

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015
NQF Level: 7, 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, end of semester week 8
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	30%
<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. Social Transformation Model

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	3, 4, 5, 6
<i>Due Date:</i>	11:55pm Sunday, end of Exam Week
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	45
<i>Word Count:</i>	3500 words

Identify a particular community, urban or rural, in need of social transformation. Carefully describe the context and its particular development issues. Present your own overall model for a Social Transformation process in this community. Discuss all the stages of relief, ownership, organising, planning, operating, action/reflection/action, evaluation and sustainability of this particular ministry. In your discussion, draw on your research into other related ministries, related with respect to community, culture and ministry.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

1. 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” 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 thoughtfully critiques two previous Christian models of development.
- Clearly outlines and defends a well rounded theology of social transformation.
- Theology insightfully applied to an issue.
- Depth of research
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

3. Social Transformation Model

- Develops a comprehensive model for a Social Transformation process in a community including:
 - relief
 - ownership
 - organising
 - planning
 - operating
 - action/reflection/action
 - evaluation and sustainability
- Demonstrates a critical understanding of Transformational Development
- Depth and quality of research
- Thoughtful personal reflection
- 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	25 hours
Social Transformation Model	45 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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