

UNDERSTANDING MISSION & EVANGELISM THROUGH BIOGRAPHY

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M&E DESCRIPTION

Understanding Mission & Evangelism Through Biography is about the life stories and faith journeys of women and men extending grace to more and more people (II Corinthians 4:15) historically and in the present.

M&E OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrating clear articulation of one's definition and theology of mission and evangelism, based on the ecumenical criteria for doctrine and theology – Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience.
2. Learning about thriving contemporary models of mission and evangelism as resources for leading/serving with churches to extend grace to more and more people.
3. Command of mission and evangelism stories across the Christian millennia for leaders' personal encouragement and for teaching in their congregations.

REQUIRED TEXTS

ADNEY, FRANCES S. *GRACEFUL EVANGELISM: CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN A COMPLEX WORLD* (BAKER ACADEMIC: GRAND RAPIDS, 2010).

ISBN 978-0-8010-3185-4 (pbk.)

_____. *WOMEN AND CHRISTIAN MISSION: WAYS OF KNOWING AND DOING THEOLOGY* (EUGENE OREGON: PICKWICK PUBLICATIONS, 2015).

ISBN 13: 978-1-4982-1719-4

FRANCIS, *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: EVANGELII GAUDIUM* (WASHINGTON, D.C., U. S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, 2013)

ISBN 978-1-60137-458-5

GAUSTAD, EDWIN S. (ED.). *MEMOIRS OF THE SPIRIT* (GRAND RAPIDS: EERDMANS, 1999). ISBN 0-8028-3867-7

HANSON, JAKE. *CROSSING THE DIVIDE: JOHN WESLEY THE FEARLESS EVANGELIST* (SHILOH RUN PRESS, 2016). ISBN 978-1-63409-020-9

STONE, BRYAN. *EVANGELISM AFTER CHRISTENDOM* (GRAND RAPIDS: BRAZOS PRESS, 2007). ISBN 978-1-58743-194-4

_____. *EVANGELISM AFTER PLURALISM* (GRAND RAPIDS: BAKER, 2018). ISBN 978080109979

THOMPSON, AUGUSTINE. *FRANCIS OF ASSISSI: A NEW BIOGRAPHY* ((ITHACA: CORNELL UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2013). ISBN 978-0-8014-5070-9

WIGGER, JOHN. *AMERICAN SAINT: FRANCIS ASBURY AND THE METHODISTS* (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2009). ISBN 978-0-19-538780-3

COURSE WORK FOR TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

- 1) The required texts for shared background.
- 2) Brief (5-10 pp.) research essay, with annotated bibliography, on your theology of mission & evangelism. DUE on 7 October. 30% of course grade.
- 3) Two in class presentations on selected mission and evangelism leaders or movements. Topics selected in consultation with Charles. Presentations begin 23 September. 30% of course grade.
- 4) In-depth (15-20 pp.) formal, documented research paper on a person or movement, chosen in consultation with Charles, for one longer

