Introduction to Global Christianity  
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Course description  
The course offers an introduction to Christianity as a truly worldwide movement today. We study factors that contributed to and sustain Christianity’s current shape, reach, and impact and examine key cultural, ethical, and theological challenges facing mission and ministry in a world church. The course fulfills the Basic Graduate Theological Studies requirement for United Methodist ordination.

Course Objectives  
- Understand the scope, texture, and identity of global Christianity today as a polycentric, increasingly non-Western movement.
- Appreciate the complex impact of the Western missionary movement and of Western colonial expansion on Christianity’s current configuration.
- Examine key theological challenges raised by Christianity’s global reach, such globalization and the integrity of Christian witness; culture, context, and Christian identity; and theological pluralism and Christian unity.
- Identify biblical and theological elements appropriate to mission and ministry in a world church today.

Required Texts  

Additional reading (essays, articles) will be uploaded on Moodle