

COS 523 – EVANGELISM

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course introduces students to the theology and practices of evangelism as an expression of the mission of God.

Students will be able to:

1. Reflect on and articulate the meaning of the Gospel and an understanding of the Church as bearers of God's Word to the world.
 2. Ground a theology of evangelism in scripture, the Gospel, and the mission of God.
 3. Interpret of the Wesleyan heritage of evangelism.
 4. Reflect on and implement strategies and models for evangelism by the congregation.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Mortimer Arias: ***Announcing the Reign of God***
- Henry Knight & F Douglass Powe: ***Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith***
- Eddie Fox & George Morris: ***Faith-Sharing***

SUPPLEMENTARY:

- F. Douglass Powe: ***New Wine, New Wineskins: How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations***
- Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed.: ***Considering the Great Commission***

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.