

## LIDLAW COLLEGE

*Te Wananga Amorangi*

### 605.715 Biblical and Contemporary Theology of Mission Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Auckland  
Lecturer: Mark McConnell

Semester 1, 2015  
NQF Level 7, 15 credits

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will cover the following topics:

1. Introducing theology of mission
2. The Trinitarian basis for mission
3. The incarnational pattern of mission
4. The biblical-narrative shape of mission
5. Mission and the Old Testament
6. Mission and the fulfilment of Jesus
7. Mission and the New Testament
8. From Edinburgh to ends of the earth: 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission Conferences
9. Developments in Evangelical, Ecumenical and RC Mission Theology
10. The Church in mission
11. Mission in the West
12. Mission in a pluralistic age (contextualisation, other faiths)

#### ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

##### 1. Online Discussion and Reflection

Learning outcomes: 1-7  
Due date: Weeks 2-8 (Schedule will be given to students)  
Weighting: 35% (5% each)  
Length: Initial post of 250 words; follow-up post of 100 words

The online discussion requires you to engage with a variety of readings. This requires students to respond to each reading with an initial post of 250 words, followed by a response to another post of about 100 words.

In your response to the assigned reading, you should: (a) briefly summarise the author's key point/s (b) identify the key theological/missiological issues, and (c) the implications of the reading for missional theology, life and/or practice.

##### 2. Research Essay

Learning outcomes: 1-7  
Due date: End of week 9 (17<sup>th</sup> May 2015)  
Length: 3000 words

Weighting: 40%

Choose a critical issue in mission today that needs to be addressed from a biblical perspective, a theological perspective or in the light of twentieth/twenty-first century debates.

You may choose an issue from the following list or another if you check with the lecturer first.

Contextualization	Holism
Mission as Presence	The Use of Technology
Partnership	Community
Dialogue as Mission	Church growth
Pluralism/Uniqueness of Christ	Women in mission
Money and Mission	Salvation and mission
Principalities and Powers	Eschatology and mission
Church Planting	Holy Spirit
Conversion	Business as Mission
Witness and Mission	Evangelism
Trinity and Mission	Ethnicity/Ethnic Diversity
Ecology and Mission	Violence and Peace
Justice and Mission	The Arts and mission
Hospitality and Mission	Secularisation
Local Church and Mission	Church Unity and Mission

In the essay you will be expected to do the following:

- Explain why this issue is important to you and why you have chosen it
- Explain a context and background in which your chosen issue became significant
- Identify and describe the important matters raised and the areas of debate generated by this topic
- Show how key biblical/theological insights bear on the issue
- Explain why this issue is important for mission today
- Summarize how your thinking has been changed or expanded by studying this topic

### 3. Summative Statement

Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7  
Date: End of Week 12 (7<sup>th</sup> June 2015)  
Length: 1000 – 1200  
Weighting: 25%

Write your own summary theology of mission statement outlining your definition/understanding of mission and the role of God's people in mission. This summary should include references to both biblical material and mission conferences documents, as well as refer to the course readings and materials.

### GRADING CRITERIA

#### Online Discussion and Reflection

- Engagement with reading
- Identification of, and critical engagement with, key issues
- Application to theology, life or practice

- Constructive participation: good engagement with other posts; use of open ended questions or clear consideration of others' questions
- Timeliness of contributions to forum: deadlines met; posts are made in time for others to engage with
- Clarity and structure of contributions: logical and descriptive titles and structure; accurate spelling and grammar

### Research Essay

- Explains why the issue is important (for the student) and why it was chosen
- Explains the context and background to the chosen issue
- Identifies, locates and discusses the important matters raised and areas of debate generated by the topic
- Explores relevant biblical/theological insights bearing on the issue
- Analyses why this issue is important for mission today
- Summarizes how personal thinking has been changed or expanded by study of this topic
- Uses a wide range of resources effectively
- Presents clear structure, logical arrangement of ideas and valid conclusions
- Exhibits appropriate communication and presentation: clarity, format, spelling, grammar, annotation and bibliography

### Summative Statement

- Sets out a theology of mission adequate to address a wide range of contemporary mission issues
- Demonstrates an integrative use of biblical and theological themes to undergird the stated theology of mission
- References and critically interacts with mission conferences documents
- Demonstrates creative application of insights from the course
- Presents clear structure, logical arrangement of ideas and valid conclusions
- Exhibits appropriate communication and presentation: clarity, format, spelling, grammar, annotation and bibliography

### LEARNING HOURS:

605.715 is a 15 credit course consisting of 150 learning hours. The assignment tasks and learning hours are as follows.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Weekly lectures (3hrs x 12 weeks)		36 hours
Reading and reflection (3hrs x 11 weeks)		33 hours
Online postings (3hrs x 7 weeks)	35%	21 hours
Research Essay	40%	40 hours
Summative Statement	<u>25%</u>	<u>20 hours</u>
	100%	150 hours

### COURSE MATERIALS

There is no required textbook for this course. The course will be structured around weekly readings that will be made available to students through moodle.

However, students are strongly encouraged to supplement their reading and reflection by referring to the books lists in the select bibliography.

## SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Books:

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Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1991)

Dorr, Donal. *Mission in Today's World*, (Dublin: Columba, 2000)

Escobar, Samuel E. *A Time for Mission: The Challenge for Global Christianity* (Nottingham: InterVarsity, 2003) – Published in USA as *The New Global Mission, The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone*, (Downers Grove: IVP, 2003)

Glasser, Arthur, with Charles van Engen, Dean Gilliland & Shawn B. Redford. *Announcing the Kingdom, The Story of God's Mission in the Bible*, (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003)

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Kirk, J. Andrew, *Mission Under Scrutiny: Confronting Current Challenges*, (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2006)

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Newbigin, Lesslie, *The Open Secret*, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995, Revised Edition)

Otto, Craig and Stephen J. Strauss with Timothy Tennent, *Encountering Theology of Mission: Biblical Foundations, Historical Developments, and Contemporary Issues*, (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010)

Pocock, Michael, Gailyn van Rheenen and Douglas McConnell, *The Changing Face of World Missions: Engaging Contemporary Issues and Trends*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005)

Taylor, William D. (editor), *Global Missiology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Iguassu Dialogue*, (Grand Rapids: WEF, 2000)

Tennent, Timothy C. *Invitation to World Missions: A Trinitarian Missiology for the Twenty-First Century*, (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010)

Walls, Andrew and Cathy Ross (editors). *Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission*, (Maryknoll NY: Orbis, 2008, also London: DLT, 2008)

Wright, Christopher J.H., *The Mission of God's People*, (Grand Rapids MI: Zondervan, 2010)

Wright, Christopher J.H., *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative* (Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Academic, 2006)

Van Engen, Charles, *Mission on the Way, Issues in Mission Theology*, (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996)