**MATUL 508 Ministry Among the Marginalised**

**(3credits)**

**Course Purpose**

This course guides students in understanding the conditions of marginalized urban populations (e.g. street families, substance users, and commercial sex workers) and in formulating a theology and strategy for leading responses that aim to free individuals and change structural causes.

**Expected Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course students will be able to:

1. define the nature and causes of urban marginalisation
2. recognise the processes by which groups of people are marginalised within both the church and wider urban society
3. Understand the nature and implications of the gospel as a word speaking from the margins
4. Articulate participatory models of intervention and models of community organisation which are appropriate for use with marginalised urban communities
5. Interrogate models of leadership which promote marginalisation and recognise within themselves attitudes and beliefs which may lead to the marginalisation of others.
6. Use appropriate tools to evaluate the effectiveness of ministry among a specific marginalised group of people

**Course Content**

Defining marginalisation in the city; The Gospel from the margins – theological perspectives; Leadership in contexts of powerlessness; Empowering the disempowered; Identifying marginalised groups in the city and the causes of marginalisation; marginalisation and human rights; Social structures and marginalisation; principles of community organisation; focus on key marginalised communities in the city – commercial sex workers, street families, PLWHIV, youth gangs and vigilante groups, alcohol and substance abusers; developing models and strategies for appropriate intervention; tools for ministry evaluation.

**Teaching methods:**

A variety of methods including discussions, exercises, community based activities and site visits; 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. Kramer Mark 2006 *Dispossessed.* New York: Orbis Books
2. Costas O.E 1989 *Liberating News: A theology of contextual evangelisation.* W. Eerdmans
3. Linthicum R 2006 *Building a people of Power: Equipping Churches to transform their community*. Authentic Media
4. Rubin, H.J. and I.S. Rubin (2007) *Community Organizing and Development*. Allyn & Bacon, 4th Edition.

## *Further Reading:*

1. Aggleton P 2005 *HIV related stigma, discrimination and human rights violations.* UNAIDS
2. Aggleton, P., A. Ball & P. Mane (eds) 2006 *Sex, Drugs and Young People: International Perspectives.* Routledge.
3. Banerjee et al 2006 *Understanding Poverty* OUP
4. Clinebell H 1998 *Understanding and counselling persons with Alcohol, drugs and behavioural addictions*. Abingdon Press
5. Githinji, P. 1995*Drugs Abuse and You* Pauline’s Publications Africa
6. Heyns C & Killander M 2006 *Compendium of Key Human Rights Documents of the African Union*: Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) .
7. Kenya Medical Women’s Association. *Child Abuse and Neglect.* (Initiatives Ltd:1989)
8. Kilbourn, P (ed) 1997 *Street Children: A Guide to Effective Ministry*. Marc
9. MAP International 1999 *Hope for a hurting community*
10. McDonald, P and Garrow, E. 2000 *Children at Risk: Networks in Action*. Marc
11. Mulwa, F. W. (2004 - Reprinted 2006, 2007 and 2008) *Demystifying Participatory Community Development: Beginning From the People, Ending at the People.* Paulines Publications.Nairobi.
12. Shorter,A and Onyancha,E 1999 *Street Children in Africa*. Nairobi: Paulines Press
13. Shorter,A and Onyancha,E 1998 The Church and AIDS in Africa. Nairobi: Paulines Press
14. Velleman R 2007 *Counselling for Alcohol Problems* Sage Publications
15. Willis J 2002 *Potent Brews* British Institute in Easter Africa