

DM2500P/ DM2509P/ DM3500P/ DM3509P

Ferment and Renewal: The Missional Church Today

Intensive unit: DM2500P, DM3500P - February 11, 12, 13, 21 & 22 **Online:** Not offered in academic year 2019

Description

This unit will explore the challenge facing the Christian churches in societies variously shaped by Christendom. It will examine trends within, and analysis of, the current context. Attention will be paid to the major cultural movements which have defined the Australian church: Christendom and its dying influence; the Enlightenment, its legacy of modernity; and, the challenges of post-modernity and globalization. Against this backdrop, the unit will explore and critique recent missionary models of the church, especially, missional and emergent church and fresh expressions. The course will include engagement with particular communities responding in particular ways to the missional challenges.

Learning outcomes- Level 2

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Understand and articulate different theories describing the religious shape of Western societies, including the significance of such themes as Christendom, modernity/Post-modernity, secularization, and globalization, and the way these inform religious belonging
2. Give an account of the emerging models of the contemporary church and its mission in Australia
3. Describe and critique the missional church and fresh expressions models, including demonstrating an awareness of the ecclesial and cultural contexts within they have developed

Learning outcomes- Level 3

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Understand and evaluate different theories describing the religious shape of Western societies, including the significance of such themes as Christendom, modernity/Post-modernity, secularization, and globalization, and the way these inform religious belonging
2. Construct a critical account of the emerging models of the contemporary church and its mission in Australia
3. Analyse and critique the missional church and fresh expressions models, including demonstrating an awareness of the ecclesial and cultural contexts within they have developed

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Level 2 – Classroom-based	
Book Review (2000 words)	40%
Essay (2500 words)	60%
Level 2 – Online	
Book Review (1000 words)	25%
Essay (2500 words)	55%
Online Participation (1000 words equivalent)	20%
Level 3 – Classroom-based	
Book Review (3000 words)	40%
Essay (3000 words)	60%
Level 3 – Online	
Book Review (1000 words)	25%
Essay (3500 words)	55%
Online Participation (500 words equivalent)	20%

Pre-requisite: N/A

Lecturer: John Flett

DM2500P/ DM2509P/ DM3500P/ DM3509P
Ferment and Renewal: The Missional Church Today

Intensive unit: DM2500P, DM3500P - February 11, 12, 13, 21 & 22 **Online:** Not offered in academic year 2019

Recommended reading

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Mission-shaped Church: Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church in a Changing Context. London: Church House Publishing, 2004.

Croft, Steven J. L. *Mission-shaped Questions: Defining Issues for Today's Church.* London: Church House Publishing, 2008.

Davison, Andrew, and Alison Milbank. *For the Parish: A Critique of Fresh Expressions.* London: SCM Press, 2010.

Guder, Darrell L., and Lois Barrett. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998.

Hastings, Ross. *Missional God, Missional Church: Hope for Re-evangelizing the West.* IVP Academic, 2012.

Moynagh, Michael. *Church for Every Context: An Introduction to Theology and Practice.* London: SCM Press, 2012.

Nichols, Alan. *Building the Mission Shaped Church in Australia.* Sydney: Anglican Church of Australia, 2006.

DM9500P/ DM9509P

Ferment and Renewal: The Missional Church Today

Intensive unit: DM9500P - February 11, 12, 13, 21 & 22 **Online:** Not offered in academic year 2019

Description

This unit will explore the challenge facing the Christian churches in societies variously shaped by Christendom. It will examine trends within, and analysis of, the current context. Attention will be paid to the major cultural movements which have defined the Australian church: Christendom and its dying influence; the Enlightenment, its legacy of modernity; and, the challenges of post-modernity and globalization. Against this backdrop, the unit will explore and critique recent missionary models of the church, especially, missional and emergent church and fresh expressions. The course will include engagement with particular communities responding in particular ways to the missional challenges.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Understand and articulate different theories describing the religious shape of Western societies, including the significance of such themes as Christendom, Modernity/Post-modernity, secularization, and globalization, and the way these inform religious belonging.
2. Give a critical account of the emerging models of the contemporary church and its mission in Australia.
3. Describe and critique models of missional church and Fresh Expressions with reference to the ecclesial and cultural contexts in which they have developed.
4. Assess the range of central theological ideas informing the missional church/Fresh Expressions debate, and consider the implications of their assessment for the vocation of the church in contemporary Australia.

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Classroom-based	
Book Review (1000 words)	20%
Essay (5000 words)	80%
Online	
Book Review (1000 words)	20%
Essay (4000 words)	60%
Online Participation (1000 words equivalent)	20%

Pre-requisite: N/A

Lecturer: John Flett

Recommended reading

* = set texts recommended for purchase

- Mission-shaped Church: Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church in a Changing Context.* London: Church House Publishing, 2004.
- Burgess, Neil. "Seeking Fresh Expressions of Ministry." *Modern Believing* 48, no. 4 (2007): 19–30.
- Croft, Steven J. L. *Mission-shaped Questions: Defining Issues for Today's Church.* London: Church House Publishing, 2008.
- Cudby, Paul. "A Psychospiritual and Physical Argument for 'Fresh Expressions' of Worship." *Modern Believing* 49, no. 1 (2008): 23–31.
- Davison, Andrew, and Alison Milbank. *For the Parish: A Critique of Fresh Expressions.* London: SCM Press, 2010.
- Duraisingh, Christopher. "From Church-Shaped Mission to Mission-Shaped Church." *Anglican Theological Review* 92, no. 1 (2010): 7–28.
- Guder, Darrell L., and Lois Barrett. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998.
- Hastings, Ross. *Missional God, Missional Church: Hope for Re-evangelizing the West.* IVP Academic, 2012.
- MacIrvine, W. Rodmann III. "What is the Missional Church Movement?" *Bibliotheca Sacra* 167, no. 1 (2010): 89–106.

DM9500P/ DM9509P

Ferment and Renewal: The Missional Church Today

Intensive unit: DM9500P - February 11, 12, 13, 21 & 22 **Online:** Not offered in academic year 2019

Milbank, John. "Stale Expressions: The Management-Shaped Church." *Studies in Christian Ethics* 21, no. 1 (2008): 117–28.

Moynagh, Michael. *Church for Every Context: An Introduction to Theology and Practice*. London: SCM Press, 2012.

Nichols, Alan. *Building the Mission Shaped Church in Australia*. Sydney: Anglican Church of Australia, 2006.

Van Gelder, Craig. "From Corporate Church to Missional Church: The Challenge Facing Congregations Today." *Review and Expositor* 101, no. 3 (2004): 425–50.

Wannenwetsch, Bernd. "Inwardness and Commodification: How Romanticist Hermeneutics Prepared the Way for the Culture of Managerialism – a Theological Analysis." *Studies in Christian Ethics* 21, no. 1 (2008): 26–44.