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COS 523 - Evangelism

This course introduces students to the theology and practices of evangelism as an expression of the mission of God.

Students will be able to (Objectives):

1. Reflect on and articulate the meaning of the Gospel and an understanding of the Church as bearers of God's Word to the world.
2. Ground a theology of evangelism in scripture, the Gospel, and the mission of God.
3. Interpret of the Wesleyan heritage of evangelism.
4. Reflect on and implement strategies and models for evangelism by the congregation.

Texts:

1. **Dana Robert, Christian Mission (main text)**
2. Miroslav Volf, A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good
3. Selected Wesley Sermons (from a text of your choice)

Supplementary Readings:

Theodore W. Jennings. Good News to the Poor

Day 1

1. Meet in a large group and receive information for our time together. Scheduling and other related matters to this NACOS experience.
2. Getting to know each other: Learning our histories/ backgrounds
3. How did Christianity become a world religion?
4. What does Dana L. Robert book tell you about the theology and practices of evangelism?
5. How does this book support the Native Indian tradition in your ministry setting? What speaks to you professionally and why?
6. What is Christian mission and where did the word “missions” come from?

Day 1 evening

Before you come to class, please select a passage of scripture from one of the Gospels and show how this passage helps the people you serve to understand the theology of evangelism.

You will be expected to give an oral presentation (5-7 minutes) in class on this question. Use whatever props/visuals you feel are necessary to help others to clearly understand what you are saying. You will also be expected to share what other resources were used to shape your presentation.

Day 2 morning

Tour: 10:00-3:00

Day 2 afternoon and evening

1. Reflections and learning from the tour.
2. How did this experience expand your awareness of ministry? What did you take away?

3. What are the central takeaways from Dana's book and how will you apply them in your ministry?
4. From your readings, how did Christianity become a dominant religion in the world? Point to specific references to support your answer.
5. What specific mission strategies will you, as pastor/spiritual leaders, use to carry forth an evangelism program to reach and nurture those who have not identified with a faith community?

Day 3 morning

1. Morning: The Assembly
2. Come prepared to discuss your selected sermon by John Wesley.
3. What does Mr. Wesley say about evangelism in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
4. Back up your answer with concrete questions.
5. How would this sermon be received today in the contemporary world?
6. What are the major themes from the book entitled, Good News To The Poor.
7. In what ways did the author lay out Wesley's evangelical perspective on economics?
8. Based on this writing by Jennings, was Wesley's only concerned with the salvation of the soul? Why or why not?
9. How does the author help you to understand Wesley's commitment to the social conditions of his time? \
10. Why do Methodist - most deeply hold cherished beliefs and assumptions about faith, salvation, political engagement, and the relationship of Christians with "the poor."

Major Paper are Due (announced in class). Please email to above address email address and call on my cell the day you send it to me.

Write a 10 page paper focusing on one of the written OBJECTIVES of this course. Explain how this goal applies to your experience and how you see this expanding in your practice of ministry. Please support with specific quotes from both the texts and other material. Use scripture and experience to back up your thesis.