

***Announcing the
Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Reconciliation Immersion Program***

J-Term 2009 Cross-Cultural Course to South Africa

**Co-Instructors: Dr. Lawrence Burnley and Professor Kathleen Quimby
January 4-25, 2009
Cost: \$3,500**

This Cross-Cultural course is but one component of a larger project called the *Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Reconciliation Immersion Program* (RECRIP). RECRIP is a two year curricular (credit-bearing) and co-curricular initiative of the Office of Multicultural Programs at Messiah College in which students will examine the role of the church and its historical and contemporary interpretation and application of the Bible in support of and in opposition to racism in the United States and Apartheid in South Africa, as well as the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa.

Required reading for the orientation process in preparation for the Cross-Cultural experience will focus primarily, but not exclusively, on the church's role in the Apartheid and Anti-Apartheid movements in South Africa as well as the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

For more detailed information about the course design and itinerary, visit:
<http://www.messiah.edu/offices/multicultural/Initiatives/index.html#RECRIP>

Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for this cross-cultural course:

1. Have sophomore or junior status in Fall '08.
2. Agree to participate in a 4-6 session orientation process that will involve reading and group discussion on the primary subject of our cross-cultural experience
3. Commit to full participation in the RECRIP process which will culminate in the 2010 Spring semester (refer to the RECRIP course design for details):
<http://www.messiah.edu/offices/multicultural/Initiatives/index.html#RECRIP>
4. Complete and submit a two page (double spaced) essay articulating personal involvement in the ministry of racial reconciliation, the importance of this ministry in the life of the church and society, and explain how participation in the RECRIP process will inform or influence his or her career beyond Messiah College.
5. Complete and submit the attached Cross-cultural Application, Study Abroad Contract, and Student Reference Forms.

All application materials must be submitted to Dr. Lawrence Burnley in the Office of Multicultural Programs no later than March 1, 2008. Students will receive notification of the decision of the selection committee no later than April 1, 2008.

Selection Committee Members:
Lawrence Burnley
Eldon Fry
Kathleen Quimby
Debra Heath-Thornton