Course Profile

Course # and Title: Missional Leadership for a Public Church (ML 409)
Instructor: Stephen Bouman (ELCA/CSM Instruction Team)  Semester/Year: Fall 2016

Course Rationale and Description:
(Why do we offer this course? Which of LSTC’s degree program learning outcomes does it address?):
In God’s mission the goal is every congregation a mission station, every baptized Christian a missionary, and every pastor a mission director. Missional church is connected to its communities as a public sign of God’s reign. This course will explore how missional church “goes public.” We will explore how we “go public from the center,” as a theology of the cross and Word and Sacrament communities shape our mission. We will examine scriptural, historical, and theological roots of missional church for the life of the world. Communal faith practices, the arts of community organization, rerooting in the community mission strategies, and the gifts for leadership will be explored as tools for a missional church.

Course Learning Outcomes:
(Learners will be able to):
(What difference will this course make to students’ knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practices?)
Effectively engage the context for today’s mission, including the mission leader, the global and cultural contexts; the missional congregation; missional leadership for new and renewed evangelizing congregations; identification, nurturing and selection process for ELCA mission developers and redevelopers; evangelism and collective faith practices; community organization 101 in the Lutheran key; missional church in diverse contexts, mutual hospitality; Rerooting in the Community mission strategy, Marks of a Missional Congregation, congregational renewal and transformation.

Strategies for Learning:
(How shall we go about achieving these outcomes?)
Interactive engagement of the course themes and issues with a course instruction leadership team. Reading and completing book reviews for one required and three recommended books from the course bibliography; Six one-to-one relational meetings and related reports; 8-10 page Missional Church Project.
Assessment:
(How shall we know if we—students and instructors—have been successful in achieving the outcomes?)

Review of the course assignments, including mutual counsel reflection of the final course project.

Bibliography:

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