

CARIBBEAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Educating and training ministerial leadership



HIS112 History of the Assemblies of God

Mission Statement

CST is committed to connect, serve, and train for Pentecostal ministry, leadership, and missions throughout the world.

Professor

Course Description

This course deals with the origin, history, and development of the Assemblies of God in the USA and its expansion worldwide. It seeks to place the unique role of this Pentecostal church in perspective with the church universal. Special attention is given to the founders, trends, issues, revivals, and various programs of the movement throughout its history.

Course Objectives

1. To discuss origins of the modern Pentecostal revival and reasons for the formation of the Assemblies of God.
2. Understand the role the Assemblies of God fulfills in the universal church.
3. Be able to explain why the Assemblies of God has a great responsibility to God and their generation.
4. Determine to achieve the doctrinal, intellectual, and spiritual maturity essential to complete the task entrusted to the Assemblies of God.
5. To trace the development of the Assemblies of God and its mission enterprise from 1914 to the present time.

Required Textbooks

Menzies, William. 1971. *Anointed to Serve*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House.

McGee, Gary B. 1986. *This Gospel Shall be Preached*, Vol. 1. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House.

The New International Version of the Bible

Course Requirements

1. A careful reading of the required textbooks and additional supplemental reading assignments made during the course of the subject are required. (See Evaluation Procedures below)
2. Two exams will be administered to assess the comprehension of the course material. Each exam will count as 30%. (See Evaluation Procedures below)
3. Class participation will constitute 5%. (See Evaluation Procedures below)

4. Class Project: A) work in groups; B) interview either the English congregation leadership or the Creole congregation leadership and discover how the respective group originated (who, what, when, where, why, and how); C) write out the information and present findings on the last day of class. (See Evaluation Procedures below)

NOTE: Point number 4 should be altered to fit the need of the local nation or the instructor's guidelines.

5. Please note that all written assignments shall comply with the follow information: a) Double spaced; b) Paper--8½ x 11, white; c) Font size-- 12; d) Font style— Ariel, Times New Roman, or Courier New (if document consist of more than one page, then staple the pages together in the upper left corner—no cover page or folder).

Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, questions and answers, audio-visual presentations, and exams constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

Evaluation Procedures

Menzies textbook	15%	Final Exam	25%
McGee's textbook	10%	Participation	5%
Mid-Term Exam	25%	Project	20%
		Total	100%

Course Schedule

Introduction

Unit 1—Origins of Pentecostalism

- A. Holiness
- B. Restorationism
- C. Welsh Revival

Unit 2—Outpouring of the Spirit

- A. Strange Fire
- B. Apostolic Faith
- C. Different Understanding
- D. Pentecostal Foreign Missions

Unit 3—Pentecostals Working Together (1914—1927)

- A. Reaching the Home Front
- B. Reaching the Foreign Field
- C. Diverse Doctrines
- D. Diverse Gifts

Unit 4—Maturing Years (1928—1947)

- A. Development of Ministries
- B. Development of Missions
- C. Development of Leaders
- D. Development of Education
- E. Development of Mentors

Unit 5—Changing Times (1948—1968)

- A. Growing Pains
- B. Introspection
- C. Local Assemblies of God Congregations
- D. Foreign Missions Growth
- E. Communicating the Gospel

Unit 6—Global Expansion (1969—1992)

- A. Internal Renewal
- B. Foreign Growth
- C. Technological Development
- D. Academic Development

Unit 7—The Twenty-First Century (1993—Present)

- A. Leading into the 21st Century
- B. Changing the World

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Periodicals

Assemblies of God Heritage (www.IFPHC.org)

Today's Pentecostal Evangel (ag.org—click on media, then on publications)