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What is the Mission of the Church?

“Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Ministry”

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Overseas Ministry Study Center, New Haven, CT

January 16-20, 2012

The John Leland Center will sponsor the participation of masters students in a five-day seminar at the Overseas Ministry Study Center in New Haven, CT. The topic of the week is “Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Ministry.” This seminar will apply the insights from the anthropological study of migration, urbanization, diasporas, transnationalism, and identity to the relatively recent field of diaspora missiology.

Students who participate will earn two credits in IS5129 – What Is the Mission of the Church? All students will be graded pass/fail. This course is a requirement for the M.Div. degree and can be used toward the Integrative Seminar requirement for the MTS and MCL degrees.

Speaker and Facilitator

Dr. Steven Ybarrola will be the featured lecturer. Dr. Ybarrola is professor of cultural anthropology in the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary. Steve has research experience in the southern Basque Country in Spain, in Estonia, among Cajuns in southern Louisiana, and among Latino immigrants in a small Iowa town. He was a missionary with Operation Mobilization, taking Bibles and Christian literature to believers behind the Iron Curtain in the late 1970s, and working with churches along the east coast of Central and South America on the ship Doulos. Steve is the United States representative of the Lausanne North America Diaspora Educators Forum.

Dr. Daniel Dapaah will be the Leland professor of record, who will facilitate discussion and analysis of the week’s learning and oversee completion of the Leland course syllabus that Leland students will follow to earn course credit.

Cost

This seminar will cost \$400 over and above the standard tuition cost for two credit hours. That cost will cover the OMSC registration fee, four nights lodging (shared double room) and all meals during the seminar (four continental breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners). Students will be responsible for their own transportation. Often the students and faculty will car-pool to share costs for travel, leaving Northern Virginia early Monday morning. **This fee can only be guaranteed through November 18**, when the block hold on housing will be released. We will try to accommodate late registrations and requests for single room or additional nights of lodging, but additional costs will likely be incurred.

Registration

Leland masters students should register for “IS5129 – What Is the Mission of the Church?” along with their registration for the Spring term. Registrants will receive an invoice from Leland for tuition plus the seminar fee. Leland will then coordinate all registration and housing reservations for the student with OMSC.

More Information

Following is a copy of the seminar schedule published by OMSC. The Leland syllabus for the course will be available shortly.



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Seminar Outline

Seminar Description: This seminar will apply the insights from the anthropological study of migration, urbanization, diasporas, transnationalism, and identity to the relatively recent field of diaspora missiology.

Seminar Schedule:

Mon.,	Jan.	16	1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Registration Defining diasporas
Tues.,	Jan.	17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship, led by Dr. Steven Ybarrola Anthropological approaches to diasporas and transnationalism. Types of diasporas and ministries.
Wed.,	Jan.	18	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Diasporas and Liminality: Living In-Between Diasporas and Cultural Identity.
Thurs.,	Jan.	19	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship, led by OMSC resident Diasporas and Power Diasporas and Power (cont'd)
Fri.,	Jan.	20	9:00 a.m.	Researching Diasporas: A New Partnership Between Anthropology and Missiology?

Resource Person: Steven Ybarrola is professor of cultural anthropology in the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary. Steve has research experience in the southern Basque Country in Spain, in Estonia, among Cajuns in southern Louisiana, and among Latino immigrants in a small Iowa town. He was a missionary with Operation Mobilization, taking Bibles and Christian literature to believers behind the Iron Curtain in the late 1970s, and working with churches along the east coast of Central and South America on the ship *Doulos*. Steve is the United States representative of the Lausanne North America Diaspora Educators Forum.

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