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MS6710 Development of Local Church Missions Ministry

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COURSE PURPOSE

A study of the methods and means of developing and structuring the missions program in the local church.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1. The student will be able to explain the biblical purpose of the Church.**
- 2. The student will be able to discuss the functional responsibilities of Church Leadership.**
- 3. The student will be able to the structure the missions committee in a local church.**
- 4. The student will develop a missions conference structure for local church use.**

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

KEY TO THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM

MISSIONS ON THE MOVE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

LET'S QUIT KIDDING OURSELVES ABOUT MISSIONS

THE WORLD AT YOUR DOOR STEP

HOW TO GROW AN EFFECTIVE MISSIONS PROGRAM

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD DOING?

ANDREW MURRAY

DON WARDELL

JAMES WEBER

LAWSON LAU

SHERMAN PEMBERTSON

C. GORDON OLSON

Collateral Texts:

HANDOUTS FROM THE MISSIONS OFFICE

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Completion of reading assignment on time.
3. Meet with the Pastor or Missions Committee Chairman from three different churches to evaluate their local church missions program. Probe the following areas:
 - administrative oversight structure
 - conference
 - congregational education
 - communication with congregation
 - financing
 - relationship to administration of the Church
 - prayer base in the Church
 - recruiting missionaries in the Church
 - training of missionaries in the Church
 - caring program for missionaries
 - process of deciding who to supporta three or four page written report on each interview should be turned in relaying observations.
4. Develop a plan for a Missions Conference at a local church -----
 - use a full week model
 - use names of speakers, missionaries,
 - give titles of messages and seminars
 - be very specific about all of the plansTurn in a complete written description of your conference plans.

GRADING

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Completion of reading and ability to participate in discussion 10%
3. Five short papers are worth 10% each for a total of 50% of grade
4. Research paper 20%
5. Final grade 20%

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, courses materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) weeks grace period, the student's grad will be lowered by one letter grad. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcripts.

COURSE LESSON PLAN

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH PASTOR

STRUCTURING THE LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS COMMITTEE

PITFALLS TO AVOID

PROMOTING MISSIONS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

PLANNING THE LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS CONFERENCE

RECRUITING, PREPARING AND TRAINING MISSIONARIES

FINANCING THE LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS MINISTRY

MINISTERING THE INTERNATIONALS IN THE LOCAL AREA

Missions Ministry Bibliography

Subject Area	Title	Author
Biblical Theology of Missions		
	Let the Nations Be Glad	John Piper
	The Biblical Theology of Missions	George Peters
International Church Planting and Growth		
	Reaching the Unreached	Harvey Conn
	Church Planting Methods	David Godwin
	Planting Churches Cross Culturally	David Hesselgrave
Intercultural Communication		
	Ministering Cross-Culturally	Sherwood Lingfelter
	Anthropological Insights for Missionaries	Paul Hiebert
Crucial Issues in Missions Today		
	Mission Vision	John Devries
	Proclaim Christ Until He Comes	Lausanne II
Life and Work on the Mission Field		
	On Being a Missionary	Thomas Hale