

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. SCHEDULE AND COURSE CONTEXT: (IS-520 Students only - 3 units)

May 11-20, Session #1 - CCE/C - Fresno and Los Angeles
May 22-27, Session #2 - CCE/C - Fresno

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A. To develop vision, understanding and appreciation for the cultures, diversity and opportunity that grace God's people in an urban context.

B. To provide a different learning context for students through an intensive and diverse exposure to a variety of church/ministry/counseling/social service agency models in Fresno and Los Angeles. The context for the course also includes a diversity of participants which brings a range of personalities, perspectives, ministry experiences to this "school on wheels." This adds to the richness of our learning together.

C. To focus skill training and resourcing in five primary areas: evangelism, discipling urban church planting/growth counseling and cross cultural communication.

D. To learn through an experiential model of education which begins with praxis and moves to theory with a careful assessment of the theology that shapes models (i.e. theology of church, leadership, structures/systems, lay involvement/training/mobilizations, etc.) This is a crucial component of the course because no models are 100% transferable to another context.

E. To discern, analyze, assess and personalize basic principles of ministry in the urban context. This means journaling and group processing are integral part of the course. Assignments for the course will be reflective, observation, personal/ministry/corporate church based and application oriented. The theory/theology and library research components obviously inform our perceptions and reflection.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Reading: Please read the assigned chapters from Global Gods, A Heart for the City plus all of Edgewalkers. **Please read the Edgewalker book before you come to class on May 11.** The other assigned chapters will relate to specific classes. (see attached list)

1. Required Texts :

- Fuder, John. A Heart for the City. Moody Press, 1999
Krebs, Nina Boyd. Edgewalkers: Defusing Cultural Boundaries on the New Global Frontier. New Horizons, 1999
White, Randy Encountering God in the City. IVP Books, 2006
Elmer, Duane Cross-Cultural Servanthood. InterVarsity Press, 2006
Shenk, David. Global Gods. Herald Press, 1996

2. Recommended Texts:

- Appleby, Jerry. Missions Have Come Home to America. Beacon, 1986
Dawson, John. Taking Our Cities for God. Creation House, 1989
Gorink, Mark R. To Live in Peace: Biblical Faith and the Changing Inner City.
Eerdmans, 2002
Greenway, Roger Discipling the City Baker, 1995
Hauerwas, Stanley. A Better Hope. Brazos Press, 2000
Hiebert, Paul and Hiebert Meneses, Eloise. Incarnational Ministry. Baker, 1995
Linthicum, Robert, City of God City of Satan, Zondervan, 1991
Perkins, John, Restoring At Risk Communities Baker Book House, 1995
Rutz, James. The Open Church. The Seedsowers, 1992
Rhodes, Stephen. Where Nations Meet, The Church in a Multicultural World, IVP, 1997
Shenk, David and Kateregga, Badru. A Muslim and Christian Dialogue, Herald Press, 1995
Stone, Bryan Compassionate Ministry, Theological Foundations Orbis, 1996
Villafane, Eldin Seek the Peace of the City Eerdmans, 1996
Wallis, Jim. The Soul of Politics. Orbis, 1994
White, Randy. Journey to the Center of the City, IVP, 1996
Washington & Kehrein, Breaking Down the Walls, Moody, 1994

3. Selected Bibliography for IS-520 Cross Cultural Immersion:

- Anderson, Leith. A Church For the 21st Century. Bethany, 1992
Appleby, Jerry. Missions Have Come Home to America. Beacon, 1986
Banks, Robert and Julia. The Church Comes Home. Albatross, 1986
Barna, George. The Frog and the Kettle: What Christian Need to Know About
Life in the Year 2000. Regal, 1990
_____. What Americans Believe. Glendale: Regal, 1991
Buttrey, Daniel. Bring Your Church Back to Life. Judson, 1988
Dale, Robert. Keeping the Dream Alive. Broadman, 1988
DePree, Max. Leadership is an Art. Dell, 1989
Fisher, Claude. The Urban Experience. Jovanovich, 1984
George, Carl F. and Robert Logan. Leading and Managing Your Church. Revell, 1987
Grigg, Viv. Companion to the Poor. Albatross, 1984
_____. Cry of the Poor. Monrovia: MARC, 1992
Hull, Bill. The Disciplemaking Pastor. Revell, 1988

Hunter, George. How to Reach Secular People. Nashville: Abingdon, 1992
 Kosdol, Jonathan. Rachel and Her Children. Fawcett Columbine, 1988
 Lapierre, Dominique. City of Joy. Warner, 1985
 Lingenfelter, Sherwood G. and Marvin K. Mayers. Ministering Cross- Culturally. Baker, 1986
 Linthicum, Robert. Empowering the Poor. Monrovia, MARC 1991
 Logan, Robert. Beyond Church Growth. Revell, 1989
 Martin, John R. Ventures in Discipleship. Herald Press, 1984
 McGoldrick, Monica et. al. Ethnicity and Family Therapy. Guildford, 1982
 Newbinger, Leslie. The Gospel in A Pluralist Society. Eerdmans, 1989
 Posterski, Donald C. Reinventing Evangelism. IVP, 1989
 Reed, Lyman E. Preparing Missionaries for Intercultural Communication. Wm. Carey, 1985
 Rieff, David. Los Angeles: Capital of the Third World. Simon/Shuster, 1991
 Shenk, David and Erwin Stutzman. Creating Community of the Kingdom. Herald. 1988
 Taylor, Richard S. Dimension of Church Growth. Zondervan, 1989

B. Written:

1. Daily Journal: 1-1/2 page of reflection/insight on your experience and learning in practica, classroom, reading and interaction with people. This is not so much a "travelog" of what you did, but of **what happened to you** in the process. Because we view so many different models during the week, it is to your advantage to focus on specific issues that affect you and are related specifically to your ministry and life situation. **PLEASE PURCHASE A SPIRAL BOUND NOTEBOOK FOR JOURNALING.**

DEADLINES:

May 20, Session 1 - turn in your journal to Jim Westgate. It will be returned to you by the morning of May 20

June 1 Noon. Session 2 - Turn in your Journal to Jim Westgate's mailbox along with Your Growth/Integration Paper.

2. Critical Book Review:

Please write a 3 –4 page critical book review on the Edgewalker text. Critical reviews should include: very brief summary of the thesis of the book, and then points of agreement/disagreement, questions the book raises for you and themes that were helpful/not so helpful to you, etc.

DEADLINES: *Read the text Edgewalkers and hand in the critical book review at the first class, May 11*

3. Reading List: On a 3X5 card indicate whether you have completed all of the reading for the class. **DEADLINE:** June 1 Noon

4. 10 - 12 Page Growth/Integration Paper:

A 10 page paper on specific growth points, learning experiences that are specifically applicable to your personal life, present training and church ministry. This paper should integrate significant agendas in your own personal development/self-awareness and insights gleaned

from reading, observations from church/ministry models, and theological/personal issues raised during the course of the 3 week exposure. Please include dimensions of the 3 weeks that you found most/least helpful and why.

DEADLINE: June 1, Noon

5. Completion of Weekly Evaluations Forms:

The completing of three - one week evaluation forms which will be provided for you at the beginning of each week. These are to be completed on a daily basis while impressions are current and fresh. The purpose of this feedback is to help us assess strengths/weaknesses in the program.

DEADLINE: May 27

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| C. Grading: | Reading & Book Review | 15% |
| | Daily Journals | 15% |
| | Participation in discussions | 20% |
| | 10 page paper | 50% |

ALL WORK FOR THIS COURSE MUST BE IN JIM WESTGATE'S BOX BY: June 1, Noon.

D. FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS COURSE FOR 1.5 UNITS:

1. Reading: Please read the assigned chapters from *Global Gods, A Heart for the City* plus all of *Edgewalkers*. **Please read the Edgewalker book before you come to class on May 11.** The other assigned chapters will relate to specific classes.

2. Written Requirements:

- a) Please write a 3 –4 page critical book review on the *Edgewalker* text. Critical reviews should include: very brief summary of the thesis of the book, and then points of agreement/disagreement, questions the book raises for you and themes that were helpful/not so helpful to you, etc. ***DEADLINE: Read the text Edgewalkers and hand in the critical book review at the first class, May 11.***
- b) Two weekly evaluation forms.
- c) Journaling as outlined in the syllabus
- d) 7 page Personal Growth/Integration paper. (see description in main syllabus)

3. Due Dates:

- ❖ Evaluation forms – **May 20** Before we leave LA
- ❖ Journals, and 7 page paper.

May 27 by noon if you are taking the first half

June 1 by noon if you are taking the second half.

Reading Assignment for CCE

Preface: Because of the heavy schedule it will be hard to find time to do reading in large blocks while on CCE. The more reading you can do before we begin classes the better prepared you will be to engage in the topics and exposures that we will be encountering.

Krebs, Nina Boyd. Edgewalkers: Defusing Cultural Boundaries on the New Global Frontier New Horizon, 1999 - Read this book and write a 3-4 page critical book review before class on **May 11**

White, Randy Encountering God in the City. IVP Books, 2006 – Must be read by the end of the course May 27

Elmer, Duane Cross-Cultural Servanthood. InterVarsity Press, 2006 – Must be read by the end of the course May 27

Fuder, John A Heart for the City Moody Press, 1999

Read the following chapters by the assigned dates. This will prepare you for the sessions we will be having on that day.

May 12 - Chapter 3 - A Case for Wholistic Ministry (55-72)

May 12 - Chapter 4 - A Philosophy for Urban Ministry (73-86)

May 12 - Chapter 6 - Becoming an "Insider" (109-124)

May 14 - Chapter 11 - The Use of Arts in Urban Evangelism and Discipleship (171-186)

May 16 - Chapter 8 - Ministerial Formation in the African American Community (141-154)

May 16 - Chapter 9 - The Role of Preaching in the African-American Community (155- 168)

May 16 - Chapter 5 - Promoting Racial Reconciliation (87-105)

May 17 - Chapter 23 – Reaching the Homosexual Community (371-384)

May 18 - Chapter 15 - Incarnational Ministry in the Latino Community (245-260)

May 18 - Chapter 19 – Missions in Reverse (309-324)

May 19 - Chapter 18 – Bridging the Gap to Islam (295-309)

May 20 - Chapter 20 – Restoring Dignity to the Homeless (327-346)

May 23 - Chapter 17 - Outreach to the Jewish Community (275-294)

May 24 - Chapter 16 - Reaching the Chinese Community (262-274)

Shenk, David. Global Gods. Herald Press, - 1996 Can be read at any time.

May 12 Chapter 1 – Gods and Global Community

May 12 Chapter 2 – God's and Human Well-being

May 18 Chapter 5 – Peace Without God – Buddha

May 19 Chapter 10 – Allah Without Associates

May 23 Chapter 8 - The God of Abraham – Judaism

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Preliminary Schedule 2007
May 11-20 Session I
May 22-27 Session II

Classes will be held on site unless otherwise indicated.

On campus sessions: Fresno, Manitoba Room \ US Center For World Missions

Pasadena Address:

US Center For World Mission
1605 Elizabeth St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626-398-2415

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Friday, May 11

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| 8:30 a.m. | Manitoba Room - joint session - Orientation What to expect What to bring Select worship leaders Select Drivers |
| 10:30 | Break |
| 10:45 | Delores – Cross-cultural communication |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Presentation by Ilone Kasdorf |
| 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45- 4:00 p.m. | Separate Sessions CCC – CCE |
| Evening | Pack up and get ready for departure on Sat. afternoon |

Saturday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Meet at the Seminary

8:00 a.m. Jeff Harrington Church Planting and Christian Community Development –
Central Community Church – 4710 N. Polk Ave. Fresno, CA 93722

9:00 a.m. Highway City Thrift Store – Sue Sloper - 5472 W. Shaw Ave. 93722 - 559- 275-6677.
Work opportunity till 11:30 a.m.

Preparation Questions:

1. *Who does this ministry serve and how?*
2. *How does this ministry relate to Central Community Church?*
3. *What is the value of the job-training piece of this ministry?*
4. *What does it cost to train someone?*
5. *What is the major focus of Central Community Church*
6. *What would a counseling ministry in this church need to be aware of?*

12:00 Noon Eat lunch – Bring you own lunch – Drivers pick up Vans

1:00 p.m. Gather at Seminary and load Vans – get meal money for LA (\$6 per meal)

4:30 p.m. Arrive at U. S. Center and move into rooms and get settled

5:30 p.m. Supper on your own

7:00 p.m. Meet in China Room and decide on Churches to Visit

Sunday, May 13, Mothers Day (Sorry to take you away from your families!)

Continental Breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. in China Room

Preparation Questions:

1. *How would you describe the cultural diversity at the church you attended?*
2. *What other areas of diversity did you notice?*
3. *How did that diversity affect the worship?*
4. *What elements of the service focused on the transcendence of Christ?*
5. *What elements of the service focused on the immanence of Christ?*
6. *How would describe the culture of worship?*

Morning Attend two services on Sunday morning –
Meet with the group you signed up for on Saturday

Lunch Lunch with the group whenever you finish church

2:30 p.m. Norton Simon Museum – Dr. Bill Dyrness – Fuller Theological Seminary – Worldviews
displayed in art. (626) 584-5240

- 5:00 p.m. Eat supper on the way to Mosaic
- 7:00 p.m. Mosaic Church – Downtown Mayan Theater
- 8:30 p.m. Debrief in vans going back to campus

Monday, May 14

- 7:00a.m. Worship and prayer in China Room
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in the cafeteria
- 9:00 a.m. Meet at the crematorium – 3301 E. 1st. Street, Los Angeles – Rev. Phil Manley, Teaching Chaplain at USC. (323) 226-2622 – (213-287-5571 Pager)

Preparation Questions:

1. *What has shaped your concepts of death and dying?*
2. *How was your culture a part of shaping your concept of death and dying?*
3. *What are the pros and cons of cremation? Is there a biblical foundation for cremation?*
4. *What do you see in Chaplain Manley's life that allows him to work with such a diverse population? (Doctors, nurses, fellow chaplains, families, patients, etc.)*
5. *What counseling techniques do you think would work best in this kind of setting?*
6. *What are the various roles you would assume as a chaplain, pastor or counselor in this context?*

- 10:00 a.m. USC Medical Center – Rev. Phil Manley, Follow group back to hospital and use parking garage (323) 226-2622 – (213-287-5571 Pager)
Visit Morgue
Sessions with Phil Manley, Doctors/ Nurses

- 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Cafeteria of USC Medical Center

- 3:00 p.m. Union Rescue Mission 545 San Pedro, LA (213) 628-6300 - Ext. 2136
(Mindy - Volunteer Coordinator) Scope of ministry, Counseling Services
(Addictions, AIDS/HIV) Leadership training program

Preparation Questions:

1. *What do you think causes so many people to gather in this section of the city?*
2. *How would you describe the street culture around the mission?*
3. *How was the mission culture different than the street culture?*
4. *What signs of hope did you discover from your visit to the mission?*
5. *What role does counseling play in this organization?*

- 6:00 p.m. Supper at US Center Cafeteria –during Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Meet with Ralph Winter in China Room
- 8:00 p.m. Debrief in small groups

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Cafeteria

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Worship in China Room

9:00 a.m. First African Methodist Episcopal Church – Dr. John Hunter, 2270 S. Harvard Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90018, (323) 735-1251- “FAME Inside the Walls, FAME Outside the Walls”

Preparation Questions:

1. *How did the history of slavery shape this church?*
2. *Are the ministries at FAME Christocentric or Anthropocentric?*
3. *Is the Renaissance Center improving the living conditions of the neighborhood?*
4. *How would you describe the expression of Black culture at FAME?*
5. *How does art help advance the mission and ministry of this church?*

10:30 a.m. FAME Renaissance – Business incubator – Mr. Craig Worsham

11:30 a.m. Eat lunch at ethnic restaurants in the area.

Aunt Rosa Lee's Mississippi Soul Food - 2781 S Western Ave.

1:30 p.m. The Museum of Tolerance - Hear Holocaust speaker at 2:00 p.m.
9786 W. Pico Blvd. (310) 772-7639 – Museum closes at 6:30 p.m.

Preparation Questions:

1. *How does the Holocaust continue to shape our culture?*
2. *How will your response to racism be different after this experience?*
3. *What was the most powerful moment at the museum?*
4. *Why has Christianity remained so distanced from the Judaism?*
5. *What are critical factors in trying to counsel someone who has been brutalized by racism and discrimination?*

Supper on your own

7:00 p.m. China Room - Holocaust survivor stories and presentation by Jews for Jesus.

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Cafeteria

7:30 a.m. Worship in the lounge

9:00 a.m. Faithful Central Bible Church - Rev. Beverly Allen
"Mobilizing the Church for Community Development and Outreach."
333 W. Florence, Inglewood, CA (310) 330-8000
*Counseling department – lay counseling process

Preparation Questions:

1. *How would you describe the expression of black culture at Faithful Central?*

2. *Are the ministries described Christocentric or anthropocentric?*
3. *What contrasting elements do you see between FAME and Faithful Central even*
4. *How would you describe the expression of black culture at Faithful Central?*

11:00 a.m. All Saints Episcopal Church – Rev. Carol Anderson

“4th Century Liturgy for a High Tech Society”
 504 North Camden, Beverly Hills (310) 275-0123

Preparation Questions:

1. *What elements of the transcendence or immanence of Christ did you experience at All Saints?*
2. *How would you describe Carol’s theology of worship?*
3. *How would you describe All Saints response to the gay culture?*
4. *Why do you think All Saints draws persons from a high tech postmodern culture*

12:00 Noon Noon prayers at All Saints

12:30 p.m. Eat in West Hollywood

2:00 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church –Pastor Neil Thomas
 “A discussion of ministry in the gay/lesbian community”
 8714 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069 (310) 854-9110 – ext. 1211

Preparation Questions:

1. *What were your preconceived notions concerning homosexuals before you visited Metropolitan church and how are they different after your visit?*
2. *What expressions of a gay culture did you observe at Metropolitan?*
3. *What is pastor Neil’s theology of salvation?*
4. *What was your most uncomfortable moment while at Metropolitan?*
5. *Could you work alongside the Metropolitan Church in developing a program for HIV/AIDS patients?*

3:30 p.m. Visit Hollywood – “Walk of Stars” – Chinese Restaurant

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper at Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Debrief in China Room

Thursday, May 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Cafeteria

7:30 a.m. Worship in China Room

9:30 a.m. Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple – Meet with Mae for tour of temple

Preparation Questions:

1. *What preconceived ideas did you have before you visited the temple and how are they different after your visit?*
2. *How would you describe the culture of worship and what parts of it could you use in your personal worship?*
3. *How is the culture of the temple shaped by the theology that is shared?*
4. *Why do you think Buddhism is attractive to those from a Canadian or U.S. culture?*
5. *If you were to counsel someone from a Buddhist background what adjustments would you make?*
6. *How and when might it be possible to use meditation, mindfulness in your work as a therapist, pastor, spiritual director, or missionary?*
7. *Monastic vows are also practical in some parts of the church. What are the pros and cons of this kind of commitment?*

12:30 Noon Eat Lunch at Mama's Mama's Hot Tamales Café
2124 W 7th St, Los Angeles, CA 90057 "Community Transformation"
Ph. 213-487-7474

Preparation Questions:

1. *How many ethnic groups do you see in the area around Mac Arthur Park?*
2. *How did Mama confront the systems of the city to create jobs for the poor?*
3. *How would you describe the culture of Mama's Café?*
4. *If you were to create a counseling ministry in this area what would be key cultural elements would you need to be aware of?*

2:30 p.m. InnerChange –Paul Smith "Incarnational Ministry in the City"
Visit Cambria *apartment complex where InnerChange is working
738 S. Union, #303, Los Angeles, CA, Ph. 213-484-6910

Preparation Questions:

1. *How has the culture of this apartment complex changed?*
2. *What are the key characteristics of Paul that you feel contributed to this change?*
3. *How would you describe Paul's theology of evangelism?*
4. *In what other cultural settings would this type of evangelism work?*
5. *How would you go about starting a counseling ministry in this community?*

3:30 p.m. Meet in Mac Arthur Park – observation and debrief.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper on your own – Evening Free

Friday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Cafeteria

- 7:30 a.m. Worship in China Room
- 8:00 a.m. Presentation on Islam by Jim Westgate in China Room
- 10:00 a.m. Harambee Center – Director - Rudy Carrasco – Ministry started by John Perkins 1609 Navarro Ave. Pasadena, CA 91103 – Ph (626) 798-7431
Preparation Questions:
1. *How does this area of Pasadena fit with your current impression of Pasadena?*
 2. *How is Rudy's concept of incarnational ministry different from Paul Smith's?*
 3. *What do you see as the goal of Harambee?*
 4. *How would you describe the culture of Harambee?*
 5. *Can this model be transferred and used in other settings?*
- 11:00 a.m. Leave for Islamic Study Center
- 12:00 Noon Islamic Center of Southern California – “A Dialogue with Islam” Dr. Jihad Turk (Religious and social service director) 434 S. Vermont, Los Angeles 90020 (213) 382-9200 Fax 213-384-4572 - Stay for prayers 1:00 p.m.
Preparation Questions:
1. *What are your greatest fears about going to the Islamic Center?*
 2. *In what ways do you think the presentation by Dr. Turk has been Westernized?*
 3. *How would you describe the culture of worship at the mosque?*
 4. *What was your most uncomfortable moment and what surprised you the most about attending the mosque?*
 5. *If a Muslim couple came to you for counseling, what would be the cultural differences you would need to keep in mind?*
 6. *How do you think 9/11 has affected the experience of Muslims in America?*
- 2:30 p.m. Lunch in PICO area near First Ev. Free Church, 1350 S. Albany St., Los Angeles, (Salvadorian food)
- 3:30 p.m. First Evangelical Free Church – Rev. Doug Moore
“Ethnic Transition and Change in a 100 yr. old neighborhood church”
1350 S. Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-749-8668
Cell 213-749-9885
Preparation Questions:
1. *What signs of cultural diversity do you see in the community?*
 2. *Why do religious murals gain such respect in this community?*
 3. *What would you do to help Pastor Moore with the sexual abuse cases he is facing?*
 4. *Why do you think there is a high level of sexual abuse in this setting?*
 5. *If you were Pastor Moore what would you do differently for self care?*
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper in Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Debrief in the China Room

Saturday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Worship in China Room

8:45 a.m. International Dream Center, Kelli Carter and Courtney LeBelle- 2301 Belevue Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90026- Participate in “Adopt A Block” with volunteers from the Dream Center. (213) 861-1112

Preparation Questions:

1. *How does this ministry differ from the incarnational ministry models you have seen?*
2. *What do you think is the biblical framework behind this ministry?*
3. *How was human dignity valued in this ministry?*
4. *What do you think is the goal of this ministry?*

2:00 p.m. Free Time - Baseball game, Venice Beach, etc.
Supper On your own

8:00 p.m. Meet in China Room to choose churches for Sunday

Sunday, May 20

6:00 – 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast in China Room

8:00 a.m. Attend Sunday services

12:00 noon Eat lunch after services

2:00 p.m. Each van will come back to the US Center to check out. It is too risky to take all your luggage to the churches you are attending therefore, we will leave from the center. Whenever your van is packed and ready to leave you may leave for Fresno. You will go home in the van that you went to church. Please make sure you turn in your keys to the TA before you leave. There is a \$20.00 charge if you forget.

Monday May 21 – No Class – get rested up for part 2

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Final Schedule

May 22 - 28, 2004
Session 2 held in Fresno

Monday May 21 – No Class – Part 1 students getting rested up for part 2

Tuesday May 22

8:00 a.m. Worship – Manitoba Room – Stations of the Cross material

9:00 a.m. One By One Leadership Foundation – Gordon Donoho, Gwen Morris and Mike Zachary, – “Transforming Communities from the Inside Out” 1727 L. St., Fresno, CA 93721 - 559- 233-2000 ext. 102

Preparation Questions:

1. *What exactly is the ministry of One By One Leadership Foundation?*
2. *How does a Christ Centered organization avoid getting sucked into a political agenda?*
3. *In what ways does OBO serve the church and in what ways do they use the church?*
4. *What kind of evangelism do you think happens in OBO?*

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church – Rev. Carlos Raines, Dean of the Chatedral. 4159 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93721 - 244-4828

Chapel of Innocents – Grief Counseling, Prayer and Spiritual formation

Preparation Questions:

1. *What is the significance of the Stations of the Cross?*
2. *How might the Stations of the Cross impact your spiritual formation?*
3. *What benefit is the Chapel of Innocents in the healing of grieving parents?*
4. *What can be applied from your encounter with death and dying at USC Hospital in Los Angeles?*

2:30 p.m. New Creation Ministry – Russ Willingham presentation on Sexual Addiction and Homosexuality - 559-227-1066 meet in the Chapel of

Innocents

Preparation Questions:

1. *How does this ministry differ from All Saints and the Metropolitan ministries in Los Angeles?*
2. *What is the theological framework that Russ uses to address homosexuality?*
3. *What is the scientific framework he uses?*
4. *What can we learn from New Creation Ministry to help the church minister to the growing homosexual population in our society?*
5. *How can the church stem the tide of sexual addictions in our society?*

4:00 p.m. Debrief in Chapel of Innocents

Wednesday May 23

8:00 a.m. Worship – Manitoba Room

9:00 a.m. Temple Beth Israel –Jeanna Francis – “Current Issues in Judaism”
6622 N Maroa Ave. Fresno, CA 93704 Ph. 432-3600

Preparation Questions:

1. *What role does the Torah have in the lives of Reformed Judaism?*
2. *Where do Reformed Jews get their moral framework?*
3. *What is the goal of Reformed Judaism?*
4. *Where do Reformed Jews get their concept of hope?*

11:30 Lunch

12:30 p.m. Stone Soup – MaiKa Yang- 224-7613
1341 E. Bulldog Lane, Fresno CA 93710
Best community service agency in the City – Has won national awards

Preparation Questions:

1. *Is there a theology or philosophy that drives this ministry?*
2. *What provides the power for transformation in this ministry?*
3. *How does Stone Soup engage the churches in the area?*
4. *How would you counsel someone who has grown up in a Shamanistic culture?*

2:30 p.m. Evangel Home – Gere Breneman – 137 Yosemite Fresno CA
93701 – 498-8324 - Ministry to abused and homeless women

Preparation Questions:

1. *What key elements do you see at Evangel Home that are essential for helping abused or incarcerated women?*
2. *What role does counseling play in role in the recovery process along with Bible studies, work study program and worship times?*
3. *What role does conversion play in the recovery of the women at Evangel Home?*

4:00 p.m. Debrief at Seminary

7:00 p.m. Worship Service at Potter's Wheel - 826 N. Palm Ave Fresno, CA 93728 – 559-441-1543

Thursday May 24

8:00 a.m. Worship in Manitoba Room

9:00 a.m. Sharon Stanley, Fresno Interdenominational Ministry
Preparation Questions:

1. *What is the major goal of FIRM? Compare this ministry to Stone Soup which we visited on Wed.*
2. *In what ways do you see kingdom ministry expressed?*
3. *How many cultural groups are a part of FIRM?*
4. *What diversity do you observe in leadership?*
5. *How does their mission statement guide them in ministry?*
6. *How are the churches used to build a bridge between the larger society and American culture and these newer communities of SE Asians and Slavics?*

11:30 Noon Lunch with Asian Seniors

1:00 p.m. ESA/Love Inc.- Alan Doswald
“Community Networking system for mobilizing churches to impact their communities.” 680 E. Shaw Ave. (559) 244-0105
Preparation Questions:

1. *What role do the churches of Fresno play in ESA/Love INC?*
2. *What is the benefit of having a clearing house?*
3. *What do you think is the major purpose of ESA/Love INC?*
4. *How would you describe Alan's leadership style?*
5. *Would a crisis hotline be a good addition to this ministry?*

3:30 p.m. Valley Teen Ranch – Connie Clendenan – 437-1144
Ave. 12 Counseling, foster parents, adoption and juvenile leadership development, plus some testimonies from some of the boys
Preparation Questions:

1. *What are the key components that provide hope and transformation to these juveniles?*
2. *What is the theology, personality theory or philosophy that drives this ministry?*
3. *What critical factors need to be considered when trying to counsel one of these young men?*

5:30 p.m. Go Home

Friday May 25

8:00 a.m. Worship in Manitoba Room

9:00 a.m. Link Care Center –Dr. Brent Lindquist –Pastoral Counselor

“Soul Care for missionaries and Pastors “(Prevention)
“Counseling missionaries and pastors - Restoration and Cross-cultural
counseling.” 1734 West Shaw (559) 439-5920 1:00 p.m.

Preparation Questions:

1. *What is the primary focus of Link Care?*
2. *How does one do self care in the midst of this kind of counseling process?*
3. *What is the benefit of having a live in campus facility like Link Care?*
4. *What are the primary reasons people burn out in ministry?*
5. *Does Link Care do cross-cultural counseling?*

11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Fulton Mall and do Fulton Mall quiz

12:30 p.m. Phil Skei– “Fresno Institute of Urban Leadership” Meet Phil at Tuolumne
St. and Fulton Ph. 559-285-9206

Preparation Questions:

1. *Why is there a need for the Fresno Institute of Urban Leadership?*
2. *What cultures do you see represented on the mall?*
3. *How does art relate to the culture of downtown?*
4. *What on-ramps does Phil and FIFUL provide for young men and women to engage the global city?*

3:00 p.m. County Jail – Chaplain Doug Lanier - 488-3018
6341 N. 9th Fresno, CA 93710 Meet at jail do tour
Doug will do a presentation the roof of the jail. He will cover
Ministry to inmates by local churches and also chaplaincy opportunities

Preparation Questions:

1. *Who does Doug mostly focus on in his counseling ministry?*
2. *How does a Christian officer survive in this kind of environment without being cynical?*
3. *What do you think is key to lowering the recidivism rate?*
4. *If you had a million dollars and could change one thing about this system what would you change?*

8:00 p.m. Shabat at Temple Beth Israel

Preparation Questions:

1. *How did the service correlate to what you heard from Jeanna in our previous session?*
2. *What cultural distinctives impact you as you participate in the service?*
3. *How is the Word of God viewed in this worship service?*
4. *What made you feel comfortable and uncomfortable participating in this service?*

Saturday May 26

7:00 a.m. Meet at Seminary to travel to Reedley

8:00 a.m. MCC - rural farm workers ministry – spend time with farmers and MCC
workers in the field for breakfast and meet with – Sheri Wiedenhofer, at

Mom's Ministry 436-0190 - Hm, 259-9939 Cell

Preparation Questions:

1. *What do you see as the primary focus of MCC in working with immigrants?*
2. *How does terminology impact the discussion of migrant workers?*
3. *What do you agree with and what do you disagree with concerning the use of migrant workers?*
4. *How did the stories of the men and women you met impact you?*
5. *Did this exposure change your perspective on immigration policies?*
6. *What are the pros and cons of offering amnesty to illegal immigrants?*
7. *What is the Mom's Ministry trying to accomplish?*
8. *Is there a difference in the theology and philosophy between MCC and Mom's Ministry?*
9. *How should employers work towards preserving human dignity with those working in the fields?*

11:30 a.m. Leave for Fresno

1:00 p.m. CCC meet with Delores

Sunday May 27

8:00 a.m. Visit Churches in Fresno: see list of recommended churches

6:00 p.m. Pizza Supper and final meeting, bring a symbol to share with the rest of the group what CCE/CCC means to you.

All Materials due on June 1 at 12:00 noon

Memo for all CCE and CCC people

Hi, everybody!

You will receive several sheets that you need to pay close attention to in preparation for the Los Angeles portion of the CCE course. Attached is the Preliminary schedule, which will give you the itinerary for each day. There still might be some changes but most are locked in place. A final schedule will be handed out in the orientation class on Friday at 1:00 p.m. May 12. In the past we have had two days of orientation and we are trying to cut back on the days to make the course shorter. Therefore, we are relying on you paying attention to these announcements and doing the proper preparation for the course.

Some important information:

1. We will be staying at the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, two people per room. They will provide bedding – sheets, a large towel and a pillow. You will need to bring a washcloth. The address and phone number is on the front of the schedule.
2. Your small group will be your van assignments – these will be changed every 3-4 days.
3. Worship & Devotions 20-30 minutes each morning – China Room – Be there!
4. Debrief times – please share your evaluations and reactions – we need to hear from you.
5. Meals – Please check you schedules and see which meals we will be eating on campus. We will eat almost every breakfast and four suppers on campus. The rest you are on your own. You will get \$10 a day for food.

6. Sunday Services – On Saturday night we will plan to go to a variety of churches – you will need to choose a van that is going to the churches you want to visit. You may not get all of your first choices but that is part of community life.
7. Health Issues – Let us know if you are taking any special medications and also let us know right away if you are ill so we can help you take care of the problem
8. Safety Issues – Remember you are in a world class city so don't make yourself vulnerable by isolation. Don't go anywhere by your self. Use a buddy system. There are risks so stay together. Become streetwise. Learn to see with a new level of awareness.
9. If you have made arrangements not to go for a particular day, please remind the leaders the day before so we do not spend time waiting for you.
10. **Please be on time.** It is extremely important that we avoid rush hour, which can sometimes mean the difference of getting there on time or being 40 minutes late.
11. There will be water bottles distributed in the vans. Please do not throw them away. We will be buying larger containers so you can refill your bottle. Let's be friendly to the environment. We will also provide granola bars and other types of energy bars because sometimes we will not have time to eat lunch until late in the afternoon.
12. Please take care of your personal items. It is very hard to go back to a site because you forgot something. Leave big purses, most of your credit cards, etc. at home.
13. Our schedules are quite tight and we are all going to get a little fatigued therefore, we need to work together to make the best of it.

What to Take:

1. As you pack, please keep in mind that we will not have a lot of space in the vans for luggage. You can take one large bag and a backpack or carry-on.
2. Clothes: comfortable shoes, cool clothing, some nice clothing for church visits. Please do not wear shorts or sleeveless blouses or tank tops on days we visit temples and mosques. Women will need a scarf or shawl to cover their heads in the mosque. Remember you are representing the seminary and you never know when God will provide opportunities to represent Christ by humility and behavior. We will be visiting Venice Beach on Sat. May 19 so bring some beachwear if you like and change when you get there.
3. Laundry detergent – there are washers and dryers at the apartments.
4. Laptop computers will be safe in your rooms. Do not take them in the vans during the day. We have had the vans broken into in the past because someone left something valuable in plain sight.
5. You will not be able to check email in your rooms because the phone system is not set up for that. There is a computer room, which has been made available for us in the past. I will check on its availability when we get there.
6. Cell phones do not always get good reception in some of the settings where we are going. Please remember to turn them off out of respect to our presenters. If you are taking a cell phone to LA, please give your cell # to the T.A. so we can use them for contact between the vans. The TA will be typing up a master list of cell numbers.

On May 12 we will be visiting Central Community Church and the Highway City Thrift Store. We will be helping to straighten up the inventory and do some light work at the thrift store. Wear some clothes that can get dirty. We will be leaving for LA right after lunch so you might want to change your clothes back at the seminary if you have gotten dirty and sweaty.

Any questions or concerns, please direct them to Jim Westgate, jwestgate@mbseminary.edu 452-1712 or in my box, or to Delores Friesen, 452-1711, dfriesen@mbseminary.edu or David Rose 452-1767, drose@mbseminary.edu .

Thank you!

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