

HORIZON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Church in Canada

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Description:

In order to gain a knowledge of the world of ideas and culture, this course analyzes the changes that have taken place in the twentieth century both nationally and internationally and weighs their effects on the church in Canada. These changes and trends will serve as a background against which the history of the PAOC will be viewed.

Textbooks: Reginald Bibby. Restless Gods  
Don Posterski. Future Faith Churches

Objectives:

The student who takes this course will have opportunity to:

1. Understand the important events and movements that developed in the early decades of the twentieth century and know how Canadian church leaders endeavoured to respond to these challenges.
2. Gain an awareness of the origins of the PAOC movement and understand the spiritual, moral and social conditions that prevailed at the turn of the century.
3. Become familiar with the doctrinal and organizational challenges that early Pentecostals faced.
4. Appreciate the efforts of Canadian church leaders as they struggled to understand the role of the church in society.
5. Value the contribution that early PAOC leaders made to our fellowship.
6. Be inspired by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the twentieth century.
7. Assess the failures and successes of past Canadian church leaders in their attempts to impact society.
8. Anticipate the challenges that current trends in Canadian society have for Pentecostal ministry in the twenty-first century.

Proposed outline:

Part One: Challenges and Responses--Looking back.

- A. The Churches and Canadian Growth
- B. Churches in the West
- C. Challenge of the city--urbanism
- D. Trend towards Unionism
- E. The War Years
- F. Aftermath of War
- G. Years of Crisis
- H. Social Gospel

Part Two: PAOC History--Looking within

- A. Origin and Growth
- B. Decision regarding doctrine and policies
- C. Organization

Conclusion: Looking ahead/Anticipating the future

Assignments:

Midterm: 25% (includes Posterski pp23-54)

Book reports: 35%

Restless Gods

Future Faith Churches

Final: 40% (includes Bibby pp227-248)

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