



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

**CHPL6392-CONF Special Topics in Church Planting:
Send Network Gathering
Send Network Gathering/Conference Special Event
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Church Ministry
Oct 9-11, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.**

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This course will incorporate a major conference designed for students interested in missions or church planting. The seminar will be held in conjunction with the North American Mission Board Send Gathering/Conferences. Students will attend conference sessions designed to encourage and inspire participants in missional leadership and church planting. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will complete other designated course requirements. Included in the required readings for the course will be various subjects related to the practice of church planting in North America.

This class will be part of the Send Network Gathering in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, Oct 9-11. All fees of conference and lodging are covered, students must provide for transportation to and from Dallas-Fort Worth.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to help fulfill the Great Commission, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Identify and discuss the missional and church planting content from the conference presentations, breakouts, and the other readings and assignments.
2. To understand the church planting strategies and opportunities with the North American Mission Board and Send Network.
3. To synthesize the principles gleaned from the conference and other seminar assignments into current ministry contexts.
4. To develop an action plan for taking the next steps in partnering as a supporting or sending church in church planting through; prayer, participation, and provision in a North American context.
5. To develop an action plan for becoming a multiplying church; by taking the next steps in discovering, developing, and deploying church planters and church planting teams from within a local church context.

Students taking the class for the first time will read the books under the Semester 1 list.
Students taking the class for a second time will read the books under the Semester 2 list.
Students taking the class for a third time will read the books under the Semester 3 list.

Semester 1 Textbooks

Bevins, Winfield. *Marks of a Movement: What the Church Today Can Learn From the Wesleyan Revival*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

Greear, JD. *Gaining by Losing, Why the Future Belongs to the Church that Sends*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016.

Fries, Micah and Jeremy Maxfield. *Leveling The Church: Multiplying Your Ministry by Giving It Away*, Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2020.

Semester 2 Textbooks

Pace, Scott, and Shane Pruitt. *Calling out the Called: Discipling Those Called to Ministry Leadership*. Nashville, TN: B&H Books, 2022.

Rogers, Matt. *Deep Bench: Discover, Develop, and Deploy Leaders within Your Church*. Alpharetta, GA: Send Network, 2021.

Schindler, Dietrich. *Shift: The Road to Level 5 Church Multiplication*. Exponential, 2021.

Semester 3 Textbooks

Clifton, Clint. *How to Start a Residency*. Alpharette, GA: Send Network, 2023.

Lake, Mac. *The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline That Solves Your Leadership Shortage*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Pitman, Vance. *Unburdened: Stop Living for Jesus So Jesus Can Live Through You*. Ada, MI: Baker Books, 2020.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

Small group interaction and discussions, as well as on-site class sessions with the professor and other seminar participants. **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL MAIN SESSIONS OF THE SEND GATHERING/CONF RETREAT AND AVAILABLE BREAKOUTS.** A canvas shell for the class will be utilized extensively as a resource for students. Students will be expected to complete all pre and post seminary course assignments.

Course Requirements

1. **Participation and Attendance.** Each student is to attend all of the sessions and available breakouts of the Send Gathering/Conference and be prepared to discuss and provide feedback at the conclusion of the conference.
2. **Pre-Class and Conference Work.**
 - **Reading:** Read all 3 required textbooks, students will upload a percentage read of each book. Write a 5-8-page, double spaced review from **2 of the 3** required reading books.

These 2 book reviews should cover a summary of the ideas/thesis of the book, two key quotes from each chapter (listing should consist of a quote (one to four lines max) from the book and the page number), personal and ministry application, and summary of strengths and weaknesses. **Due Oct 8th.**

- **Gathering/Conference Assignment:** Compile 20 quotes from the Conference. Students must have quotes from every main session but can also use breakout sessions. Compile a double-spaced reflection paper with speaker, session/breakout title, quotes, and 2 paragraph personal summary and review of the session/breakout. **Due Oct 15th.**

3. Post-Class Work.

- **Application and Synthesis paper:** Write an 8-10-page double spaced Application and Synthesis Paper detailing 1. Specific principles and insights you learned in the course reading and conference (2pg), 2. Current ministry summary and evaluation of domestic church planting strategy (2pg), 3. Current ministry summary and evaluation of strategy for discovering, developing, and deploying church planters and teams from within (2pg) 4. Identify 10 (5 for each area) specific action steps for your church to: 1. develop and implement strategic church planting partnerships, 2. create and implement multiplication pathways (discovering, developing, and deploying church planters and teams from within) (3pg). **Due Oct 25.**

- **Sending Church Assignment**

Semester 1

- **Schedule a 45 Minute Virtual Onboarding for NAMB Multiplication Pipeline**
Students will schedule a 45-minute virtual call with Pipeline Specialist, Jay Spivey jspivey@namb.net. **Complete** the onboarding checklist and upload completion certificate provided. **Due Oct 25.**

Semester 2

- Students taking the class for a second time will create a free account at newchurches.com and complete the units entitled “The Case for Sending” and “Getting Ready to Send” in the Sending Church Masterclass

Semester 3

- Students taking the class for a third time will complete the second half of the Sending Church Masterclass. These units are entitled “Preparing Your Planter,” “Preparing Your Team”, and “Supporting Those You Send.”

Grading Ruberic:

Participation/Attendance/Reading Reports	25%
Gathering Conference Assignment	25%
Application and Synthesis paper	25%
Sending Church Assignment	25%

Total	100%
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Students should follow the seminary's manual of style and form for all written assignments.

The following is the grading scale used for this course:

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 77-84

D = 70-76

F = Below 70

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Because of the nature of the intensive, students who miss any portion of the class may receive a grade of "F" for the course.

Course Schedule

Date: October 9th-11th, 2023

Time: TBA

Location: Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
2. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu or My.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, Faculty portal, etc.)
3. Canvas@nobts.edu Click on the "Help" button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas.nobts.edu / nobts.instructure.com.
4. Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu - Email technical questions/support requests with Bluejeans and NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus).
5. TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Nextiva Phone system.
6. 504.816.8180- Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time).

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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