I. Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to understand and respond appropriately to the dominant perspectives and cultural transformations that have contributed to our current context of ministry and witness.

II. Course Requirements:

1. Final Exam (identification and essay)
2. Required readings. The exam will include an acknowledgment of the successful completion of the readings (worth 20% of exam grade).

III. Required Reading
- Stanley J. Grenz, *A Primer on Postmodernism* (Eerdmans)
- Reader

IV. Course Outline

1. The View from 30,000 Feet (Day One)
2. The Modern Mind (Day Two)
3. Postmodernism as Critical Theory (Day Three)
   Readings: Grenz (all)
4. Postmodernism as Cultural Practice (Day Four)
   Readings: Murphy/McClendon, Jameson, *Chronicle of Higher Education* article on RO, *TIME* on Gehry (all in Reader)
5. Pilgrim Postmodernism? (Day Five)
   Readings: Willimon, CT “Megashift” article, and Horton readings (all in Reader, as well as Horton, *A Better Way*)