

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MHT 529 / PTH527 / THE 545

THEOLOGY OF MISSION

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Summer I - May 2002

## 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 (2) page evaluative interaction of the book. On the cover page of the evaluation state clearly how thoroughly you read the assigned book. **(Due: May 13, 2002)**
- C. *Footprints of God: A Narrative Theology of Mission*: Read and write a two (2) page evaluative interaction of the book. On the cover page of the evaluation state clearly how thoroughly you read the book. **(Due: May 20, 2002)**
- 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 (2 – 3) 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: May 28, 2002)**
  - 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: June 7, 2002)**
- F. Satisfactorily complete the final examination. **(May 31, 2002)**

### **DUE DATES FOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
Monday - May 13	First Textbook Interaction
Monday - May 20	Second Textbook Interaction
Tuesday - May 28	Third Textbook Interaction
Friday - May 31	Final Examination
Monday - June 7	Scholarly Paper

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**

<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>GRADE VALUE</b>
Class Preparation and Participation	5%
Textbook Interactions	30%
Scholarly Paper	25%
Final Examination	40%

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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### **SPECIFIC DATA**

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