

NACOS 423—MISSION/EVANGELISM

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This course introduces the theology and scope of mission, and the pastor's role in leading congregations in their mission as agents of God's transforming redemption.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a biblical and theological framework for Christian mission.
2. Explain the Wesleyan relationship of personal piety and social holiness.
3. Examine and reflection on unjust social realities and the response of the church locally and globally.
4. Analyze their ministry context and develop strategies for transforming mission.

Required Texts:

- Mortimer Arias, *Announcing the Reign of God*;
- Henry Knight and F. Douglas Powe, *Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*;
- Eddie Fox and George Morris, *Sharing Faith*
- Your Bible

*Supplemental Text (not required)

- Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed., *Considering the Great Commission*

Student Requirements

- Be prepared for Class participation and discussion
- Come prepared to articulate your ministry context in light of text and traditional American Indian values;
- Complete written assignments

Discussion

1. Jesus speaks in parables to his view of evangelism.
 - The Sower and the Seed; The Mustard Seed; Leaven and Dough; First and Greatest commandments; Jesus overturns the Temple Tables; Relationship to Tribal values/Traditionalists.
2. Parables and teachings of Jesus and his view of mission
 - The Lost Sheep; The Lost Coin; The Two Lost Sons; Restoring the demon possessed man; What is Jesus' mission statement? What is Jesus' commission to us? the church? Native American Ministries?
3. Paul is considered the greatest evangelist and mission church planter
 - Read Acts 17:22 ff and Acts 28. How do they relate to the church's approach to Native American traditionalists? In Romans 1:16; Ephesians 3:8; I Cor. 15; II Cor. 10: 13-16 — What do you make of Paul's attitude?
4. How do you understand the mission of the United Methodist Church? What is the mission statement of your congregation?
 - How does your congregation live out its mission and evangelism? Analyze each of the missions of your congregation.
5. What is the relationship between personal piety and social holiness and its significance to mission and evangelism?

Written Assignment

Read the section of the *Book of Resolutions* (2012) regarding Native American ministries, (Native People and The United Methodist Church); Choose one of the areas and choose a scripture passage, and using significant learning from the texts—write up to a five page sermon and how you and they can address it.

I will be using the NACOS grading guidelines and scoring.