



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

**JB405**

## **THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY**

This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.

<b>Unit code</b>	JB405	
<b>Unit name</b>	Theology of Ministry	
<b>Associated higher education awards</b>	Graduate Certificate in Ministry Graduate Diploma in Ministry	
<b>Duration</b>	One semester	
<b>Level</b>	AQF Level 8	
<b>Unit coordinator</b>	Ps Brian Mulheran	
<b>Core/elective</b>	Core	
<b>Weighting</b>	Unit credit points: 10cp	Total course credit points: Graduate Certificate in Ministry 40cp Graduate Diploma in Ministry 80cp
<b>Student workload</b>	<b>Face-to-face on-site</b>	<b>External</b>
	Timetabled hours: 39	Directed study hours: 39
	Readings and study hours: 51	Readings and study hours: 51
	Assignment preparation hours: 60	Assignment preparation hours: 60
	Total hours per unit: 150	Total hours per unit: 150
Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week		
<b>Delivery mode</b>	Face to Face on site External	
<b>Pre-requisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions</b>	Prerequisites: Nil Co-requisites: Nil Restrictions: Nil	
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Christian 'ministry' is commissioned to all believers, who through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and loving service to God, minister to the church and the wider community in fulfilment of God's mission and mandate which He began in Christ (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:1-8; Mark 12:30-31; Eph 4:12; 2 Cor 5:18-20).</p> <p>In order for such ministry to be faithfully and responsibly discharged an accurate understanding of the premises and precepts which form the theological basis for ministry are required. Such precepts arise out of a profound vision of who God is, His character, His nature and His purposes. Likewise, in order to outwork ministry according to such a vision an incarnation of these theological premises and divine attributes are required within the faith, belief systems, character and nature of the minister of God.</p> <p>This unit sets forth aspects for the formation of a theology of ministry from rich prevailing thought patterns of biblical and historical truths as the basis of ministry praxis in contemporary society for students to critically engage.</p>	

<b>Prescribed text(s)</b>	<p>Bass, DC &amp; Dykstra, C (eds.) 2008, <i>For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education and Christian Ministry</i>, William B Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Flemming, D 2013, <i>Recovering the Full Mission of God: A Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing, and Telling</i>, IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL.</p>
<b>Recommended readings</b>	<p>Anderson, RS 2009, <i>The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry with Theological Praxis</i>, IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Black Jr, G 2014, <i>Exploring the Life and Calling</i>, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Bloesch, DG 2009, <i>A Theology of Word and Spirit</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Carson, DA 2012, <i>Christ and Culture Revisited</i>, William B Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Cartledge, MJ 2010, <i>Testimony in the Spirit: Rescripting Ordinary Pentecostal Theology</i>, Ashgate, Aldershot, UK.</p> <p>Flett, JG 2010, <i>The Witness of God: the Trinity, Missio Dei, Karl Barth and the Nature of Christian Community</i>, William B Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Ma, JC &amp; Ma, W 2010, <i>Mission in the Spirit: Towards a Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology</i>, Regnum Books International, Oxford, UK.</p> <p>Pickard, S 2010, <i>Theological Foundations for Collaborative Ministry</i>, Ashgate, Aldershot, UK.</p> <p>Seamands, S 2005, <i>Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Tyra, G 2014, <i>A Missional Orthodoxy: Theology and Ministry in a Post-Christian Context</i>, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Warrington, K 2008, <i>Pentecostal Theology: A Theology of Encounter</i>, Continuum, New York, NY.</p> <p>In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as <i>The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV)</i>.</p> <p>This translation and many others may be accessed free on-line at <a href="http://www.biblegateway.com">http://www.biblegateway.com</a>. The Bible app from LifeChurch.tv is also available free for smart phones and tablet devices.</p>
<b>Specialist resources requirements</b>	Nil
<b>Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defining Christian ministry</li> <li>2. The nature of Trinitarian ministry</li> <li>3. A biblical foundation for ministry – ‘Missio Dei’</li> <li>4. Historical overview of ministry</li> <li>5. The ministry of Christ – Incarnational</li> <li>6. Called by God – responding to the call</li> <li>7. Faith – our participation in Christ’s ministry</li> <li>8. A commissional approach to ministry</li> <li>9. The ministry of the Holy Spirit through the minister – ‘Pneumatikos’</li> <li>10. Vocational identity formation</li> <li>11. Theological and cultural contexts of the ministry environment</li> <li>12. Church: Incarnational community in society</li> <li>13. Toward the formation of a theology of ministry</li> </ol>

<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>On completion of this unit, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Critically examine biblical and theological foundations for ministry and mission;</li> <li>2. Interpret Christian ministry within the theological paradigm of participation in the Missio Dei;</li> <li>3. Critically examine key foundational biblical elements (such as faith) for ministry and mission;</li> <li>4. Correlate insights of biblical and theological foundations to the practice of ministry;</li> <li>5. Analyse the synergistic relationship whereby theological concepts and ministry practice mutually influence each other; and</li> <li>6. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.</li> </ol>
<b>Assessment tasks</b>	<p><b>Task 1: Critical Investigative Paper</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 40%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-3, 5-6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 6</p> <p><b>Task 2: Personal Theological Audit and Critical Reflection for Ministry</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,500 words</p> <p>Weighting: 60%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p>
<b>Unit summary</b>	<p>This unit sets forth aspects for the formation of a theology of ministry to provide a framework for the student's theological, personal and ministry formation and practice.</p>