



LOS ANGELES DISTRICT TRAINING CENTER
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OTR-4013 DEVELOPING A MISSIONAL CHURCH
FALL- 2003 - THREE SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT
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CLASS LOCATION:

Walnut Community Church of the Nazarene, 20801 La Puente Rd., Walnut, CA 91789-2096
(LODGING - Motels are available. If finances are an issue, you may bring a sleeping bag and sleep on living room floor, unless the guest room is open.)

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 29, 1:30 p.m. - 10:35 p.m.; Saturday, August 30, 8 a.m. - 6:05 p.m.
Friday, September 26, 1:30 p.m. - 10:35 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m. - 6:05 p.m.

REQUIRED COURSE TEXTBOOKS

1. Herrington, Jim, Mike Bonem, James H. Furr. *Leading Congregational Change: A Practical Guide for the Transformational Journey*. San Francisco: Josey-Bass, 2000. ISBN: 0787947652 (NOTE: Read assigned chapters ahead of class).
2. Lundell, Peter. *Armed for Battle: A Balanced Approach to Spiritual Warfare*. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.
[NOTE: We will cover this book in its entirety the second weekend (September 26-27). Read the whole book before the second class.]
3. Mittleberg, Mark, Lee Strobel & Bill Hybels. *Becoming a Contagious Christian Participant's Guide*. Zondervan, 1995.
(NOTE: We will use this text in every class. You must purchase the book, but no outside reading is required).
4. Stockstill, Larry. *The Cell Church*. Regal Books, 1998.
(NOTE: We will cover this text in its entirety the first weekend (August 29-30). Read the whole book before the first class.)
5. Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Church*. Zondervan, 1995. (in place of unavailable book: Payne, Bishop Claude E. and Beazley, Hamilton, *Reclaiming the Great Commission*. San Francisco: Josey-Bass, 2000. ISBN: 0787952680).
(NOTE: Read assigned chapters ahead of class).
6. Wiseman, Neil B., ed. *And Now. . . Next Door and Down the Freeway*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2001. ISBN: 0834119080.
(NOTE: Read assigned chapters ahead of class).

NOTE: Students are responsible to have the required textbooks prior to the first day of class. All of the assigned reading must be done before class.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1. Guder, Darrell L., ed. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1998. ISBN: 0802843506.
(NOTE: Do not purchase. Copies will be available in class for reference and class assignments.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A study of the principles and strategies required to develop a healthy congregation that fulfills the great commission as a missionary church within our diverse cultural context.

A thorough study of public and personal evangelism built on the New Testament mission of the church. Evangelistic preaching, revivals, discipleship, personal soul winning, and follow-up are addressed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The following are competencies for Ordination Course of Study which are achieved by this course:

1. Ability to conceive and articulate purpose, mission, vision, and to develop strategic plans in a local church. (CP-7)
2. Ability to develop team building skills, identify and cultivate spiritual gifts, recruit volunteers, diagnose and intervene in problems. (CP-8)
3. Ability to lead the church in disciplining & assimilating new converts into the church. (CP-21)
4. Ability to identify social & congregational factors that influence church growth. (CP-22)
5. Ability to discover sociological dynamics and trends and to apply that information to specific ministry settings. (CX-1).
6. Ability to analyze and describe congregations and communities. (CX-2)
7. Ability to explain the operational culture. (CX-4)
8. Ability to identify and apply the principles of cross-cultural communications. (CX-7)
9. Ability to apply historical analysis to the life of a local congregation in order to describe its historical and cultural context. (CX-9)

The following are additional objectives that are achieved by this course:

1. Ability to preach evangelistically & to be engaged with & equip others in personal & congregational evangelism.
2. Ability to lead or administrate evangelistic, ministry oriented cell groups or Sunday schools.
3. Ability to understand and practice the basics of spiritual warfare as it relates to evangelism.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Due to the intensive nature of the class, assignments **MUST** be read before class or be turned in on time. Not having read assigned readings or turning in projects late will cause significant grade reduction.

- A. Attendance, participation and reading 30%
Attendance is expected. You must be present on all four class days to pass the course. No exceptions. Class time will be very interactive and will require the student's full participation. Students will lead in class discussions.
- B. Field Studies - Projects One and Two 30%
Two reports of two or more pages each: Visit two different churches you do not regularly attend. Observe. Get written information. Interview at least one person. Being both detailed and succinct, 1) Record your observations and the essence of your interview(s); 2) Answer this question: "How is this church missional (or not missional)?" Also try to discover and discuss why they are or are not, to whatever degree, missional.
Due for presentation to class on September 26-27.
- C. Project Three 15%
Assess the nature, needs and opportunities of the community where your local church has its address (three or more pages). Due for presentation to class on September 26-27.

- D. Project Four 15%
 Analysis on “How Missional is my own Local Church?” Ask and answer why it is this way. Suggest possibilities for change (three or more pages). Due for presentation to class on September 26-27.
- F. Final Exam 10%
 Final essay: “Design a Missional Church.” Within the realm of human reality, what kind of church do you dream of? How will it function? How will you achieve it?

GRADING PROCEDURE

The basis of evaluation for the course assignments will be as follows:

Attendance, Participation and Reading.....	300 points (30%)
Field Study Project One.....	150 points (15%)
Field Study Project Two.....	150 points (15%)
Project Three.....	150 points (15%)
Project Four.....	150 points (15%)
Final Exam.....	<u>100 points (10%)</u>
Total Possible Points.....	1,000 points (100%)

The final grade will be determined on the basis of the following point scale:

A+ - 970 - 1000		C - 735 - 769
A - 935 - 969		C- - 701 - 734
A- - 901 - 934		D+ - 670 - 700
B+ - 870 - 900		D - 635 - 669
B - 835 - 869		D- - 601 - 634
B- - 801 - 834		F - 600 or below
C+ - 770 - 800		

COURSE SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE:

Course sessions will include devotionals, lectures, and interactive questions and responses on the required texts and related topics. Necessary breaks will be taken.

Two field studies will also be done.

August 29

- Guder, Missional Church overview
- Wiseman, Pp. 5-10, Ch’s. 1-2
- Herrington, et al., Ch’s. 1-3
- Warren, Ch’s. 1-5
- Stockstill, Ch’s. 1-5
- Natural Church Development
- Cell Groups
- Becoming a Contagious Christian

August 30

- Wiseman, Chs. 3-5
- Herrington, et al., Ch’s. 4-5
- Warren, Ch’s. 6-10
- Stockstill, Ch’s. 6-11
- Neglected Mandates
- Cell Groups
- Purpose, Vision, Outreach
- Becoming a Contagious Christian

September 26

Wiseman, Ch's. 6-7
Herrington, et al., Ch's. 6-8
Warren, Ch's. 7-15
Lundell, Ch's. 1-4
Spiritual Warfare
Becoming a Contagious Christian
First field study due--report to class
Report on your community due--report to class

September 27

Wiseman, Ch's. 8-9
Herrington, et al., Ch's. 9-11
Warren, Ch's. 16-20
Lundell, Ch's. 5-7
Spiritual Warfare
Becoming a Contagious Christian
Second field study due--report to class
Report on your local church due--report to class
Final Essay