CH9052W  The Anabaptist Vision

This unit examines the origins, evolution and legacy of Sixteenth Century Anabaptism (Radical Reformation). It will explore the emergence of Anabaptism within Europe, its sociological milieu, relationship to other Reformation movements, forms of protest, spirituality, geographical spread and missionary outreach.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Identify key political, cultural and religious factors that gave rise to the Radical Reformation;
2. Critically evaluate a range of Anabaptist sources
3. Outline key features of the Anabaptist movement and trace its historical development;
4. Explain some of the reasons for diversity among Anabaptists in various parts of the world.
5. Assess the significance of various Anabaptist models of church and faith for contemporary Christian experience;
6. Demonstrate a capacity to research a specific topic in a critically rigorous, sustained and self-directed manner.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:

- One seminar paper (1,500 words) (25%)
- One project report (1,500 words) (25%)
- One essay (3,000 words) (50%)

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Offered: 2016: Semester 2 (also available online – see CH9752W)
[Unit offered alternatively as DM9052W]

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Packull, Werner O. Rereading Anabaptist Beginnings. Winnipeg: CNBC, 1991
Williams, George H. The Radical Reformation, 3rd ed, Kirksville, Mo.: Sixteenth Century, 1992