

# ANCCI UNIVERSITY

## PT 403 PREACHING FROM LECTIONARY

### **RATIONALE**

Preaching is an important part of the life and mission of the church. The ability to preach in ways that engage the listeners in both the ancient texts and in the relevance of those texts for modern life is an essential skill for pastors.

### **OBJECTIVE**

- To introduce the students to the methods and skills involved in sermon development.
- To encourage practice in the methods and skills involved in sermon development.
- To provide opportunities for preaching.

### **STRATEGY**

Reading, discussion, and written/oral assignments addressing these areas:

- What is preaching? –theology of preaching.
- Reading the Bible for preaching- selecting the text, studying the text-exegetical method.
- From Text to Sermon- finding the sermonic claim, the focus and function of the sermon.
- Forming the sermon- a variety of ways to structure the sermon.
- Preaching the sermon.

### **Text Book**

Long, Thomas G. *The Witness of Preaching* (Second Edition). Westminster John Knox Press. Louisville, Kentucky, 2005.

### **EVALUATION**

- Completion of reading and other weekly assignments.
- Preaching of one sermon.
- Active participation in class discussion and peer evaluation

Online student: write a sermon on Sunday lectionary focusing on one theme and demonstrate your understanding of the scriptures and the text book (*The Witness of Preaching*).