

Christian Community Development and Ministry Class

(Generic Syllabus for all Seminaries and Schools)

October 23-27, 2017; Houston, TX.

Held in conjunction with the annual “No Need Among You Conference”

CLASS COORDINATOR: ***Jimmy Dorrell, D.Min.***

CLASS LOCATION/TIMES: Held at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3015 N MacGregor Way, Houston, TX 77004; Monday-Friday; Time: 8:00am-6:00pm (Thursday until 7:00pm, ends 11:45am Friday).

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, Tuition and Costs: There are additional cost not included in seminary tuition registration, including conference registration, ministry tour (\$25), travel, lodging and some meals. Students must pay \$109 for early registration (ends 9/6) or \$138 (late) in the “No Need Among You Conference” (Oct 25-27, 2017) <http://txccdn.net/events/no-need-among-you/>. *Note these discounts:* There is a \$10 discount for those students who become members of the Texas Christian Community Development Network. Cost for student membership is \$10 @ <http://txccdn.net/members/join/>. Students may also receive a discount if they volunteer a minimum of twelve hours at the conference. Contact Rucker Preston director@txccdn.net for details.

HOUSING: Students may stay wherever they chose during the class. Costs for lodging are the responsibility of the student. (*Note: remember that challenging traffic patterns may impact where the student chooses to stay!*)

Hotel Lodging: An “early bird” discounted group rate of \$119/night is available for conference attendees at the Residence Inn (Marriott) in the Houston-Medical Center, <http://txccdn.net/events/no-need-among-you/lodging/>, located at 7710 Main Street. Houston, TX 77030. **Reservations can be made by individual call-in at 713-351-1399. To get the discount, tell the hotel you are making a reservation using a group discount for Texas Christian Community Development Network.** The hotel is about a 15 minute drive from the conference location.

Other Lodging: There are other hotels in the area, which are located near NRG Stadium.

FOOD: Students are responsible for their own meals. If desired, lunch will be ordered by the class on Monday and Tuesday at the students’ expense. Lunch meals are provided on Wednesday and Thursday as a part of the conference registration. All other meal costs belong to the students.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The impact of corporate sin has affected our world and the institutions and organizations created to bring God’s shalom on earth as it is in heaven. This class will focus on holistic principles and community development methodology and best practices that can help Christians, churches and Christian-based organizations bring healing and hope to the poor and disenfranchised of our nation and world.

1. Establish a holistic biblical theology for community development.
2. Deepen an awareness of the need for Christian community development.
3. Explore effective models and case studies, which highlight strengths and weaknesses of community development practices.
4. Implement and evaluate local community development projects.

REQUIRED READING: (based on the student's academic requirements)

Example: Each M.Div. student should read and report on a minimum of four book, (at least 700 pages) from the following books before the class **OR** based on the professor of record's negotiated deadline.

BOOK REPORT FORMAT: (or format required by your university)

1. Discuss the essence of the book-theme, goal, purpose, main reason for written. The main thoughts.
2. Key emphases beyond main thoughts
3. Contribution and value of book-idea, new thought, new angle, lasting value, etc.
4. Criticism- your thoughts.
5. Questions you would ask of the book or author.

Primary Readings: (based on the student's academic requirements; additions likely)

Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help And How to Reverse It: Lupton, Robert. HarperOne; 2012. **ISBN-10:** 0062076213

Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results. Lupton, Robert D. Harper One, 2015. **ISBN-10:** 0062307266

When Helping Hurts: How to alleviate poverty without hurting the poor and yourself. Corbett, Steve and Fikkert, Brian. **ISBN:** 0802457061

Trolls and Truth: 14 Realities About Today's Church That We Don't Want to See. Dorrell, Jimmy. New Hope Publishers, 2006. **ISBN-10:** 1596690100.

The Wealth of the Poor: How Valuing Every Neighbor Restores Hope in Our Cities. James, Larry M.; Abilene Christian University Press; 2013; **ISBN-10:** 0891123806

Rules of Engagement: Making Connections Last; Booker-Drew, Froswa, Austin Brothers Publishing, 2013 **ISBN-10:** 098910270X

Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just. Keller, Timothy. Riverhead Books, 2012, **ISBN-10:** 1594486077.

The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence. Haugen, Gary A. Oxford Press, 2014. **ISBN-10:** 019993787.

Some Optional Reading for Book Reviews (these or others must be approved by the professor)

Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America; Emerson, Michael O and Smith, Christian. Oxford Press, 2001; **ISBN-10:** 0195147073

Where the Cross Meets the Street: What Happens to the Neighborhood When God Is at the Center; Castellanos, Noel and Perkins, John; IVP Books, 2015. **ISBN-10:** 0830836918

Activism That Makes Sense: Congregations and Community Organization; Austin, Gregory F. ACTA Publications; March 1, 1997. **ISBN-10:** 0914070533

Urban Problems and Community Development; Ferguson, Ronald and Dickens, William. ed.; Brookings Institution Press, 1999.

Transforming Power: Biblical Strategies for Making a Difference in Your Community Linthicum, Robert C., IVP, 2003. **ISBN-10:** 0830832289

Compassion, Justice and the Christian Life: Rethinking Ministry to the Poor, Lupton, Robert D. Regal, 2007.

Mission As Transformation; Samuel, Vinay and Sugden, Chris, ed., Regnum Books, 1999.

Building a People of Power, Robert Linthicum; Authentic Publishers; 2006

Asset Building and Community Development-2nd Edition; Green, Gary Paul and Haines, Anna; Sage Publications, 2008.

Dead Church Walking: Giving Life to the Church That is Dying to Survive, Dorrell, Jimmy. IVP Books, 2011. ISBN-10: 0830856323

A Theology As Big As the City. Bakke, Raymond J. IVP Academic, 1997. ISBN-10: 0830818901

The Community Economic Development Handbook; Temali, Mihailo; Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 2002.

A Framework for Understanding Poverty, 4th Revised Edition. Payne, Ruby, (2005). ISBN: 978-1929229482.

Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Mobilizing A Community's Assets. Kretzmann, John P. and McKnight, John. Chicago: ACTA Publications, 1993.

Transforming Power: Biblical Strategies For Making a Difference in Your Community; Linthicum, Robert. InterVarsity, 2003.

Renewing the City: Reflections on Community Development and Urban Renewal. Lupton, Robert. InterVarsity, 2005.

Theirs Is the Kingdom, Lupton, Robert. Harper, 1989.

Faith Works (revised), Wallis, Jim. PageMill Press; 2001.

Planting and Growing Urban Churches, Conn, Harvie M. Baker Books, 1997.

Hard Living People and Mainstream Christians, Sample, Tex. Abingdon Press, 1993.

Empowering the Poor, Linthicum, Robert C. MARC/World Vision, 1991.

The Urban Face of Mission: Ministering the Gospel in a Diverse and Changing World, Conn, Harvie & others, ed. Ortiz, Manuel and Baker, Susan. P&R, 2002.

To Live In Peace: Biblical Faith & the Changing Inner City; Gornik, Mark R. Eerdmans, 2002.

Empowerment: A Key Component to Christian Community Development. Nelson, Mary. IUniverse. 2010. ISBN-10: 1440185328

Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace: Groody, Daniel G. (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2007). ISBN-10: 1570756961

The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society. Nouwen, Henri J. (New York: Image, 1979). ISBN-10: 0385148038

A Credible Witness: Reflections on Power, Evangelism and Race; Salter McNeil, Brenda. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008). ISBN: 978-8308-3482-2

Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How racial discrimination shapes religious convictions: Shelton, Jason E. and Emerson, Michael O.

Special Notes: Book reviews and final project must be typed based on seminary guidelines. Journals may be handwritten if legible based on professor's decision.

(based on the student's own academic requirements) (SAMPLE)

ASSIGNMENTS & POINT OR PERCENTAGES

- 1. ___ Book Reviews (30%)** -Each student will read a minimum of 100 pages from seven of the required texts or approved substitutions. For each summarize its content and give a minimum of three concepts from each. Due first day of class (*October 23, 2017*)
- 2. ___ Journal (30%)** - Each student will journal about each plenary lecture, conference plenary session, and at least five conference workshops. Comment on what you learned, agreed with or disagreed with. Summarize the entire week in a concluding entry. (*Due on last class day of the semester. Late submission will impact grade.*)
- 3. ___ Dialogue (10%)**- Each student is expected to engage in conversation throughout the course. Due October 27, 2017.
- 4. ___ Project- (30%)- POST CONFERENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-** personalized with professor of record to fit the context of the student in his/her local context. The project will be chosen with the Professor of Record to assist the student toward involvement in a project that may be personally helpful to his/her ministry context. Although projects differ based on kind, generally each will involve some a) action research (surveys, interviews, background study, etc.), b) assessments based on the research, c) interaction with a local community, d) implementation of a project, and e) evaluation of the project or its potential. All work and hours are to be documented and briefly explained (ex: *11/10/17; 2:00-3:30; interviewed residents on Colcord Ave regarding the neighborhood assets*). A minimum of **30** hours are expected. Surveys, findings, evaluation forms, etc. must be submitted with the summary paper. The summary paper should be a minimum of four typewritten pages (double space) and include a narrative of the goal, experience, learnings, next steps, and conclusions. Grade will be determined based on effort and implementation of appropriate methodology, including longer-term impact from project. (*Due: Friday, December 1, 2017.*)

Late work penalizes grade.

Grading Scale: (based on the student's academic requirements)

Schedule of Two-Day Intensive Classes/Lectures:

Note: **Conference Schedule** at <http://txccdn.net/events/no-need-among-you/schedule/>

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CLASS TOPICS</i>
October 23	Course introduction; Overview and history of Christian community development; <u>Holistic theology</u>
October 24	Urban challenges; Issues of poverty, injustice, race; Ministry tour.
October 25	<u>Conference</u> - various speakers and workshops on Christian community development.
October 26	<u>Conference</u> - various speakers and workshops on Christian community development.
October 27	<u>Conference</u> - various speakers and workshops on Christian community development. (ends at 11:45am)

Tentative Schedule: (changes likely)

MONDAY, October 23

- 8:00-9:30 **Dr. JIMMY DORRELL:** 1) *Orientation and Course introduction*; 2) *“Holistic Theology”*
9:45-11:15 *Social Capital and Asset Based Community Development*
11:30-1:00 LUNCH, LECTURE & DIALOGUE about *Racial Reconciliation*
1:15-2:30 Best practices of Christian community development
2:45-5:00 **MINISTRY TOUR**

TUESDAY, October 24

- 8:00-9:15 *Incarnational Living and the Family*
9:30-12:00 **Community Development Ministries-**
12:15-1:40 **TBA**
1:45-3:00 *Local and Global Christian Community Development*
2:15-4:00 *Global Development and Sustainable Impact”*
4:15-5:00 **Class dialogue and Ministry Project Guidelines-** Jimmy Dorrell

Students will also attend the entire conference on Wed, Thurs and 1/2 day Friday.