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**Degrees offered:** B.A., M.A., ThM, DMin, DMiss, PhD Religious Studies, Chaplain Certificate

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Leadership** (3 units) Professor Michael L. Wilson

**Offered: 9am-12noon Wednesday, November 9, 2016–January 25, 2017**

**(Holiday: Dec. 22–Jan. 6, 2017)**

In North America, 4000 churches a year have been dying. Recently the rate of new church development has matched that rate. The result is a wholesale transition of church models. The Church leader in this age must understand what the new environment means for fulfilling a biblical role. What in the Church has been truly biblical and what is merely a subculture that creates spectators? How can we shed cultural elements that have led to the Church being labeled as “irrelevant” and “judgmental by those outside?” How can the Church be fruitful and faithful in any generation? These are some of the questions we will wrestle with in this class.

The Western Church no longer is seen by most as relevant in the culture and has very little influence in a culture that is more and more animist. I have worked with the Church in several countries—with churches that effectively raise up empowered, equipped disciples and more often, those that don't. This class will profit from learning what makes great churches great.

**Course Textbooks:** *Called: The Crisis and Promise of Following Jesus Today* (2014)-Mark Labberton;  
*The Missional Journey: Multiplying Disciples & Churches that Transform the World* (2013)-Robert E. Logan;  
*Embodying Our Faith* (2009)-Tim Morey (M.A. and doctoral only).

### **Practical Discipleship that Multiplies** (3 units) Professor Michael L. Wilson

**Offered: 9am-12noon Thursday, February 2–April 6, 2017**

Much discipleship in the last century has focused almost exclusively on cognitive input using an educational model. This course will broaden that approach by combining cognitive elements with the affective and psychomotor resulting in discipleship that transforms the heart of the disciple and equips them for effective service for Jesus. This class will incorporate experiential elements in and outside the classroom. This is Discipleship that will train the disciple's head (cognitive), heart (affective), and hands (psychomotor), and has a high probability of developing disciples who multiply themselves expanding the influence of Christ exponentially. Come and see what the research says.

**Course Textbooks:** *Exponential Culture: Believer Transformation, Disciple Multiplication* (2014)-Michael L. Wilson; *The Discipleship Difference: Making Disciples While Growing as Disciples* (2016)-Robert E. Logan and Charles R. Ridley; *Ascent of a Leader* (1999)-Leadership Catalyst Inc. (M.A. and doctoral only).

### **Historical & Theological Trends in Missions** (3 units) Professor Michael L. Wilson

**Offered: 9am-12noon Tuesday, May 16–July 18, 2017**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century has opened as a time of unprecedented transition. There are more people under duress and on the move than ever before. Diaspora on a massive scale is the new “norm.” Therefore, it is as important to have an awareness of current trends as it is to have a grasp of history. It is also important to have a theologically holistic grasp of the progression of “missio dei.” Grow in your awareness of trends in Christianity, widespread diaspora, and develop a strategy for helping in the name of Christ.

**Course Textbooks:** *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)* (2014)-Philip Jenkins;  
*Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)* - Christopher J.H. Wright;  
*“Scattered to Gather: Embracing the Global Trend of Diaspora”*(2010)-Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization (LCWE); Download: <http://www.jdpayne.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Scattered-to-Gather.pdf>