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205.715 Theology: Church in the Mission of God Course Assessment and Delivery Course Outline

Campus: Henderson

Semester 1, 2015
NQF Level 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW:

1. Biblical understandings of the Church
2. Development of views of the Church.
3. Understandings of Christian ministry
4. The idea of sacrament and its application.
5. The doctrine of the Church in relation to other Christian doctrines

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES:

1. Essay

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	1, 2,3
<i>Due Dates:</i>	Midnight Sunday end of Semester Week 8
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	50%
<i>Word Count:</i>	3000

Essay Topic

Critically engage the issues raised in chapter 6 of Gary D. Badcock's book, *The House Where God Lives: the doctrine of the church* from an ecclesiological and missiological perspective. Discuss the theological merits of this vision of the church and how it informs or detracts from Christian mission in the contemporary world.

2. Take Home Examination

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	1-4
<i>Dates</i>	15-19 June
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	40%
<i>Length:</i>	5 days

The exam will consist of three case studies, which require the integration of the themes of the course. You will be required to address **TWO** of these cases. The answers should be of approx. 1500 words each and will suggest an authentic response to the cases and demonstrate your theological reasoning and knowledge of Christian ecclesiology. These answers do not need to be formatted like formal essays. The focus is on your theological reasoning, rather than use of footnotes etc. **NOTE Carefully! This IS an exam and NO extensions will be possible.**

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:

1. Essay

- Evidence of engagement with the required reading, and understanding of the author's main points
- Essay addresses the questions asked
- Careful reflection on the range of issues posed by the essay question
- Demonstration of sound theological method through insightful integration of Scripture, experience, reason and tradition
- Research resources effectively used to assist in answering question
- Communication & Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; annotation and bibliography

2. Final Examination

- Answers directed to the question
- Coverage of main points
- Clarity and depth of treatment
- Depth of insights
- Coherence and presentation

LEARNING HOURS:

Lectures and Tutorials	35 hours
Course material study	40 hours
Essay	30 hours
Additional Reading/Reflection/Exam Preparation	45 hours
TOTAL:	150 hours

TEXTBOOKS:

There are two textbooks associated with this course and its level 7 equivalent:

Required:

Gary D. Badcock, *The House Where God Lives: the doctrine of the church*, Grand Rapids, Eerdmans: 2009.

Students in 205.715 will be expected to have access to this book. It can be purchased in a number of formats, including a Kindle edition via Amazon.com. [A limited number is available from Laidlaw at \$50 each plus p&p. Contact Martin Sutherland (martins@laidlaw.ac.nz).]

Recommended:

Graham Hill, *Salt, Light and a City: Introducing Missional Ecclesiology*, Eugene Or.: Wipf & Stock, 2012.

This is the set text for 205.615. It will be referred to throughout the course and is highly recommended for purchase. It can be purchased in a number of formats, including a Kindle edition via Amazon.com. [A limited number is available from Laidlaw at \$50 each plus p&p. Contact Martin Sutherland (martins@laidlaw.ac.nz).]

WEEKLY READINGS:

The following readings are recommended in preparation or revision for each lecture. Those not in the textbook are available via the Moodle site.

Reading for Week 1
Badcock ch 1.

Reading for Week 2
Badcock ch 2.

Reading for Week 3
Badcock ch 3.

Reading for Week 4
Badcock ch 4.

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Reading for Week 5
Badcock ch 5.

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Reading for Week 6
Badcock ch 6.

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Reading for Week 7
V-M Karkkainen, *An Introduction to Ecclesiology: Ecumenical, Historical and Global Perspectives* (Downers Grove, ILL: IVP, 2002), 113-141.

Reading for Week 8
R.S. Anderson, *The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry with Theological Praxis* (Downers Grove, ILL: IVP, 2001), 61-74.

Reading for Week 9
R.A. Tucker & Walter Liefeld *Daughters of the Church: Women and Ministry from New Testament times to the present* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987), 401-434.

Reading for Week 10
R.P. Stevens *The Other Six Days: Vocation, Work and Ministry in Biblical Perspective* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999), 131-159.

Reading for Week 11
Badcock ch 7.

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Reading for Week 12
Badcock ch 8.

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