

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**Continuing Education Course**  
**Chicago, Illinois Field Trip for Urban Mission**  
**May 22-27, 2003**

**MCSE 639 Special Studies: Intercultural Urban Ministries**

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**Summer 2003**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will take place in the City of Chicago. Chicago will be an urban laboratory in which the class will be able to apply readings and class discussion in theology, sociology, ministry, intercultural communications, ethnic/religious diversity, spiritual formation and leadership skills in real time and context.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Understand the contextual issues facing urban ministries.
2. Articulate a theology of urban mission.
3. Appreciate the value of developing ethnic diversity in the local church.
4. Develop a consistent pattern of spiritual formation to undergird the practice of ministry.

**COURSE TEXTS**

Bakke, Ray. The Urban Christian: Effective Ministry in Today's Urban World. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1987.

Conn, Harvie and Ortiz, Manuel. Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Greenway, Roger and Timothy Monsma. Cities: Missions' New Frontier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1989.

McDowell, Bruce A. and Anne Zaka. Muslims and Christians at the Table. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1999.

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Pocock, Michael and Joseph Henriques. Cultural Change and Your Church: Helping Your Church Thrive in a Diverse Society. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2002.

Schreiter, Robert J. Constructing Local Theologies. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1985.

Williams-Paris, Jenell and Margot Owen-Eyring. Urban Disciples: A Beginners Guide to Serving God in the City. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2000.

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Daily Themes for Spiritual Formation, Discussion and on Sight Visits:  
(Sites may change for unforeseen reasons.)

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| Thursday: | Cultural Context/Theology and the Urban Ministries<br>On Site: New Heritage Cathedral<br>St. Sabina's Catholic Church    |
| Friday:   | Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Urban Ministries<br>On Site: American Islamic College<br>South Asian Friendship Center |
| Saturday: | Constructing a Contextualized Theology of Ministries<br>On Site: New Life Community Church<br>Maranatha Chapel           |
| Sunday:   | Worship with the Urban Church<br>On Site: New Life Community Church<br>Evangel Assembly of God                           |
| Monday:   | Priorities and Programs for Urban Ministries<br>On Site: Lawndale Community Church<br>Circle Community Church            |
| Tuesday:  | Leadership for Effective Urban Ministries<br>On Site: A Panel of Effective Urban Ministries Leaders                      |

### **COURSE METHODOLOGY**

The morning hours will begin with spiritual formation and then classroom discussion. Following lunch, the class will make afternoon visits to locations through out Chicago for the purpose of interacting with diverse models of urban ministries and ministers Christian and non-Christian. Class time will be held at New Heritage Cathedral at the heart of the Southside of Chicago. Rev. Ed Peecher is Pastor. Students will have a rewarding cross-cultural experience being housed with families from New Heritage Cathedral. Breakfast and supper will be eaten with host families unless other wise notified.

Our format each day except Sunday will be as follows:

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- Spiritual Formation on serving God in the city will be at New Heritage Cathedral from 8:00 till 9:00AM.
- Classroom discussion on respective themes will be from 9:00 till 12:00 noon.
- Following class we have lunch.
- After lunch we will go to respective ministry settings to observe, discuss and engage urban ministries/ministers. Our day ends at 5:00 or 6:00 PM.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Read the textbooks by Conn/Ortiz, McDowell, and Pocock/Henriques and prepare a 2-3-page reflection paper on each noting the 4 elements in the text that were most significant to you.

**Due Date: Monday, May 22, 2003**

2. Write a 3-page reflection paper on each days' classroom discussion and on site visit. A total of 15 to 18 pages will be required. The papers may be handwritten during the session in order to maximize the learning experience during the session. **The final typewritten draft of the session reflection papers should be submitted to the instructor by June 27, 2003 (postmark date).**

3. Read the remaining textbooks, plus other necessary research data, and submit a reading report noting the total pages read for the course. The student is expected to read at least 1500 pages for the course, including texts. Additional bibliography will be provided during the course session.

**Due Date: Saturday, August 30, 2003 (postmark date)**

4. Write a 15-18 page research project that focuses on one of the themes covered in the classroom sessions or site visits. Emphasis should be given to integrating your research into a practical application of urban ministry.

**Due Date: Saturday, August 30, 2003 (postmark date)**

### COURSE EVALUATION

The grade for the course will be weighted as follows:

Pre-Session Reading Reports	25%
Session Reflection Papers	25%
Post-Session Reading Report	15%
Research Project	35%

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

A selected bibliography will be provided to the student during the course session.

**SPECIFIC DATA**

Syllabus prepared by Mark Hausfeld, D.Min. March, 2003.