CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY RE20040 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CHRISTIANITY Winter 2001 Instructor: Kay Stone Phone: (home) 739-6052 (cell) 276-7408

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Course Description: This course is designed to examine some contemporary social issues from a Christian perspective. It will be based on relevant biblical and theological assumptions that Christianity brings to the debate o nthese issues with a view toward social change within the context of the Christian community.

Objectives:

- To consider select contemporary issues as well as their relationship to both historical and contemporary church and society.
- 2. To study outstanding theologians and religious thinkers who can inspire us to a better understanding of current issues and problems.
- To formulate an understanding of and response to contemporary personal and societal issues with a better understanding of steps and resources a Christian individual and/or community must take toward prophetic witness and social inspiration.
- 4. To develop an ethical sense in dealing with the contemporary questions that confront us through our everyday life, the media, and community.

Required textbook:

Moral Issues And Christian Response, Sixth Edition, Paul T. Jersild, Dale A. Johnson, Patricia Jung, Shannon Jung.

I suggest you bring a bible to class.

Grading:

50% class attendance and participation 20% mid-term examination 30% final report/notebook

| CLASS | DATE | TOPIC/ASSIGNED READING |
|-------|------|---|
| 1 | 1/08 | Jesus/Christology |
| 2 | 1/10 | Jesus/Christology continued Chapter 2 |
| 3 | 1/17 | Politics/Civil Disobedience Chapter 1 |
| 4 | 1/22 | Family values/feminism Chapters 4 and 6 |
| 5 | 1/24 | Immigration/Global Connectedness Chapter 8 |
| 6 | 1/29 | Death Penalty/Just war/Justice Chapter 11 (mid-term exam) |
| 7 | 1/31 | Consumerism/Materialism/Corporate Greed Chapters 12 and 13 |
| 8 | 2/05 | Bioethics Chapters 15-18 |
| 9 | 2/07 | Bioethics continued |
| 10 | 2/12 | Reports |

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