

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
MHT 529 / PTH527 / THE 545
THEOLOGY OF MISSION

R. Paul Wood, D.Min.

Spring 2003

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the mission of the Church and various models of Christian missions from Biblical, theological, and historical perspectives. This interdisciplinary study, integrating theory and praxis, is designed to move the student toward a more responsible understanding, imaging, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God in the diverse cultural milieus of our global village.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to

1. Present the Biblical and theological basis of the mission of the Church in the world.
2. Understand and explain basic paradigms in the theology of mission.
3. Understand and analyze contemporary challenges in the theology of mission.
4. Understand and respond to a personal role in the mission of the Church.
5. Define and articulate clearly the missionary task.
6. Understand and develop biblically sound guidelines for the fulfillment of the mission given to the Church.

TEXTBOOKS

Van Engen, Charles, Nancy Thomas, and Robert Gallagher, eds. *Footprints of God: A Narrative Theology of Mission*. Monrovia, CA: Marc: World Vision, 1999.

Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, Third edition. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1999.

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

METHODOLOGY

The teaching-learning approach will blend pedagogical and andragogical principles. The methodology will include lectures, guest presenters, class discussions, small group discussions, collateral reading, and applied research.

COURSE CONTENT

SECTION ONE: An Introduction to the Study of Mission

SECTION TWO: The Covenants and Mission

- The Older Covenant
- The New Covenant

SECTION THREE: Theological Issues and Mission

SECTION FOUR: Changing Historical Paradigms in Mission

SECTION FIVE: Contemporary Challenges to Mission

- Universality versus Universalism
- Proclamation versus Dialogue
- Contextualization versus Syncretism
- Salvation Theology versus Liberation Theology
- Evangelism and Social Concern
- The Urban Challenge
- The Islamic Challenge
- Women in Mission

SECTION SIX: The Missionary and the Mission

- The Local Church
- The Sending Agency
- The Missionary
- The Assemblies of God World Mission

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Attendance, preparation, and consistent participation in class activities.
- B. *Missions in the Age of the Spirit*: Read and write a two-page evaluative interaction of the book. On the cover page of the evaluation, state clearly how thoroughly you read the assigned book. **(Due: Jan. 29, 2003)**
- C. *Footprints of God: A Narrative Theology of Mission*: Read and write a two-page evaluative interaction of the book. On the cover page of the evaluation, state clearly how thoroughly you read the book. **(Due: Feb. 19, 2003)**
- D. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*: Read the assigned articles in each of the four major divisions of the reader. Write a two- to three-page evaluative interaction with the articles in each major divisions. On the cover page of each evaluation, state clearly how thoroughly you read the assigned articles. **(Due: April 4, 2003)**
 - Division One: "The Biblical Perspective"
Assigned Articles: 1,2,4,5,9,13,14,17, 20,21,25,26,27.

- Division Two: “The Historical Perspective”
Assigned Articles: 33, 35, 37, 40, 44, 45, 50.
- Division Three: “The Cultural Perspective”
Assigned Articles: 54, 55, 56, 59, 61, 62, 65, 66, 68, 69.
- Division Four: “The Strategic Perspective”
Assigned Articles: 72, 77, 78, 81, 85, 87, 89, 91, 94, 95, 96, 102, 103, 107, 109, 111, 112, 115, 119, 120, 123.

Each report should be typed and double-spaced.

- E. A 12 - 15 page scholarly paper written **exclusively** for this course. Good research, careful documentation, and Turabian format are expected.
(Due: April 11, 2003)
- F. Satisfactorily complete the mid-term and final examination.

DUE DATES FOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

DUE DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Wednesday - January 29, 2003	First Textbook Interaction
Wednesday - February 19, 2003	Second Textbook Interaction
Wednesday - February 26, 2003	Mid-Term Examination
Friday - April 4, 2003	Third Textbook Interaction
Friday - April 11, 2003	Scholarly Paper
As Scheduled – Exam Week	Final Examination

NOTE: Assignments submitted after class time on the due date will receive a grade reduction of 5 points per day or any part thereof.

GRADING PROCEDURE

ASSIGNMENT	GRADE VALUE
Class Preparation and Participation	6%
Textbook Interactions (8% each)	24%
Mid-Term Examination	20%
Scholarly Paper	20%
Final Examination	30%

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Allen, Roland. *The Ministry of the Spirit*. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Eerdmans, 1960.
- Anderson, Sir Norman. *Christianity and World Religions*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984.
- Beyerhaus, Peter. *Missions-Which Way? Humanization or Redemption*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971
- Blauw, Johannes. *The Missionary Nature of the Church*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1974.
- Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*: Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1994.
- Coleman, Robert E. *The Master's Way of Personal Evangelism*. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 1997
- Contras, Orlando. *The Church and Its Mission: A shattering Critique From the Third World*. Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, 1974.
- Culver, Robert Duncan. *A Greater Commission: A Theology for World Missions*. Chicago: Moody, 1984.
- Dempster, Murray A., Klaus, Byron D., and Petersen, Douglas, eds. *Called and Empowered: Global Mission in Pentecostal Perspective*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1991.
- _____. *The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made to Travel*. Irvine, CA: Regnum Books International, 1999.
- DeRidder, Richard R. *Discipling the Nations*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1975.
- Gaukroger, Stephen. *Your Mission, Should you Accept it...: An Introduction for World Christians*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1996
- Glasser, Arthur F. and McGavran, Donald A. *Contemporary Theologies of Mission*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983.
- Greenway, Roger S., Kayle, John E., and McGavran, Donald A. *Missions Now: This Generation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1990.
- Guder, Darrell L., ed. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1998.
- Hedlund, Roger E. *The Mission of the Church in the World: A Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1991.

- Hesselgrave, David J. *Today's Choices for Tomorrow's Mission: An Evangelical Perspective on Trends and Issues in Missions*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988.
- Hodges, Melvin L. *A Theology of the Church and its Mission*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1977.
- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. *Toward an Old Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1991.
- _____. *Toward Rediscovering the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1978.
- Kane, Herbert. *Christian Missions in Biblical Perspective*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1976.
- _____. *Understanding Christian Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1986.
- Kraemer, Hendrik. *The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publishing House, 1963.
- Köstenberger, Andreas J. and O'Brien, Peter T. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2001.
- Ladd, George E. *The Gospel of the Kingdom*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975.
- Lane, Denis. *Tuning God's New Instruments: A Handbook for Missions from the Two-Thirds World*. Singapore: World Evangelical Fellowship, 1990.
- Larkin, William J., Jr. and Williams, Joel, eds. *Mission in the New Testament: An Evangelical Approach*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1998.
- Martin, William J. *The Church in Mission*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1986.
- McConnell, C. Douglas, ed. *The Holy Spirit and Mission Dynamics*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1997.
- Moreau, A. Scott, ed. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, vol 38, no. 2, April 2002.
- Peters, George W. *A Biblical Theology of Missions*. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1972.
- Petersen, Douglas. *Not by Might nor by Power: A Pentecostal Theology of Social Concern in Latin America*. Irvine, CA: Regnum Books International, 1996.
- Ramachandra, Vinoth. *The Recovery of Mission: Beyond the Pluralist Paradigm*. Grand Rapids: Willliam E. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1996.
- Schaller, Lyle, E. (ed.). *Center City churches: The New Urban Frontier*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.

- Senior, Donald and Stuhlmueller, Carroll. *The Biblical Foundations for Mission*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1991.
- Shenk, David W. *God's Call to Mission*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1994.
- Shenk, Wilbert R. *Changing Frontiers of Mission*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1999.
- Smith, Oswald J. *A Passion for Souls*. London: Marshall, Morgan and Scott Publishing, 1962.
- Steyne, Philip M., *In Step With the God of the Nations*. Houston: Touch Publications, 1992.
- Stott, John R.W. *Christian Mission in the Modern World*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1975.
- Taylor, William D., ed. *Kingdom Partnerships for Synergy in Missions*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1994.
- Tippett, Alan Richard. *Introduction to Missiology*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1987.
- Van Engen, Charles. *God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church*. Baker Books, 1991.
- _____. *Good News of the Kingdom*. Mary Knoll:Orbis Books, 1993.
- _____. *Mission on the Way: Issues in Mission Theology*. Baker Books, 1996.
- Wagner, C. Peter. *Church Growth and the Whole Gospel*. New York: Harper and Row, 1981.
- Williams, Morris O. *Partnership in Mission*. Springfield: Division of Foreign Missions, 1986.
- Winter, Ralph D. and Hawthorne, Steven C., eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library. 1981.
- Yates, Timothy. *Christian Mission in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
- Yung, Hwa. *Mangos or Bananas? The Quest for an Authentic Asian Christian Theology*. Irvine, CA: Regnum Books International, 1997.
- Zuck, Roy B. ed. *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody, 1991.

SPECIFIC DATA

Prepared by Dr. R. Paul Wood, December 2002.