

# CHM 594 Spiritual Practices: Money

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Spring 2017

**PROFESSOR:** Allan Rudy-Froese

**E-mail:** [arfroese@ambs.edu](mailto:arfroese@ambs.edu)

**Phone:** 574-349-1609

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION** (1 credit hour)

Money—a medium of social exchange that creates hope, anxiety, blessing, conflict, opportunity, and temptation. Students will examine the values related to money in the communities that have shaped them; think through their beliefs about money biblically and theologically; evaluate their current money practices in light of their faith, and develop a money-related practice to pursue throughout the course. (MDiv 3, 5, 6; MACF 5, 6)

## **COURSE GOALS**

In this course students will examine their knowledge, beliefs, and practices related to money by 1) studying the Bible, 2) looking to a select theological topics related to money (ex. shopping, food, gift), and 3) practicing a money-related spiritual discipline.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Brueggemann, Walter, and Richard Horsley. *Money and Possessions*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. 978 0 644 23364 8

Gonzalez, Michelle. *Shopping*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010. 978 0 800 69727 3

## **ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING**

Students are given a letter grade unless a pass/fail is requested. Students are graded on the following assignments:

1. **Regular attendance** in body, mind, and spirit – 20%
2. **Lead a 40 minute class discussion or activity** based on a salient section in *Money and Possessions* - 30%
3. **Do, complete, and keep us informed about your 4 week spiritual money discipline** – 20%
4. **A 700 - 800 word personal essay** (or short sermon or comedy routine or art project or ?) that articulates a golden insight from this course – 30%.  
**Due March 23**