

# Course Syllabus



**THE 3060, CHRISTIAN LIFE AS VOCATION**

**COURSE SYLLABUS, SPRING 2020**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am-10:50 pm**

**Taylor 106**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A study of the theology and practice of vocation as they have developed in the biblical and Christian traditions. The course will study Christian ethical ways of living in the world. Students will also be led to think about career and professional life in a Christian way.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES: After taking this course, students will be able to:**

1. Explain the intellectual integrity, rich diversity, and coherence of the Christian tradition in its historical development.
2. Explain the characteristic features of Wesleyan theology and the ways in which it embodies the central affirmations of the Christian tradition.

3. Appreciate an ongoing, lifelong commitment to and participation in the Christian tradition and congregational life.

**INTERACTION WITH PROFESSOR/OFFICE HOURS:** There are various ways that you might interact with me:

- We may talk before or after class;
- You may email me (markmann@pointloma.edu);
- You may meet with me in my office (Sme 206) by arrangement or during my posted office hours.

#### **REQUIRED TEXTS (Available in PLNU Bookstore)**

- Elaine Heath, *Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way*
- Sonia Nazario, *Enrique's Journey*
- Henri Nouwen, *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership*
- Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*
- Bernie van de Walle, *Rethinking Holiness: A Theological Introduction*
- Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*

Additional readings and electronic resources as assigned in the Modules.

#### **COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Course expectations and assignments are detailed in the Modules.

#### **Grading Scale:**

A=93-100% A-=90-92%

B+=87-89% B=83-86% B-=80-82%

C+=77-79% C=73-76% C-=70-72%

D+=67-69% D=63-66% D-=60-62%

F=0-59%

#### **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignments are to be submitted in by the time dictated in Canvas for full credit. I do accept assignments turned in late, but for a 10% grade reduction for each 24 hours past the assigned deadline. I only accept late assignments for full credit for unusual circumstances, and this should be addressed with me as soon as possible. I also recommend that you plan **not** to wait

until the last minute to turn in assignment, as an assignment turned in five minutes late will be considered one day late.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

I maintain a strict and inflexible attendance policy for this class. If you arrive late you will be listed as tardy. More than fifteen minutes late for a class is counted as an absence. Two tardies will count as an absence.

PLNU maintains a fairly tough stance concerning attendance: "any student whose number of absences in a class, for any reason, exceeds the equivalent of one-and-one half weeks of class may be de-enrolled from the class with a failing grade." This means two classes, four tardies or any combination thereof. Be forewarned!

### **SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE POLICY**

The School of Theology and Christian Ministry is committed to the equality of women and men. Recognizing that people have often used the English language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, the department urges students, faculty and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussion, and in their writings.

### **PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY**

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### **PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See Academic Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are requested to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (DRC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The DRC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and

the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the DRC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The DRC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that DRC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

## Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Fri Jan 17, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week I Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Jan 21, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week II Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 23, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Christian Practice: Passing the Peace</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Jan 28, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week III Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 30, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Christian Practice: Spiritual Autobiography</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 4, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week IV Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Feb 6, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Christian Practice: Adopt a Saint</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 11, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week V Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Feb 13, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Christian Practice: 'Examen' (Self-Examination and Prayer)</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 18, 2020	Assignment <a href="#">Week VI Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm

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Thu Feb 20, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice: Worship at Liturgical Church</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 25, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week VII Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Feb 27, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice: Fasting</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 3, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week VIII Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Mar 5, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice Reflection: Wesleyan Class Meeting</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 10, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week IX Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Mar 12, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice Reflection: Black/Pentecostal Church</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 24, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week XI Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Mar 26, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice Reflection: Act of Mercy</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 31, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week XII Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Apr 2, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice Reflection: Seeing Injustice</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 7, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week XIII Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Thu Apr 9, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Christian Practice Reflection: Enacting Justice</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 14, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Week XIV Readings and Journal</a>	due by 11:59pm
Fri Apr 24, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Saint Presentations</a>	due by 11:59pm

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>		
Sat Apr 25, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Extra Credit</a>	due by 11:59pm
Tue May 5, 2020	Assignment	<a href="#">Final Exam Assignment</a>	due by 10:30am
	Assignment	<a href="#">Week X: No Classes (Spring Break)</a>	