**Church History:**

**The Journey of the Followers of Jesus Christ**

**Mr. Myers**

**2015-2016**

**I. Description**

This class is a high school-level overview of the history of the Christian church, with special attention given to the rise and development of the Anabaptists and their descendants.

**II. Objectives**

1. Recognize Jesus as the central figure in history and as the fulfillment of God’s plan in the world
2. To learn the story of the church from Pentecost to the present day in broad strokes
3. Develop a proper understanding of the nature and purpose of the church
4. To come to a personal identity with and belonging to the church, of yesterday and today
5. To learn from the successes and failures of past Christians, both personally and collectively
6. To learn to appreciate and love our heritage of faith more, and as a result live grateful lives

**III. Requirements**

1. Complete the daily readings and assignments
2. To learn a timeline of the major events in church history
3. To read and respond to four stories from the *Martyrs Mirror*
4. To visit a couple of different church traditions—probably Catholic and Orthodox
5. Create an art project that relates to some theme from church history

**IV. Texts**

A. *The Church in History* - B. K. Kuiper

B. *Through Fire and Water –* Loewen and Nolt

C. Miscellaneous other readings and articles

**V. Grading**

1. Quizzes/Short papers 20%
2. Tests/Projects 80%