

**CEWM 5170 Women and Church Growth**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Christian Education  
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**Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local Church and its ministries.

**Course Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to provide quality, supplemental training specifically in the area of women's work in the local church.

**Core Value Focus**

1. Spiritual Vitality
2. Mission Focus

**Curriculum Competencies**

1. Disciple Making
2. Spiritual and Character Formation
3. Worship Leadership

**Course Description**

This course is designed to study the basic principles of church growth and their application to women's ministry.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Student will understand basic principles of church growth.
2. Students will study types of churches and trends in church growth.
3. Students will apply church growth principles to their women's ministry program.
4. Students will assess the health of their own church to develop specific strategies for the growth of their women's ministry.

**Course Methodology**

1. Lectures
2. Power Point presentations
3. Small group discussion

4. Individual study
5. Personal application

**Textbook**

Mims, Gene. *Kingdom Principles for Church Growth*. (rev. and exp). Nashville, TN: LifeWay Press, 2001. ISBN: 0767318897

Rainer, Thom S. and Eric Geiger. *Simple Church: Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2006. ISBN: 0805443908

**Course Requirements**

1. Students will attend class. Seminary policy states that a student may not miss any class due to the short length of the workshop.
2. Students will participate in class discussion and attend an extra class session for discussion and dialogue with graduate students.
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and provide a written statement of completion due two weeks after the class.
4. Students will evaluate the health of your own church using the Kingdom Principles for Church Growth presented by Gene Mims.

**Church Evaluation**

Evaluate the health of your own church using the Kingdom Principles for Church Growth presented by Gene Mims. Write a report which includes an assessment of your church’s evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, and worship plus some specific strategies for the growth of your women’s ministry.

The report should be ten to fifteen pages, typed double spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press. The Report is due **two weeks after the class**

5. Students will complete a take-home final examination which will be due two weeks after class.

The reading statement, evaluation report and final exam can be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.

**Course Evaluation**

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

A = 93-100	¼	=	Class Attendance/Class Participation
B = 85-92	¼	=	Textbooks
C = 77-84	¼	=	Church Evaluation
D = 70-76	¼	=	Take-home Final Examination

F = Below 70

## **Course Schedule**

### **First Day**

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.      Welcome/Orientation/Registration  
Introductions  
Biblical Basis for Church Growth  
Generations and Church Growth

Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.      Praise and Worship  
Breakout Churches  
Types of Churches

### **Second Day**

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      Class Devotional  
Kingdom Principles of Church Growth  
Future Trends for Growth

Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.      Demographics and Church Health  
Vision and Growth

### **Third Day**

Friday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.      Prayer Time  
Strategic Planning  
Women and Church Growth  
Closing Commitment

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