

**West Virginia Extension Course of Study
COS #423
Missions
Summer Term 2022
August 19-21 and October 21-23
Spring Heights Education Center**

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Course Objectives:

- **To develop a solid biblical and theological foundation for missions**
- **To review the history of the church in mission**
- **To gain understand of community needs**
- **To develop a community approach to missions**
- **To incorporate missions as an integral part of ministry**
- **To motivate congregational participation in missions**

Required Texts:

1. Robert, Dana, *Christian Mission: How Christianity Became a World Religion*, Blackwell Publishing, West Sussex, 2009; 9780631236207.
2. Volf, Miroslav, *A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good*, Brazos Press, Grand Rapids, 2011; 9781587433436
3. Jennings, Theodore W., *Good News to the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics*, Abingdon Press, 1990; 9780687155286.
4. McNeal, Reggie, *Kingdom Come*, Tyndale House Publishing, 2015: 978-1-4143-9187-8
5. McGlothlin, Jake, *The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships*, Abingdon Press, 2017:978-1-5018-4136-1
6. Outler, Albert C. and Heitzenrater, Richard, *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1991; Print 068720495: E-book 9780687204953

In Preparation for the first weekend together (August 19-21):

- Before anything else, write your 1-page definition of the church in mission. (Keep this to one page. Bring to class with you.)
- Read *Christian Mission*
 - Select one of the areas that helped Christianity develop and expand across the globe
 - Include how this experience is relevant for today
 - Ex.
 - Printing press – Scripture into vernacular and available to more people
 - Expansion into printed sermons/pamphlets, see J. Wesley
 - Modern equivalent of internet, social media, podcasts
 - Now, cannot use this one
 - Paper should be 3 – 4 pages (Bring this to class with you)
- Read *Kingdom Come*
- You can also listen to the Reggie McNeal podcasts for April 2021 to help with the reading
- Read *Public Faith*

At the end of the first weekend, you will be given an assignment that will be due to Mike via email by Sept. 15th

In Preparation for the second weekend together:

- From *John Wesley's Sermons* read:
 - Upon our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, VIII (1748)
 - The Use of Money (1760)
 - The Good Steward (1768)
 - The Dangers of Riches (1781)
 - The New Creation (1787)
- Read *Good News to the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics*
- Read *The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships*
- View the following videos
 - What is Poverty
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5qig9HIJ7k>
 - Amy Jo Testimony
 - <https://youtu.be/5-q584bITlk>
 - Self Sufficiency Standard
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKoLVm-a3L8>
 - Ted Talks: Jessica Sharpe: Brain on Poverty
 - https://www.ted.com/talks/jessica_sharpe_the_brain_on_poverty

At the end of the weekend, you will be given a project that will be due on November 14th