This course provides a brief overview of the history of Christianity from the Reformation to World War II. Topics of study include the Magisterial Reformation, the Radical Reformation, Roman Catholic reform, Protestant Orthodoxy, Pietism and the Evangelical Awakening, the impact of Enlightenment rationalism, missionary expansion, Protestant liberalism and fundamentalism, the ecumenical movement, and Christianity in developing countries.

Students will:

1. attempt to understand key Christian thinkers and their ideas in relationship to Christian ritual and practice as well as to non-Christian religions, philosophy, and natural science,
2. familiarize themselves with some of the major issues, events, and personalities in Christian history,
3. become aware of the problems and methods of the academic disciplines of church history, intellectual history, and theology.

Course Description and Objectives

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students—fulfills one B/T unit and Bethany Experience
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee $295.00

Registration deadline: December 19, 2018

Instructor: Ken Rogers

Dr. Ken Rogers is Professor of Historical Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in Indiana. A graduate of Manchester University in Indiana, Oxford University in England, and Harvard University in Massachusetts, he has pursued study and research at Marburg University in Germany as well. After three decades teaching in the Religion and Philosophy Department of Manchester University, he joined the Bethany faculty in 2008. He taught a seminar for Marburg University in the fall semester 2017. He has been an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren for more than thirty years.
Reading List

Assigned Readings

Online lectures provided by the instructor, typically ten pages each week. These online lectures may occasionally mention further recommended (but optional) readings, audio CDs, or DVDs.

Expectations

Online learning requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to spend 10 hours per week in course-related work.

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class. These capabilities include:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome

Additional expectations will be outlined in the course syllabus.