

DMI000P/ DMI009P Developing a Mission Theology for Today

Semester 2: Classroom-based (DMI000P); Online (DMI009P)

Description

In this unit, students will be introduced to the field of mission studies. It will be divided into three main sections: the biblical foundations of mission; the ground and practice of mission through Christian history; key themes shaping the theology and practice of mission today.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Articulate a range of expressions of mission represented in the biblical text
2. Explain and critique approaches to mission in various epochs of church history
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the key themes informing the theology and practice of mission today

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Classroom-based	
Critical Summary of the biblical theology of mission section (1300 words)	33%
Critical Summary of the mission in Christian history section (1300 words)	33%
Critical Summary of the themes in mission theology section (1400 words)	34%
Online	
Critical Summary of the biblical theology of mission section (1000 words)	25%
Critical Summary of the mission in Christian history section (1000 words)	25%
Critical Summary of the themes in mission theology section (1000 words)	25%
Online Participation (1000 words equivalent)	25%

Pre-requisite: N/A

Lecturer: John Flett

Recommended reading

* = set texts recommended for purchase

- Baukhham, Richard. *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2003.
- Bevans, Stephen B., and Roger P. Schroeder. *Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004.
- * Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. 20th Anniversary edition. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001.
- Irvin, Dale T., and Scott W. Sunquist. *History of the World Christian Movement: Earliest Christianity to 1453*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001.
- Irvin, Dale T., and Scott W. Sunquist. *History of the World Christian Movement: Modern Christianity from 1454-1800*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2012.
- Kirk, J. Andrew. *What is Mission? Theological Explorations*. London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1999.
- Köstenberger, Andreas J., and Peter Thomas O'Brien. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2001.
- Nussbaum, Stan. *Reader's Guide To Transforming Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005.
- Saayman, Willem A., and J. J. Kritzinger, eds. *Mission in Bold Humility: David Bosch's Work Considered*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996.
- Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2006.
- Yates, Timothy. *Christian Mission in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.

DM8000P/ DM8009P

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1. Articulate a range of expressions of mission represented in the biblical text
2. Explain and critique approaches to mission in various epochs of church history
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the key themes informing the theology and practice of mission today
4. Articulate their own theologically informed understanding of a central theme within mission studies

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Classroom-based	
Critical Book Review (1000 words)	20%
Research Essay (5000 words)	80%
Critical Summary (1400 words)	34%
Online	
Online Participation (1000 words equivalent)	20%
Research Essay (5000 words)	80%

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