

Ministry Workshops

March 16 - 19

Evangelism in the Post-Modern Context

The word evangelism has lost favour particularly in the left side of the theological divide. On the right side of the spectrum the understanding of evangelism has still remained with an emphasis on conversion even though the returns on this approach have been steadily diminishing. This workshop will look at the concept of evangelism from a broad perspective with particular reference to the current context.

March 22 - 26

Mediation & Conflict Transformation for Ministry Agents

As more churches begin to share their facilities and communities with people from other ethnicities and faiths the potential for tension and conflict increases. This workshop will help to develop tools and strategies for dealing with these issues in a positive and transformational way. It will seek to start a process of skill development which will continue for the rest of the year.

April 6 - 9 Spirituality for Ministry & Life

This workshop will investigate the concept of spirituality from both a content and practical perspective. It will cover various methods of developing spirituality including meditation, journaling, prayer and kinaesthetic approaches. This workshop is designed for both ordained and lay people from any denomination.

Workshops run from 9:00am to 3:30pm each day. Morning and Afternoon Tea and a light Lunch is provided. Accommodation is available at \$30 per person shared.

Seeking Expressions of Interest

*Introduction to Ministry
A Two-Year Part-Time Certificate*

Ideal for new ministry agents focussing on the practical aspects of ministry
Modules will include: Leadership, Preaching, Exegesis, Worship, Pastoral Care, Evangelism & Conflict Transformation.

Classes will be small (five or less) and conducted in a tutorial format.

If you are interested in joining this program or would like more information please contact the Office at Alan Walker College.



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Course Calendar 2010

Course Fees

Certificate Courses: \$250 per week (including Accommodation, Meals and Airport Transfers)

\$150 per week Non-residential

Short Courses: \$35 per Saturday (Tea/Coffee provided, BYO Lunch)

Ministry Workshops: \$100 per attendee (Accommodation Available)

Certificate Courses

May 17 - 28 Women Empowered for Ministry (WEM1)

The Women Empowered for Ministry course is designed to challenge lay and ordained women in varied areas of ministry. Delegates are challenged at a personal level to rethink their gifts for ministry. Course faculty are expert lecturers in their fields covering aspects of leadership, counselling, prayer, evangelism, integrated and urban mission style work. Field trips and experiences in inner Sydney are a vital part of the course. The course is designed to maximise networking amongst women from different Pacific countries and provides a wide ranging overview of Christian ministry for women of all ages.

May 31 - June 25 Biblical Studies (BIB)

A knowledge of the Old and New Testaments is a basic requirement for all those who would be leading and serving in a church setting. This course will provide both a breadth of knowledge about each Testament and the books contained in them and will do so in some depth. The authorship, purpose, themes and use of each book of the Bible will be covered.

July 5 - 30 Preaching Skills (MIN2A)

The proclamation of the Word is both an exciting and challenging part of the life of the church. This course will address all the areas of sermon preparation and delivery. It will cover the way in which we should view Scripture and how we can interpret passages for our context. Time will be allocated to practice our skills, particularly in delivery.

August 2 – 27

Theology for Ministry (THE1)

Theology is simply the study of God. This often neglected part of the Christian life is vitally important as it determines much of the way in which we live out our Christianity. This course will look at the major doctrines (beliefs) of the Christian faith from an ecumenical perspective in a culturally sensitive way. It will also examine the worldviews prevailing throughout the world today and their influence on the church.

September 6 – October 1 Pastoral Caregiving (PAS) (formerly Counselling)

This course aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of counselling in a Christian setting. It is meant for those who are finding themselves in situations where knowledge of the skills required for counselling would be beneficial. It is particularly aimed at those who will undertake this counselling in a local community or church setting.

October 4 – 29 Christian Peacemaking (THE2) (formerly Peacebuilding)

In a world where many are talking about peace, this course will seek to help students to become peacemakers in the way in which we believe the gospel encourages us. This course will focus on identifying the anger and violence within ourselves before continuing to develop the tools we need to help develop the peace process within our interpersonal or group situations. We will look closely at a number of world renowned peace activists including Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Walter Wink.

November 1 – 19 Ministry & Evangelism (MIN1)

This course seeks to empower congregations to become evangelical communities rather than just churches that do evangelism. This course will look at the aspects that make a healthy church and as such one which attracts people to it. It will also seek to help students develop a number of ways in which their local church can develop these aspects.

November 24 – December 10 Women Empowered for Ministry (WEM2)

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Short Courses

Worship Skills

These workshops are practical in nature where students can develop their skills in the respective areas of the worship service.

Reading the Bible in Church	(RBC)	Mar 6, May 8
Praying confidently in Worship	(PCW)	Mar 13, Jun 5
Using Multimedia Effectively in Worship	(UMW)	Feb 6
Sound Engineers Workshop	(SEW)	May 15

Old Testament Survey and the History of Israel (OTS) March 20, September 11

This course charts the history of the people of Israel from Genesis to the end of the Old Testament. Using the historical timeline each of the biblical books is placed in its chronological sequence. The authorship, audience and main themes of each book are identified. A number of the other themes which run through the Old Testament are also examined (covenant, feasts, sacrifice).

New Testament Survey and the History of the Church (NTS) March 27, September 18

Beginning with the Intertestamental Period, this course examines the New Testament and the development of the early church. It charts the life and teaching of Jesus from birth to ascension and seeks to identify some of the themes arising from this. The course goes on to map the life and teaching of Paul and his influence on the church.

Developing a Web Site for your congregation (DWC) June 12

A good and informative web presence has become almost a prerequisite for any service organisation. This to both keep the members informed of what is happening in the community and to draw outsiders into our various programs and services. This workshop will offer practical tips on how to make this a reality on a very small budget.

Church Leadership in the 21st Century (CL) June 19

This course seeks to both define and to upskill the leaders of the church for this new century. It focuses on what has become known as the missional leadership model. This course will look at generational theory and the post-modern paradigm as frameworks in which leadership will have to operate.