

LONG BEACH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MTI

(Nondenominational School of Ministry)

COURSE SYLLABUS—THE IMPACT OF WORLD CLIMATE ON THE FUTURE CHURCH

PHI-315 and PHI-505

Spring 2026| SEVEN-WEEK Course | January 13 – February 24, 2026

Professor: Dr. Pauline Dudley

Class: Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Meeting Type: Stacked (STK) – Class of Grad and Undergrad Students

- Zoom link will be emailed to registered students

Required Text (s): The Holy Bible

Digital handouts to be given during class

Recommended Text: Hybrid Church by James Emery White

Virtual Lecture Class Format: This class is designed for students with access to a computer and the internet. The course is in a virtual classroom format. In this online teaching and learning environment, teachers and students can present and view course materials and lessons and engage and interact with one another. Each class will consist of prayer, lectures, readings, presentations, and possibly guest speakers.

Course Description: THE IMPACT OF WORLD CLIMATE ON THE FUTURE CHURCH (7-Week Course) PHI-305 and PHI-505

This study of the future church is not about prophecy; it is about possibilities. The pace of change is accelerating in the Information Age. Christian leaders face ministry problems that are unprecedented and unpredictable. This interdisciplinary form of study focuses on postulation (theory), probable and preferable futures, through the analysis of biblical Scriptures, theological critique, patterns, current events, and trends.

Prerequisite: None

Course Objectives:

- A. Increase knowledge and sensitivity to changes in the 21st Century Church and improve understanding of the future.
- B. Build confidence as leaders in facing the uncertain future of the Hybrid Church.
- C. Build on Biblical understanding about the future church, with watchful preparation.

By the end of this course, you should:

1. Be able to acquire core competencies of foresight
2. Cope effectively as leaders and laymen to exercise foresight to expect the unexpected and prepare for changes as they happen.
3. Understand how to wisely leverage the digital ministry for growth in evangelism.

Weekly Assignments/Lectures:

*Assignments and grading rubric will be given out weekly during class.

Jan 13: Introduction: The Rise of Digital Faith Expressions/ Historical Background

Jan 20: The Declining Church

Jan 27: Cultural and Social Impact

Feb. 3: Theological Implications

Feb. 10: Meeting the Spiritual and Communal needs of the younger, digitally native generation

Feb. 17: Failure to adapt and the implications

Feb. 24: Faith, Tech, and Wisdom – The Futuristic Church

FINAL Exam: April 13, 2026*

Last Day of Class: April 13, 2026

Student Honesty | Plagiarism Statement: Plagiarism (intellectual theft) is seen as a shameful act and is not acceptable at LBBC. Each member of the academic community must do their own work. In essence, be careful when using another writer or speaker's material (work). Give credit!

Attendance: Regular attendance is required and necessary to achieve success in this class. Students are expected to arrive at 7 pm and stay until the end of class. Each student is responsible for contacting the instructor regarding any attendance matters.

Refunds and Withdrawals: Refunds to students will be determined based on the date the Notice of Withdrawal is processed through the website.

Withdrawal Deadline

- The deadline for withdrawing from classes is at the end of the first week of the class.
- Failure to submit a timely withdrawal request can result in an 'Incomplete' grade on the transcript.
- Failure to submit the required Notice of Withdrawal email before the deadline will result in the student remaining **academically and financially responsible for the class.**

Refund Policy

- 100% refund for payments made before or during week one (1) of Class.
- 0% refund - for payments made during and beyond week two (2) of class.

NOTE: Students who drop a class after the second week will be charged full tuition for the class.

Students may seek approval to transfer a percentage of paid tuition to a class they will take the following semester, but approval is not guaranteed.

Expectations:

1. Students must perform **college-level work**.
2. Work must contain the **student's name, date, and be submitted on Sundays by 7:00 PM**. One grade point will be taken off for late assignments.
3. You must include your enrollment name in the Subject area of your emails and on your work.
4. Read the required text as assigned—come prepared for class.
5. Bring the appropriate class materials, respect fellow students, and refrain from bringing food or drink to virtual class sessions (bottled water okay).
6. You may be asked to speak (impromptu).
7. Have a well-lit and quiet setting with your **CAMERA ON** for “Remote/Virtual” class.

Grading will be based on the following:

1. Class attendance/participation 25%
2. Assignments/Research 50%
3. Test 25%

***Final exam assignments must be completed outside of 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. instructional time.**

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