



## ANDREW'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SATC)

**COURSE NAME:** CONGREGATIONAL STUDIES

**COURSE CODE:** CS400

**COURSE CREDIT:** 3

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This is a final year course for students preparing for full time ministry. As the congregation is at the heart of ministry, students need to examine the dynamics that exist in congregations. Students will examine congregational life in relation to the doctrine of Ecclesiology and their own experience. Students will discuss issues affecting congregations in the light of recent research. At the end of this two semester course students will complete a study of a congregation of their choice.

**AIM:**

- To analyze and understand the social dynamics of the congregation.
- To examine the doctrine of Ecclesiology and how it impacts on congregational life.
- To complete a major research project using criteria and skills developed in class.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Students will be able to:

- Reflect theologically on what congregations do.
- Have an understanding of the different aspects of congregational life.
- Read, evaluate and engage the context of a congregation and its community with particular sensitivity to culture, conflict issues, leadership issues, and pastoral care.
- Develop leadership skills for congregational ministry.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

The task of Theological Reflection  
Ecclesiology – Church doctrine  
Ecclesiology-models of the church  
Ecclesiology & Congregational Life  
Theology in the congregation  
The Congregation in our context  
Telling Congregational stories  
Starting a congregational profile  
Congregational conflict  
Congregational growth  
Congregational transformation  
Congregational leadership  
Doing a Congregational study



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### **COURSE TEXTS:**

Ammerman, N. & Dudley, C. (2002). *Congregations in transition*.

San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Ammerman, N.(Ed.). (1998). *Studying congregations*. Nashville: Abingdon Press.

Mead, L. (1993). *The once and future church*. Alban Institute.

Worley, R. (1983). *A gathering of strangers*. Philadelphia : Westminster Press.

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:**

Lectures

Power Point presentations

Student presentations

Class discussions

### **COURSE ASSESSMENT:**

Student presentations        20%

Final Paper                    80%

TOTAL 100%

Final paper on a congregational study at the end of second semester will be not less than 25 pages, Times New Roman, double space, letter size.