This course introduces students to the theology and practices of evangelism as an expression of the mission of God.

Students will be able to:

1. Reflect on and articulate the meaning of the Gospel and an understanding of the Church as bearers of God’s Word to the world.
2. Ground a theology of evangelism in scripture, the Gospel, and the mission of God.
3. Interpret of the Wesleyan heritage of evangelism.
4. Reflect on and implement strategies and models for evangelism by the congregation.

**Required Texts:**
- Mortimer Arias, *Announcing the Reign of God*
- Scott Jones, *Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: a Theology of Witness & Discipleship*
- Henry Knight & F Douglas Powe, *Transforming Evangelism: the Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*

**Pre-class Reading and Writing Assignments (30% of grade)**

After reading Mortimer Arias’s *Announcing the Reign of God*, write a reflection paper which includes your answers to the following questions:

(1) What is Arias’s definition of evangelism?
(2) According to Arias, what is the kingdom of God? How is it related to evangelism?
(3) How did Arias’s book change and/or enhance your understanding of evangelism?

The strongest paper will not only demonstrate your understanding of the text but also offer your critical reflection on the author’s arguments. Instead of presenting a mere summary of the author’s views, try to show critical and substantive engagement with the text. The paper should be 1200-1500 words, typed and double-spaced, in a 12-point font (Times New Roman). Please turn in a hard copy of your paper at the beginning of the first class session.