

January 2012

Due to the intense nature of semester weekend courses, it has been our practice for the last several years to inform students ahead of time of readings and assignments to be done in advance.

COURSE: CHM569 Understanding the Church's Contexts

INSTRUCTOR: Lois Barrett

TEXTBOOKS

Bass, Diana Butler. *The Practicing Congregation; Imagining a New Old Church*. Herndon, Va.: Alban Institute, 2006. ISBN 1-56699-305-9

Bevans, Stephen B. *Models of Contextual Theology*, rev. ed. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2002. ISBN 1-57075-438-1

Branson, Mark Lau. *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations; Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change*. Herndon, Va.: Alban Institute, 2004. ISBN 1-56699-288-5

Rouse, Rick, and Van Gelder, Craig. *A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2008. ISBN 978-0-8066-8044-6

READING TO BE DONE IN ADVANCE:

Advance reading before the first weekend: Bevans, *Models of Contextual Theology*, rev. ed.

If you do not have access to these books in your local area, you may contact the Mennonite Cooperative Bookstore at AMBS (574) 296-6251, or at www.ambs.edu/bookstore.

We trust you will find inspiration and challenge during this time of study and fellowship.

If you have questions about this, please contact me at 574-296-6213 or by e-mail at registrar@ambs.edu.

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