**MATUL 506 Leading Faith Communities in the City**

**(3credits)**

**Course Purpose**

The course aims to equip students as visionary leaders able to re-imagine models of church and leadership which enable urban community transformation.

***Expected Learning Outcomes***: By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the models and strategies of urban church planting which result in holistic and sustainable faith communities.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and characteristics of Church leadership that engender positive change in church and community.
3. Demonstrate an ability to reflect theologically on the role of the church as a transforming community.
4. Manifest an understanding of the implications of the specific nature of the African urban context for church leadership, church planting and church growth.
5. Ability to plan action steps from the course that contribute to the expansion of slum based churches.

**Course Content:**

The church and the Kingdom – theological perspectives; The Church in the African city; urban church leadership – interrogating inherited models; dialogue between charismatic and transformational church leadership; the church as an agent of community transformation; churches of the poor – base Christian communities, African Pentecostal churches, African independent churches in the urban context; alternative and emerging models of church; Incarnational models of leadership and ministry; Networking and developing partnerships; Strategies and stages of urban church planting; nurturing and developing emergent leaders; modelling visionary leadership for sustainable transformation in church and community.

**Teaching methodology:**

A variety of methods including discussions, exercises, community based activities; videos; case studies; media; role plays; lectures; will be applied. Active participation of all students is encouraged.

**Instructional materials/equipment:**

White board markers, White board, LCD Projector, Lap top, Videos, Flip Charts, Posters, Newspaper cuttings

**Student Assessment:**

Continuous assessment, accounting for 40%, which may include class tests, book reviews, essays, class presentations. An unseen written exam accounting for 60%.

**Core Texts**

1. Chester T and Timms S 2007 Total Church: a radical reshaping around gospel and community. Nottingham: IVP
2. Gitari D 2005 *Responsible Church Leadership* Acton Publishers
3. Grigg, Viv 2004 *Cry of the Urban Poor,* London: Authentic.
4. Hawkins P 2011 *Leadership Team Coaching: Developing Collective transformational Leadership.* Kogan Page
5. Stetzer E & Bird W 2010 *Viral Churches: Helping Church Planters become Movement Makers*. John Wiley and Sons

***Further Reading***

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2. Conn, Harvey, ed., 1997 *Planting and Growing Urban Churches,* Baker.
3. Grigg, Viv, 2004 *Companion to the Poor,* London: Authentic
4. **Hiebert, Paul G. and Eloise Hiebert Meneses 1995** Incarnational Ministry: Planting Churches in Band, Tribal, Peasant, and Urban Societies**.** Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing House.
5. **Keller, Tim and J. Allen Thompson 2002 Church Planting Manual.** Redeemer Church Planting Center, New York.
6. Moschetti D 1997 Urban Ministry in Africa: Need for New *Models*. Gaba Publications
7. Padilla R., et al (2004), *The Local Church, The Agent of Transformation: An Ecclesiology for Integral Mission*, Ediciones Kairos
8. Murray S 2009 Planting Churches: A Framework for Practitioners. Paternoster
9. **Shenk, David W. and Ervin R. Stutzman. 1988** Creating Communities of the Kingdom: New Testament Models of Church Planting**.** Scottdale, PA: Herald Press.
10. **Steffen, Tom. 1997** Passing the Baton: Church Planting that Empowers**.** La Habra, CA: Center for Organizational & Ministry Development.