

IN783D THE MISSIONAL CHURCH
Prerequisites: IN581D and IN782D

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2 Credits/Letter Grade

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Course Description

The church not in mission is not the church. As students prepare to enter parish ministry, this capstone course will focus on the calling, preparation and “continuing conversion” of the local church required to participate in the *“missio Dei.”* It will study the patterns of missional congregations for determining how best to equip our churches for their missional vocation.

Course Objectives: Students will be able to...

1. To re-state their learnings from the previous courses in the Mission/Evangelism sequence as tasks for further learning with special attention to their personal callings
2. To identify patterns of missional churches in various contexts, and to assess the needs and challenges of congregations caught in maintenance modes
3. To take leadership initiative as pastors to help congregations claim a vision for a missional future

M. Div. Curricular Goals

1. Be formed by, live in, and minister out of Scripture and the historical and theological tradition of the Church.
2. Evangelize the world with faithfulness and contextual sensitivity.
3. Lead and nurture congregations to promote peace and justice in the public arena and encourage the witness and service of the church in mission to the world.
4. Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry.

Required Texts

L. Barrett, et al., *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*
Elaine Heath, *The Mystic Way of Evangelism*
A. Roxburgh & Scott Boren, *Introduction to Missional Church*
G. Yancey, *One Body, One Spirit: Principles of Multiracial Churches*

Recommended Texts:

Darrell Guder, *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*
R. Rouse & C. Van Gelder, *A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*
Selected Articles on Reserve in the Library

[All texts are available at the Babka Bookstore. All texts and supplemental readings are on reserve at the Myers Library.]