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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Today, the church is a global communion characterized by extraordinary cultural, contextual, and theological diversity. In a twenty-first-century world characterized by increasing religious pluralism, migration, polarization, disparity, and growth and decline, churches everywhere are challenged to rethink and reconstruct their identity, mission, and ministry. This course explores the biblical, theological, ecumenical, and missional resources for this task, paying particular attention to questions of the church's missionary nature, its calling to unity in diversity, and its witness in a religiously plural world.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Gene L. Green, Stephen T. Pardue, and K.K. Yeo, eds. *The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology In the Majority World*. Majority World Theology. Langham Global Library, 2018. ISBN: 978-1783684489. Price (Amazon): \$22.99

Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, *An Introduction to Ecclesiology: Historical, Global, and Interreligious Perspectives*. Revised and Expanded Edition. IVP Academic, 2021. ISBN: 978-0830841899. Price (Amazon): \$35.99