

**MC506: LEADING A MISSIONAL CHURCH (4 units)**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

This course explores the identity and purpose of the church as well as the leadership required to lead the church into missional engagement with its context(s). The focus of the course is the intersection of the fields of theology, ecclesiology, missiology, and leadership. The course assists leaders in the development of a missional ecclesiology and a plan to lead their churches into greater redemptive engagement with the world.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon the successful completion of the course, students will have:

- Gained theological perspective on the issues of Trinitarian ecclesiology and leadership
- Gained understanding of ecclesiology and missiology from both historical and contemporary perspectives
- Discerned their own congregation's ecclesial identity and mission paradigm
- Assessed their congregation from the perspective of a holistic missional ecclesiology
- Developed a leadership strategy, including theological, methodological, and behavioral dimensions, for personal and congregational missional renewal

**COURSE FORMAT:**

The class will be conducted on the Internet using a 10-week lesson program aligned with Fuller's academic calendar. Each week students and the instructor will interact with the course material through journaling, threaded discussions, and web-based research.

**REQUIRED READING:** If students have read any required books for another course, select an alternative text from Recommended

- Barrett, Lois ed. *Treasure in Clay Jars*. Eerdmans, 2004.
- Ecclesiology and Mission (1). Ten articles in *International Review of Mission*, Vol. XC, No. 358 (July 2001).
- Guder, Darrell L. *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*. Eerdmans, 2000.
- Karkkainen, Veli-Matti. *An Introduction to Ecclesiology: Ecumenical, Historical & Global Perspectives*. InterVarsity, 2002.
- Mouw, Richard J., and Eric O. Jacobson, eds. *Traditions in Leadership*. Pasadena, CA: De Pree Leadership Center, 2006.
- Roxburgh, A.J., F. Romanuk. *The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World*. Jossey-Bass, 2006.
- Van Engen, Charles Edward. *God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991.
- Supplemental readings in the course shell include required and recommended readings.

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

- Boff, Leonardo. *Holy Trinity, Perfect Community*. Orbis, 2000.
- Easum, Bill. *Leadership on the Other Side*. Abingdon, 2000.
- Frost, Michael. *Exiles: Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture*. Hendrickson, 2006.
- Garrison, V. David. *Church Planting Movements*. Office of Overseas Operations International Mission Board, 1999.
- Gibbs, Eddie, and Ryan K. Bolger. *Emerging Churches*. Baker Academic, 2005.
- Gibbs, Eddie. *LeadershipNext: Changing Leaders in a Changing Culture*. InterVarsity, 2005.
- Giles, Kevin. *What on Earth Is the Church?: An Exploration in New Testament Theology*. InterVarsity, 1995.
- Guder, Darrell L., and Lois Barrett. *Missional Church*. Eerdmans, 1998.
- Hirsch, Alan. *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church*. Brazos Press, 2006.
- LaCugna, Catherine Mowry. *God for Us: The Trinity and Christian Life*. HarperSanFrancisco, 1991.
- Lewis, R., W. Cordeiro, and W. Bird. *Culture Shift: Transforming Your Church from the Inside Out*. Jossey-Bass, 2005.
- Lewis, Robert, and Rob Wilkins. *The Church of Irresistible Influence*. Zondervan, 2001.
- McNeal, Reggie. *Practicing Greatness: 7 Disciplines of Extraordinary Spiritual Leaders*. Jossey-Bass, 2006.
- McNeal, Reggie. *The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church*. Jossey-Bass, 2003.
- McNight, Scot. *The Jesus Creed*. Paraclete Press, 2004.
- Roxburgh, Alan J. *The Missionary Congregation, Leadership & Liminality*. Trinity Press International, 1997.
- Van Engen, C.E., D.S. Gilliland, P.E. Pierson, and A.F. Glasser. *The Good News of the Kingdom*. Orbis, 1993.
- Van Engen, Charles E. *Mission on the Way: Issues in Mission Theology*. Baker, 1996.
- Van Gelder, Craig. *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit*. Baker, 2000.
- Volf, Miroslav. *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*. Eerdmans, 1998.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Weekly Threaded Discussions (25%), Journaling (10%), Web research (7%)
2. Six two-page book reviews (18%)
3. A 3,500 word Final Paper (40%)

**PREREQUISITES:** This course is only available to those who are accepted into the MA in Global Leadership.

**RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM:** A required course for the Cohort portion of the MA in Global Leadership. *NO AUDITORS*.

**FINAL EXAMINATION:** None.

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