

## LIDLAW COLLEGE

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

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015  
NQF Level 6, 15 credits

#### CONTENT OVERVIEW:

1. The Spirit and the Church
2. The Purpose and Shape of the Church
3. Images of the Church in the New Testament - I
4. Images of the Church in the New Testament - II
5. The Nature and Forms of Ministry - I
6. The Nature and Forms of Ministry - II
7. Sacrament or Ordinance?
8. Christian Baptism
9. The Lord's Supper
10. Christian Worship
11. Prayer
12. Contemporary Ecclesiology

#### ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES:

##### 1. Online Discussion Forum

*Learning Outcomes:* 1, 3, 4

*Due Dates:* 11.59PM Sunday end of Semester Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

*Percentage Weighting:* 20%

*Word Count:* As specified below

In lessons 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 you will find **Assessment Exercises** which require you to post a response of not more than 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question about some aspect of that lesson. In addition to your initial posting, you will be required to make at least one further posting of at least 50 words which interacts with what your online tutor and other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within 7 calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

##### 2. Essay

*Learning Outcomes:* 1, 2, 4

*Due Date:* 11.59PM Sunday end of Semester Week 7

*Percentage Weighting:* 40%

*Word Count:* 2500

Essay Topic – choose ONE of the following two topics:

- Analyse Paul Hiebert's chapter entitled 'The Category *Christian* in the Mission Task' (chapter two of his book *Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1994. This chapter is found in the **Assessment** section of the course materials). In light of the material covered in

this course, compare and contrast the implications of the four major models of the church he discusses. Be sure to refer to other sources in your essay.

- Critically engage with the issues raised in chapter 6 of Gary D. Badcock's book, *The House Where God Lives: Renewing the doctrine of the church for today* from an ecclesiological and missiological perspective. (This chapter is found in the **Assessment** section of the course materials.) Discuss how this vision of the church informs or detracts from Christian mission in the contemporary world. Be sure to refer to other sources in your essay.

### 3. Research Essay

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	3, 4
<i>Due Date:</i>	11.59PM Sunday end of Study Week 1
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	40%
<i>Word Count:</i>	2500

Compare and contrast the theology and society that has shaped two denominations / traditions, including the denomination / tradition that you identify with. Include a discussion of influential biblical images, the shape of the church, the marks of the church, church governance and ministry, sacramental understanding, worship, mission and ecumenical unity. Conclude with a brief discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of your own tradition that have become apparent to you, and any particular challenges that you have found coming out of this study.

As a guideline, in your essay refer to around 8-10 resources, at least 6 of which should be scholarly sources such as books or academic journal articles (including the readings provided with your course materials). The others may be lighter sources such as news and magazine articles (or their online equivalent).

## CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:

### 1. Participation in the Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the "online discussion grading guide and indicative mid-semester feedback" on Moodle for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

- Engagement with material
- Constructive engagement with others
- Structure and presentation
- Timeliness

### 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. Research Essay

- Broad comparison of own and other tradition
- Identification and description of key ecclesiology themes
- Demonstrated understanding of how theology shapes tradition

- Shown consideration of how society shapes tradition
- Used research resources effectively to assist in answering question
- Concluding assessment and evaluation
- Communication & Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; annotation and bibliography

### LEARNING HOURS:

Course material study and extra reading	55 hours
Participation in the Online Discussion Forum	15 hours
Essay	40 hours
Research Essay	40 hours
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>150 hours</b>

### TEXTBOOKS:

#### Required Textbooks:

- Erickson, M.J. *Christian Theology. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.* Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, 1998.
- Grenz, Stanley J. *Theology for the Community of God.* Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, 1994. (Also published by Broadman and Holman in 1994, and by Eerdmans and Regent College in 2000)

Please note: Both of these will be useful in any other theology studies you do as well.

#### Also highly recommended:

- Ferguson, S.B. and D.F. Wright. *New Dictionary of Theology.* Leicester: IVP, 1988.
- McGrath, Alister E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction (4<sup>th</sup> edn).* Malden, MA : Blackwell, 2007.

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Most of the resources listed here will be available through the Laidlaw Library.

#### Resources specifically relating to this course on church and the sacraments:

(Note that some additional materials will be listed in the bibliographies at the end of each lesson):

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