

## LIDLAW COLLEGE

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

Campus: Henderson

Semester 1, 2015  
NQF Level 6, 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. Online Multi-Choice Quiz

*Learning Outcomes:* 1

*Due Dates:* Midnight Sunday end of Semester Week 6

*Percentage Weighting:* 20%

This online, multi-choice test will address issues relating to the lectures and readings for weeks 1-4.

##### 2. Essay

*Learning Outcomes:* 2,3, 4

*Due Dates:* Midnight Sunday end of Semester Week 9

*Percentage Weighting:* 40%

*Word Count:* 1500

Essay Topic

Discuss the issues raised in chapters 13-15 of G. Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*. What are the ecclesiological and missiological issues at stake?

##### 3. Take Home Examination

*Learning Outcomes:* 1-4

*Dates:* 15-19 June

*Percentage Weighting:* 40%

*Length:* 5 days

The exam will consist of five questions chosen from across all the themes of the course. You will be required to answer **THREE** of these questions. The answers should be of approx. 1000 words each and will 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. Online Quiz

- The “best” answer is selected from those available. Others might arguably also be correct, but you are to discern which best addresses the issue at stake in each question.

### 2. Written 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

### 3. 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
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>150 hours</b>

## TEXTBOOKS:

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

### Required:

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

Students in 205.615 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:

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

This is the set text for 205.715. 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 week. Those not from the text book will be available via the Moodle site. In weeks 5-10, the chapters from Graham Hill's *Salt, Light and a City* will be the basis for in-class tutorial discussions.

Reading for Week 1

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, "Introduction".

Reading for Week 2

M. Bockmuehl & M.B. Thomson (eds) *A Vision for the Church: Studies in Early Christian Ecclesiology* (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1997) 105-120.

Reading for Week 3

Kevin Giles, *What on Earth is the Church: A Biblical and Theological Inquiry* (North Blackburn, Aust.: Dove, 1995), 74-97.

Reading for Week 4

E.G. Jay, *The Church: Its Changing Image Through Twenty Centuries: Volume 1: The First Seventeen Centuries* (London: SPCK, 1977), 29-74.

Reading for Week 5

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, Chapter 13-14.

Reading for Week 6

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, Chapter 15.

Reading for Week 7

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, Chapter 16.

Reading for Week 8

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, Chapter 17.

Reading for Week 9

Hill, *Salt, Light and a City*, Chapter 18.

Reading for Week 10

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 11

A.E. McGrath, *Christian Theology: An Introduction* 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2001), 508-533.

Reading for Week 12

M.J. Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985), 1107-1127.

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