



Summer School 2010

April 9, 2010

TH101: Ignited By the Spirit
Rev. Emilie Smith
July 5-9, 2010. 1:30-4:30 pm

Purpose: This course will provide you with a deeper analysis of systemic injustices and help you design your own path to praxis around multiple issues of planet-wide violence and greed. Concentrated work in this course will result in your ability to address community despair and helplessness, and offer leadership in practical solutions.

Description: A dynamic-interactive course that will open up our understandings of the historical structures of domination and the Spirit of Liberation that moves through our age. This course will make use of the instructor's extensive life-experience in Latin America, and extracts from texts by leading Liberation Theologians, north and south, and participants' own gathered wisdom. Together we will co-create understandings of the cosmic and material forces at work in the world, and how to engage with these to be part of Creation's flourishing.

Course Outline: 5 Sessions of 3 hours

Sessions to begin and end with short prayer

First hour: Sharing of Stories -- Setting the Framework – Instructor

Second hour: Sharing of Stories – Stretching the Circle – Participants

Third hour: Constructing the Mosaic – Whole Group

Day Themes:

Monday – Scripture and History: The Deep Roots of Liberation

Tuesday – Liberation, North and South: The Eruption of Liberation in Our Day

Wednesday – Clash of Violence: Crucifixion

Thursday – Resource Extraction: Peter's Denial, Paul's Violence

Friday – Resurrection: The Continual Breakthrough of Creation

Competency objectives and evaluations

All class participants are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Attendance at all five sessions of the course.
- Participate in class discussion and demonstrate familiarity with the reading assignments.

Certificate in Theological Studies Credit

In addition to the Expectations above, Certificate students must complete an original 5-7 page paper on a topic discussed with and approved by the instructor. The paper must be submitted to the instructor by August 31, 2010.

REMINDER: Students please make your own arrangements for acquisition of the summer school required texts through your **local bookstores**. Online bookstores such as Indigo.ca or Amazon.ca might have competitive prices with fast shipping to your neighbourhood. VST will NOT be pre-ordering titles.

Required Reading: *'Required books and readings, as available, will be on reserve in the Library'*

Please read the following before the course:

Joerg Rieger, ed. *Liberating the Future, God, Mammon and Theology*, Augsburg-Fortress Press, 1998.

Robert McAfee Brown. *Liberation Theology*, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 1993.

Petrella, Ivan. *The Future of Liberation Theology, An Argument and Manifesto*. London: SCM Press, 2006.

And the articles:

Boaventura de Sousa Santos. *Beyond Abyssal Thinking: From global lines to ecologies of knowledges*. <http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2007-06-29-santos-en.html>

Bermudez, Fernando. *Death and Resurrection in Guatemala*.

http://www.epica.org/Library/martyrs/death_resurrection.htm

The Reverend Emilie Smith, is a Canadian Anglican priest, currently living and working in Guatemala. She has 26-years of shared-living with the people of that country, and has been engaged in human rights witness, support of local communities, resistance to Canadian mining industry's imposition on Maya sacred land. Emilie is presently pursuing doctoral studies, working on the theme of Martyrs and Holy Innocents in the Guatemala Genocide, and Maya concepts of Death and Non-Death.