

APPL 586: FORCED MIGRATION AND GOSPEL HOPE

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May 30 – June 3, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Around the world, we are seeing a record number of people on the move, mostly due to extreme poverty, political insecurity, and hopelessness. This is significantly affecting regional and global peace and stability, and is increasing platforms for terrorism, sexual and gender-based violence, and human rights abuses. How are the people of God called to respond to these realities? Through a survey of recent situations of forced migration (e.g., Syria, Somalia, Ethiopia, and eastern Congo), refugee stories, and an examination of the role of UN agencies and international NGOs, we will explore themes of justice, human rights abuses, forgiveness, and resilience.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Explain major concepts regarding forced migration (including definitions, e.g., refugee, asylum-seeker, internally displaced person) and relate them to core themes (e.g., justice, human rights, ethnicity, identity).
2. Articulate key causes and consequences of forced migration.
3. Identify various missiological responses to forced migration, and consider their own vocation as individuals and church communities in responding to this issue in light of the gospel.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 Exile: Biblical History and Forced Migration Today

Day 2 Causes and Consequences: Case Studies from Syria and Africa

Day 3 Causes and Consequences: Global Insecurity and Human Security

Day 4 Field Visit to Kinbrace Society

Day 5 Christian Response: Personal and Church Vocations

REQUIRED TEXTS

Carroll, M. Daniel R.. "Biblical Perspectives on Migration and Mission: Contributions from the Old Testament." *Mission Studies* 30, no. 1 (January 1, 2013): 9–26. [18 pgs]

Groody, Daniel G. "The Church on the Move: Mission in an Age of Migration." *Mission Studies* 30, no. 1 (January 1, 2013): 27–42. [16 pgs]

Lederach, John Paul, and Angela Jill Lederach. *When Blood and Bones Cry Out: Journeys through the Soundscape of Healing and Reconciliation*. Oxford, N.Y: Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN: 9780199837106. \$64.00 [280 pgs]

Schirch, Lisa. *Little Book of Strategic Peacebuilding: A Vision And Framework For Peace With Justice*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2005. 13-17, 21-24 [9 pgs]

Walls, Andrew F. "Mission and Migration: The Diaspora Factor in Christian History." In *Global Diasporas and Mission*, 19-37. Edited by Chandler H. Im and Amos Yong. Oxford: Regnum; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2014. [19 pgs]

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SPECIAL NOTE

There will be an offsite visit to Kinbrace, a local refugee housing and support ministry in east Vancouver. Students will have the choice to attend on either Thursday afternoon, 1:00-4:00 pm, or evening, 6:30-9:30 pm. More details and sign up will be forthcoming on the first day of class.

Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses. The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. A full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details is available on Moodle: moodle.regentcollege.edu/login

