

Carey Theological College

DMPM 928 – Introduction to Theology and Practice of Missional Leadership Winter 2017 Hybrid

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3.0 graduate credit hours, 150 hours
D.Min./Adv.Dipl

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Course Description

This course introduces students to the theology and practice of missional leadership in three stages, building upon the magisterial textbook on the theology of mission, David Bosch's *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shift in Theology of Mission*. The course surveys the biblical foundations of the missional church with emphasis upon missional hermeneutics as fundamental for the formation of missional praxis in witnessing communities. It also reviews the historical development of western Christendom as an essential step to interpreting the contemporary context of Christian mission as we experience the paradigm shift towards a post-Christendom reality. That present-day challenge is addressed through a review of the theological themes that shape and challenge the global church. Finally, in preparation for the final research paper, the course addresses the implications of these three stages for the practice of missional leadership.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Articulate the substance and relevance of missional theology for one's practice of ministry.
2. Relate the approach of missional hermeneutics to one's own biblical leadership in the church.
3. Interpret the decline of western Christendom and its significance for the witness of the church today.
4. Integrate missional theology into one's understanding and practice of "ordered leadership" in the church.
5. Apply this learning to one's own ministry in its context.

Required Reading

Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shift in Theology of Mission, (Anniversary Edition)*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 2011.

Academic Requirements and Time Investment

| <i>Activity/Assignment</i> | <i>Hours</i> |
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| Class/Seminar Time | 37.5 |
| Readings (600 pages) | 24.0 |
| Sermon (15-18 minutes = ~1750-2000 words) | 20.0 |
| Final Paper (8250 words) – Pick from one of the four topics. | 65.5 |
| Reflective Paper (1 page) – “What I learned, what I wished I had learned, and what I intend to continue learning.” | 3.0 |
| Total Hours | 150 |

Please note: The amount of time taken by students will vary. This information is intended to be used as an approximation for planning purposes.

Evaluation

| <i>Activity/Assignment</i> | <i>%</i> |
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| Class/Seminar Participation | 15% |
| Sermon (15-18 minutes long = ~ 1750-2000 words) | 15% |
| Final Paper (8250 words) – Pick from one of the four topics. | 60% |
| Reflective Paper (1 page) – “What I learned, what I wished I had learned, and what I intend to continue learning.” | 10% |
| Total Percentage | 100% |

Assignments

1. Reading

Students will be required to read the books listed in the *Required Reading* section at the beginning of this syllabus. *Please note that students must read the **first third of the book** (the *Biblical foundations of mission*, pp. 1-181) **prior to the intensive seminars**.* The remainder of the book may be completed after the intensive seminars.

2. Sermon (15-18 minute = ~1750-2000 words)

In response to the reading from the *first third* of Bosch (which is to be completed prior to the intensive seminar), you will choose a preaching text from Matthew, Luke-Acts, or Paul, and interpret it as formative of one’s congregation for its “missional vocation.”

This will entail asking the biblical text this questions: “How did this text continue the formation of the witnessing community to be faithful to its calling THEN, and how does it do that NOW?” You will use the Bosch biblical content in developing the sermon.

Bring a hardcopy of your completed sermon manuscript as D.Min and Adv. Dipl. participants will meet on Monday evening, the first day of the seminar, to read and interact with each other's sermons.

Due Date: January 23, 2017

3. Final Paper (8250 words) – Pick from *one* of the four following topics.

Upon completion of the one week intensive seminar, students are to select **two volumes** from the *Bibliography* as their research resources for a seminar paper on *one* of the following themes:

1. Challenging Patterns of Christendom that Shape My Congregation.
2. Conversion to Missional Calling: Realities and Surprises.
3. Missional Leadership as Equipping the Saints for Service.
4. Signs of Hope as Christendom Declines.

You may propose *one title* to the professor as a substitute resource if you have a special interest you wish to pursue.

Due Date: March 17, 2017

4. Reflective Paper (1 page) – “What I learned, what I wished I had learned, and what I intend to continue learning.”

Together with the submission of the Final Paper, students are to submit a one-page self-evaluation entitled: What I learned, what I wished I had learned, and what I intend to continue learning.”

Due Date: March 17, 2017

Course Schedule

This one week course will function as a seminar, alternating between presentations by the professor and discussion in the class either as a plenary or in small groups. The content will be based on Bosch as well as readings selected from the bibliography of resources for the final paper.

Bibliography

Final Paper Resources

- Barrett, Lois ed., et al. *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004.
- Conner, Benjamin. *Practicing Witness: A Missional Vision of Church Practices*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2012.
- Guder, Darrell L. *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2000.
- Guder, Darrell L. *Called to Witness: Doing Missional Theology*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2015.
- Hirsch, Alan, and Tim Catchim. *The Permanent Revolution: Apostolic Imagination and Practice for the 21st Century Church*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 2012.
- Johnson, Patrick. *The Mission of Preaching: Equipping the Community for Faithful Witness*. Downers Grove: IVP Press, 2015.
- Lohfink, Gerhard. *Jesus and Community: The Social Dimension of Christian Faith*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1984.
- Monagh, Michael. *Church in Every Context: An Introduction to Theology and Practice*. London: SCM Press, 2012.
- Newbiggin, Lesslie. *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1989.
- Ott, Craig ed. *The Mission of the Church: Five Views in Conversation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016.

Academic Policies

Please see the **Carey Academic Catalog** for more details:

<http://www.carey-edu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Academic-Catalog-2016-2017-FINAL.pdf>

Course Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled class sessions to fulfil degree requirements. This includes on-line webinars and/or live-streamed portions of courses.

Carey Grading Scale

See the Carey Academic Catalogue for details on the Carey grading scale.

Course Withdrawal Policy

A student who withdraws after the period for which tuition refunds are available within the first half of the course will receive a “W” on their transcript. Beyond those dates, they will receive an “F.”

Extensions

Extensions for course work will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If an extension will make it impossible for the professor to submit the final grade no later than one month following the final assignment, the student must petition the Registrar’s Office. If the Registrar’s Office grants such a request, the final extension deadlines will be clearly established. Work granted an extension may receive a grade reduction of up to one-third of the final mark.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is honest and responsible scholarship. Students are expected to submit original work and give credit to other peoples’ ideas. Academic dishonesty is acting in a manner to gain unearned academic credit. Examples of academic dishonesty are:

- Plagiarizing by misrepresenting the work of another person (in whole or in part) as a student’s own work or failing to give credit for either wording or ideas that belong to another.
- Submitting the same material for credit in more than one course (whether the earlier submission was at Carey or another institution).
- Using unauthorized aids of any sort in examinations, completing work in unauthorized collaboration with others, or the unauthorized recording and use of class lectures.

Penalty for a lack of academic integrity may include a failing grade in the assignment, examination or course, depending on the severity of the offense. All students are responsible for knowing and practicing academic integrity and must become familiar with the plagiarism student resource at:

<http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/academic-integrity/>.

Gender Language

As language usage changes, the church must discern where its language must change in order to bear faithful witness to the gospel. Modern English usage has moved away from using masculine terms to refer to groups that include women. Using of such terms in worship, writing, or conversation miscommunicates the invitation of the gospel and the nature of the church. Assignments that don’t conform to the gender language policy will be returned to the student for resubmissions.

See the Carey Academic Catalogue for more details on this policy.