

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary  
MN630 STARTING MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES  
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### Course Description

In our changing contexts, today's Christian leaders need, more than ever, to be able to cultivate new communities that can discern and join in the Spirit's initiatives. This course is built on practices of presence, hospitality, conversation, and examen, includes study of innovative forms of Christian community and equips students with the missional imagination and habits needed to develop and lead new Christian communities that are contextually-appropriate, spiritually-vibrant, and theologically-grounded.



Course Objectives: As a result of this course, successful students will:

- Imagine faithful fresh expressions of church as communities joining the *missio Dei*
- Cultivate habits of missional life and spiritual discernment in context
- Develop skills for forming new initiatives in Christian community and mission

### MDiv Curricular Goals

- Evangelize the world with faithfulness and contextual sensitivity
- Lead & nurture congregations to promote peace and justice in the public arena & encourage the witness and service of the church in mission to the world
- Nurture habits & disciplines of study that increase love of God & neighbor & shape personal & professional lives
- Integrate theology & practice in all areas of life and ministry

### MAMD Curricular Goals

- Develop, implement, & assess strategies for missional living in a specific cultural context
- Articulate and reflect critically & constructively on the biblical and theological foundations of God's mission to the world
- Adopt spiritual practices that nurture their personal lives as faithful disciples & witnesses
- Develop skills & capacities for faithful & competent Christian witness

### Required Texts

- Moynagh, *Being Church, Doing Life: Creating Gospel Communities Where Life Happens* (2014)
- James, *Church Planting in Post-Christian Soil: Theology and Practice* (2017)

