

## **Curriculum for the Certificate in Missional Leadership**

### **Year 1 Missional Foundations**

#### ***September Theme: Understanding your Space and Place:***

Practice of reflection and prayer

1. Understanding secularism and the powers we are up against - Tim Dickau
2. Restoring your missional vision / the best of Darrell Guder
3. Rediscovering your neighborhood and place in stepping towards the kingdom

#### ***October Theme: Developing a Thicker and More Porous Shared Life***

Meditation for Reflection: "Why I Still believe in the Church -Hope amidst Covid"- Ross Lockhart

1. Identifying barriers to forming missional community
2. Building a Theology of Community
3. Sharing Grandview's journey of forming porous thicker community  
Dialogue with your team or co-hort
4. Loving your Neighbors – two creative expressions
  - Interview Barry Jung and Karen Reed (Tim Dickau)
5. The Mixed Economy of the Church / Models for Covid-19 and beyond
  - Andy Lambkin video on house churches – interview with Andy Lambkin
  - On-line community: an oxymoron or an opportunity -- Andria Irwin

#### ***November Theme: Recovering a Theology of Place / Exploring Housing Opportunities and Imaginative living Arrangements***

Meditation: Darrell on One passage of scripture that has shaped my Imagination for Mission

1. Building a Theology of Place – Tim Dickau
2. Three Creative Housing/Homes to learn about
  - a. Co-here
  - b. Kinbrace
  - c. Inhabiting a common city block
  - d. Dreaming about housing possibilities in your own context

***January Theme: Seeking the Kingdom of God / Making a Difference in your Context***

Meditation: Andrea (Prayer for Justice)

1. How a theology of the Kingdom holds together what has been torn apart (eg. prayer and justice, healing and prophetic action, faith and work)
2. Widening our Imagination for addressing injustice / Examples of creative responses to Issues
  - a. Communal Meals / sharing life with the poor – Karen Giesbrecht
  - b. Creating Employment through Social Enterprise – Russell Pinson / justwork
  - c. First Nations Reconciliation – Jodi Spargur
3. Getting started / skill building in initiating change – Tim Dickau
  - a. Cultivating Theological vision in a culture of pragmatism
  - b. Gathering people for conversations
  - c. Finding money to follow vision and leadership

***February Theme: Empowering Leadership***

Meditation: Confession as an act of Leadership - Andrea Perret

1. Building a Theology of Leadership –Jason Byassee
2. Learning from differing styles of Leadership reflecting global and cultural differences – Sam Chaise
3. Enhancing your Skill in the Art of Facilitation – TBA
4. Leadership Needs in your Team – Analyzing your own church/community - TBA

***March Theme: Evangelism and Discipleship***

1. Meditation: Theological Fuel – Reenergizing worn out words – Darrell Guder
2. Gaining a Canadian Picture of Evangelism / Lessons to Learn – Ross Lockhart
3. The story of Alpha / Finding your own creative forms to introduce people to the Way of Christ -TBA
4. Discipleship – forming a community of persons – Tim Dickau
5. Next Steps for your community
  - In Evangelism
  - In Discipleship
6. Next year

**Homework Assignments** (example for September / about 2 ½ hours every month)

1. Understanding and exegeting your neighborhood/Questions for your assignment.

Talk to one person you know who is not part of your church. Explain that you are doing an assignment for a class trying to understand better people's perceptions of churches.

- a. What do you appreciate most about neighbourhood (or city if you live in a smaller center)?
  - b. What are two of the most important needs or lacks in your neighborhood?
  - c. Do you think the church or churches in your neighborhood make a difference? If so, how?
2. Talk to another person in your neighborhood who is poorer or more marginalized than you. This may be someone who is economically, physically or socially isolated (even before Covid-19). Some of you may know or have friends or acquaintances in this situation. If you don't, ask someone who does have a connection to someone in this situation. Get to know them.

Sample questions to ask them:

- a. What do you appreciate about our neighborhood?
  - b. What challenges do you face living in this neighborhood?
  - c. How could our church be of support to you?
  - d. What gifts do you have that you contribute to other people?
3. Name 5 churches and 5 organizations that are making a difference for good in your neighborhood or city. Highlight one of them in the google doc for others to see in 50 words or less. If there is one that you are already collaborating with, highlight that group.
  4. Reading
    - a. Plunging into the kingdom Way – Chapter 2
    - b. The intentional Christian Community Handbook – Chapters 2-3