Course Description:
This course introduces the theology and scope of mission, and the pastor’s role in leading congregations in their mission as agents of God’s transforming redemption.

Course Target Outcomes: Students will be able to:
- Articulate a biblical and theological framework for Christian mission.
- Explain the Wesleyan relationship of personal piety and social holiness.
- Examine and reflect on unjust social realities and the response of the church locally and globally.
- Analyze their ministry context and develop strategies for transforming mission.

Required Textbooks

All of the above texts are to be read for this course. Other resources will be given by the instructor.

Recommended Texts:
- Worrell, Winston. *Refresh Your Witness Teacher’s CDROM and Participant’s Workbook*- 2018
PRE-COURSE WORK REQUIREMENTS

Pre-Course Work to be emailed by August 14 to Dr. Winston Worrell at wworrel@emory.edu.
Write a review and critique of about 1500 words of Dana Robert’s text. It should include the following: A short review and a summary of the main points in the text. Then, write answers to the following instructions. Summarize the growth of Christianity in its early years according to Robert. From the text, what did you learn about “Christendom,” and where and how is Christianity growing today? What information in the text is relevant for reaching your community today?

Bring to Class or Email to Dr. Worrell by the First Day of Class
1. A reading interaction of about 1200 words of Why We Can’t Wait, by Martin Luther King.
   Use the guidelines below.

Bring to the Second Weekend of Class
1. A reading interaction of about 1200 words of When Helping Hurts, by Corbett and Fikkert.
2. A reading response of about 1200 words of The Present Future, by Reggie McNeal, by answering the following questions: What is your favorite quotation from each chapter? How does the author say that congregations need to change in order to reach their communities? According to the author, what are some specific types of ministries that congregations need to develop to be relevant to their specific contexts? What mission ministry/ministries in your congregation(s) need to be changed in order to minister to the needs of your community?

Additional practical requirements for this course: One in-class presentation, and a post reflection project proposal due two weeks after class.

READING INTERACTION GUIDELINES

For 4-PAGE PAPERS on Martin Luther King’s, and Corbett and Fikkert’s Books
Tennessee COS School 2020
Your full name: ________________________________
COS 423.Mission  Instructor: Winston O. R. Worrell

Book Title: ___________________________  Author’s name: ________________________________

How would you rate this text, 10 being the highest?  Rating (1-10): __________

I. Write a 1½ page summary, in your own words, about the contents of the text. Anyone reading this summary should learn the purpose and content of the book.

II. Explain three very significant lessons that you derived from the material?

III. Explain three theological implications of this text to the mission of the church today?

IV. Explain three pastoral implications of this text to the mission of the church today?

V. Do you see any changes that you might wish to make or recommend to your congregation as a result of the information that you have received in this text?

VI. What subjects and themes you may want to discuss beyond your local congregation, and what information might you use to impact more mission ministries to the community?
Guidelines for All Written Assignments

- All papers should be typed, double-spaced, on 8 ½” by 11” paper, unless the instructor has asked for a different format specifically within the pre-course work. Font should be Times New Roman or something similar and no larger than size 12. Margins are to be 1” on all four sides of each page.
- All papers must include a page number and the last name of the student in either the header or footer of every page.
- You should note the question you are answering at the beginning of each new section of materials.
- All papers should provide citations for all quoted material. You may use MLA, Turabian, APA or Chicago Style.
- Punctuation should be consistent; clarity of meaning is the primary purpose of punctuation. Edit and retype material as needed and check spelling in a standard dictionary.
- All papers should attempt to eliminate discriminatory language—for example: racism, ageism, sexism, classism, and prejudicial usage concerning handicapping conditions.

Inclusive Language Covenant

The faculty of Emory Course of Study School has adopted a covenant statement encouraging inclusiveness in the use of language, as follows:

The Inclusive Language Covenant is designed to create a linguistic environment in which all students, staff, and faculty can grow in understanding and appreciating the rich diversity of God’s people. The COS faculty commits itself—through continued discussion, reflection, and exploration—to using language in such a way that we respond to the fullness of God’s presence among us as much by our choice of words as by our care for one another. Recognizing that our experience with inclusive language is an integral part of theological formation, we invite students and others to share as partners with us in this learning process.

We understand “covenant” more in terms of its biblical and theological meaning than in a legal or contractual context. Covenant signifies the common commitment of a community of faith in response to God’s revelation and in partnership with one another. The values implied in the covenant have morally persuaded us to try to generate patterns of speech and behavior that bond the members of the community in mutual respect. We expect all members of the community to address issues of diversity constructively. The entire Inclusive Language Covenant can be found on the COS website, and you are encouraged to read the whole covenant.

Directions to Email Your Pre-Course Assignment

1. The course number and the phrase “pre-course work” should be the subject of your email: e.g. Pre-course Work 410.
2. Pre-course work must be sent as an attached document and not in the body of the email. Any version of Microsoft Word will be accepted; PDF, Word Perfect, and Mac-Pages documents will not be accepted. If you are using another type of word processing program please convert your document to a version of Microsoft Word before sending.
3. Your FULL name, phone number and email, should all be clearly included at the beginning of your email.

4. Late emails will receive one full letter grade downgrade.

5. Plagiarism Policy and Plagiarism Defined

   The plagiarism Policy and Defined paragraphs below must be included in the body of your email (both are below), not within your pre-course work. The inclusion of the policy and definition in the body of the email, verifies that you agree to it and your email will represent your signature (which is a requirement). If the email does not include the plagiarism policy and definition it will not be accepted. Your email, with the plagiarism policy and definition will be printed and used as the cover sheet for your pre-course assignments, because it has the verification of date and time received, and your agreement to the plagiarism policy and definition.

   **Plagiarism Policy** - I have read the plagiarism definition below and verify that this assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given.

   **Plagiarism Defined**: “You plagiarize when, intentionally or not, you use someone else’s words or ideas but fail to credit that person, leading your readers to think that those words are yours. In all fields, you plagiarize when you use a source’s words or ideas without citing that source. In most fields, you plagiarize even when you do credit the source but use its exact words without using quotation marks or block indentation” (201-202). Booth, Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research, Second Edition*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2003.

6. If you do not follow the procedure your pre-course work WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! You will receive a confirmation of receipt within 24 hours or notice to resubmit following the process.