

CHET 60013: Introduction to Theological Ethics
3 Semester Hours

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Prerequisites: None

Description of Content

This course will survey major methodological questions of Christian ethics, its thematic subdivisions, and the schools of thought and individual authors who have shaped the discussion of ethical questions within Christian discourse through a decolonial lens.

This is a topical course; thus, students will learn and interpret Christian ethical themes according to each week's topic. The approach for this course centers marginalized perspectives and practice, i.e. minoritized voices, experiences, and interpretations. Thus, through engaging various topics through this diversity of voices, this course challenges students to wrestle with what moral positions dominate different areas of the Christian church's common life and invites students to expand their perspective, sit and wrestle with complicated approaches, and actively construct justice-centered ethical positions that best reflect the interests of the Christian church.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Identify and interrogate a range of Christian ethical matters, topically, that pertain to the Christian church within the U.S. and affect peoples within and outside of the church
- Identify and think alongside the ethical positions of various minoritized perspectives within the US including, but not limited to: Black theological, American indigenous, Womanist, white and Black feminist, Asian-American, *mujerista*, white queer and quare, and other voices in order to broaden their ethical awareness
- Think critically and constructively about their own ethical formation and narrative and explore how to engage their ethical commitments within their respective ministerial and/or social contexts and within society at large

Class Procedures

Class will consist of lectures, class reflections, exercises, and discussions.

Requirements:

1. Full presence and contributive participation in class sessions
2. Paper
3. Final assignment

Texts

1. M. Shawn Copeland, *Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010). ISBN: 9780800662745. \$24.

2. Robin W. Lovin, *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide* (Nashville: Abington Press, 2000). ISBN: 9780687054626. \$19.99.

Access to TCU Online is required to access the remainder of the readings. This platform as well as email will be my main means of communication with everyone in the course. Please be in touch with the appropriate persons should there be a problem of access.