

COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF OHIO AT MTSO

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COS 313 – Our Mission: Evangelism

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Required Readings

1. *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2008*—Paragraphs 101-139 (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2008).

2. Scott J. Jones, *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2003).

3. Pick only one of the two following books.

Eric H. F. Law, *Inclusion: Making Room for Grace* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2000).

Adam Hamilton, *Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005).

Before our first class:

- Read the readings from the Discipline as well as the Jones text.
- Write a Reflection Paper on the Jones text. This paper is to be type written, double-spaced and no longer than five pages. Your numbered reflections should be your five main insights from the text and how these relate to “Our Mission: Evangelism.”
- Write a two-part Reflection Paper, no longer than three pages, on your own personal conversion **and** why you care that others experience Christian conversion.

Before our second weekend:

- A Bible word study is to be done before the second weekend. This is a topic of your own choosing. Ideas might include-joy, life, hope, heaven, salvation, savior, love, forgiveness, cup, bread, etc. This is to be a maximum of 5 pages. Please share how this word now has a deeper meaning for you and the church as you compare the differing uses in the scriptures. Further explanation, if needed, will be given at our first weekend.
- Write a Reflection Paper on the book you chose from the list of two options. This paper is to be type written, double-spaced and no longer than three pages. Your numbered reflections should be your five main insights from the text and how these relate to “Our Mission: Evangelism.”

Notes:

- Bring a Bible to each class session.
- There will be time to pray for each student’s ministry during our class time.
- Your papers will be shared in small groups within the class and then surmised for our class discussion.
- All papers are to be turned in during the weekend event. If you wish to email them to me instead please use rstearns@wocumc.org
- Participation in class, reading of materials, papers, and a friendly final oral exam will decide your grade.