



St John's Theological College

NZ Diploma in Christian Studies

COURSE NUMBER: MMF 506

COURSE LEVEL: 5 NZQF

CREDIT VALUE: 5

TITLE: ACCOUNTABLE MINISTRY PRACTICE (Christchurch, 2019)

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.

LINK TO THE NZ DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES GRADUATE PROFILE

This course contributes to Graduate Profile Outcome 10:

Integrate core tools of theology, biblical texts and ministry practice and apply these to the broader community to provide leadership and direction that is culturally and ethically appropriate.

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

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

Blended Delivery

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Essay | 1500 words | 100% |

Essay (matching Learning Outcomes 1-3) 1500 words (100%) Monday 8th April

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 a 'best practice' response as to how to 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

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| WEIGHTING | | A LEVEL | B LEVEL | C LEVEL | D LEVEL |
| Criterion 1 Knowledge | 20% | The writer demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the subject area – covers all aspects in depth and demonstrates a complete mastery of the subject | The writer demonstrates a full understanding of the subject area – covers all aspects with some depth and demonstrates a clear mastery of the subject | The writer demonstrates an adequate understanding of the subject area – covers some aspects and demonstrates a limited understanding of the subject | The writer does not demonstrate an adequate understanding of the subject area |
| Criterion 3 Critical Reflection | 20% | There is evidence of outstanding and insightful critical reflection | There is good analysis and evidence of the writer's judgement and reflective perception in their ideas | The argument is acceptable for the most part | There is little or no evidence of analysis or the writer's reflective ideas |
| Criterion 7 Referencing | 10% | Referencing is accurate according to the required referencing style | Most referencing is accurate according to the required referencing style | Referencing contains inaccuracies | Referencing contains too many inaccuracies |
| Criterion 8 Apply knowledge & understanding | 50% | Excellent clarity of thought, argument, analysis, synthesis, contextualise and/or ability to respond | Very good ability to analyse, argue, synthesise, contextualise and/or respond appropriately | Shows some ability to analyse, argue, synthesise, contextualise and/or respond appropriately | There is little or no evidence of the writer's ability to analyse, argue, synthesise, contextualise and/or respond appropriately. |

FINAL COURSE GRADING

| A | B | C | D |
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| 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.