

## Course Description

**Course Number:** HT 397W

**Course Title:** Christocentric Theology in the Age of the New Normal

**Name of Instructor:** Man-Hei Yip

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2023

Christocentric Theology in the Age of the New Normal is a 3-credit hour course. Participants have the option to take this course on a letter grade or credit/no credit basis. This course is open to all Synchronous and Asynchronous learners.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course explores the many different ways that theologians and church leaders have understood Jesus Christ in the contemporary world in which social and political changes continue to affect the lives of many. Participants will engage in emerging christological and theological discussions of the body, gender, race, religion, and human flourishing. Who Jesus Christ is for us today remains a question asked of us and the church, particularly in relation to those on the margins of our society and the world.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- I. Articulate the main questions of various theoretical methods and views of Jesus (Practice of Complex Analysis).
- II. Demonstrate competence in critical analysis of the central themes and issues in contemporary christologies (Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom).
- III. Recognize and respect the distinctive theological and christological emphases advocated by culturally diverse communities (Practice of Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions).
- IV. Develop one's christology and explore their implications for faith in the church today (Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity).

### **PROCEDURE:**

The course will meet for one and a half hours a session, twice a week. It puts an emphasis on student participation through interactive discussion with instructor and one another.

### **EVALUATION:**

- I. Class participation.
- II. Demonstration of engagement in weekly assigned readings.
- III. Research paper that contributes to a robust discussion about a Lutheran approach to christology.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY (\*\*indicates required texts):**

C.S. Song, *Jesus, the Crucified People*, 1996.

Ivone Gebara, *Out of the Depths: Women's Experience of Evil and Salvation*, 2002.

Ivone Gebara, *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*, 1999.

James H. Evans Jr., *We Have Been Believers: An African American Systematic Theology*, 2012.

Kelly Brown Douglas, *The Black Christ*, 2019.

Mark Lewis Taylor, *The Executed God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America*, 2015.

Miroslav Volf, *Joy and Human Flourishing: Essays on Theology, Culture, and the Good Life*, 2015.

\*\*M. Shawn Copeland, *Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being*, 2023.

Sallie McFague, *A New Climate for Christology: Kenosis, Climate Change, and Befriending Nature*, 2021.

Wonhee Anne Joh, *Heart of the Cross*, 2006.