DM 9353 - The Practice of Evangelism
Summer 2012: June 11-21, 2012
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June 11-15. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 18-21. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Course Description:

A critical examination of fundamental features of evangelistic practice as related especially to the ministry of evangelism in the local church. Particular attention will be given to the following: evangelistic preaching, faith sharing, catechetical instruction, Christian initiation, and the equipping of the local church members for the tasks of evangelization. Attention will also be given to the working of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. Three Credit Hours.

Required Reading

Philip Jenkins, The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity
Harold J. Recinos, Good News from the Barrio: Prophetic Witness for the Church
Vinoth Ramachandra, Subverting Global Myths: Theology and the Public Issues Shaping Our World
Soong-Chan Rah, The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity

Pre-Course Assignments

1. Read all textbooks.
2. Write a 2-page assessment paper: “What makes ministry in a diverse world challenging and difficult?”
3. Write a 1-page definition paper: “How do I (personally) define evangelism?”
4. due: June 1 (e-mail attachment).
5. (15%)

Requirements:

1. Individual preparation of a supplementary reading article in précis form and presented orally in class. (15%).

2. A final paper of 15-20 pages on a topic related to this course with accompanying bibliography. (50%). Papers should explore contextual characteristics and cultural dynamics of a general nature to which the concerns of ministry and evangelism must respond (e.g., Christian witness with specific ethnic or...
immigrant groups; social class groups; inner city gangs; specific religious groups; specific language communities, and so forth).  **Due: July 15**

3. Class attendance and participation (20%).

**Class Schedule**

**Session I June 11 Introduction**

**Session II June 12 The New Center of Gravity**

Assignment: 1. Read Chapters 1-6 in *The Next Christendom*

**Supplementary Reading**


**Session III June 13 Global Christianity**

Assignment: Finish reading *The Next Christendom*

**Supplementary Reading**


**Session IV June 14 Gospel in the World**

Assignment: 1. Read Part I Robert Hunt *The Gospel Among the Nations*

**Supplementary Reading**


**Session V June 15 Evangelism in a New Key**

Assignment: 1. In Part II Robert Hunt *The Gospel Among the Nations*, read Chapter 5, 6, 7 8 (re:60, 72, 73,74,77). 2. Library Research
Supplementary Reading

2. Walter Bruggemann, Chapter 1 in Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism (On Reserve).

Session VI  June 18  Announcing Good News

Assignment: Read Chapters 1-3 in Harold J. Recinos, Good News from the Barrio

Supplementary Reading

1. Fernando Segovia, “Chapter 2” "Hispanic American Theology and the Bible: Effective Weapon and Faithful Ally” In We Are a People. (On Reserve).

Session VII  June 19  Evangelization with a Prophetic Imagination

Assignment: Finish reading Harold J. Recinos, Good News from the Barrio

Supplementary Reading


Session VIII June 20  Theology, Evangelization and Public Issues

Assignment: Read Chapters 1-3 in Vinoth Ramachandra, Subverting Global Myths: Theology and the Public Issues Shaping Our World

Supplementary Reading


Session IX  June 21 Evangelization and Public Life

Assignment: Finish reading Vinoth Ramachandra, Subverting Global Myths: Theology and the Public Issues Shaping Our World

Supplementary Reading

**Session X   June 22   Proclaim the Reign of God**

Assignment: 1. Read Soong-Chan Rah, *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity*

**Supplementary Reading**


**References**


