

COS 423 – MISSION

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course introduces the theology and scope of mission, and the pastor's role in leading congregations in their mission as agents of God's transforming redemption.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a biblical and theological framework for Christian mission.
 2. Explain the Wesleyan relationship of personal piety and social holiness.
 3. Examine and reflect on unjust social realities and the response of the church locally and globally.
 4. Analyze their ministry context and develop strategies for transforming mission.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Dana Robert: ***Christian Mission***
- Miroslav Volf: ***A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good***
- Albert Outler: ***John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology***

SUPPLEMENTARY:

- Theodore W. Jennings: ***Good News to the Poor***

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.