

APPL 523: FAITH, RACE, AND PLACE IN THE CITY

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July 19 – 23; 1:30 – 4:30 pm

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

Live online & Recorded

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be a theological exploration of urban geography, human diversity, and God's mission to reconcile all things. As racial conflict features prominently in North American cities, what do communities of belonging and reconciliation look like? Insights from practical theology and social science will inform the challenges and opportunities for churches and Christian communities to re-imagine discipleship, hospitality, and justice for the flourishing of their neighborhoods and cities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should have a clearer understanding of:

1. Engage in theological reflection about participation with the *missio Dei* in the ministry of reconciliation.
2. Interpret urban contexts with social analysis related to issues of race, class, and geography.
3. Apply perspectives and practices from urban ministry to churches and faith communities for the peace of the city.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 July 19 The *mission Dei* and the City of God

Day 2 July 20 Urban Exegesis and Theology of Place

Day 3 July 21 Reconciliation, Belonging, and Community Praxis

Day 4 July 22 Ministry in the Neighborhood

Day 5 July 23 Missional Ecclesiology for the Peace of the City

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Leong, David P. *Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2017.
2. Gordon, Wayne and John M. Perkins. *Making Neighborhoods Whole: A Handbook for Christian Community Development*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2013.
3. Van Gelder, Craig, and Dwight J. Zscheile. *Participating in God's Mission: A Theological Missiology for the Church in America*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2018. (Chapter 9 will be posted on Moodle)

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