

Free Church DNA in Primary and Secondary Theologies

Blended Intensive Program

3 ECTS. Out of 78 hours 35 contact hours, 3 contact hours in web and 40 hours of independent work. Fall 2024.

Leading lecturer Meego Remmel, PhD, also Einike Pilli, DTh and Gabriel Stevens, PhD

Assessment non-differentiated (pass/fail)

Language of Instruction – English

Learning outcomes. By the end of the course participants

- Know the definition and difference of primary and secondary theology
- Describe and compare different languages of primary theology in different contexts
- Analyze the future of theological education as the form of secondary education
- Analyze different views of priesthood of all believers in the light of their own denomination.
- Discuss similarities and differences of church practices in empowering and encouraging priesthood of all believers
- Characterizes the Free Church “DNA”, using the language of primary and secondary theology

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Assessment Methods	Due date	Assessment Criteria
Assessment method 1: Choose one of two alternatives:		
Alternative 1: Group practical exercise: creative task of primary theology (in different languages), presented in class	Oct 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical exercise offers possibility to participate in one of the forms of primary theology• Practical exercise fits into Free Church DNA and is reflected later in the written reflection• Practical exercise is creative
Alternative 2: Presentation about one issue of primary or secondary theology, presented in class	Oct 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation focuses on the issue of primary or secondary theology in Free Church DNA• Presentation is 10-15 minute long• Presentation is illustrated creatively

<p>Assessment method 2: Written reflection about the course, describing the experience of learning during the course</p>	<p>Mid-november</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning through the course is reflected systematically in 800-1000 words • The idea of priesthood of all believers is explained longer, with at least three references and practical examples from the context of the learner • One question is posed for further reflection • Feedback is given to the course
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The final mark comes together from assessment method one (choose one alternative) and both writing and presenting the second alternative in virtual component.

Study flow

Day 1, Oct 29, 2024

12-16 Arrivals

16.00 Introduction to the course.

16.30 What is primary theology? Lecture and discussion. Meego Rimmel

18.30 Dinner

19.30 Evening program – example of primary theology.

Preparation for next days (creative tasks and presentation).

Day 2, Oct 30

10 Languages of primary theology. Study of examples. Meego Rimmel

12.00 Coffee break

12.30 – Kerygmatic and didactic communal practices. Gabriel Stephen

14.00-15.30 Lunch break

15.30 – 17.30 Creative tasks of primary theology in different languages. Einike Pilli.

18.00 Dinner

19.00 Evening program at the Tallinn City center

Day 3, Oct 31

10.30 Gathering and coffee

11.00 Presentations of secondary theology and discussion (in groups, if needed)

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Presentations of secondary theology and discussion (in groups, if needed)

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Discussion “Future of baptistic theological education” led by Einike Pilli

18.30 Dinner and fellowship (on site)

Day 4, Nov 1st

9.30-11.30 Study trip in Old town of Tallinn focussing on the free church history – led by Toivo Pilli

12.00 Lunch break

13.00 Interview with three “older brothers” – Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran view of priesthood - Philippe Jourdan, Urmas Viilma and Tauri Tölpt, led by Meego Rimmel
14.30 Coffee break
15.00 “What is Free Church DNA?” Stephen Holmes and Teun van der Veel
17.30 Dinner (on site)
19.00 Jazz evening

Day 5, Nov 2nd

9.00 Devotional
9.30 “Contextual examples of primary theology” – Toivo Pilli, Olexandr Geychenko
11.30 Coffee break
12.00 Big interview with Dietrich Schindler, followed by discussion, led by Theo Bunescu
13.00 Lunch break
14.15 Seminars
15.30 “Practical examples of primary theology” - Gabriel Stephens and Helle Liht
17.00 Discussion groups and conclusion
18.00 Dinner and prayers together (on site)

Virtual element will be organised few weeks later to reflect on learning experience and gather feedback to all parts involved. The exact time will be agreed among participants.