

WHOLISTIC STRATEGIES FOR CONGREGATION BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(IPS 424-001) Instructor: Mary Nelson
Sheraton Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 7-11th

Intensive: Participation in the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) 30th Anniversary Conference in Chicago, with workshops, speakers, including shared learning with graduate students from other schools at the event. Significant speakers, practical workshops on the applications of the CCDA holistic strategies. Readings, reflection, interviews, participation in workshops to understand the challenges, be inspired, and identify effective strategies and experiences from people in the movement from all over the country.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Welcoming Justice: God's Movement Towards Beloved Community – Charles Marsh and John Perkins, Intervarsity Press (2009)

Follow Me to Freedom: Leading and Following – Shane Claiborne, John Perkins,

Compassion, Justice and the Christian Life – Robert Lupton, Regal Press, 2007

Empowerment – Mary Nelson, CCDA Publication (available at the Conference, or by order to CCDA) Comes with a CD as well. (2010)

Heart for the Community: New models for urban and suburban ministry – edited by Noel Castellanos and John Fuder –Moody Publishers, 2009

SYLLABUS:

1) Read all the texts and write a two-pager on each, sharing the main points and thrust of the book, your response to their points, and your reflection on what is meaningful to your future plans from the book. Would be good to have as much of this read before the course, but the typed reports are due by the end of September to Mary Nelson.

2) Attend the conference in full, and choose 10 workshops to attend that reflect a strategy/category of development and write up a brief description of what you learned about strategies from that workshop.

3) Attend a gathering of course participants and instructor at the very beginning of the Conference (perhaps around a meal) for direction in making the most of the experience, and dialog on readings; attend a gathering of course participants shared with at least three other graduate courses attending the Conference (Northern Seminary, Truett Seminary, NYACK College) to share in content; meet with instructor near the end of the conference, to dialog and reflect on speakers, etc.

4) Write a 2-3 page reflection that combines the synthesis of the readings, the conference, the workshops identifying the usable strategies you take away, and

critique of the approaches or content. Turn in to instructor by the end of September. Contact: mnelson5@luc.