DM8019W  Contextual Mission

This unit explores what is involved in sharing the gospel with different socio-cultural-religious communities in ways that are culturally appropriate and effective in leading to the establishment of Communities of Faith. Among topics considered are the theology of contextualisation and inculturation, encouraging local theologies and self-theologising, models of incarnational ministry, sharing faith with host communities, dialogue and evangelism in Muslim and Buddhist contexts, contextualisation in Australian indigenous community contexts, and ethical, strategic and practical issues in global mission today.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate appreciation of cultural and religious difference.
2. Outline ways of engaging respectfully with people who have other religious and cultural beliefs and experiences.
3. Articulate basic understanding of a range of different socio-cultural-religious contexts, including Muslim, Buddhist and Australian Aboriginal contexts as a basis for formulating opportunities for missional engagement.
4. Summarise several major trends in global mission.
5. Critically compare these trends in global mission in the light of their growing understanding of cultural differences.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: One week intensive (5 days)
including attendance at Global Interaction’s Strategic Mission Week

Assessment:
- One essay on assigned reading (1,500 words) (25%)
- One 30 minute educational presentation (25%)
- One essay (3,000 words) (50%)

Faculty: Ian Dicks

Offered: 2016: January Intensive (in conjunction with Global Interaction’s Strategic Mission Week)

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase