

EVANGELISM
COS 523
Focus, Textbooks, Requirements
ALPS LOCAL PASTORS SCHOOL

London, Kentucky, September 8-9 -- 22-23, 2017

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The Course focuses on the theology and ministry of evangelism which is rooted in the mission of the Living God.

The class will enable students to:

1. Reflect on and articulate the meaning of the Gospel, the Evangel, and an understanding of the Church as Ambassadors of God's message to the world by Word, deed and sign.
2. Ground theology of evangelism rooted in the Holy Bible, prayer, the Evangel (Gospel) and mission Dei.
3. Interpret the Wesleyan heritage of evangelism, especially "Faith-Sharing the Wesleyan Way."
4. Focus on key responsibilities of the Pastor in the ministry of Evangelizing.
5. Reflect on and implement strategies and models rooted in the Wesleyan Way for evangelizing by the body of Christ Jesus, the living congregation.

TEXTBOOKS

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Announcing the Reign of God: Author, Mortimer Arias

Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith: Authors, Henry Knight & F. Douglas Poe

Faith-Sharing: Authors, H. Eddie Fox & George Morris

REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-course paper submitted which includes reading the textbooks, and writing reviews on two of the textbooks with reflection on key areas and insights in the ministry of Evangelism.

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Reflection paper (two pages) focused on the primary learnings and how these will impact your ministry in order to:

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Syllabus
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I. THE CHURCH IN A MISSIONARY SITUATION

- Pentecost
- Apostolic Mission
- Wesleyan Mission
- Today

II. CONGREGATION AS CENTER OF EVANGELIZING MINISTRY

- Contagious Community
- Redeeming Community

III. THE MEANING OF EVANGEL

- Why Evangelize
- Rooted in the Nature of God
- Reality of Sin
- Defining Sign of the Gospel
- The Great Commission

IV. TO EVANGELIZE

- Evangelism
- Word
- Deed
- Sign

V. MULTIPLYING THE WITNESSES

- Training Faith – Sharers
- The Graceful Pattern for Sharing Faith
- Faith-Sharing The Wesleyan Way

VI. PASTOR AS EVANGELISTIC PREACHER

- Preaching Matters
- The Message
- For the People's Sake
- Inviting Response

VII. POWER FOR THE WITNESS

- The Imperatives of Evangelism
- The Holy Spirit, The Lord, Giver of Life

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