

Wesley Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry Program
May Term 2016

Course: DM-L603 Leading Congregational Outreach and Growth in a Pluralistic Culture
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Course Description:

A church reflects on its identity and mission and responds with a more focused engagement rather than resignation.

Texts:

1. F. Douglas Powe, Jr., *New Wine, New Wineskins: How to Reach New Generations* (Abingdon, 2012)
2. Alan Roxburgh/Fred Romanuk, *The Missional Leader: Equipping your Church to Reach a Changing World* (Jossey Bass, 2006)
3. Diana Butler Bass, *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (Harper One, 2012)
4. J.R. Woodward, *Creating a Missional Culture: Equipping the Church for the Sake of the World* (IVP, 2012)

Pre-Assignment:

1. Read all of the texts
2. Write a 9 to 10 page paper that includes the following:
 - a. Describe the mission field of your congregation.
 - b. What are the strengths of your outreach ministries to reach the mission field?
 - c. What are the challenges of your outreach ministry to reach the mission field?
 - d. How can you better equip the congregation to reach the mission field?
 - e. The paper must use at least two classroom texts.
 - f. **The paper is due April 30 Posted to Blackboard! 30% of Grade**

Assignments:

1. Presentation on Friday. Students will present on who it is they can reach in their mission field. This should be a group of individuals the congregation currently does not have a relationship with or a nominal one. In the presentation answer questions like how you will reach these individuals and why you chose these particular individuals. The presentation should include knowledge of classroom resources. Presentations will be about ten minutes. **30% of grade**