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Wanting enrichment for ministry?

Reading cultures

Steve Taylor

What is happening in Australia today? How to keep abreast of changes in the local community? How can spiritual practices of listening and discernment be part of ministry? This topic will explore ministry in Australia today. It will offer sociological tools, explore church and society models, trends in society, both national and global and appropriate ministry responses. Tutorial time and group work will provide opportunity to workshop and integrate material into ministry contexts. Tuesday, Semester, 1 9am-12pm. Available at audit, Bachelor or Masters level.

Guided reading: Integrating God, world, church

Steve Taylor

This is a whole year topic, March-November. The aim is to both introduce missional reading and to develop integrative skills in applying concepts of God, world, church to a local, missional context. It will be based around reading a selection of recent books, allowing ministers to keep updated with trends in mission. Taught using on-line technology, students will be expected to engage both these texts and each other using a conversational model of

theology. Enroll in 1 Guided Reading unit, 3 credit points.

The Nature of the Gospel

Scot McKnight

What is the 'gospel'? Some think 'justice'; others, 'personal salvation'; and still others, the Bible's story line as fulfilled in Jesus as Messiah King. Do we begin with Paul in Romans? Or Jesus' message of the kingdom? Or just get on with proclaiming God's love, or God's grace, or the four spiritual laws? This intensive will propose a method for examining the meaning of 'gospel' before exploring implications for evangelism, conversion theory, church practice and discipleship. The integrative theme will be 'Paul and The King Jesus Gospel.' Dr Scot McKnight is the Karl A. Olsson Professor in Religious Studies at North Park University, an authority on the New Testament, early Christianity, and the historical Jesus. He is the author of more than thirty books, including *The Jesus Creed*, *The King Jesus Gospel* and blogs, at <http://www.jesuscreed.org/> . 21 - 25 May, 6 credit points, (tbc) hosted by Tabor. Cross institutional enrollment.

Leadership as Discernment

Beatrice Panne

Discernment is nested in the heart of faith. Engaging in it helps to grow a life line to the work of the Spirit within,

among and around us. It is an indispensable practice when a community seeks God's direction for its mission. This understanding of discernment primarily centers around a finely tuned openness during speaking, listening and waiting towards the presence of God or any promptings of the Spirit impacting the community's decision making. This course will explore key readings in communal discernment and mission, receive input on historic and practical aspects of communal discernment, look at the use of the *Manual for Meetings* as a tool for discernment and workshop ways to apply a communal discernment process to your own ministry context. 27-29 Nov, 9am - 1pm, 3 credit points. Enroll in 1 Guided Reading unit.

Program Seminars

Peer reflection on current ministry practice.

Ministry

27 February; 23 April; 4 June ; 13 August; 10 Sept; 29 October, 9:30-12:00

Missional

5 March; 30 April; 18 June ; 20 August; 17 Sept; 12 November, 1:30-4:00 pm

Research Methods

Peter Gunn

Semester 2 - Aug 6,7; Sept 3,4; Nov 5,6.

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Missional Church Leadership

Steve Taylor & Darren Cronshaw

Mission in the West is a continuing challenge. This unit will explore that challenge with particular reference to the local church's participation in the mission of God. It suggests a distinctive way of doing theology, with particular attention to the lived experiences among the people of God as a primary location for theological reflection. Participants will be grounded in context in which they will practice listening, discernment, imagining and planning a mission project.

This program will help you to become a better missional leader. It involves a series of five seminars supported by a guided reading program and group coaching with Steve and Darren. It is designed to provide insights and skills for ministers seeking to engage with their local mission context in fresh ways. Discover how mission - and your leadership - can be shaped by local stories, biblical narratives and missional imagination.

Friday's, 2 March, 23 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June; 9:30-4:30pm, 6 credit points. Available at both Bachelor and Post Graduate level. Bachelor: MINS 8555. Post Graduate: 2 Guided Readings, 6 credit points.

Darren Cronshaw is passionate about training, coaching and resourcing leaders and missionaries through his work as the Coordinator of Leadership Training with the Baptist Union of Victoria and Pastor of Auburn Baptist Church. He completed a Doctor of Theology in 2008 through Whitley (MCD), published as *The shaping of things now: emerging church mission and innovation in 21st century Melbourne* (Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag, 2009).

Steve Taylor is the Director of Missiology at Uniting College for Leadership & Theology. His ministry has involved church planting and transforming a traditional congregation by enabling change at the core and the fringes. He is the author of 'The Out of Bounds Church'.

Spirit-ed Missiology for a Global Church

Kirsteen Kim

How can we tell which to reject, what to support and who we can cooperate with in our mission?

How do we discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among all the other spirits?

In our complex, plural postmodern world we inhabit a world of many spirits - good, bad, indifferent. These are movements, forces, personalities, cultures we have to negotiate.

This unit will explore how attention to the Holy Spirit in mission enables us to minister faithfully in local contexts while connected to the church worldwide and the greater purposes of God in Christ.

Kirsteen Kim is Professor of Theology and World Christianity at Leeds Trinity University College, UK and author of *The Holy Spirit in the World and Joining in with the Spirit*.

Can be taken for audit or credit through the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD). Enquire re fees and FEE-HELP
Topics will include

- Mission in the Spirit
- A world of many spirits
- Movements of the Spirit
- Spirit-uality
- Interaction: Indigenous voices
- Discerning the Spirit among the spirits

July 23-27. Available at both Bachelor and Post Graduate level.
Bachelor: MINS2316 Guided Study in Missiology A
Post Graduate: 2 Guided Readings
(6 credit points)

Venue: Adelaide College of Divinity Campus
Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm