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A Global Faith: Lessons from the Global South MISS 0670

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

As the New York Times (March 13, 2013) announced, *'New Pope Shifts Church's Center of Gravity Away From Europe'*, the surprise selection of an Argentine Cardinal, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, on Wednesday March 13, 2013, as the first non-European Pope of the Roman Catholic Church in 600 years highlights the rising significance of the Church of the Global South. The Global South comprising the developing countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, has witnessed an explosion in the growth in Christianity over the last century and now wears the mantle of the new center of gravity of Christian presence in global Christianity. With approximately 600 million Christians (Pew Research Centre, June 2011) in the Global South, what lessons can the global church learn from the Global South? This course examines the new face of Global Christianity and explores the contributions of the Global South to the Global Christian Faith.

NO PREREQUISITES

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will:

- A. know the current state of Christianity in the Global South
- B. be able to critically assess and discern current trends in global missions
- C. be able to identify their place in *Missio Dei*.
- D. be able to apply their knowledge and discernment in the ministry of the local church and organizations.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Jenkins, Philip. 2006. *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Myers, Bryant L. 1996. *The New Context of World Mission*. MARC: World Vision

Nelson, Gary V., King, Gordon W., Smith, Terry G. 2011. *Going Global: A Congregation's Introduction to Mission beyond our Borders*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.

Pew Research Centre. June 22, 2011. 'Global Survey of Evangelical Protestant Leaders'. The Pew Research Centre. www.pewforum.org

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Required Reading and Class Participation

From the reading list provided (p.4) select (1) text from at least (3) regions of the Global South and read thoroughly for comparative reflection. **Class interaction.** In small groups share your experience of the Church in the Global South. Are there lessons the Global Church can learn from the Church in the Global South? Discuss. 25%

Critical Literature Review

Prepare and submit a 1000 word-length, double-spaced comparative analysis of the literature selected. 30% Due date: June 28

A Final Paper

Prepare and submit a 5000 word-length, typed, double-spaced, position paper on the contribution of the Church of the Global South to Global Christianity 45% Due date: June 28

D. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

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](#).

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students should consult the current Academic Calendar for academic polices 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>.

E. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments [*Sample*]

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| Required Reading and Class Participation | 25% |
| Critical Literature Review | 30% |
| A Final Paper | 45 % |
| Total Grade | 100 % |

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

Day 1 - Monday, May 13, **Introduction**

'*The State of the Gospel*', Jason Mandryk, Operation World. <http://vimeo.com/24991277>
Global Christianity: A Report on the Size and Distribution of the World's Christian Population. December 2011. <http://www.pewforum.org>

Johnson, Todd, et al. (ed). 2012. "The Demographics of World Mission and Christianity, 1910-2010." *Boston*, 3-12. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2012.

Global South Defined and Defended

Issues in the Global South

Church Planting and Church Growth in the Global South

21st Century Missiology and the Global South

Bibliography/Selected Reading

Day 2 – Tuesday, May 14, - **CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA**

Church Growth in Africa
Features of African Christianity
Religious innovation/Renewal of a non-Western Religion
Lessons from Africa

Day 3 - Wednesday, May 15, - **CHRISTIANITY IN ASIA- Pacific**
Church Growth in Asia
Features of Asian Christianity
Theological innovation- Green Desert project
Lessons from Asia

Day 3 –Thursday, May 16, **CHRISTIANITY IN LATIN AMERICA**
Church Growth in Latin America
Features of Latin American Christianity
Theological Education and the poor – CETI project
Lessons from Latin America

Day 4 - Friday, May 17, **CHRISTIANITY IN THE CARIBBEAN**
Church Growth in the Caribbean
Features of Caribbean Christianity
The Caribbean Theology Project
Lessons from the Caribbean

Conclusion

Lessons from the church of the Global South

- Lesson no. 1 – Go Gospel
- Lesson no. 2 – Go Global
- Lesson no. 3 – Go Green

- *Overview of content for each class session*
- *Readings due for each class*
- *Specific due dates for course requirements*

V. SELECTED READING LIST

INTRODUCTION

Bosch, David J. 1991/2001. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis.

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UK: Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.

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