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Course Syllabus Spring and Summer 2013

OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF THE ASIAN CHURCH: CHURCH PLANTING, EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, AND SOCIAL CONCERN CHIN 0670

JUNE 3 – 7, 2013 (MONDAY TO FRIDAY)
9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. (LUNCH TIME 12:30 TO 1:30)

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to equip students who have a passion and interest in the outreach ministries of the Asian Church. They will learn about how to seek before the Lord for a vision in outreaching to their local context and to the world according to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment for Asian churches in North America. Students will be instructed with biblical and practical knowledge in evangelism, missions, and social concerns in the context of a holistic church ministry. This course will spend half of the time to equip students to become a visionary and missional leader in church renewal and church planting. This includes catching the vision through spiritual formation disciplines that further cultivate their spiritual sensitivity in following the mission of God. They will also learn how to cast, plan, and implement the vision for church planting or spiritual renewal of the church. This course will also study the methods and strategies in handling special issue of intergenerational

leadership transition among Asian churches. Perspective developments in handling intercultural conflicts, international mission challenges, and holistic integration will prepare students to develop and/or transform their churches.

Prerequisites: None

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Reflect on biblical knowledge of Missions and Missional ministry in the sense of following the mission of God in a unique Asian church ministry setting.
- Develop a network of real ministries in the areas of social concerns, evangelism, and missions.
- Develop skills that will increase ministry capacity in the areas of:
 - (a) Integrative thinking
 - (b) Spiritual sensitivity
 - (c) Contextual factors
 - (d) Writing ministry planning, proposal, and vision cast

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Blackaby, Henry T., and Melvin D. Blackaby. *Experiencing God Together: God's Plan to Touch your World*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2002. ISBN: 0-8054-2481-4 (399 pages)

Ott, Craig, and Gene Wilson. *Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0801035807 (480 pages)

B. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. **Class Participation:** 10% of final grade

Student participation will be graded on a scale of 1 to 4: 1: present, not disruptive; responds when called on but does not offer much; infrequent involvement; 2: adequate preparation, but no evidence of interpretation of analysis; offers straightforward information; contributes moderately when called upon; 3: good preparation, offers interpretation and analysis, contributes well to discussion in on-going fashion; 4: excellent preparation, offers analysis, synthesis and evaluation of material; contributes significantly to ongoing discussion. The highest participation score is 5%. A 7 hour/day class attendance is worth 1%. (5% plus 5% = 10%).

2. Critical Book Review: Due on June 14, 2012; 20% of final grade

Students are expected to write and submit a critical book review of 6-7 pages in length: choose one of the books from the list of selected bibliography. The assigned task is to provide a careful and thorough examination of the basic issues(s) at stake in the text, and to evaluate the relative strength(s) and/or weakness(es) of the author's case. Seek to review the work critically: don't merely summarize but, rather, seek to express the dominant issues and argument of the work. This assignment should be a preparation for the student to choose one area of interest that will lead into the final project.

3. Reading assignment: Due on July 14, 2012; 20% of final grade

Students are expected required books as listed. 10% of this assignment will be graded on the completion of the required readings. A three pages long reflective paper is worth another 10%. The paper is graded on an integrated insight of the student from the reading of the two assigned books.

4. Final Project - A practical researched Church Outreach proposal: Due before August 14, 2013; 50% of final grade

This assignment is an exercise to put together a student has learnt from this course into a realistic outreach ministry proposal in a given context. This is also a potential project after graduated for any student who has a calling from the Lord.

C. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Students should consult the current *Academic Calendar* for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at <http://tyndale.ca/registrar>. An excerpt is attached with this syllabus for easy reference.

For proper citation style, consult the [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially [ch. 14](#). For citing scripture texts, refer to sections 10.46 to 10.51 and 14.253 to 14.254.

D. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments

Class participation	10%
Required reading assignment	20 %
Critical book review	20 %
Final project	50 %
Total Grade	100 %

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

- Overview of content for each class session
 - June 3 (Monday), 2013: Asian Church Outreach in North America

Activity	Time	Topic
Lecture	9:00 – 10:45	Introduction to the course
Break	10:45 - 11:00	▪
Special topic	11:00 – 12:15	Asian Church in North America – A Toronto case study
Lunch	12:15 – 1:15	▪
Lecture	1:15 – 2:30	Identify Asian Church issues
Break	2:30 – 2:45	▪
Lecture	2:45 – 4:00	The biblical insights that lead into possible solutions according to the Great Commission and Great Commandment

- June 4 (Tuesday), 2013: Church Revival

Activity	Time	Topic
Lecture	9:00 – 10:45	The challenge of deepening our spirituality: from doing to being (Integrative thinking that leads to the unity and holistic spirituality in Asian churches)
Break	10:45 - 11:00	▪
Special Topic	11:00 – 12:15	The Asian church outreach in an urban setting: Steve Chu from Yonge Street Mission to Toronto City Mission
Lunch	12:15 – 1:15	▪
Lecture	1:15 – 2:30	Quest for a new church culture
Break	2:30 – 2:45	▪
Lecture	2:45 – 4:00	Introduction to church Planting and its process

○ June 5 (Wednesday), 2013: Church Planting

Activity	Time	Topic
Lecture	9:00 – 10:45	Contextual study in church planting
Break	10:45 - 11:00	▪
Special Topic	11:00 – 12:15	Missional challenge for the younger evangelicals: Donna Don
Lunch	12:15 – 1:15	▪
Lecture	1:15 – 2:30	Understanding of your local institutional and spiritual context
Break	2:30 – 2:45	▪
Lecture	2:45 – 4:00	A dynamic church planting strategy

○ June 6 (Thursday), 2013: Developing spiritually healthy church model

Activity	Time	Topic
Lecture	9:00 – 10:45	Church planters and team
Break	10:45 - 11:00	▪
Special Topic	11:00 – 12:15	CARE Ministry: Victor Chan
Lunch	12:15 – 1:15	▪
Lecture	1:15 – 2:30	Total Mobilization: gathering and scattering of Christians for witnessing the biblical gospel
Break	2:30 – 2:45	▪
Lecture	2:45 – 4:00	The organization of a growing church

○ June 7 (Friday), 2013: Evangelism and Evangelization

Activity	Time	Topic
Lecture	9:00 – 10:45	The biblical mission of God His people

Break	10:45 - 11:00	▪
Lecture	11:00 – 12:15	His missional church
Lunch	12:15 – 1:15	Working lunch: Leadership
Lecture	1:15 – 2:30	Final review and evaluation
Break	2:30 – 2:45	▪
Lecture	2:45 – 4:00	Missional and spiritual leadership

- Specific due dates for course requirements:
 - Critical Book Review, due June 14, 2013
 - Reading Assignment, due July 14, 2013
 - Final Project, due before August 14, 2013

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