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**TITLE:** Leading Congregations into Mission

**TERM:** Spring 2018-2019

**PROFESSOR:** Hunter Farrell

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: 20  
# AUDITORS: 5

UNLIMITED \*  
NO AUDITORS \*

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course will equip students to mobilize, train, and lead their congregations to engage faithfully and effectively in local, national and global mission as a central part of congregational identity. We will deconstruct colonial notions of *mission as charity* and more contemporary notions of *mission as self-transformation* through a critical analysis of the most popular congregational mission strategies (mission trips, financial support, development projects, Vacation Bible Schools, orphanages, etc.). We will reflect on the foundations of mission theology, anthropology and development studies needed for congregations to engage more deeply in mission and then allow selected Biblical texts to illuminate our reading of case studies of congregations that have developed mutually transformative mission relationships.

### CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- Critically assess common U.S. congregational mission strategies;
- Construct a *missiology of accompaniment* on a foundation of mission theology, anthropology and development studies; and,
- Develop practical strategies to lead a congregation of the student's own denomination in mission.

**PREREQUISITES:** MI-210 Missional Leadership and Evangelism

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Bonk, Jonathan. *Missions and Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem*. Orbis 1991, pp. ix-xxi, 43-58, 77-107.
- Bosch, David. *A Spirituality of the Road*. 2001. Portland: Wipf & Stock. (96 pages) ISBN: 978-1579107956. Price: \$14.00 (96 pp.)
- Farrell, B. Hunter. "Short-term Missions: Paratrooper Incursion or 'Zaccheus Encounter'?" *Journal of Latin American Theology* (Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana). 2007. Vol. 2(2) 69-83.
- Farrell, B. Hunter. "Re-memembering Missiology: An Invitation to an Activist Agenda". *Missiology: An International Review*. 2018. Vol. 46(1) 37-49.
- Hanciles, Jehu. *Beyond Christendom*, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, pp. 84-131, 157-179.
- Hartwig Eitzen, Martín. "Short-term Missions: A Latin American Perspective". *Journal of Latin American Theology* (Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana). 2007. Vol. 2(2) 33-47
- Lamberty, Kim. "The art of accompaniment". *Missiology: An International Review*. 2018. Vol. 43(3) 324-338.
- Malpica Padilla, Rafael. "Accompaniment as an Alternative Model for the Practice of Mission". *Trinity Seminary Review*. 2008. Vol. 29(2) 87-98.
- McAlister, Melani. *The Kingdom of God is without Borders: A Global History of U.S. Evangelicals*. London: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 30-52, 85-104, 195-212.
- Padilla, C. René. "Imperial Globalization and Integral Mission". *Princeton Seminary Review*. 2006. Vol 27(1) 5-22.
- Schreiter, Robert J. "Third Wave Mission: Cultural, Missiological and Theological Dimensions". *Missiology: An International Review*. 2015. Vol. 43(1) 5-16

### ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Class participation – 10%; Reading reflections – 20%; Short term mission trip devotional – 20%,  
Congregational Mission Leadership project – 20%; Final Exam – 30%

**ATTENDANCE:** Required.