



SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY
The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Discipleship for the 21st Century

SYLLABUS

Fall Semester 2021

Instructor: David Tremaine
Saturdays, 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

** Classes will be held via Zoom **

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85616306457?pwd=Z3pJN1F3ZTR6UmVmczRJbGZ6MzVkUT09>

Course Description:

In his 2015 publication, *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century*, John C. Roberto highlights the shifting landscape of belief and belonging in the US over the last 50 years and casts a vision for the ways our formation offerings need to shift accordingly. To go one step further, though, it is not just our offerings that need to be examined, but our theology of discipleship.

Course Mission:

To engage in critical reflection on our current practices and theologies of discipleship, and how we are called to transform these practices and theologies in the context of the 21st Century.

Course Objectives:

(1) Engagement with scripture, historical models of formation, and emerging theologies of discipleship to explore the ways we are called to form disciples in our current contexts, (2) develop the practical and theological capacities to respond to the formation needs of our communities, and (3) develop our own theology of discipleship.

Procedures and grading:

Please read the assigned readings prior to class each week and be prepared to discuss. Weekly journal prompts will be due Thursday before class (500 words each) and will inform the discussion each week. A final project will be turned in at the end of session 6. Weekly journals will count for 10 points each and the final project 40 points, for a total of 100 points.

Class Schedule

Week 1: August 21

Reading – *Postcolonial Discipleship of Embodiment*, Chapter 1 and Conclusion

Week 2: August 28

Reading – *Disability, Vocation, and Prophetic Witness*

Week 3: September 4

Reading – *Reimagining Faith Formation*, Ch. 1

Week 4: September 11

Reading – *Reimagining Faith Formation*, Ch. 2

Week 5: September 18

Reading – *Reimagining Faith Formation*, Ch. 3

Week 6: September 25

Reading – *Reimagining Faith Formation*, Ch. 4 and 5

Book List:

Choi, Jin Young. *Postcolonial Discipleship of Embodiment: An Asian and Asian American Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Reading to be provided.

Roberto, John C. *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century: Engaging All Ages and Generations*. Naugatuck, CT: Life Long Faith Publications, 2015.

Swinton, John. "Disability, Vocation and Prophetic Witness." *Theology Today*, 2020, Vol. 77(2) 186–197.

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