“But seek the welfare [Shalom] of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare [shalom] you will find your welfare [shalom].”
Jeremiah 29:7

I. Course Objectives: The Student will:

A. Develop her or his understanding of the biblical and theological basis for the public ministry of the church
B. Develop his or her biblical, theological and social ethical reflection on the mission of the Church and public ministry
C. Develop an understanding of the types of action which the Christian and the Church can take for faithful public ministry

II. Textbooks

Required:

ISBN-10: 1-932805-51-2 Amazon price = $59.02 (used prices vary)

or

Krehbiel, Jeffrey K., Reflecting with Scripture on Community Organizing (Chicago, Illinois: ACTA Publications, 2010).
ISBN-978-0-89746-448-6 ACTA price = $5.95
(www.actapublications.com (60) page booklet)

CBD price = $12.99
Amazon price=$13.50

ISBN: 066423349X CBD price = $18.00

ISBN: 0802807291 CBD price = $15.75


SBN: 1-879290-23-5 CBD: price = $9.68 (eBook)
Amazon, through various sellers Price = $91.72

III. Course Requirements:

A. Common Reading: As a background for course and class lecture/dialogue, the student should complete assigned reading by the following day:

September 15 – Villafane, *Seek the Peace of the City*

September 22 – Sider, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*

October 6 Linthicum, *Building a People of Power* (Chapters 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, and 12) or
Krehbiel, *Reflecting With Scripture on Community Organizing*

October 13 - Perkins, *Beyond Charity*
B. Critical Analysis and Reflection on three Required Texts:

Provide a brief two-page analysis of each of the following books: *Beyond Cheap Grace* by Villafane, *Faith works* by Wallis and *Sabbath in the City* by Stone and Wolfteich.

1. Include a brief synopsis of each book’s key themes.
2. Select one key theme/idea in each book that will be helpful to your ministry, explaining *why* and *how* you would utilize it.
   - *Beyond Cheap Grace* due October 20
   - *Faith Works* due November 3
   - *Sabbath in the City* due November 17

C. Community Asset Mapping (group project) – September 29

D. Reflective analysis/Verbal presentation of Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization Cape Town 2010 videos (Group assignment) November 24

E. Final Paper:
Based on class lectures, course required readings, videos, asset mapping, bibliographical resources, and your knowledge, write an academic paper on one of the following themes/issues:

1. The Biblical Basis for Public Ministry
2. The Gospel and the Public Ministry of the Church
3. The Public Ministry of Jesus
4. Faith-based Organizations and Public Ministry
5. Reconciliation and Public Ministry of the Church
6. Immigration and Public Ministry of the Church
7. The Christian Community as a Public Church
8. Politics and the Public Ministry of the Church
9. Public Education and the Public Ministry of the Church
10. Justice and the Public Ministry of the Church
11. Theological Education and the Public Ministry of the Church
12. Racial Reconciliation and the Public Ministry of the Church

Paper should be 10 pages long, double-spaced: due December 8

IV. Grade Evaluation - Your class grade will be evaluated as follows:

| Common Readings | 10% |
| Community Asset Mapping (group presentation) | 10% |
| Reflective Analysis of Videos (group presentation) | 20% |
| Critical Analysis and Reflection | 20% |
| Final Paper | 40% |

(Minus any penalty for unfulfilled requirements (e.g. regular attendance, late papers)

V. Office hours – Faculty advisement by appointment

- Mondays - September 15 – December 1, 2014: from 4:00 to 6:00pm
- awright@gordonconwell.edu – 860-966-2435
Church and Community:  
Introduction to the Public Ministry of the Church  

(Course Outline)

Introduction:

A. “Knowing Each Other”
B. Scope, Objectives, Method and Requirements of Course
C. Defining Our Theme

1. Biblical and Theological Basis of the Public Ministry of the Church
   A. The Jeremiah Paradigm for the City (The theological concept of Shalom)
   B. A Theology of Prayer  (The City and Spirituality)
   C. The Church and Its Public Ministry: Lessons from Jesus

2. The Church and its Public Witness
   A. The Classical Missiological Categories of the Church’s Mission
   B. Gospel-Centered Public Ministry
   C. Justice Toward the Poor

3. Social Diakonia: The Public Ministry of the Church
   A. Typology of Social Diakonia
   B. Global Social Diakonia – “The Whole Church taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World”
   C. Systems Thinking and Global Social Diakonia
   D. Toward Faith-Based Community Organizing – Guest Lecturer – (Tom Kubiak CCDA Model)
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