

HT 105 Global Church in Motion 1

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3 credits; letter grade or credit/no credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this multidisciplinary class, participants will study church history, missiology, and biblical theology connecting these fields through a consistent focus on *missio dei*, God's mission of love for the world. With scripture, primary sources, and students' contexts serving as conversation partners throughout the semester, the course covers global Christian history from the time of the early church to the eve of the Reformation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To listen to and learn from the witness of Christians past and present
2. To discern the Holy Spirit's activity by studying *missio dei* in scripture and cultures
3. To develop and articulate a gospel-centered (evangelical) theology of mission
4. To grow as leaders who can interpret and share the gospel in diverse contexts

PROCEDURE

A combination of lecture, class discussion, assigned reading, and assessment activities will guide our shared learning. Regular attendance and active participation are expected. The course may be taken synchronously or asynchronously; DL students must decide which option they will use at the beginning of the semester.

EVALUATION

Student engagement with the course objectives will be evaluated on the basis of several short writing assignments, class participation (including online activities), and a mission journal.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Required

The Holy Bible (NRSV preferred)

Justo González. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*. Revised and updated. New York: HarperOne, 2010.

Gregory of Nyssa. *The Life of Saint Macrina*. Translated, with introduction and notes by Kevin Corrigan. Toronto: Peregrina, 1998.

Hildegard of Bingen. *Selected Writings*. Edited by Mark Atherton. New York: Penguin, 2001.

Mark Love. *It Seemed Good to the Holy Spirit and to Us: Acts, Discernment, and the Mission of God*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stack, 2023.