



Diploma of Foundations in Missional Ministry and Church Leadership Course Syllabus

LEADING YOUR CONGREGATION IN MISSIONAL MINISTRY

September 25 – November 20, 2017 (Except October 9, 2017)

Mondays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

The Peoples Church

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

With the mission of God as our reason for existence, we are called to lead, equip, and release the people of God to participate in that mission. As church leaders in a multicultural Canadian context, what are the understandings, attitudes, and skills that serve this mission and the kingdom of God? This course will look at who we can be as participatory missional leaders, and how we can grow in our ability to model, minister, and mentor effectively, and then to empower others to collaboratively do the same. The course will also use the leadership framework of character, care, and competence to lead your congregation in missional ministry.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this 8-week course, students will be able to:

A. “KNOW” (Aptitude or Head Aspect) Objectives

1. Learn what missional church is, what it is not and how it stems from the mission of our Triune God (i.e., the WHY of our mission).
2. Discover the people to whom and the place where we are called to be on mission with God, given our multicultural context (i.e., the WHO & WHERE of our mission).

3. Understand relational and incarnational ways to participate in God’s mission as the Spirit moves us to discern and engage our community and love our neighbour (i.e., the WHAT & WHEN of our mission).
4. Reflect on how to make missional disciples of Jesus and to lead them to fulfill our missional ministry together in the kingdom of God (i.e., the HOW of our mission).

B. “BE” (Attitude or Heart Aspect) Objectives

1. Deepen our love for our missionary God and the people of all nations, who are the scope of God’s mission.
2. Appreciate the mission of our Triune God and His call for us to participate in it.
3. Grow in teach-ability and humility in learning how to fulfill the mission of God in new and timely ways.

C. “DO” (Action or Hand Aspect) Objectives

1. Journal the students’ personal, missional lessons from the class sessions (both the teaching & group discussions) and from their reading of a missional textbook.
2. Read reflectively the majority of Christopher Wright’s book *The Mission of God’s People: A Biblical Theology of the Church’s Mission*.
3. Apply the understanding of missional ministry in a specific aspect of life, work, or church setting.

III. COURSE SCHEDULE

Session Date	Topics
Week 1 September 25	Course Syllabus (Overview of the Course) What Missional Church Is & Is Not Description of the Missional Church
Week 2 October 2	Story of the Mission of God (Missio Dei) Story of Mission, Church, & the Missional Church God’s Mission & the Kingdom of God Due: Missional Lessons # 1-5 Due: Reading of Chapters # 1 & 2 (pp. 23-47)
Oct 9	<u>No Class</u> Thanksgiving Holiday

<p>Week 3 October 16</p>	<p>Why We Need To Be Missional in a Multicultural, Postmodern, Pluralistic, Post-Christendom, Globalized World Scope of the Missional Ministry: All Creation & All Nations Missional Moves (Mindset Shifts)</p> <p>Due: Missional Lessons # 6-10 Due: Reading of Chapters # 4 & 12 (pp. 63-81; 201-221)</p>
<p>Week 4 October 23</p>	<p>Missional Discernment & the Role of the Holy Spirit Understanding our Neighbourhood Loving our Neighbour</p> <p>Due: Missional Lessons # 11-15 Due: Reading of Chapters # 7 & 8 (pp. 114-147)</p>
<p>Week 5 October 30</p>	<p>Relational Participation in God’s Mission Incarnational Participation in God’s Mission God’s Mission & Hospitality</p> <p>Due: Missional Lessons # 16-20 Due: Reading of Chapters # 10 & 11 (pp. 163-200)</p>
<p>Week 6 November 6</p>	<p>C3 Leadership Framework (Character; Care; Competence) Participatory Missional Leadership Collaboration & Partnership in the Kingdom</p> <p>Due: Missional Lessons # 21-25 Due: Reading of Chapters # 3 & 15 (pp. 48-62; 265-287)</p>
<p>Week 7 November 13</p>	<p>Leading Missional Discipleship Leading Missional Worship Leading for Mission in Daily Life</p> <p>Due: Missional Lessons # 26-30 Due: Reading of Chapters # 13 & 14 (pp. 222-262)</p>
<p>Week 8 November 20</p>	<p>Missional Church Planting in a Multicultural Context Reverse Mission & Global Mission What’s Next for Missional Church?</p> <p>Due: “My Mini-Missional Project” (3 double-spaced pages only)</p>

IV. COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Required Reading (35%)

The course textbook is **Christopher Wright's book *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission***.

The reading of specific chapters in the book is due weekly.

NOTE: The breakdown of the scheduled reading assignments is shown in the schedule of classes above.

B. Journal of Missional Lessons (35%)

Students will choose 5 missional lessons that they personally learn from the sessions and reading every week.

They will follow this 2-part format:

1) Missional Lesson: (specify the missional lesson) – only 1 sentence in length.

2) What this missional lesson means to me (or Why this missional lesson is important to me): (specify the personal meaning or importance of the lesson) – only 1-2 sentences in length.

The 5 weekly lessons will be submitted according to the schedule of the class sessions above.

NOTE: The length of the 5 weekly lessons can be less than 1 double-spaced page but it must not exceed 1 page.

C. Mini-Missional Project (30%)

Students will apply the lessons they're learning from the class sessions and readings by doing a simple mini-missional project in a specific aspect of life, work, or ministry context. For example, the mini-missional project can be discerning from the Spirit how to show hospitality to a neighbour or family, or how to incarnationally participate in God's mission at work, or how to relationally welcome a newcomer in church. More instruction will be given to the students about this project later in the course.

NOTE: This mini-missional project must be 3 doubled-spaced pages in length.

V. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Assignment	Due Date	Percent of Final
Required Reading	See Course Schedule for Weekly Due Dates	35%
Journal of Missional Lessons	See Course Schedule for Weekly Due Dates	35%
Mini-Missional Project	November 20	30%

VI. COURSE EXPECTATIONS

TIM Centre has three ways in assessing your participation. They are as follows:

Certificate of Attendance: This is an audit whereby the participant attends all classes and participates in class discussion.

Certificate of Completion: All assignments are completed to a satisfactory level.

Certificate of Distinction: All assignments are completed to a level of distinction.