

**505.515 Theology and Praxis of Global Ministry**  
**Course Assessment and Delivery Outline**

**Campus:** Auckland - Manukau  
**Lecturers:** Greg Liston

Semester 1, 2015  
NQF Level: 5, 15 credits

**COURSE OVERVIEW (Please note: topics may be shifted to different dates depending on availability of visiting lecturers)**

**Week 1. Engaging Context I - Introduction**

*What in the world is God up to? – tracking the trends; explanation of course*

**Week 2. Entering Story – Mission**

*The Story of God; engaging and reframing the Gospel*

**Week 3. Engaging Context - Mission**

*Engaging culture: a theology of culture and models of engagement; modernism and postmodernism.*

**Week 4. Engaging Context - Mission**

*The context, issues and models of global cross-cultural mission*

**Week 5. Entering Story - Ministry**

*What is the church? Biblical and historical engagement on ecclesiology*

**Week 6. Entering Story - Ministry**

*The story of God at work and the history of the church in Aotearoa- New Zealand.*

**Week 7. Engaging context Ministry**

*Contemporary local and global models for church and ministry and leadership.*

**Week 8. Embracing Calling I**

*Foundations for sustaining the long-term practice of global mission*

**Week 9. Embracing Calling II**

*Foundations for sustaining the long-term practice of ministry and leadership*

**Week 10. Embracing Calling III**

*The church for the whole people of God: empowering pastor and equipping church*

**Week 11. Embracing Calling IV**

*Ministry through the stages of life – resourcing Christians for the journey of faith.*

**Week 12. Embracing Calling V**

*Women in ministry – learning from the experience of women in leadership.*

*(Please note: dates may change for session depending on availability of particular speakers)*

## ASSESSMENT TASKS, DUE DATES AND LEARNING HOURS

The requirements of the course are as follows:

- 1) **Completion of assigned weekly pre-reading and blog (on Moodle) (35%)**. This blog will be visible to other students as you demonstrate personal observations and reflection on assigned reading. Reading and blog should be completed prior to class for that week.

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 5

Grading Criteria:

- a) Evidence of completion of and interaction with required pre-reading.
- b) Consistent reflection as evidenced in blog entries.
- c) Participation in class discussions and activities.

Detailed instructions for these readings are available separately in *Assignment 1: Set Readings and Responses* document.

- 2) **Integration project of - 1800 words (40%)**. Due: 19<sup>th</sup> April

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 5

Grading Criteria:

- Clear and careful analysis of relevant issues in relation to an appropriate organization
- Integration of Biblical foundation with an appropriate response
- Personal reflection and application
- Sufficient reading and research evident; referencing and bibliography
- Communication & Presentation: Clarity, arrangement of ideas, spelling, grammar.

**Choose** one of the following NGOs or mission agencies;

World Vision,  
Tear Fund,  
Oxfam,  
Salvation Army,  
Christians Against Poverty,  
Island Reach (YWAM),  
Amnesty International,  
Refugee Services,  
Red Cross  
Prison Fellowship  
Habitat for Humanity.

**Describe** the agency and what this agency is doing in response to one of the five global issues: (urbanisation, poverty, globalization, wars/violence, or disease) in one country

**Discuss:** some of the factors that have contributed to this issue in this locality and comment on whether or not the strategies used by the agency appear to have been effective or not and why.

**Explore :** how the Biblical themes of redemption, God's reign, and Christ's call to compassion and justice speak to the global issue you have chosen. What scripture passages provide insight for us? What might a compassionate and just response look like in light of these passages?

**Apply:** How will awareness of this issue practically impact how you think and act? Name some specific gifts and talents you possess and identify ways these can be used to express the gospel in addressing the needs you have identified in this project.

Due end of Study Week. These should be summated via Moodle.

3) **Reflective essay - 1200 words (25%). Due: 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Learning Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5

Grading Criteria:

- Well presented summary of interview material covering all 3 questions
- Perceptive analysis of organization
- Understanding of ideas presented by Ward & Dixon
- Personal reflection and application
- Communication & Presentation: Clarity, spelling, grammar, referencing and bibliography

- a) **Reflect:** Re-read *Village without Walls* page 72 then read "Christendom, clericalism, church and context: finding categories of connexion in a culture without a Christian memory" *Stimulus*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Feb. 2002, pp. 52-60\_by Kevin Ward.

Note the categories of belonging, believing and behaving and the order both writers argue for. Reflect on these themes.

- b) **Profile:** Interview one key leader of a church (this can be your own). Use the following three questions to structure your interview.

- 1) How are relationships strengthened in this church?
- 2) How are people's beliefs in God deepened?
- 3) How are people encouraged to live out their faith?

- c) **Integrate:** Write a reflective essay, beginning with a short description of the church you profiled.

Structure your essay around following three questions:

- What did you discover? Summarise your findings on each of the three questions.
- Where do think the strengths of the church you profiled lie?
- What is your personal response to the issues raised by Dixon and Ward? In what ways might this invite us to reshape the way we journey with people as they come to know Christ? How do you think God is calling you to be part of this process?

## LEARNING HOURS and GRADE WEIGHTING

Class time	36 hours	
Pre-reading, reflection and blogging time	48 hours	35%
Project	42 hours	40%
Reflective Essay	24 hours	25%
Total	150 hours	100%

## COURSE MATERIALS

All students will be provided with access to the Theology and Praxis of Global Ministry course area in Moodle. Course outlines and reading guides and assignment cover sheets will be available there.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

## REQUIREDTEXTS

There are two **required textbooks** for all students in this introductory course:

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- 1) Adeney, Miriam. *Kingdom Without Borders: The Untold Story of Global Christianity*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2009.
- 2) Dixon, Nigel. *Village without Wall: An Exploration of the Necessity of Building Christian Community in a Post-Christian World*. New Zealand: Vox Humana, 2010.

### **ADDITIONAL READING**

The following works offer opportunity for other perspectives and areas of focus on the theology and praxis of ministry.

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Marine Reach (YWAM) <http://mrmdts.org>

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Refugee Services <http://www.refugeeservices.org.nz>

Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org.nz>

Prison Fellowship <http://www.prisonfellowship.org>

Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat.org>

Other Sites of Interest

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Joshua Project <http://joshuaproject.net/>

Issachar Initiative <http://issacharinitiative.org/>

Global Media Outreach <http://globalmediaoutreach.com/>

Mission Frontiers <http://www.missionfrontiers.org/>

People Groups <http://www.peoplegroups.org>

Commission Stories <http://www.commissionstories.com>

A variety of other resources, including internet sources, will be suggested during the course.