The Church and Mission
MIN 420
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description
This course explores the concept of missio Dei (the mission of God) and challenges learners to think critically about missional practices in the church.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials


III. Course Learning Outcomes
Course learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each program of study that are in line with the institutional outcomes of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, leadership, communication, and career preparation. Course outcomes support program outcomes and are listed below.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:
1. Describe the concept of missio Dei (the mission of God) and its implications for congregational missional practices, including evangelism.
2. Assess the theological implications of historic and current missional practices, including evangelistic efforts.
3. Point out the significance of cultural context for engaging in missional practices.
4. Explain one’s personal theological rationale for engaging in missional practices.
5. Develop a structured plan for engaging in missional practices in a particular ministry setting.

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|   | 1. Differentiate between the claims that the church has a mission and the church is a mission. | • The Church Has a Mission | 1: 1, 2 2: 3 3: 2 |
|   | 2. Explain how the phrase "resident alien" is a helpful for capturing the church-world relationship. | • The Church Is a Mission | |
|   | 3. Identify the biblical passages that informs the relationship between the church and the world. | | |
|   | 1. Contrast the five typologies concerning the relationship between Christ and culture. | • God’s Character and Mission | 1: 1, 2, 3 2: 1, 2, 3 3: 1 |
|   | 2. Explain how the character of God informs the Christian theology of mission. | • Christ and Culture | |
|   | 3. Identify various Scripture that is relevant for questions concerning the theology of mission. | | |
|   | 1. Distinguish between various denominational approaches to the concept of mission. | • Missio Dei | 1: 1, 2, 3 2: 1 3: 1, 2, 3 |
|   | 2. Explain how the missio Dei justifies the mission of the church insofar as the church participates in God's mission. | • The Concept of Mission in Various Denominations | |
|   | 3. Assess the consequences between using the plural term "missions" and the singular term "mission." | | |
|   | 1. Compare and contrast the five different views concerning the mission of the church: evangelical, multicultural, prophetic, sacramental, and transformational. | • Five Views on the Mission of the Church (Prophetic, Multicultural, Transformational, Sacramental, and Evangelical) | 1: 2 2: 1, 2 |
|   | 2. Evaluate the strengths of arguments about the mission of the church given your own experience in different mission settings. | | |
|   | 1. Integrate the criticisms of other authors into the argument of an established perspective on the church and mission. | • Acknowledging Other Theological Positions | 1: 2 2: 2, 3 |
|   | 2. Consider the importance of understanding more than one critical viewpoint on a theological subject. | • Strengthening One’s Own Position by Considering Critiques | |
|   | 1. Synthesize one’s own theology of mission with the historic missional practices of the church. | • Christianity Reaching the Western World | 1: 4, 5 2: 4, 5 3: 4 |
|   | 2. Summarize one’s own denomination's approach to mission. | • Christianity Receiving from the World | |

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes and unit objectives. You are more likely to achieve these only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your
ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies
Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements

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VI. Course at a Glance

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| 1    | • 1.1 Discussion  
• 1.2 Discussion | Resident Aliens (for both discussions) | • 1  
• 3 |
| 2    | • 2.1 Discussion  
• 2.2 Discussion | The Open Secret (for both discussions) | • 2  
• 1, 2, 3 |
| 3    | • 3.1 Discussion  
• 3.2 Discussion  
• Group Presentation: Adult Education on the Bible, Church, and Missions, due Sunday at 11:59 pm CT | The Mission of the Church – Perspective Chapters (for both discussions)  
Resident Aliens, The Open Secret, The Mission of the Church | • 3  
• 1, 2  
• 1.1, 1.3; 2.1, 2.2, 2.3; 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 |
| 4    | • 4.1 Discussion  
• 4.2 Discussion | Group Presentations  
The Mission of the Church – Perspective Chapters | • 2  
• 1 |
| 5    | • 5.1 Discussion  
• 5.2 Discussion  
• Paper: Perspectives on the Mission of the Church in the 21st Century, due Sunday at 11:59 pm CT | The Mission of the Church – Response Chapters (for both discussions and the paper) | • 1  
• 2  
• 4:1, 4:2; 5:1 |
| 6    | • 6.1 Discussion  
• 6.2 Discussion  
• Missional Engagement Plan, due by Sunday at 11:59 pm CT | The Celtic Way of Evangelism (for both discussions) | • 1, 3  
• 2, 3  
• 1, 2, 3 |
VII. Other Policies and Requirements
Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies Standard Syllabus in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.