

Trinity School for Ministry January Session 2021
Modern Church - Lutheran Track
CH 670
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: CH 670 Modern Church – Lutheran Track as a one week intensive held in January designed to provide students with a working knowledge of the major themes, issues and personalities of church history from the time of Martin Luther to the present with a special emphasis on the development of the Lutheran Church.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Justo L. González, *The Story of Christianity. Volume Two: The Reformation to the Present Day*. Revised and Updated, (New York: Harpers Collins, 2010). Spanish-speakers may read the Spanish version:

Eric W. Gritsch, *A History of Lutheranism*. Second edition. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010).

Gordon L. Isaac, *Left Behind or Left Befuddled: The Subtle Dangers of Popularizing the End Times*. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2008).

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Mark Shaw, *10 Great Ideas from Church History: A Decision-Maker's Guide to Shaping Your Church* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997).

Anne H. Pinn & Anthony B. Pinn, *Fortress Introduction to Black Church History* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2002).

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Since our contact hours are limited, students are responsible to read the texts in anticipation of the class sessions. This will facilitate the classroom interaction and discussion.
2. Students will write two papers approximately 10 pages each; one on a significant movement during this time period, and one on a significant person.

TOPICS OF LECTURES:

1. The Reformations
2. Protestant Orthodoxies
3. The Enlightenment
4. Pietism/Methodism
5. Nineteenth Century Currents
6. The Modernist/Fundamentalist Controversy
7. Pentecostalism
8. Twentieth Century Currents
9. The New Christianity