1M504 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIES OF MISSION

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COURSE DESIGN

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

Knowledge and understanding of the theology of mission exposed:

Ecumenical Theologies of Mission
- World Missionary Conference (WMC)
- World Council of Churches (WCC)

Evangelical Theologies of Mission
- Lausanne (LCWE)/Diaspora Missiology
- AD 2000 and Beyond
- Pentecostal
- Missional Theology (Emerging and Emergent Churches)
- Reformed

Liberation Theologies of Mission
- Latin America and Asia
- Feminist theology
- Black theology

Roman Catholic Theology of Mission

To develop skills that will assist you to appraise and assess the themes (topics), issues (controversies), and assumptions raised by those theologies.

To develop attitudes of commitment to a biblical missiology which should be rooted in the Scriptures, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and useful to equip God's people in the truth and in bringing the lost back into fellowship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ, for God's glory. In order words, “Learning in order to Reach.”

Read also the “Course Objectives Related to MDiv [and M.A.] Student Learning Outcomes”

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURE

1 Google “Diasporas Missiology,” “Diaspora Missiology,” “Diasporas Missions,” etc.
Presentation of the course material will be done through lectures, class discussion (reading, notetaking, and discussion), seminar presentations, and video where applicable.
SUGGESTIONS FOR CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. What should be known regarding the history of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. When?
   b. Where?
   c. Why?
   d. How?
2. Who are the most known leaders of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. Who are/were their most known theologians?
   b. Who are/were their most known historians?
   c. Who are/were their most known apologists/strategists?
3. What are the main tenets (propositions, teachings, theses, doctrines) of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. Concerning the Scriptures
   b. Concerning God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit
   c. Concerning creation
   d. Concerning socio/economic/political tensions such as man/woman, rich/poor, black/white, American/natives, etc.
   e. Concerning sin
   f. Concerning redemption
   g. Concerning mission
4. What is the theological methodology of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. What is the starting point (epistemology) of their theology?
   b. How do they come to their doctrinal statements or tenets (methodology)?
5. What have been the main contributions of this school of theology, group, or movement in the world?
6. What is your assessment of this school of theology, group, or movement?

TOPICS AND REQUIRED READINGS

Introduction

Ecumenical Theologies of Mission

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2 Take the initiative to check “blogs,” “youtube videos,” “sermons,” “lectures,” on these issues. You will find material on those theologies already available in video format over the internet. Google also on the subject of “Contemporary Theologies of Missions.”
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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Attendance**—“Classroom attendance is for the glory of God and preparation for the gospel ministry. Students therefore are expected to attend class sessions. No student should absent himself from classes in order to fulfill requirements or responsibilities of other classes. Those with absences may be penalized at the discretion of the professor” (RTS Catalogue).

- **SIX (6) ABSENCES:** GRADE F
- **FOUR (4) ABSENCES:** GRADE C+
- **THREE (3) ABSENCES:** GRADE B-
**The reading of at least 40 pages** on each theology to be discussed during the semester. Prior to the lectures and discussions, each student is expected to read about the subject to be discussed.

**Participation** in the classroom activities. Discussions based on assigned readings (the reading of at least 40 pages on the respective theology to be considered for that day).

**A seminar (or lecture) presentation** on a topic chosen by the student. The professor will be available to assist each student with bibliography and format of their seminar presentation.

A final **research paper** based on your seminar presentation and comments made by the classmates. **Be sure that your final paper reflects the Course Objectives Related to the Learning Outcomes** (see “Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes”).

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Dictionaries**


**General Studies**


**Web Sites**

Bibliographies

http://www.mislinks.org/
http://www.mislinks.org/topics/index.htm
http://www.mislinks.org/topics/theology.htm

Lausanne Theology of Mission and Diasporas
http://www.lausanne.org/
http://www.gatheredscattered.com/

A.D. 2000 Theology of Mission

http://www.ad2000.org/

Pentecostal Theology of Mission

http://home.regent.edu/ruthven/spspaper.html
http://www.sps-usa.org/indices/jepta.html
http://www.martynmission.cam.ac.uk/CSigns.htm
http://www.aog.world.ministries.org.uk/about/historypt1.htm

Missional Theology (Emerging and Emergent Churches)

http://www.friendofmissional.org/
http://www.marshallchurch.org/media/religionsaves/emerging-church
http://wwwacts29network.org/article/a-short-list-of-books-for-missional
-church-planters/
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-church-a.html
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sio.html

“Reformed Theology of Mission”

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http://lig1.tripod.com/mmmarkk.htm

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World Council of Churches

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http://www.istc-rs.freeservers.com/gustavo.htm
http://www.istc-rs.freeservers.com/jose.htm

Black Theology of Mission

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http://info.greenwood.com/books/0313248/0313248222.html
http://home.earthlink.net/~ronrhodes/BlackTheology.html
http://www.religion-online.org/cgi-bin/relearchd.dll?action=showitem&id=436
http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/assembly/ejubilee/7-piece4.htm
http://www.home.earthlink.net/~ronrhodes/BlackTheology.html

Feminist Theology of Mission

http://gal328.org/readings.html (Bibliography)
http://www.home.earthlink.net/~ronrhodes/Feminism.html
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http://www.ptsem.org/femtheo.htm
http://www.dike.de/hulda/fembib.html
http://www.jannaldredgeclanton.com/index.html
http://www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists-f-j/feminist-theology/
http://www.videodocument.org/nona/Dfemth.htm
http://www.wlu.ca/~wwaar/course_syllabi.html#W
http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/acrlwss/wsstheo.html
http://home.earthlink.net/~ronrhodes/Feminism.html
http://www.religion-online.org/
http://www.missionamerica.com/feminist.htm
http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/feminist-theology.html

Roman Catholic Theology of Mission

http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm
http://www.missionsocieties.ca/

Eastern Orthodox Theology of Mission

http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/stanmer/182/
http://ocmc.goarch.org/
http://www.svots.edu/Library/Search/lookup.cgi?ref=042096-Mi
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| March   | 3    | Assumptions and Biblical Truth: Part 2 |
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| March   | 17   | **READING WEEK** |

| March   | 24   | Ecumenical Theologies of Mission—WMC (1910)—
Ecumenical Theologies of Mission: WCC (1948)— |
| March   | 31   | Lausanne and A.D. 2000 Movement/Diaspora Missiology |
| April   | 7    | Pentecostal Theology of Mission— |
| April   | 14   | Emerging/Emergent Missiology (Missional Theologies)— |
| April   | 21   | Liberation Theologies of Mission: Latin American and Black Theology
Feminist Theology— |
| April   | 28   | Roman Catholic Theology of Mission— |
| May     | 5    | RTS Library: Working on the Final Research Paper for this Course— |