

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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617.615 - Mercy Justice and Social Transformation Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015
NQF Level: 6, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Topics will include:

1. Introduction, definitions & relationships of terms. Biblical basis for holism.
2. A history of development.
3. Theology, poverty and development.
4. Who are the poor? Causes of poverty. Biblically informed responses to poverty and injustice.
5. The plight of women and children.
6. Rural and urban poverty.
7. Perspectives on development.
8. A Christian understanding of transformational development.
9. Development in practice.
10. Designing programs.
11. Christian witness and transformational development.
12. Future challenges for the church and Christian ministries.

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

The course will be assessed by:

1. Online Discussion Forum

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	1, 4, 6
<i>Due Dates:</i>	11:55pm Sunday, semester weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	25%
<i>Word Count:</i>	As specified below

In six lessons you are required to post a response of 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question given in the materials and on Moodle about some aspect of that lesson. In addition to each of your initial postings, you will be required to make at least one further posting of approximately 50 words which interacts with what your online tutor and other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within seven calendar days of the due date for each initial posting.

2. Theology of Social Transformation

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	2-4
<i>Due Date:</i>	11:55pm Sunday, semester week 8
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	35%
<i>Word Count:</i>	2000 words

Write your own theology of social transformation. This essay should be in three parts:

- a) Review and critique two Christian approaches to social transformation.
- b) Present your own approach to social transformation, giving biblical and theological backing for your position.

- c) Apply your theology to one of the following specific issues: Micro finance, AIDs, Sustainability, Political engagement.

3. Analytical Essay

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	2, 4, 5, 6
<i>Due Date:</i>	11:55pm Sunday, end of Exam Week
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	40%
<i>Word Count:</i>	2500 words

Analyse the social ministry of a church/ community organization/ NGO and evaluate this ministry in terms of holistic transformational outcomes.

Include the following elements:

- a) a brief, descriptive overview of the scope of the ministry's activities, identifying specific priorities
- b) an outline and evaluation of the theory/theology of development that shapes the ministry/agency
- c) an evaluation of the praxis through the lenses of transformational development and a theology of holistic transformation
- d) an outline and explanation of areas of potential change, growth and development for the selected church/ community organization or NGO to engage more effectively in social transformation.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

1. Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the "online discussion assignment coversheet" for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

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

2. Theology of Social Transformation

- Accurately describes and critiques two previous Christian models of development.
- Clearly outlines and defends a theology of social transformation.
- Theology appropriately applied to an issue.
- Depth of research
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

3. Analytical Essay

- Adequacy of the descriptive outline of the ministry being evaluated
- Depth of analysis and evaluation of the theoretical and theological factors under-girding the ministry being evaluated
- Adequacy of the way in which Transformational Development principles and a theology of holistic transformation are used to evaluate the ministry
- Practicality of the suggestions for change, growth and development of the selected ministry accompanied by clear explanations of the reasons for the changes
- Awareness and use of relevant resources
- Creativity
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography

LEARNING HOURS

Lesson Content & Reading	60 hours
Online Discussion Forum	20 hours
Theology of Social Transformation	30 hours
Analytical Essay	40 hours
Total	150 hours

TEXTBOOK

Required Course Textbook:

Myers, Bryant L. *Walking With the Poor: Principles and Practices Of Transformational Development*. Revised and Expanded edition. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2011.

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