



UNIT OUTLINE

EM015-612, 712 & 812, Christian Ministry in Islamic Contexts

Description	Patrick Johnstone (2014, 124) observes that “many people who watch developments in the Muslim world have the impression that Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world. This is due largely to, first, the higher birth rates and larger families in countries where Muslims constitute the majority and, second, the high visibility of increasing Muslim immigration into non-Muslim areas.” He goes on to predict that on current trends, “the number of Muslims worldwide will increase approximately fivefold” between now and the year 2050. If this prediction is correct, then one of the great challenges facing the Church worldwide in the years to come will be their effective engagement with and ministry to those in Islamic contexts. As will be seen through this course, this context is no longer restricted to those countries which have been traditionally associated with the Islamic faith. Increasingly, those living in the West will also need to consider how they might appropriately minister the gospel of God’s grace to those around them who have embraced Islam.	
Content	The unit is made up of the following sections and sub-sections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical and theological perspectives of Islam; Muslim beliefs and practices; Christian-Muslim worldview comparison; 2. Contemporary trends in Islam: reform movements; political Islam; popular Islam; modernization; secularization; 3. Diversification of 20th Century Islam; Muslim world views; significance to Christian witness; 4. Christianity in Muslim majority countries; Christian movements; Messianic Muslims; secret believers; persecution; 5. Issues in contextualization among Muslim; doctrine; practice; church forms; 6. Christian conversion among Muslims: theological and sociological factors in religious change: belief; power; Christian lifestyle; mission approaches; socio-political factors; 7. Mission strategy among Muslims: evangelism; church planting; holistic ministry; issues in Christian-Muslim dialogue; 8. Muslims in Australia; local church relations. 	
Study modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-class • Online 	
Assessment*	AQF 6/7/8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on Virtual Mosque Visit 2. Research Assignment
Textbooks	Caner, Ergum Mehmet and Emir Fethi Craner. 2002. <i>Unveiling Islam: An Insider’s Look at Muslim Life and Beliefs</i> . Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications.	
* Assessment items may be subject to change without prior notice		