

## DESCRIPTION

*Peace Theology 1: Introduction to Peace Theology.* This course will help the students to appreciate and to evaluate a biblical understanding and contemporary practice of *Peace Theology*. Such evaluation will be done within the framework of social sciences and informed from the perspective of biblical theology. The students will be intellectually involved in the current discussions on the meanings, proposals, and tasks of *Peace Theology*.

## OBJECTIVES

After this course, the student should be able to:

- Review the foundational framework and concepts of Peace Theology from the writings of Millard C. Lind, Willard M. Swartley, et. al.
- Discuss and evaluate the contemporary meanings and practice of Peace Theology as applied and articulated by selected theologians from various parts of the world
- Interact with selected Filipino ministry leaders who are involved in doing Peace Theology in the context of advancing the Gospel in the Philippines
- Write an applied contextualization paper on their current ministry involvement based on Peace Theology

## TEXTBOOKS

1. Millard C. Lind. YAHWEH IS A WARRIOR: THE THEOLOGY OF WARFARE IN ANCIENT ISRAEL. Herald Press, 1980.
2. William M. Swartley, ed. THE LOVE OF ENEMY AND NON-RETALIATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. John Knox Press, 1992.

## OTHER READINGS

1. John Howard Yoder. THE POLITICS OF JESUS. William Eerdmans Publishing, 1972.
2. William M. Swartley. COVENANT OF PEACE: THE MISSING PEACE IN NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY AND ETHICS. William Eerdmans Publishing, 2006.

These books are available as reference materials at the PBCI Office. If possible, please secure your own copy.

## LEARNERS' OUTPUT

**1. Critical Reading Report.** These **weekly assignments** are from Lind and Swartley, et. al. from our *Textbooks* list above. Please write one page critical reading report from each of the chapters in Lind, and one page critical reading report from each of the chapters in Swartley. You'll submit two pages of critical readings per week. Please use the following guidelines for each critical reading:

- a. Paragraph 1: State your understanding of the author's thesis.
- b. Paragraph 2: State and expound your agreement and/or disagreement to the author's thesis.

**2. Book Review.** This **mid-term assignment** is a five-page book review of either Yoder or Swartley from the *Other Readings* above. Please use the following guidelines:

- a. Page 1: Thesis and summary of the book
- b. Page 2: Discussion of agreements/disagreements with the author
- c. Page 3: Significance of the author's thesis in your personal understanding of peace
- d. Page 4-5: Implications of the author's thesis in your life, in your ministry, in the Church, and in the society at large

**3. Ministry Contextualization Paper.** This **final assignment** will be from 10-12 pages in length (not including Bibliography pages). It should be about your current ministry. The Paper must meet standard graduate qualities. Kindly use the following guidelines:

- a. Page 1: Introduction: A general overview of your current ministry
- b. Pages 2-4: History of your ministry organization, church, etc.
- c. Pages 5-7: Description and analysis of your ministry's socio-political and economic-ecological contexts using the lenses of biblical justice and peace.
- d. Pages 8-9: Evaluation of your current ministry. Which aspects of your ministry are contextually relevant? Why? Which aspects are contextually irrelevant? Why?
- e. Pages 10-11: How would you plan to *recontextualize* these aspects of my ministry. What kind of support would you possibly get? What kind of opposition would you possibly encounter?
- f. Page 12: A vision of a *recontextualized* ministry. How do you see a ministry that is contextually relevant to the socio-political and economic-ecological realities of your locality?

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## OTHER COURSES IN THIS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

PEACE THEOLOGY 2: The Peace of Christ and the Peace of this World

PEACE THEOLOGY 3: Peace and Reconciliation in a Conflicted Land

PEACE THEOLOGY 4: Peace Theology and National Transformation

PEACE THEOLOGY 5: Shalom, the Church, and Globalization