

## IX. Mission Outreach in Context

### A. Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to assist the student in understanding and applying the great commission of Matthew 28 by either growing an existing ministry (i.e. congregation or mission-site) or by starting a new one.

In order to accomplish this purpose, this course will develop the necessary knowledge, skill, and attitudes to understand and effectively apply the theology of missions, missiology in the Bible, history of missions, missiological methodology including culture and missions, dependency issues, demographics, ethnic ministries, qualities of a healthy ministry, new mission starts, and personal evangelism.

### B. Course Goals

1. Students will understand the theology, history, and practical application of missions.
2. Students will develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to effectively share their faith in evangelizing the lost and encouraging inactive members..
3. Students will be involved in either strengthening the ministry and growth of an existing congregation or a new mission.
4. Include other people in the work of ministry so that the entire congregation is involved in the work of nurture and evangelism.
5. Relate to and respect all peoples, regardless of racial or social backgrounds.
6. Pray for the members of the congregation and for the lost.

### C. Recommended Texts:

1. Roland, Allen, *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?*, ©1962, Reprinted 1999, Eerdmans.
2. Bishop Claude E. Payne, *Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Practical Model for Transforming Denominations and Congregations*, Copyright 2000, Josey-Bass.
3. Christian A. Schwarz, *Natural Church Development: A Guide to Eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Churches*, Church Smart Resources, Copyright 1996.

### D. Optional Texts

1. Richardson, *Eternity in their Hearts*
2. Van Rheenen, *Missions: Biblical Foundations and Contemporary Strategies*
3. *Mission in Urban Areas OR Ruffcorn, Rural Evangelism*
4. Kolb, *Speaking the Gospel Today*
5. Strobel, *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary*
6. Tinsley, *Upon This Rock: Dimensions of Church Planting*
7. Robert Newton, *Evangelism. CTS DELTO Course*
8. Detlev Shulz, *Theology of Missions, CTS DELTO Course*
9. Scudieri, *The Apostolic Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Missionary*

### E. Contents

1. Unit I- Introduction to Missions
  - a. Introduction to Missiology
  - b. The Theology of Missions
  - c. The Missionary Function of the Church
  - d. Summary of Biblical Missions
    - i. Old Testament Foundations For Missions
    - ii. The Gospels And Acts
    - iii. Missions In The Pauline Epistles
    - iv. "Apostle" Revisited

2. Unit II- History of Missions
  - a. History of missions in the world
  - b. History of missions in the USA
  - c. History of missions in the LCMS
3. Unit III- Practical Missiology: Missionary and the Field
  - a. Challenges & Difficulties
  - b. Role of Pastor in family, community
  - c. Identification Vs. Extractionism
4. Unit IV- Culture and Missions
  - a. Gospel And Culture
    - i. Foundational Insights into Culture
    - ii. Cross-Cultural Challenges
    - iii. General Revelation and Contextualization
  - b. "Self" Movement
  - c. Dependency Issues
  
5. Unit V- Natural Church Development
  - a. The Eight Characteristics of Healthy Churches - Natural Church Development.
    - i. Empowering Leadership
    - ii. Gift-Oriented Ministry
    - iii. Passionate Spirituality
    - iv. Functional Structures
    - v. Inspiring Worship Services
    - vi. Holistic Small Groups
    - vii. Need-Oriented Evangelism
    - viii. Loving Relationships
  - b. The Minimum Factor
  - c. Six Biotic Principles
6. Unit VI- Evangelism
  - a. Demographics
  - b. Local Evangelism
    - i. Witnessing to family
    - ii. Assimilation of new members
    - iii. Closing the "back door"
    - iv. Congregational activities
7. Units VII & VIII- Application of Evangelism and Missions
  - a. Study the book, Reclaiming the Great Commission
    - i. The New Apostolic Ages: Denominational Crisis and Opportunity
    - ii. The New Apostolic Denomination: From Maintenance to Mission
    - iii. Leaders in the New Apostolic Age
  - b. Outreach to the Unchurched
  
1. Congregation
2. District
3. Synod