

HT205W Global Church in Motion 2

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3 credits. Course may be taken synchronously or asynchronously; letter or credit/no credit.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of HT 105, this course examines global Christian witness and mission over the past 500 years. Careful attention will be given to the diversity of church communities during and after the Reformation, the impact of factors like colonialism, industrialism, rationalism, and fundamentalism on religious life, and the efforts of Christians—including Lutherans in North America and around the world—to address complex issues of identity and change.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To listen to and learn from Christians who came before us
2. To discern the Holy Spirit's activity by studying *missio dei* across time
3. To develop and articulate a gospel-centered (evangelical) theology of mission
4. To gain familiarity with North American and global Lutheran histories

PASTORAL DIACONAL PRACTICES

- Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom (3)
- Practice of Complex Analysis (5)
- Practice of Evangelical Listening and Speaking the Faith to Others (10)
- Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions (12)

PROCEDURE

A combination of lecture, class discussion, assigned reading, and class activities will guide our shared learning. Regular attendance and active participation are expected.

EVALUATION

Student engagement with the course objectives will be assessed on the basis of participation, written assignments, small group work, and a cumulative research paper.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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