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TITLE: Directions in the Christian Story

TERM: Spring 2025-2026

PROFESSOR: Kenneth Woo

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: _____

UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course surveys the history of Christianity from the Reformation to the present. Ecclesial and doctrinal developments will be considered with special attention to the different forms that Christian life and thought have taken as the church has entered new cultural contexts and discerned faithfulness to God's mission.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

This course aims to prepare students for further theological study by providing a historical framework for understanding the development of Christian doctrine, practices, and institutions from the Protestant Reformation to the present day. This will include some attention to the cultural and political contexts of modern Christianity, and how these shaped and continue to shape, Christian faith and traditions in various global contexts.

PREREQUISITES: CH 110

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart* (Penguin, 1994), ISBN: 978-0385474542, \$10.06
- Justo L. González, *The Story of Christianity, Volume II, The Reformation to the Present Day*, Second Edition (HarperOne, 2010), ISBN: 978-0061855894, \$22.39
- Hans J. Hillerbrand, *The Protestant Reformation*, rev. ed., Perennial, 2009; ISBN: 978-0061148477, \$10.99
- Klaus Koschorke, Frieder Ludwig, and Mariano Delgado, eds., *A History of Christianity in Asia, Africa and Latin America, 1450-1900: A Documentary Sourcebook* (William B. Eerdmans, 2007), ISBN: 978-0802828897, \$28.88
- John C. Olin & Lester DeKoster, *John Calvin & Jacopo Sadoletto, A Reformation Debate* (Baker Academic, 2000), ISBN: 978-0801023903, \$16.05
- J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism* (1923; repr. Ichthus Publications, 2020), ISBN: 978-1946971852, \$8.99

Choice of either:

- Anzia Yezierska, *Bread Givers* (Zinc Read, 2024), ISBN: 978-9368345497, \$8.79 ; **OR** Shusaku Endo, *Silence: A Novel*, trans. William Johnston (Picador Modern Classics; 2016), ISBN: 978-1250082244, \$7.85

Other texts provided online (MYPTS).

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Short papers, reading responses, mid-term exam, final exam.

ATTENDANCE: Required.