

NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE (NPBC)

**Mobilizing the Missional Church
IS 209 – 3 Credits
Independent Study
Winter 2018
January 8 – March 23, 2018**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to analyze contemporary efforts to be and become missional churches especially in post-modern, and cross-cultural contexts. This course will focus on a practical response to a biblically formed theology of mission, the *missio Dei*. (IC211 pre-requisite)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the church's missionary role in the world.
2. Understand issues facing the global church in Christian missions today.
3. Choose to become an active participant in the eternal plan of God as reflected in the Great Commission.

METHODOLOGY:

Students will participate in an independent study-learning environment as designated by the course schedule. In addition, students will explore the above-mentioned objectives through required readings, and written assignments (Reflection Papers, Book Reports, and attendance at Mission Connexion 2018).

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Borthwick, Paul. *Western Christians in Global Mission: What's the Role of the North American Church*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2012.

Payne, J.D. *Strangers Next Door: Immigration, Migration, and Mission*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2012.

Stetzer, Ed and David Putman. *Breaking the Missional Code: Your Church Can Become a Missionary in Your Community*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Attendance: Students are required to attend the orientation session. Electronically is the only method for submitting assignments. After the orientation session, email and/or telephone will be means of communication.

Assignments:

Book Report I: *Breaking the Missional Code*. Due by February 5, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a two-page, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines.

Book reports are informative reports that discuss a book from an objective stance. They are similar to book reviews but focus more on a **summary** of the work than an **evaluation** of it. Book reports commonly describe what happens in a work; their focus is primarily on giving an account of the major plot, characters, thesis, and/or main idea of the work.

Book Report II: *Western Christians In Global Mission*. Due by March 6, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a two-page, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines.

Book Report III: *Strangers Next Door*. Due by March 23, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a two-page, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines.

Attend 2018 Mission ConneXion Conference at Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualitan, OR – Jan. 19-20 and reflection papers. Due January 29, 2018 (40 points)
Register and info at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mission-connexion-northwest-2018-registration-36582492219> You must register to attend but registration is free!

1. Required Attendance at (2 of 4) 2018 Keynote sessions and four workshops (at least one from “Mobilizing Your Church for Missions” track and one from “Preparing to Serve in Mission” track).
2. Student to write a two-page reflection paper on each of the keynote speakers they listened to (20 points):
 - Francis Chan
 - Peter Greer

- Jamie Winship, or
 - Samuel Stephens
3. Student will select four workshops to attend and write a one-page summary on each of the four workshops (20 points).

NPBC Writing Standards:

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade.

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author’s ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

After the last day of the course, there will be no further extensions for work in the class, except for extenuating circumstances, such as family emergencies or medical reasons. Any request for an “INC” grade must be discussed with the professor prior to the last day of school. The professor must notify the office manager and provide copy of the work to be completed, or the grade of an “F” will be assigned.

GRADING: (A ten percent penalty will be accessed for late work)

Book Report I	(Due February 5)	20 points
Book Report II	(Due March 6)	20 points
Book Report III	(Due March 23)	20 points
Mission Connexion Reflection Paper	(Due January 29)	40 points
Total		100 points

GRADING SCALE:

- 90 – 100 A
- 80 – 89 B
- 70 – 79 C
- 60 – 69 D
- 0 - 59 F

SCHEDULE

January 8

Mission Connexion Project due
Book Report I due
Book Report II due
Book Report III due

Orientation: Review syllabus and answer any questions
January 29 – electronic submission
February 5 – electronic submission
March 6 – electronic submission
March 23 – electronic submission

Bibliography: Mobilizing the Missional Church IS 209

Barrett, Lois (Editor), *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*.

- Paperback: 192 pages
- Publisher: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (April 2004)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 080282692X

Cole, Neil, *Organic Church: Growing Faith Where Life Happens*.

- Hardcover: 272 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (September 2005)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0787981297

Creps, Earl, *Off-Road Disciplines: Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders*.

- Hardcover: 240 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (September 2006)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0787985201

Frost, Michael, *Exiles: Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture*.

- Paperback: 332 pages
- Publisher: Hendrickson Publishers (July 2006)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 1565636708

Frost, Michael and Alan Hirsch, *ReJesus: A Wild Messiah for a Missional Church*.

- Paperback: 204 pages
- Publisher: Hendrickson Publishers (January 2009)
- Language: English

- ISBN: 1598562286

Frost, Michael and Alan Hirsch, ***The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21 Century Church.***

- Paperback: 236 pages
- Publisher: Hendrickson Publishers (November 2003)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 1565636597

Hugh Halter and Matt Smay, ***The Tangible Kingdom: Creating Incarnational Community.***

- Hardcover: 224 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (April 2008)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0470188979

Alan Hirsch, ***The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church.***

- Paperback: 304 pages
- Publisher: Brazos Press (January 2007)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 1587431645

Hunsberger, George R. (Editor), Craig Van Gelder (Editor), ***The Church Between Gospel and Culture: The Emerging Mission in North America.***

- Paperback: 369 pages
- Publisher: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (March 1996)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0802841090

Kimball, Dan, ***They Like Jesus but Not the Church.***

- Paperback: 272 pages
- Publisher: Zondervan (March 2007)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0310245907

McNeal, Reggie, ***The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church.***

- Hardcover: 172 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (October 2003)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0787965685

Reggie McNeal, ***Missional Renaissance.***

- Hardcover: 224 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (February 2009)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0470243449

Roxburgh, Alan, ***The Missionary Congregation, Leadership, and Liminality.***

- Hardcover: 71 pages
- Publisher: Trinity Press International (September 1997)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 1563381907

Roxburgh, Alan, Fred Romanuk, ***The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World.***

- Hardcover: 240 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (April 2006)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 078798325X

Alan Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren, ***Introducing the Missional Church: What It Is, Why It Matters, How to Become One.***

- Hardcover: 200 pages
- Publisher: Baker Books (November 2009)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0801072123

Sweet, Leonard, ***Aquachurch.***

- Hardcover: 256 pages
- Publisher: Group Publishing Inc. (July 1999)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0764421514

Minatrea, Milfred, ***Shaped By God's Heart: The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches.***

- Hardcover: 224 pages
- Publisher: Jossey-Bass (August 2004)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0787971111

Newbigin, Lesslie, ***The Gospel in a Pluralist Society.***

- Paperback: 255 pages
- Publisher: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (December 1989)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0802804268

Stetzer, Ed and David Putman, ***Breaking the Missional Code.***

- Hardcover: 244 pages
- Publisher: B&H Publishing Group (May 2006)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0805443592

Stetzer, Ed, ***Planting Missional Churches.***

- Hardcover: 372 pages
- Publisher: B&H Publishing Group (May 2006)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0805443703

Gelder, Craig, ***The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit.***

- Paperback: 207 pages
- Publisher: Baker Books; Reprint Edition (April 2000)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 0801090962

Viola, Frank, ***Reimagining Church: Pursuing the Dream of Organic Christianity.***

- Paperback: 318 pages
- Publisher: David C. Cook (August 2008)
- Language: English
- ISBN: 1434768759