

31 January	- Introduction
7 February	- Discipling
14	- Binding and Loosing
21	- Sharing Bread
28	- Serving
7 March	- Testing, Unity
14	- Particularity
21	- Election, Mission
28	- Discipleship, Anthropology
4 April	(Break)
11	- Proclamation, Worship
18	- Renewal "as such"
25	- The World
2 May	- Evangelism and Education: "experience"
9	Ecumenism
16	No class

Student responsibilities:

- a) readings or reports as indicated on the preparation guide
- b) Two books on the Church (cf. sheet 2) critically reviewed.
 - chosen on basis of dissimilarity
 - others than on p. 2 may be proposed
 - critical review means not playback but identification of main issues (p. 3)
 - ordinarily 1500-2000 words
- c) In lieu of final exam, two take-home questions over past material:
 - Question available 18 April due 25 April;
 - 2 May 9 May.

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- d) A major research paper on a theme of the student's choosing, may replace b) and c) for the advanced student who so prefers.

M. Barth	The Broken Wall	Ephesians
H. S. Bender	These Are My People	Mennonite
R. T. Bender	The People of God (text for course)	Mennonite
E. Best	One Body in Christ	New Testament
Johannes Blauw	The Missionary Nature of the Church	
D. Bonhoeffer	Life Together and Communion Sanctorum	
K. Bridston (Sec'y)	One Lord, One Baptism	WCC
R. M. Brown	The Significance of the Church	Amer. Mainstream
E. Brunner	The Misunderstanding of the Church	"Neo-orthodox"
J. V. L. Casserley	Christian Community	Anglican
C. T. Craig	The One Church in the Light of the New Testament	
S. de Dietrich	The Witnessing Community	WCC
F. W. Dillistone	The Structure of the Divine Society	
N. Flew	The Nature of the Church	
J. M. Gustafson	Treasure in Earthen Vessels	
G. Herbert	The Form of the Church	Anglican
Daniel Jenkins	The Strangeness of the Church	
B. Kenrick	The New Humanity	
J. Knox	The Church and the Reality of Christ	
R. B. Kuiper	The Glorious Body of Christ	Reformed
F. Leenhardt	Two Biblical Faiths, Protestant and Catholic	
H. de Lubac	The Splendour of the Church	Roman Catholic
MacGregor	Corpus Christi	High Reformed
P. Minear	Images of the Church in the New Testament	
Jürgen Moltmann	The Church in the Power of the Spirit	Contemporary Reformed
L. Mudge	One Church Catholic and Reformed	
Watchman Nee	The Normal Christian Church Life	Plymouth Brethren
J. Robert Nelson	The Realm of Redemption	WCC
J. Leslie Newbigin	The Household of God	WCC
A. Nygren	Christ and His Church	Lutheran
Proceedings of General Conference Mennonite Church Study Conf.	The Believers' Church	
Charles E. Raven	The Gospel and the Church	Anglican
Robinson	The Biblical Doctrine of the Church	
Scott	The Nature of the Early Church	
L. S. Thornton	The Common Life in the Body of Christ	Anglican
W. A. Visser 't Hooft	The Renewal of the Church	
W. A. Visser 't Hooft	The Pressure of Our Common Calling	
G. W. Webber	God's Colony in Man's World	
Claude Welch	The Reality of the Church	

Leading questions for reading books on The Church

Is there any reason, any specific logic behind the sequence of materials covered?

In what general theological stream does the author stand?
by what indices do you thus classify him/her?
does he/she have one particular adversary? named?

If the book's topic is narrower than a general doctrine of the church, what is the logic for this choice of this concentration?

If the book seeks to "cover the ground" of a general work on the church, what coverage results?

Which of the traditional debating issues are covered with how much space?

- polity (bishop, synod, congregation)
- sacraments (number, quality, right use)
- authority (pope, scripture, creeds)
- membership (standards, relation to salvation, to baptism, to discipline)

Relation to other classic theological themes

- incarnation
- covenant
- nature and work of Holy Spirit
- eschatology
- Israel

Relation to other contemporary themes

What in the reading is newest to you? most helpful? most unacceptable?

To what extent and how does the text handle

- the church's concern for social action, liberation?
- the content of recent ecumenical documents on issues that traditionally separated churches?
- the existence of councils of churches as theologically important?
- the existence of "para-church" or "non-congregational" agencies as a theological problem?

7 February

a) basic concepts:

- 1) student statement of present stance
- 2) Ross T. Bender PEOPLE OF GOD (in bookstore)
- 3) Further literature:

Bender, H. S. THE ANABAPTIST VISION (also in
G. F. Hershberger, RECOVERY)

CONCERN #18: Radical Reformation Reader

Durnbaugh. THE BELIEVERS' CHURCH

b) background for the baptism issue

Aland, K. Did the Early Church . . .

Armour, R. Anabaptist Baptism - summary chapter

Barth, K. Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism

Beasley-Murray, Baptism Today and Tomorrow, MacMillan 1966

Cullmann, O. Baptism in the N.T.

(General Conference), The Believers' Church

Jeremias J. Infant Baptism . . .

Jewett, Paul K. Infant Baptism, Eerdmans 1978

Marcel, P. C. Biblical Doctrine of Infant Baptism

White, R. E. O. The Biblical Doctrine of Initiation

14 February: Binding and Loosing

a) read CONCERN #14 excerpt (in bookstore)

General Conference Mennonite Church: Studies in Church Discipline

Gustafson: Church as Decision Maker

Jeschke: Discipling the Brother

William Klassen CONCERN #8 p. 5

b) decision-making

c) conflict resolution

d) democracy

21 February: Breaking Bread

a) readings recommended (no one requirement):

O. Cullmann, Essays on Lord's Supper
 E. Schweitzer, Interpretation, October 1959
 N. Fox, Christ in the Daily Meal
 Mutual Aid, The Compassionate Community
 Donald Durnbaugh (ed.) Every Need Supplied
 "The Lord's Supper in historical perspective" (handout)

b) sacramentalization and the classical issue of the mass

c) jubilee and the Jerusalem community
Peter Walpot True Christian Surrender

28 February: Servanthood, Ministry

a) Readings (in bookstore)

- The Fulness of Christ, excerpt from CONCERN #7
- Leadership and Authority in the Church ("Old") Mennonite Conference study guide

b) Further possible readings

Richard Baxter, The Reformed Pastor
 C. Beyler, Called to Preach
 P. Miller, Servant of Servants
 L. Mudge, In His Service
 H. R. Niebuhr, Purpose of Church and Ministry
 M. Philibert, Christ's Preaching and Ours
 W. Visser 't Hooft, The Pressure of . . ., pp. 45-61

e) "Service" as designation of specified church agency work
 T. Carby Jones, "The Concept of Christus Servant as
 Motivation to Quaker Service," Quaker
Religious Thought V/2 Autumn 1963 pp 235ff.

7 March Testing, Apostasy, Theology, Unity, Creeds, Canon

- *J. Yoder, Ecumenical Movement and the Faithful Church
- *J. Yoder, Free Church Style of Unity (Quaker Religious Thought)
- F. Leenhardt, Two Biblical Faiths: Catholic and Protestant
- M. Marty, Church Unity and Church Missions
- *L. Newbigin, Household of God
- *A. Outler, Christian Tradition and the Unity We Seek
- B. Vassady, Christ's Church Evangelical, Catholic and Reformed

14 March Particularity, Election, Mission: Note change: includes former 21
March theme

"The Finality of Jesus Christ": in The Bulletin of WCC Division of
Studies Autumn 1962 van Leeuwen: Christianity in World History
Berkhof, "God in Nature and History", Study Encounter I No. 3

Berkhof, Christ the Meaning of History

21 March Conversion/Discipleship, Anthropology, Ethics: Note: was formerly
listed 28 March

- P. Löffler, "Biblical concept of Conversion" in Study Encounter I No. 2 p. 93
- G. Yoder, Nurture and Evangelism of Children
- W. Barclay, Turning to God
- E. Routley, Gift of Conversion
- J. Yoder, "The Apostle's Apology Revisited" in W. Klassen (ed.),
The New Way of Jesus.

28 March: Proclamation, Worship, Ritual

Proclamation/Worship

Arvin BEACHY Worship as Celebration

Millard, LIND Biblical Foundations for Christian Worship

M. PHLIBERT Christ's Preaching and Ours

Prayer/Ritual

D. BLOESCH Crisis of Piety

J. ELLUL Prayer and Modern Man

4 April Break

11 Renewal "As Such"

Concern #12

F. H. LITTELL "The Doctrine of Restitution" MQR Jan. 1950, 33ff.

W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT The Renewal of the Church

YODER "Anabaptism and History: Restitution and the
Possibility of Renewal" in GOERTZ,
Umstrittenes Taufertum, 244ff.

Stephen ROSE, Grass Roots Church

First "instead of exam" question assigned

18 April First "instead of exam" question due

Secularity/Laity/Professionalism

H. Richard NIEBUHR, Christ and Culture

Colin WILLIAMS, Where in the World?

_____, What in the World?

Harvey COX, The Secular City

H. KRAEMER, Laity

Ronald Gregor SMITH, Secular Christianity

25 April Second "instead of exam" question due

Matters of "experience"; education, conversion, ethics

Review readings from 21 March

2 May Unity/Ecumenism

Review Readings from 7 March

Principles and Guidelines for Interchurch Relations
(James M. Lapp - mimeo)

Yoder, "A Free Church View" in Nelson, JR (ed),
Christian Unity in North America, 89ff.

9 May Wrapup; students provide agenda

16 May no session; no exam

Question "instead of exam" to hand in 18 April

1. Do as much advance thinking and reading as you wish but when you sit down to write, use no notes or books except your Bibles.
2. Arrange to have one uninterrupted hour to write. Legibility is appreciated. Write no longer than 70 minutes.
3. Apart from "political" or "psychological" considerations of what specific parties can accept, what would be your own "normative" teaching (if asked for) concerning what leadership role women should have in the churches?