



## Asbury Theological Seminary Syllabus

**DM(MLC)918A: Seminar Four: Church Planting and Mission - One  
2.00 Credit Hours**

**Kentucky Campus/Hybrid**

**2022 Summer Session/ May 31, 2022 - Aug 19, 2022**

**On Site Meeting Dates:**

**Wed: Aug 3 from 01:30 PM to 05:00 PM**

**Thurs: Aug 4 from 08:30 AM to 05:00 PM**

**Fri: Aug 5 from 08:30 AM to 05:00 PM**

**Beeson Center Room #232**

### PROFESSOR INFORMATION

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An orientation to the historical, theological, sociological and practical dimensions of planting new contextual churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A range of historic, contemporary, cross-cultural patterns and examples will be examined.

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the time students complete Asbury's D.Min. program, they will be able to:

**PLO 1:**

Practice Christian dispositions and habits in community for faithful living.

- D.Min. cohorts are immersed in community-based formation around the priorities of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.

**PLO 2:**

Integrate leadership vision, ethic, and practice contextualized to their ministry setting.

- By methodically analyzing a specific ministry issue, D.Min. students contribute to the understanding of the practice of ministry.

**PLO 3:**

Reflect biblically, theologically, and culturally as a lifelong learner and leader in ministry.

- Students deepen their capacities for biblical, theological, and cultural exegesis as foundations for 21<sup>st</sup> century ministry around the world.

**REQUIRED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of DM(MLC)918A, students will have a *developing* ability to:

1. Articulate a biblical theology of church planting and mission. (PLO #3)
2. Identify common dynamics/characteristics of movements. (PLO #2)
3. Create a contextualized strategy for multiplication. (PLO #2)

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

N/A

**COURSE INTRODUCTION**



Welcome to Engaging Culture and Context! The information below introduces your faculty.

**Winfield Bevins, D.Min.** is the Director of Church Planting at Asbury Theological Seminary. He is an adjunct professor and guest lecturer at various seminaries and universities in the United States and England. He has a Doctor of Ministry from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest and is pursuing a PhD at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is a visiting Scholar at the National Institute for Newman Studies, Duquesne University. Having grown up in a free-church background, Winfield eventually found his spiritual home in the Anglican tradition, but freely draws wisdom from all church traditions.

Winfield is the author of several books, including *Marks of a Movement: What the Church Today Can Learn from the Wesleyan Revival*; and *Ever Ancient Ever New: The Allure of Liturgy for a New Generation*; *Creed: Connect to the Essentials of Historic Christian Faith*; *Our Common Prayer: A Field Guide to Common Prayer*; *Grow at Home*; and *Church Planting Revolution*. He has published articles in various publications including *Liturgy*, *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, *The Asbury Theological Journal*, *Pneuma Review*, *The Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, and *Christianity Today*.

As a seasoned practitioner, he has helped plant several churches and has used his experience to train leaders from around the world. He is also a visual artist who enjoys painting iconography, landscapes, and portraits. Over the past decade, he has helped start numerous arts initiatives, including a non-profit art gallery and studio, and an arts program in North Carolina. He and his wife Kay live in Wilmore, Kentucky and have three daughters; Elizabeth, Anna Belle, and Caroline.

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Addison, Steve. *Pioneering Movements: Leadership That Multiplies Disciples and Churches*. IVP Books, 2015. (192 pages)

\$12.98 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0830844418

\$9.99 Kindle, ASIN: B01959VKG Y

Bevins, Winfield. *Marks of a Movement: What the Church Today Can Learn from the Wesleyan Revival*. Zondervan, 2019. (224 pages)

\$17.99 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0310098355

\$9.99 Kindle, ASIN: B07KDYXMJR

Ott, Craig. *Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication*. Baker Academic, 2011. (464 pages)

\$19.57 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0801035807

\$17.60 Kindle, ASIN: B00BQYK1A8

Stetzer, Ed and Daniel Im. *Planting Missional Churches: Your Guide to Starting Churches That Multiply*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. B & H Academic, 2016. (416 pages)

\$19.68 Hardcover, ISBN: 978-1433692161

\$14.99 Kindle, ASIN: B01DTPZNL8

Wright, Christopher. *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative*. IVP Academic, 2018. (582 pages)

\$29.00 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0830852130

\$26.49 Kindle, ASIN: B00BBRLUTQ

Total pages: 1,878 (plus, assessment tools used during residency)

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

N/A

## RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

Croft, Steven and Ian Mobsby, eds. *Fresh Expressions in the Sacramental Tradition*. Canterbury Press Norwich, 2009.

Hirsch, Alan. *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating Apostolic Movements*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Brazos, 2016.

Rohr, Richard. *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011.

## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

N/A

## ASSIGNMENTS AND RUBRICS OR EVALUATION CRITERIA

To successfully complete this class, students must satisfactorily complete and submit all assignments on time and actively participate and contribute to the learning community.

### **1. Common Dynamics of Movements Reading Reflection (25 points)**

Due Date: July 15, 2022

Points/Percentage: 25

Learning Outcome: 2, 3

Drawing from the work of Addison, Bevins, Ott/Wilson, and Holy Scripture, as well as your own experience, write a 7-10 page synthesis that highlights dynamics that church planting movements share in common. This is much more than a list of “best practices.” You will want to consider, biblical and theological foundation, spiritual practices, as well as steps taken to mobilize and sustain church planting. Insights from all three books, Holy Scripture, and your personal experience must be integrated into your paper.

A synthesis is not a summary; it is the result of keen analysis and creative integration (new insights/reflections that emerge from considering all the resources together). Use MLA parenthetical documentation within the paper and a works cited page at the end.

## **2. Biblical Theology for Church Planting and Mission Paper (65 points)**

Due Date: August 10, 2022

Points/Percentage: 65

Learning Outcome: 1

This will be a 15-20 page (double-spaced, 12-point font) course integration paper. This paper must reflect new thinking and work done by the student as a result of this course. This paper must demonstrate how the course readings, lectures, and discussions can be integrated/applied to the student's life and ministry. This paper should reflect good scholarship, including accurately quoted credible sources (8 minimum references/footnotes) and a Works Cited section at the end of the paper. This is good preparation for writing a dissertation.

Consider: What is your biblical theology for church planting and mission? Alan Hirsch argues in his book, *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church*, that we can do church in our day and age like the apostles did in the first century. He then offers five essential marks of biblical ecclesiology to help us recover the genius of the apostolic church: 1. Christ is the Center (God-focused). 2. Christ is continually being reproduced (disciple-making). 3. Christ manifests his love through the members (compassionate communion). 4. Christ works through every believer in the Body (universal priesthood). 5. Christ redeems the whole of creation through the church (outward mission).

As you write your paper, consider which of these five traits of the New Testament church is most urgent for your church and denomination to recover and why?

Structure your paper according to the four sections in Christopher Wright's book, *The Mission of God*: I. The Bible and Mission; II. The God of Mission; III. The People of Mission; IV. The Arena of Mission. In a subsequent book, Wright explains, "when I speak of mission, I am thinking of all that God is doing in his great purpose for the whole of creation and all that he calls us to do in cooperation with that purpose" (*The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission* [Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010], 25).

Interact with the Wright's main ideas in his four sections as you reflect upon how you see the impact of this theology upon your own biblical theology of church planting and mission.

### 3. Online Discussions of Church Planting and Mission via Textbooks (10 points)

Due Date: See online Canvas classroom for details.

Points/Percentage: 10

Learning Outcome: 1, 2, and 3

Discussions will be held online in your Canvas classroom.

Assignments				
Assignment Description	SLO	Method of Assessment	Value /Due Date	Evaluator
<b>Assignment #1:</b> Common Dynamics of Movements Reading Reflection	#2, 3	7-10 page synthesis highlighting dynamics that church planting movements share in common. (Addison, Bevins, Ott)	30%  Due Date: 7/15/2022.  Upload to online classroom.	Faculty
<b>Assignment #2:</b> Biblical Theology for Church Planting and Mission Paper	#1	15-20 page paper (double-spaced, 12 pt. font)	65%  Due Date: 8/10/2022.  Upload to online classroom.	Faculty
<b>Assignment #3:</b> Online Discussions of Church Planting and Mission via Textbooks	#1, 2, 3	See online Canvas classroom for details.	10%  Due Date: See online classroom.	Faculty

## COURSE SCHEDULE

The schedule for our in-person sessions on August 3-5 will be sent to you via an announcement in the online Canvas classroom.

## ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

See next pages.

<b>Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Method of Assessment</b>	<b>Exemplary=4</b>	<b>Accomplished=3</b>	<b>Developing=2</b>	<b>Beginning=1</b>	<b>Evaluator</b>
<b>SLO #1:</b> Articulate a biblical theology of church planting and mission.	Biblical Theology for Church Planting and Mission Paper	<i>Articulates, at an exemplary level, a biblical theology of church planting and mission.</i>	<i>Articulates, at an accomplished level, a biblical theology of church planting and mission.</i>	<i>Articulates, at a developing level, a biblical theology of church planting and mission.</i>	<i>Articulates, at a beginning level, a biblical theology of church planting and mission.</i>	Faculty
<b>SLO #2:</b> Identify common dynamics/characteristics of movements.	Common Dynamics of Movements Reading Reflection	<i>Identifies, at an exemplary level, common dynamics/characteristics of movements..</i>	<i>Identifies, at an accomplished level, common dynamics/characteristics of movements..</i>	<i>Identifies, at a developing level, common dynamics/characteristics of movements..</i>	<i>Identifies, at a beginning level, common dynamics/characteristics of movements..</i>	Faculty
<b>SLO #3:</b> Create a contextualized strategy for multiplication.	Common Dynamics of Movements Reading Reflection	<i>Creates, at an exemplary level, a contextualized strategy for multiplication.</i>	<i>Creates, at an accomplished level, a contextualized strategy for multiplication.</i>	<i>Creates, at a developing level, a contextualized strategy for multiplication.</i>	<i>Creates, at a beginning level, a contextualized strategy for multiplication.</i>	Faculty

**Attendance/Participation:** To progress satisfactorily and achieve learning outcomes in this class, students must meet the course requirements. Students are responsible for notifying instructors of the reason for any absences as soon as possible and are accountable for all assignments. Makeup quizzes or exams are generally not permitted unless previously arranged with the instructor. Each faculty member will provide a written attendance policy for each class and also go over that policy on the first day of class for the course. Refer to the ATS Student Handbook for additional information regarding attendance policies and excused absences.

**Late Assignments:** Any assignment submitted after the due date and time will be reduced two numerical points for every day late. For example, two days late would reduce the grade from a 90 to an 86, unless the student talks to the professor ahead of time and receives permission to turn in the assignment late, based upon a legitimate excuse (such as illness).

**Format of Papers:** Students must use MLA academic style for completing papers; this is also the required style for your dissertation.

## INCOMPLETE WORK POLICY

**Incomplete Work:** “A grade of ‘I’ denotes that course work has not been completed due to an unavoidable emergency. Delinquency or attending to church work or other employment does not constitute an unavoidable emergency. Without an approved ‘I,’ a letter grade will be recorded based on grades received for completed work and an ‘F’ grade assigned to incomplete work” (ATS 2015-16 Student Handbook, page 67).

Letter	Lowest	Highest
A	94.00%	100.00%
A-	90.00%	93.99%
B+	87.00%	89.99%
B	84.00%	86.99%
B-	80.00%	83.99%
C+	77.00%	79.99%
C	74.00%	76.99%
C-	70.00%	73.99%
D+	67.00%	69.99%
D	64.00%	66.99%
D-	60.00%	63.99%
F	0.00%	59.99%

The unit of credit is a semester hour, which is defined as one hour of classroom work per week for one semester, or its equivalent. The 4.00 point system is used to compute grade point standing. The grading system is:

GRADE	EVALUATION CRITERIA
A	Exceptional work: surpassing outstanding achievement of course objectives
B	Good work: strong, significant achievement of course objectives
C	Acceptable work: basic, essential achievement of course objectives

D	Marginal work: inadequate, minimal achievement of course objectives
F	Unacceptable work: failure to achieve course objectives

## GRADING

Assignment	Weight/Point Value
Common Dynamics of Movements Reading Reflection	25
Biblical Theology for Church Planting and Mission Paper	65
Online Discussions of Church Planting and Mission via Textbooks	10
	<b>Total: 100</b>

## CANVAS (LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

Canvas is the learning management system used for Asbury seminary classes. Log into <http://connect.asburyseminary.edu> and click on the **flashing cube** (upper right corner) to access a link to the Canvas website. Once you have logged in, it is recommended that you bookmark this page for easy access. The courses that you are enrolled in should appear as “course cards” on your Dashboard. You may navigate to your desired course here. If you do not see your course, or there is nothing in your course, please contact your professor.

## COURSE EVALUATIONS

Course evaluations are a vital part of Asbury Seminary’s efforts to achieve excellence in the classroom. At the end of the semester, you will receive an email with information and directions for completing course evaluations. Your responses are completely anonymous, and your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or encounter problems accessing the evaluations, contact the Help Desk at [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu) or by phone at 859.858.2100 or toll-free at 800.2ASBURY.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS & SUPPORT

To take an online or hybrid class, you should be comfortable using e-mail, web browsers, word-processing software and be able to download files and create attachments. You will need the following in order to participate online:

- A computer with a current and up-to-date operating system
- Reliable, high-speed internet
- Word processing software
- A webcam (built-in or external) for video conferences, as needed
- A headset with microphone (preferable)

Contact the Help Desk for technical assistance accessing the online class, using electronic resources, or with other technical issues related to Asbury Seminary coursework.

- Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
- Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

## LIBRARY RESOURCES

Library resources, research support, and library loan are available via:

- Website: [asbury.to/library](http://asbury.to/library)
- Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
- Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

### Materials Requests

Use the links on the library website to search the library catalog for available materials. Students on the Kentucky or Florida campuses can use their student ID cards to check out materials in person. Books can be returned or mailed to the library at either the Kentucky or Florida campus.

Students may request books, photocopies, or emailed attachments of journal articles or portions of reference books from the library. Allow 3-10 business days for requests to be filled. Contact the library for costs and instructions on how to make requests, or view the online tutorial at [guides.asburyseminary.edu/libraryloan](http://guides.asburyseminary.edu/libraryloan).

### Online Resources

- Asbury Scholar – Find library books, ebooks, journal articles, and other media at [asbury.to/library](http://asbury.to/library).
- Databases – Access links to online resources including the library catalog, online journal databases, encyclopedias, and more at [guides.asburyseminary.edu/az.php](http://guides.asburyseminary.edu/az.php).

### Research Assistance

Students should contact Research Services in the library for research assistance. Help is available for general research questions, including how to find course materials online or navigate library resources. Training for supported Bible software or bibliographic management software is also available. Appointments can be made via:

- Website: [asbury.to/library](http://asbury.to/library)
- Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
- Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

### The Writing Center

- The goal of the Writing Center is to help students improve their graduate-level writing. Assistance is available both online and on the Kentucky campus to help with various aspects of the writing process, including structure and organization, grammar, punctuation, and citation formatting. Appointments can be made by contacting the library via:
  - Website: [asbury.to/writingcenter](http://asbury.to/writingcenter)
  - Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
  - Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)
- Students can sign up for 30-minute sessions on the library website at [asbury.to/library](http://asbury.to/library).

## POLICIES

Each student is responsible for being familiar with seminary policies. Asbury Seminary reserves the right to change policies when necessary. Below are brief descriptions of a few seminary policies. For more detailed information regarding school policies, please refer to the ATS Student Handbook at [asburyseminary.edu/students/student-services/student-handbook/](http://asburyseminary.edu/students/student-services/student-handbook/)

### **Disability Accommodations**

Asbury Theological Seminary provides reasonable accommodation on an individualized basis for qualified students with disabilities. Students are required to provide documentation of a disability prior to receiving classroom accommodations. Since accommodations may require early planning before or at the start of the term and are generally not provided retroactively, students need to contact an Accommodations Officer as soon as possible. If you are a student with a disability and believe you require reasonable accommodations in this class, you will need to make an appointment with an Accommodations Officer in the Office of the Registrar on the Kentucky campus or in the Enrollment Management Office on the Florida campus. Students attending the Tennessee site should contact the Kentucky Registrar.

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is expected of every student. Plagiarism, that is, “presenting ... another’s ideas or writings as one’s own,” is considered a serious violation of integrity and is unacceptable. Detailed information, including the penalty for plagiarizing, is in the Student Handbook. For additional information about plagiarism, go to [plagiarism.org](http://plagiarism.org).

In this course we may utilize Unicheck, an automated system that compares students’ assignments with websites as well as a database of previously submitted student work. After the assignment is processed, instructors receive a report from [unicheck.com](http://unicheck.com) (through SpeedGrader™) that states if and how another person’s work was used in the assignment. For more information, see [www.unicheck.com](http://www.unicheck.com). If you have questions about academic honesty, please contact the library at [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu).

## Copyright Information

The copyright law of the United States (title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specific conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement. This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of copyright law.

By using online media resources, students are consenting to abide by this copyright policy. Any duplication, reproduction, or modification of this material without express written consent from Asbury Theological Seminary and/or the original publisher is strictly prohibited.

## ZOOM

Courses may use Zoom for synchronous online instruction. These sessions may be recorded by the professor and posted into the Canvas classroom. The recorded sessions will not be downloadable, and will not be used by the professor in future classes unless there is documented permission from all of the students in the recording. Chat rooms in a Zoom call are recorded and discretion should be exercised when using the chat feature, including in private rooms.

Video recordings may be considered educational records under the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and will be protected as such by the Seminary. Zoom collects only minimal client information and ensures that information is kept secure (<https://zoom.us/docs/doc/FERPA%20Guide.pdf>).

Requests for accessibility accommodations related to Zoom will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis as described above under Disability Accommodations.

## APPENDIX

N/A