THEO 302: Current Issues and Strategies in Missions and Evangelism

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THEOLOGY 302A, SPRING, 2000
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: An in-depth study of selected contemporary issues that the church faces in understanding and carrying out her mission in the 20th century. A selection of current issues will be made from such topics as contextualization; gospel and Western culture; urban missions; relation of verbal proclamation to social involvement; foundation for missions; unreached, resistant, and nominally Christian peoples; and tent-making. Prerequisite: Theology 203 or permission of professor.

CLASS FORMAT: The class will be run in seminar fashion. Students will take turns leading discussions of the assigned reading.

REQUIREMENTS: (1) Regular attendance and active participation in all classes. (2) Students will bring to each class period a list of three discussion questions based on the assigned reading. These are to be typed and handed in at the beginning of the class period. (3) A mid-term and a final exam (4) A 10-15 page research paper on a topic related to the course and approved by the instructor.

EVALUATION: The mid-term, the final exam, the paper, and class preparation (included in this is the leading of discussions as well as the submission of questions for each reading) and participation are of equal weight (25% each) in determining the final grade.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- Ecclesiogenesis by Leonardo Boff
- Invitation to Cross-Cultural Theology by William Dyrness
- Learning About Theology from the Third World by William Dyrness
- Missional Church, Guder, ed.
- Outgrowing the Ingrown Church by C. John Miller
- A Word in Season, Lesslie Newbigin
- God's Missionary People by Charles Van Engen
- A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission by Harvie Conn

CALENDAR

January
11 Introduction and orientation
13 A Word in Season, v-65
18 A Word in Season, 66-131
20 A Word in Season, 132-205
25 God's Missionary People, 7-84
27 God's Missionary People, 87-147
February
1 God's Missionary People, 149-192
3 Invitation to Cross-Cultural Theology, 9-110
8 Invitation to Cross-Cultural Theology, 112-187
10 Paper topics approved and submitted, Learning About Theology from the Third World, vii-70
15 Learning About Theology from the Third World, 71-120
17 Learning About Theology from the Third World, 121-196
22 Ecclesiogenesis, 1-44
24 Ecclesiogenesis, 45-97
29 Mid-term Exam
March
2 Outgrowing the Ingrown Church, 8-63
7 Outgrowing the Ingrown Church, 67-119
9 Outgrowing the Ingrown Church, 120-176
Spring Break
21 Missional Church, vi-45
23 Missional Church, 46-109
28 Assessment Day, no classes
30 Missional Church, 110-182
April
4 “Final touches on your paper day”
6 Paper due, Missional Church, 183-220
11 Missional Church, 221-268
13 A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission, 9-59
18 A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission, 65-121
20 A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission, 127-183
25 A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission, 191-218
27 Discussion
Final exam: Monday, May 1, 2000, 1:15-3:15