

TANGAZA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:
PTC 418: SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
 (3 HOURS/WEEK, 2 CREDITS)
 SECOND SEMESTER JANUARY- APRIL 2018

COURSE OUTLINE:

Name of Institution: Tangaza University College
Department: Pastoral Theology
Semester: 2nd Semester (January - April 2018)
Credit Hours: 2

Faculty: School of Theology
Academic Year: 2017 - 2018
Course Code: PTC 418
Classroom Location: Hall,
 B13

Lecture Times: 8.30am – 11.25am (Thursdays)

Prerequisites: N/A

Lecturers:

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Course Description: PTC 418: Small Christian Communities as a New Model of Church in Africa Today.

This course examines how Small Christian Communities (SCCs) are a “New Way of Being and/or Model of the Church in Africa Today.” It explores the practical and pastoral implications of SCCs in Africa with especial interest to the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA) region. It also highlights the growing interest of Youth Small Christian Communities (YSCCs) in Africa.

Goals and Objectives of the Course:

This course is to help the students:

- To understand and appreciate SCCs not as projects but as a way of life and being Church today.
- To gain knowledge of how to facilitate the gathering and activities of the SCCs in the parishes/dioceses.
- To reflect on the role and responsibility of different individuals in SCCs and enhance collaboration amongst groups and/or parishes.
- To share pastoral and practical experiences on SCCs in the parishes/dioceses and to learn from one another.

Course Syllabus:

This course will be covered within the following topics:

1. Introduction to, and Overview of, our SCCs Course.
2. SCCs Resources, Tools and Methods.
3. History and Theology of SCCs in Africa especially in AMECEA.
4. Key Pastoral Priority of Building SCCs in Eastern Africa.

5. How Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Brothers, Sisters and Catechists Animate SCCs in Parishes and Schools in Eastern Africa.
6. The Importance of Lay Participation and Active Involvement in the SCCs.
7. Participation of Youth in SCCs in Africa and Forming Specific Youth Small Christian Communities (YSCCs) in Africa.
8. SCCs Involvement in the 2018 Kenya Lenten Campaign.
9. Lumko Method of SCCs.
10. SCCs and Pastoral Challenges Today.
11. Final Summary and Integration of SCCs Course.

Teaching Methods:

Class lectures, Video presentations, Class discussions, Class presentations, Reflection Papers and Final Written Exam. Class presentations and participation take into consideration the effort, preparedness and enthusiasm of the student.

Methods of Evaluation:

There will be two exams for this course. The first will be a take-home term paper (Continuous Assessment Task) of between 3-5 pages and will involve a Case Study on a Small Christian Community of one's interest, using the three steps of See, Judge and Act. This will be written out and handed back in class before the Mid-Semester Break on Thursday, February 15, 2018. It will be marked out of 25%.

The Final Exam will be more of comprehensive, requiring integration of the entire course. It will be written and the questions will (not exclusively) be of a short essay type. Their purpose will be to test the integration of the materials presented in class and the materials from reading assignments. You must be able to demonstrate that integration in the exam with specific examples from your personal and practical pastoral experience (Class DVDs, SCC Website, SCCs Facebook Page and Class discussions). This will be marked out of 45%.

Lastly, class attendance and active participation in class practicums and contributions will earn you 10% of the remaining marks.

Required Texts:

Healey, Joseph, *Building the Church as Family of God: Evaluation of Small Christian Communities in Eastern Africa*. Eldoret, Kenya: AMECEA Gaba Publications, 2012. The Online Digital (Ebook or Electronic Book) Version of this book is regularly updated as a free, online Ebook. As of 22 January, 2017 it is 1,003 pages and is available on the left hand side under "Ebooks" of the "Home Page"/"Front Page" of the Small Christian Communities Global Collaborative Website at:
http://www.smallchristiancommunities.org/images/stories/pdf/Build_new.pdf

Healey, Joseph – Hinton, Jeanne, *Small Christian Communities Today: Capturing the New Moment*. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 2005. Paperback and Ebook available on Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Small+Christian+Communities+Today%3A+Capturing+the+New+Moment

Chimombo, Emmanuel, – Healey, Joseph, – Ishengoma, Rita, - Mulenga, Febian, - Musimba, Rose, - Omolo, Alphonse, *Strengthening the Growth of Small Christian Communities in Africa: A Training Handbook for Facilitators*. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 2017. Paperback (Print on Demand -- POD) and Ebook available on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/Strengthening-Growth-Christian-Communities-Africa/dp/1973299348/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1513852606&sr=1-1&keywords=chimombo

Small Christian Communities (SCCs) Global Collaborative Website (including the Small Christian Communities Facebook Page).

www.smallchristiancommunities.org

Additional Bibliography:

Azetsop, Jacquineau, *HIV & AIDS in Africa: Christian Reflection, Public Health, Social Transformation*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2016.

Flynn, Kieran, *Communities for the Kingdom: A Handbook for Small Christian Community Leaders*, Eldoret, Kenya: AMECEA Gaba Publications, 2007.

Healey, Joseph, - Sybertz, Donald, *Towards an African Narrative Theology*. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 1996.

Lobinger, F., *Training for Community Ministries: Building Small Christian Communities, Lumko No. 19M*. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 2000.

Ugeux, Bernard, - Lefebvre, Pierre, *Small Christian Communities and Parishes*. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 2002.

Wijssen, Frans, - Henriot, Peter, - Mejia, Rodrigo, *The Pastoral Circle Revisited: A Critical Quest for Truth and Transformation*, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2005.

Teaching Schedule for the Semester Week 1

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
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January 11 th Joseph Healey Nicholas Obiero	Introduction to, and Overview of, our SCCs Course. SCCs Resources, Tools and Methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touchdown and Housekeeping • Class List and Books • Free Online Resources on SCCs • Flynn, Kieran, <i>Communities for the Kingdom</i> (Pp.181-182). • Wijzen, Frans, - Henriot, Peter, - Mejia, Rodrigo, <i>The Pastoral Circle Revisited</i>
	Bible Sharing	

Week 2

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
January 18 th Nicholas Obiero	History and Theology of SCCs in Africa especially in AMECEA. Key Pastoral Priority of Building SCCs in Eastern Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healey, Joseph, <i>Building the Church as Family of God: Evaluation of Small Christian Communities in Eastern Africa</i>. • Chimombo, Emmanuel, <i>Strengthening the Growth of Small Christian Communities in Africa</i>. • Ugeux, Bernard, - Lefebvre, Pierre, <i>Small Christian Communities and Parishes</i>.
	Bible Sharing	

Week 3

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
January 25 th Rose Musimba Alphonse Omolo	Importance of Lay Participation and Active Involvement in the SCCs. Facilitation Skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ugeux, Bernard, - Lefebvre, Pierre, <i>Small Christian Communities and Parishes</i>. • Healey, Joseph, <i>Building the Church as Family of God: Evaluation of Small Christian Communities in Eastern Africa</i>. • Chimombo, Emmanuel, – Healey, Joseph, – Ishengoma, Rita, - Mulenga, Febian, - Musimba, Rose, - Omolo, Alphonse, <i>Strengthening the Growth of Small Christian Communities in Africa</i>.

	Facilitation Skills Training	
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Week 4

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
February 1 st Moses Muriira (diocesan priest from Meru Diocese) Charles Wao (Passionist Priest from Homa Bay)	How Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Brothers, Sisters and Catechists Animate SCCs in Parishes and Schools in Eastern Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chimombo, Emmanuel, – Healey, Joseph, – Ishengoma, Rita, - Mulenga, Febian, - Musimba, Rose, - Omolo, Alphonse, <i>Strengthening the Growth of Small Christian Communities in Africa.</i> Lobinger, F., <i>Training for Community Ministries: Building Small Christian Communities.</i> Flynn, Kieran, <i>Communities for the Kingdom: A Handbook for Small Christian Community Leaders.</i>
	Bible Sharing	

Week 5

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
February 8 th Collins Ongoma and KU team Brian Omondi Evelyn Nyaituga	Participation of Youth in SCCs in Africa and Forming Specific Youth Small Christian Communities (YSCCs) in Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ugeux, Bernard, - Lefebvre, Pierre, <i>Small Christian Communities and Parishes.</i> Healey, Joseph – Hinton, Jeanne, <i>Small Christian Communities Today: Capturing the New Moment.</i>

Week 6

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
February 15 th Beatrice Odera Martin Omwange Mary Francis Wangare	SCCs Involvement in the 2018 Kenya Lenten Campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Lenten Campaign Booklet: <i>Reconciliation for peaceful co-existence and national integration – Week 5 on “Child Protection”</i>
	Bible Sharing	

Week 7

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
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March 8 th Ephigenia Gachiri	Lumko Method of SCCs. “The Seven-Step Gospel Sharing in SCCs”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobinger, F., <i>Training for Community Ministries: Building Small Christian Communities</i>.
	Bible Sharing	

Week 8

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
March 15 th Joseph Healey Nicholas Obiero	SCCs and Pastoral Challenges Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azetsop, Jacquineau, <i>HIV & AIDS in Africa: Christian Reflection, Public Health, Social Transformation</i>. Healey, Joseph, - Sybertz, Donald, <i>Towards an African Narrative Theology</i>.

Week 9

Date	Theme of Lecture	Further reading/assignment
March 22 th Emmanuel Chimombo	Summary and Integration of SCCs Course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Synthesis and Evaluation

FRIDAY, APRIL 06 – FINAL EXAM (Written).

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