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DISCIPLING FOR EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
CD/CS 670
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DESCRIPTION
This course examines the strategic role of the pastor, minister of Christian discipleship, or minister of youth in discipling a faith community for ministries of evangelism, reconciliation and social justice.

Learning objectives are as follows: Students will be able to

1. Develop plans for faith community based ministries of evangelism and social justice.

2. Articulate the biblical/theological call for all disciples of Christ to share the good news of the gospel, be agents of reconciliation and social justice;

3. Describe models for helping maturing disciples to understand and become involved in evangelism, reconciliation and social justice.

4. Articulate a personal passion for and involvement in evangelism and social justice.

REQUIRED READING:
The following texts are required reading for the course. You are expected to be familiar with this material as it will form the basis for class discussion, lecture material, and mid-term exam. The required texts are:


RECOMMENDED READING:
The following texts are recommended reading for the course. While you are not required to read these materials, they will provide helpful supplemental materials for class lectures. You might want to consider drawing from them to fulfill the course supplemental reading requirement.


**ASSIGMENTS:**
In addition to a mid-term exam (250pts), each student is required to produce a research project (200pts), a research paper (400pts), a reading log (100pts) and a personal reflection paper (50pts). Each Student will be expected to utilize the tools and techniques discussed in the course in the development of their work. Each student will also be expected to keep up on all assigned readings and attend class as scheduled.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:**
The following are due during the semester.

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<td>2. Personal Reflection Paper</td>
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**GRADING:**
A  = 950 – 1,000
A- = 900 – 949
B+ = 870 – 899
B  = 850 – 869
B- = 800 – 849
C+ = 750 – 799
C  = 700 – 749
C- = 600 – 699
Note: (Please see page 28 of the Asbury Theological Seminary catalog for standards for determining A, B, C etc.)

PREREQUISIT FOR THE COURSE

Because of the nature of the themes covered within this course, IS 501 Vocation of Ministry must be taken in advance of this class.

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH PAPER/PROJECT

Drawing from the insights gained in this class, books, journal articles, magazine articles, etc., develop a paper in which you discuss what you feel to be the best approach to utilize in the evangelization of today’s homeless population. Next, produce a 3-month training curriculum for those who would participate in your initiative. Focus this initiative towards a church with which you are familiar and be sure to include as minimal information a profile of this congregation, (i.e., its location; description of the parish; demographics of the congregation, etc). This paper should be no more than 10 pages in length.

ABOUT YOUR REFLECTION PAPER

Write a personal reflection paper on your own experience of being the target of an evangelism effort. What was done? How did it make you feel? What would you have done differently? Be sure to discuss whether or not you felt the efforts were sufficient, Why or Why not? This paper should be no more than 3 pages in length.

Reading Log

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COURSE OUTLINE

DAY ONE
Monday, January 6
Focus  Lets get Acquainted

Focus  Globalization, Urbanization and Social Justice
Reading  Posterski, Reinventing Evangelism; Greenway Discipling the City

DAY TWO
Tuesday, January 7
Focus  Biblical/Theological Foundations for holistic Evangelism (Dominion Theory and the Problem with The Evangelism Mandate)
Reading: Class Lecture but read Posterski and Conn

Reflection paper due

DAY THREE
Wednesday, January 8
Focus  (The Two Gospels) or (The Second Conversion of Peter)
Reading: Richardson, Evangelism Outside the Box; Pannell

Focus  Charitable Choice
Reading: Class group discussion

DAY FOUR
Thursday, January 9
Focus  The World Council of Churches Statement and holistic ministry
Reading: Class handout

Focus  The Lausanne Covenant and holistic ministry
Reading: Class handout

Focus  The Roman Catholic Evangelism Statement and holistic ministry
Reading: Class handout

DAY FIVE
Friday, January 10
Focus  The Four Dimensions of Spirituality
Reading: Miller, Social Ministry; Conn

Focus  Jesus Christ and Social Justice
Reading: Conn, Doing Justice; and Claerbaud, Urban Ministry
DAY SIX
Monday, January 13
Focus: Social Problems and Issues of Justice (Structures)
Reading: Balswick & Moreland

Focus: Social Problems and Issues of Justice (cont) (The Role of the Church)
Reading: Balswick & Moreland; Greenway and Snyder

DAY SEVEN
Tuesday, January 14
Focus: The Endogenous Approaches to Change
Reading: Class Lecture:

Focus: The Exogenous Approaches to Change
Reading: Class Lecture:

Mid-term Exam

DAY EIGHT
Wednesday, January 15
Focus: Understanding the Shalom community
Reading: Greenway; Discipling the City; Snyder, Liberating the Church

DAY NINE
Thursday, January 16
Focus: Empowering Lay Leadership
Reading: Greenway; Discipling the City

Research Paper/Project Due

DAY TEN
Friday, January 17
Focus: Models and strategies of effective social outreach ministries
Reading: Pullinger, Chasing the Dragon; Greenway

Reading Log Due
The Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel (or the Dallas Statement) is an evangelical Christian statement of faith addressing the perceived trend that some prominent conservative evangelicals tend to mix the Christian Gospel with the social gospel. The Statement consists of affirmations and denials purported to clearly articulate the Gospel and differentiate it from the social gospel. The signatories claim that the rising social justice movement within American evangelicalism endangers Christians Social justice and direct service opportunities provide powerful experiences with the person of Jesus, especially for adolescents and young adults. Service, when understood as serving Christ in others and as a means to share the Gospel, has the ability to bring the server and the one being served closer to Christ. 

(U.S. Catholic bishops, Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization). The goal of the Church's entire educational commitment is [...] to construct what Pope Benedict XVI calls an 'ecology of the human person'. Just as the ecology movement seeks to protect, Under the Social Justice umbrella, we see third wave (but not classical) feminism, queer theory, gender studies, colonial theory, critical race theory, and a vast array of children of cultural postmodernism knitted into a fabric of core values which looks, feels, sounds, smells, and acts exactly like a religion. The Social Justice approach to this is called "standpoint epistemology," and finds its roots in cultural postmodernism. If you and I disagree, then that's because we come from different standpoints, therefore you cannot falsify my claim because you lack my standpoint. It acts as an evangelism pressure tactic, a means of drawing ingroup boundaries, and a means of behavioral control through institutional shame. Non-atoners are shunted to the outgroup and attacked.