



Pursuing the Way of Christ's Peace
Mission Theology and Practice
JoAnn Fisher and Robin Linkhart, Instructors

Locations and Dates

Arizona Mission Center	February 5-7, 2010
Inland West Mission Center	February 12-14, 2010
Farwest/Midlands Mission Centers	February 19-21, 2010
Oklahoma Mission Center	February 26-28, 2010

Course Description

Pursuing the Way of Christ's Peace: Mission Theology and Practice will critically reflect on the theological impulses which inform mission and how our community's understanding of God has shaped our identity, mission, message, and beliefs. Intentional connections will be made between conceptual theology and mission lived out as we explore together the questions: How is theology of mission connected to pursuing the way of Christ's peace? How is pursuing Christ's Peace lived out in the 21st Century? What is holistic discipleship?

Required Texts

Please read and come to class prepared to participate in discussion.

Congregations as Signal Communities

J. Andrew Bolton
Available electronically

***Jonah, Jesus, and Other Good Coyotes:
Speaking Peace to Power in the Bible***

Daniel L. Smith-Christopher
Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2007
ISBN 978-687343836

Pay special attention to the following sections:

Introduction (xi-xxi)
Chapter 1 (1-25)

Conclusion/Summary (47-48, 87, 114-115, 134-135)
“The ‘Two Paths’ from the Exile into the Future” (67-68)
“Issues in Coyote Theology: Mission versus Dialogue” (144-150)
“Lessons for Coyote No. 1: Learn to Listen to Anger” (172-176)
Chapter Nine (177-187)

The Upside-Down Kingdom, 25th Anniversary Edition

Donald B. Kraybill

Herald Press: Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, 2003

ISBN 0836192362

Required Movie

Please view and come prepared to discuss and explore connections with: a) Reign of God; and b) creating authentic community.

Lars and the Real Girl

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 2007

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