Mission Leadership Class 2021

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Goal: Develop and implement an educational curriculum that nurtures, trains, and mentors lay leaders so that 20 new individuals will participate in mission-related activities by January 2022.

Outcomes:

1. See the Bible in a new way, as “God’s story”.
2. Discover how God is calling you to be part of “his story”.
3. Discover how Christian Missions have impacted the world throughout history.
4. Understand how the carrying out of The Great Commission has changed over the centuries.
5. Discover how culture and ethnicity impact our understanding of mission
6. Experience a cross cultural serving opportunity
7. Experience a cross cultural religious event.
8. Experience a small group experience within the class time.
9. To create a project – which can be shared with the class (this may be an individual or small group project) Type to be determined...

General Thoughts:

* Structure Based on Perspectives Class Focus Areas:
  + Biblical Perspective
  + Historical Perspective
  + Cultural Perspective
  + Strategic Perspective
* Format:
  + A hybrid format for students to be in person (numbers within guidelines), and online.
  + Small groups to meet each class. (online and in person) People will stay in same small group throughout and have opportunities to serve as a group.
  + Class to start in early 2021
  + Open to high school students as well as adults.
  + Meet January 10-March 21, 2021 (Will add on March 28 if needed) ***Easter is April 4.***
  + Meet Sundays after church/fellowship at 11AM.

Possible Teachers:

* Dan McNerney
* Boaz Johnson
* Jennifer McNutt
* K.K. Yeo
* Sheraz Akhtar
* Munther Isaac
* John Azumah
* Anne-Marie Andreasson Hogg
* Robert Hogg
* Femi Adeleye
* Molly and Keith Dunn
* J.J. Ivaska
* Mike Miller, Jr.
* Jack Sara
* Mitri Raheb
* Greg Buell
* Paul Windsor
* Daniel Bannoura (BBC)
* Jamil, Hussam, Nader, Farah (IFES)

Class Outline: (2021) (Possible speakers are noted below, as well as some suggested articles. These may change!)

***January 10*:**

**Introduction to “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement”.** The introduction will give guiding principles for fulfilling the Great Commission to bring the Gospel to all the peoples of the world, including our own nation and community. It will also include and introduction to the term, “World Christian Movement”.

**Speaker: Dan McNerney**

***January 17:***

**Biblical Perspective Part 1**

The purpose of the Biblical Perspective is to illustrate the Biblical relevance of serving God as a part of the World Christian Movement, even in our own culture. Participants will be invited to thread their lives into that ongoing story, God’s story of bringing people to himself.

**Article**: John Stott, “The Bible in World Evangelization.”; Tim Dearborn, “Beyond Duty”

**Speaker: Munther Isaac**

***January 24*:**

**Biblical Perspective Part 2:**

The purpose of this session will be a continuation of the Biblical Perspective of the Great Commission to bring the Gospel to peoples of all nations.

Speaker: **Jennifer McNutt, Paul Windsor**

***January 31:***

**Historical Perspective Part 1:**

The purpose of the Historical Perspective is to give a brief overview of the history of missions beginning a few decades after the death of Christ and continuing to the present.

**Articles:** William Carey, “An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens.”; Marguerite Kraft and Meg Crossman, “Women in Mission.”

**Speaker: John Azumah, K.K. Yeo,**

***February 7:***

**Historical Perspective Part 2**

The purpose of this session is to discuss the role/impact of myths in Historic Christianity (??)

**Articles**: Ralph D. Winter, “The New Macedonia: A Revolutionary New Era in Mission Begins.”; Scott W. Sunquist, “Asian Christianity: Facing the Rising Sun.”

**Speaker: Anne-Marie Andreasson Hogg**

***February 14:***

**Cultural Perspective Part 1**

The purpose of the Cultural Perspective is to understand and see the power of Christlike incarnational bridge building through relationships: from fear, through love to faith.

**Articles:** Don Richardson, “Redemptive Analogy.”; Paul G. Hiebert, “Clean and Dirty: Cross Cultural Misunderstandings in India.”

**Speaker: Boaz Johnson**

***February 21:***

**Cultural Perspective Part 2**

In this session Rev. McNerney will focus on building bridges of love. God’s messengers sent into new cultures are successful because of the bridges of love they build in their relationships in significant moments of life experiences together. This experience of love is the bridge to being introduced to Christ and receiving Christ’s invitation to living under Christ’s lordship.

**Articles**: Wee Hian Chua, “Evangelization of Whole Families.”; Ken Harkin and Ted Moore, “The Zaraban Breakthrough.”

**Speaker: Dan McNerney**

***February 28:***

**Strategic Perspective Part 1**

The purpose of the Strategic Perspective is to introduce students to different mission strategies used to reach unreached people with the Gospel. Among the strategies are the “Seven Principles for Beginning Christward Movements.”

**Article:** Donald A. McGavran, “A Church in Every People: Plain Talk about a Difficult Subject.”

**Speaker: Mike Miller, Jr., Paul Windsor**

***March 7:***

**Strategic Perspective Part 2**

This session will focus on strategies for reaching out to our Muslim neighbors

**Speaker: Mitri Raheb, Jack Sara, Jamil, Hussam, Farah Daniel Bannoura**

***March 14*: Possible Cross-Cultural Excursion**

***March 21:* Debrief, Project Presentation, Celebration**

***March 28* (Optional)**