s/template/Article.html/id/17846/printable/yes>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- ChurchVideoVenues.com. A series of articles on the video model of multi-site ministry. Available at <http://www.churchvideovenues.com/articles.htm>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- Coachnet.org. "Multi-site churches: A new twist on church growth and church planting." Available at <http://www.coachnet.org/public/newsletters/CNmultisite.pdf>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- DiscoveryChurchnj.com. A listing of several articles related to the multi-site issue. Available at <http://www.discoverychurchnj.com/multisite.htm>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- Leadership Network. "Extending Your Church." Available at <http://www.coastalcommunitychurch.com/pdf/ExtendingYourChurch.pdf>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- _____. "1000 Multi-Site Churches." Available at www.coastalcommunitychurch.com/pdf/SurveyConceptPaper.pdf. (Accessed on 02/17/05).
- _____. "Resources for Multi-Site Churches." Available at <http://www.leadnet.org/multisitechurchesResources.asp>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).

_____. "The Emerging Multi-Site Movement." Available at http://www.pursuantgroup.com/leadnet/explorer/exp_0803_b.htm (Accessed on 02/17/05).

NewLifeMinistries-nlm.org. A series of articles on this issue. Available at <http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/contents-cp.htm>. (Accessed on 02/17/05).

General Issues

McNeal, Reggie. *The Present-Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church*. San Francisco, Calif.: Jossey-Bass, 2003. (172 pages)

Schaller, Lyle. *Innovations in Ministry: Models for the Twenty-first Century*. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon Press, 2002. (156 pages)

_____. *Discontinuity and Hope, Radical Change And The Path To The Future*. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon Press, 1999. (231 pages)

Church Planting

Herron, Fred. *Expanding God's Kingdom Through Church Planting*. Writer's Showcase Press, 2003. (268 pages)

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Planting Growing Churches for the 21st Century: A Comprehensive Guide for New Churches and Those Desiring Renewal*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1998. (425 pages)

Moore, Ralph. *Starting a New Church: The Church Planter's Guide to Success*. Ventura, Calif.: Regal Books, 2002. (244 pages)

Stetzer, Ed. *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age*. Nashville, Tenn.: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003. (365 pages)

Towns, Elmer, and Douglas Porter. *Churches That Multiply: A Bible Study on Church Planting*. Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill Press, 2003. (159 pages)

SPECIFIC DATA

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