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**MS6652 Techniques of Church Planting
Course Timeline – 1/21/20-4/21/20
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Class Hours: 2**

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COURSE PURPOSE

Techniques of Church Planting challenges students to examine their potential calling to participate in the planting of Christ-centered churches in accordance with biblical vision and purpose. Students will consider how the unique gifts and talents of planters are to be considered in relationship to the cultural context of a new church community.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will be able to describe the biblical and theological foundations for church planting.
2. The student will be able to outline the basic phases of the church planting process.
3. The student will create a comprehensive church planting proposal for a specific work.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Dayhoff, Allan. *Church in a Blues Bar*. Evangelize Today, 2017.

Eswine, Zack. *The Imperfect Pastor: Discovering Joy in Our Limitations through a Daily Apprenticeship with Jesus*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of reading assignments on time.
2. Two book reflections on the required texts. The reflection papers should be 2000 words in length. The reflection papers are to serve as a written interaction between the material learned in class and the assigned text to real life ministry situations.
Review 1: Eswine, Due 3/3/20
Review 2: Dayhoff, Due 3/31/20
3. Completion of a comprehensive church planting proposal for a specific work (25-30 pages). Your proposal should follow the model of the course outline. **Due 4/21/20**

GRADING

1. Class Participation (10%)
2. Completion of two book reflections. (30%)
3. Church Planting Proposal (60%)

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

BTS uses the Turabian style of formatting as a standard for papers. However, students should regard individual professor preferences if they communicate any variance in outlining their requirements for papers. Professors retain discretion in determining how “formal” a paper must be. Please refer to the BTS Student Handbook section on plagiarism for guidance.

COURSE OUTLINE

1.21.20: Call to Church Planting

1.28.20: Identity and Expectations; Accountability; Personal Spiritual Care: Guest Lecturer

2.4.20: Vision and Core Values

2.11.20: Leadership Styles and Skills

2.18.20: Core Group and Launch Team Recruiting

2.25.20: Off. No class.

3.3.20: Finances and Budgeting. *Imperfect Pastor* review

3.10.20: Hospitality and Visitor Follow Up: Guest Lecturer

3.17.20: Pastoral Care

3.24.20: Off: No class

3.31.20: Evangelism: *Church in a Blues Bar* review

4.7.20: Off. No class

4.14.20: Ministry Teams

4.21.20: Cultivating Worship Identity: Guest Lecturer

Church Planting Recommended Texts

Cheyney, Tom, J. David Putman and Van Sanders, eds. *Seven Steps for Planting Churches*. Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission Board, SBC, 2003.

Jones, Tom, ed. *Church Planting from the Ground Up*. Joplin, MO: College Press, 2004.

Logan, Robert E. *Be Fruitful and Multiply: Embracing God's Heart for Church Multiplication*. St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources, 2006.

_____. *Beyond Church Growth: Action Plans for Developing a Dynamic Church*. Old Tappan, New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1989.

Logan, Robert E. and Neil Cole. *Beyond ChurchPlanting: Pathways for Emerging Churches: Knowing God, Loving Others, Growing the Kingdom*.

Logan, Robert E. and Steven L. Ogne. *Church Planter's Toolkit*. Pasadena, CA: ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com), 1995.

Nebel, Tom and Gary Rohrmayer. *Church Planting Landmines: Mistakes to Avoid in Years 2 through 10*. St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

Shenk, David W. and Ervin R Stutzman. *Creating Communities of the Kingdom: New Testament Models of Church Planting*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1988.

Sjogren, Steve and Rob Lewin. *Community of Kindness: A Relational Approach to Planting and Growing a Church*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2003.

Stetzer, Ed. *Planting Missional Churches*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006.

Towns, Elmer L. and Douglas Porter. *Churches that Multiply: A Bible Study on Church Planting*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. 2003.

Ethnic Groups and Multiracial / Multi-Ethnic Churches

Anderson, David. *Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004 (paperback, 208 pages).

Emerson, Michael O. *People of the Dream: Multiracial Congregations in the United States*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006.

Emerson, Michael O. and Christian Smith. *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*. Oxford University Press (USA), 2001.

Francis, Hozell C. *Church Planting in the African American Context*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000.

- Marti, Gerardo. *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005.
- Mathews, Tony. *There's More Than One Color in the Pew*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2003.
- Ortiz, Manuel. *One New People: Models for Developing a Multiethnic Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.
- Ratliff, Joe S. and Michael J. Cox. *Church Planting in the African-American Community*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1993.
- Romo, Oscar I. *American Mosaic Church Planting in Ethnic America*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1993.
- Yancey, George A. *One Body, One Spirit: Principles of Successful Multiracial Churches*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003.

House Churches, Small Groups, and Cell Groups

- Banks, Robert and Julia Banks. *The Church Comes Home*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson; new edition, 1998.
- Boren, M. Scott. *Making Cell Groups Work: Navigating the Transformation to a Cell-Based Church*. Houston, TX: Cell Group Resources, 2002.
- Boren, M. Scott, Ralph W. Neighbour, William A. Beckham and Joel Comiskey. *Making Cell Groups Work Navigation Guide: A Toolbox of Ideas and Strategies for Transforming Your Church*. Houston, TX: Cell Group Resources, 2003.
- Cloud, Henry and John Townsend. *How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001.
- _____. *Making Small Groups Work: What Every Small Group Leader Needs to Know*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003.
- Comiskey, Joel. *Cell Church Solutions: Transforming the Church in North America*. Houston, TX: CCS (Cell Church Solutions) Publishing, 2005.
- _____. *Leadership Explosion: Multiplying Cell Group Leaders for the Harvest*. Houston, TX: Touch, 2000.
- Dale, Felicity. *Getting Started: A Practical Guide to House Church Planting*. Karis Publishing, 2003.

Donahue, Bill. *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*: Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002 (paperback, 208 pages).

Becker, Paul. *Dynamic Daughter Church Planting*. Vista, CA: Multiplication Ministries, 1996.

Redford, Jack. *Planting New Churches*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1978.

Rural and Small Town Settings

Nebel, Tom. *Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities*. St. Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources, 2002.

Urban Settings

Steffan, Tom. *Passing the Baton: Church Planting that Empowers*. La Habra, CA: Center for Organizational & Ministry Development, 1997.