

NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE (NPBC)

Mobilizing the Missional Church

IS 209 – 3 Credits

Independent Study

Spring 2018

April 2 to June 15, 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 May 4, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a book report using the form provided by the instructor. Each question requires a minimum response of 50-100 words. The expectation is student will respond to each question, demonstrating their reading of the material, interacting with the content, and reflecting how it contributes to their understanding of the subject.

Book Report II: *Western Christians In Global Mission*. Due by May 25, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a book report using the form provided by the instructor. Each question requires a minimum response of 50-100 words. The expectation is student will respond to each question, demonstrating their reading of the material, interacting with the content, and reflecting how it contributes to their understanding of the subject.

Book Report III: *Strangers Next Door*. Due by June 15, 2018 (20 points)

Student will complete a book report using the form provided by the instructor. Each question requires a minimum response of 50-100 words. The expectation is student will respond to each question, demonstrating their reading of the material, interacting with the content, and reflecting how it contributes to their understanding of the subject.

Listen to online recordings of 2018 Mission ConneXion Conference at Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualitan, OR – Jan. 19-20 and reflection papers. Due April 13, 2018 (40 points)

You can find the recording here to refresh your memory of the sessions (not all are available). <http://missionconnexion.com/>

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)

Mission Connexion Reflection Papers	(Due April 13)	40 points
Book Report I	(Due May 4)	20 points
Book Report II	(Due May 25)	20 points
Book Report III	(Due June 15)	20 points
Total		100 points

GRADING SCALE:

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

SCHEDULE

April (TBD)

Mission Connexion Project due

Book Report I due

Book Report II due

Book Report III due

Orientation: Review syllabus and answer any questions

April 13 – electronic submission

May 4 – electronic submission

May 25 – electronic submission

June 15 – 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