

DENOMINATIONAL STUDIES 510
SPRING TERM 2010
Course Description
Instructor: Glen Davis

Purpose:

To introduce students to the Reformed tradition, particularly as it has been appropriated and practiced in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Competence Objectives:

- to gain a basic working knowledge of the theological emphases, ethos, worship, resources, governance and mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada;
- to be able to articulate, and to integrate into teaching and conversation, what is basic to the worldview of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Format:

On each of 3 weekends (Jan. 15-16, Feb. 5-6, Mar. 12-13) students will meet for 10 hours of lectures, discussion and role plays that will be based on assigned reading and analysis. On several occasions there will be guests from the national church or regional staff who will address their areas of expertise.

Content:

Introduction to the following: Presbyterian worship – its theological roots and PCC resources; Confessional Standards; what makes us Presbyterian (major doctrines of the Reformed tradition); social action and justice emphasis; women in ministry; polity.

The above subjects will make frequent use of Living Faith, The Book of Common Worship, The Book of Forms, The Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly, The Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation, the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Social Action Handbook.

Expectations of the Student

- students will attend at least 80% of the 30-hour class time
- students will complete required readings and participate in class discussions
- each student will prepare and make a class presentation on one of the themes covered in the course
- each student will write a properly footnoted term paper of 8-10 pages (single spaced) on a subject to be chosen in consultation with the instructor
- students are expected to be able to integrate their learnings in this course with other subjects/courses taught in the diploma year

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class attendance and participation, evidence of completing all reading assignments, one class presentation, one term paper and a demonstrated ability to integrate learnings with other courses.

Bibliography

In addition to the 7 resources listed above under **Content**, readings from, or references to, the following will be included:

Book of Praise, P.C.C. 1996

Book of Psalms, P.C.C. 1995

Chapman, Dean W. *How to Worship as a Presbyterian*,
Louisville, 2001

Congram, John, *This Presbyterian Church of Ours*,
Wood Lake Books, 1995

Daniels, Harold M. *To God Alone Be Glory*, Louisville, 2003

Old, Hughes O. *Worship: Reformed According to Scripture*,
Louisville, 2002

White, James F. *Introduction to Christian Worship*, 3rd Edition,
Nashville, 2000