



St John's Theological College
NZ Diploma in Christian Studies

COURSE NUMBER: MMF 506 **TITLE:** ACCOUNTABLE MINISTRY PRACTICE
COURSE LEVEL: 5 NZQF **CREDIT VALUE:** 5

COURSE AIM:

To introduce the work of General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui Title D Canon 1 Maintenance of Standards of Ministry for Bishops, Ministers and Office Bearers so that leaders can provide ministry that is accountable, ethical and culturally appropriate within the church and wider community.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Describe how the Anglican Church understands ministry standards
2. Describe the Church's processes of accountability
3. Evaluate ministry practice by considering examples of ministry with reference to the work of General Synod.

DELIVERY

Face to Face

Class time	12 hours
Pre & POST reading for Class	13 hours
Assignment	25 hours
TOTAL	50 HOURS

Blended Delivery

Class time	8 hours
On line	17 hours with 2 posts and 2 responses
Assignment	25 hours
TOTAL	50 HOURS

COURSE SCHEDULE

Session	Indicative Content	Pre-reading
1	What makes for a healthy Christian community?	Articles as outlined on Moodle
2	The ordination service	ANZPB/TKHM
3.	Title D, Canon 1	Title D, Part A
4.	The Movie <i>Priest</i>	
5.	Power and its misuse	Workplace Bullying, Andrea Needham
6.	Using Power well Countering bullying and sexual harassment	Gerald Arbuckle
7.	Strategies for care of self and others Personal inventory	Whistleblower, Louise Deans
8.	What happens when the church fails? The complaints procedure. A bishop's perspective	Title D
9.	Forgiveness and Reconciliation	Matthew 18: 15-35

ASSESSMENT

Assessment	Word count	Weighting
Essay	1500 words	100%

Essay (matching Learning Outcomes 1-3) 1500 words (100%) Due:

Evaluate a minister's practice using Title D and other literature by identifying issues, discussing 'power' as it operates in ministry and describe how you would respond to these issues in your own context, culture and church as well as the reasons for your response.

Use an example of ministry practice from a movie viewed in class.

Your evaluation will –

1. Introduce the situation
2. Identify the issues raised in the situation and the minister's response with reference to Title D and other literature
3. Discuss power issues in ministry and illustrate this from the situation
4. Describe how you would respond to the issues raised in the situation based on Title D and your own cultural values and practices
5. Be clearly structured and written, citing resources accurately

Marking Criteria	Marks
Introduce the situation	5
Identify issues raised in the movie with references to Title D	20
Highlight factors which impact people's ability to name abuse. Use examples from the movie	20
Describe a 'best practice' response to the issues raised for the priest. If they occurred in your context, reference clauses from Title D.	50
Research and style: evidence of research and appropriate referencing	3
Structure of argument, grammar and writing style	2
TOTAL	100

FINAL COURSE GRADING

A	B	C	D
100-90 A+	79-75 B+	64-60 C+	49-0
89-85 A	74-70 B	59-55 C	
84-80 A-	69-65 B-	54-50 C-	

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Websites:

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/Resources/Canons>

Title D of standards, Canon 1 Maintenance of Standards of Ministry for Bishops, Ministers and Office Bearers

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/Resources/ABC-Guide-To-Safety2>

ABC Guide to Safety Working with Children and Young People.