



Uniting College  
for Leadership & Theology



A Mission-shaped  
Church. 14-16 May

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& go

# being a mission- shaped church



A people whose life together flows from God's mission in the world

In 2010, the annual "Grow & Go" training weekend takes the theme of 'being a mission-shaped church'. If God's purpose of redeeming and renewing the world brought the Christian church to birth, what does it mean for mission to be at the heart of who we are and what we do as the people of God?

## Keynote Speaker: Stephen Burns



Rev Dr Stephen Burns is an Anglican priest from the UK. Stephen is an exemplary liturgist and teacher of worship and liturgy. He brings to traditional worship forms rich life and meaning through poetic speech, symbol, gestures, biblical

insight, use of space and the participation of God's people.

Stephen is currently living in Sydney as Research Fellow in Public and Contextual Theology at United Theological College, North Parramatta.

He studied at the universities of Durham and Cambridge, has served in parishes in the Diocese of Durham, and taught in ecumenical colleges in Britain.

His publications include *Worship in Context: Liturgical Theology, Children and the City; Liturgy; Exchanges of Grace* (ed); *The Edge of God: New Liturgical Texts and Contexts in Conversation* (ed), and *Christian Worship in Australia: Inculturating the Liturgical Tradition* (ed). He has published articles in numerous journals.

Stephen will be the worship leader for the "Grow & Go" weekend. On the Friday evening he will lead a plenary presentation on "Mission-Shaped Worship", and will then teach an elective stream on "Mission-Shaped Worship" for the weekend.

He is married to Judith, herself a priest, and they are parents of Dominic.

## TIMETABLE

<b>FRIDAY 14th</b>	7.00 - 9.30 pm	Worship & Plenary Session with Stephen Burns
<b>SATURDAY 15th</b>	9.00 am - 5.00 pm	Worship & nine Learning Streams (see over)
<b>SUNDAY 16th</b>	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Learning Streams & Closing Worship

# Program

Our fourth annual "Grow & Go" Weekend offers nine in-depth learning streams. It's an enriching time of learning, worship and conversation with people from across SA. Choose one learning stream for the weekend. Bring a team from your church and send each person to a different topic - then meet afterwards to share your learnings. You will go away with new insights, ideas, resources and inspiration.

PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM BY MONDAY 3 MAY 2010.

Some of the topics (coded "CM") may be taken for credit towards a Certificate or Diploma in Ministry through the Adelaide College of Divinity. NOTE: Due to transition requirements for the new 2010 ACD Cert/Dip qualifications, only current students can enrol in these topics for credit. Please call us for more information.

COST: \$52 for attendance only (audit) \$128.00 for academic credit (2 unit topics)

Register 4 people and get a 5th registration paid by Uniting College. Scholarship assistance is also available to individuals in financial difficulty. Contact us for details. Bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon cuppa provided.



## Mission-shaped Worship

These sessions will explore how the church's mission is shaped around Word and Sacrament as 'refreshed' expressions of God's grace. Stephen will look at the relationship between the nature and practise of worship and the church's community life and its witness in the world. During the sessions he will open up possibilities for using the resources in Uniting in Worship 2 in creative and life-giving ways. These sessions are designed particularly for ministers and lay preachers. This topic may be taken as part of CMLW174 'The Living Waters of Worship'. Topic fee \$256 (4 units).

Rev Dr Stephen Burns is Research Fellow in Public and Contextual Theology at United Theological College, North Parramatta, Sydney. He is an Anglican Priest from the United Kingdom.



## Mission-shaped Preaching

Liz Boase will explore the Old Testament prophets featured in the Lectionary for 2010 - Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Jeremiah - in dialogue with three preachers - Rev Sean Gilbert, Rev June Ladner and Rev Bruce Grindlay. You will gain insights into the times in which these prophets lived, take a close-up look at lectionary texts, and explore how we might uncover and portray God's Word in these passages for today's world. These sessions are designed particularly for ministers and lay preachers. This topic may be taken for credit as CMBT266 'The Prophets.'

Dr Liz Boase is Lecturer in Old Testament Studies at Uniting College. She previously taught at the Australian Catholic University in Perth. Liz worships at Christ Church UC.



## Mission-shaped Song

If you plan or lead music in worship, or simply enjoy singing, come along and explore how to enliven worship through music throughout the church year. Jenni will introduce new music and help you to work on participation and enrichment of worship through leadership of congregational song. The sessions will give you insights into ways that music can connect the Word with the world.

This topic may be taken for credit as CMLW260 'Hear Our Praises'.

Ms Jenni Hughes is serving as a ministry intern at Brougham Place UC. She has a Master's Degree in Church Ministry from Perkins School of Theology, USA, and an honours degree in Psychology. Jenni is a singer and flautist, and was Creative Arts & Music Co-ordinator at Rosefield UC.



## Mission-shaped Witness

The scriptures announce that God's central purpose is to be known in a rich reconciled relationship! We, the church, are simply the means God uses to witness to this. These sessions will reflect on the journey of conversion, and how we might share our own faith with family and friends. Greg's approach is gentle, encouraging and inspiring.

This topic may be taken as CMLW248 'Introduction to Evangelism'.

Rev Greg Pearce is minister at Whyalla UC and from 2010 will be the minister at Coromandel Valley Uniting Church.

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## Mission-shaped Community

Rather than simply conforming to the culture around us, we can be creators of alternative ways of living that invite people to experience the grace of God through everyday practices of faith. These sessions will focus on ways in which Christians can be proactive in mission as they live intentionally as disciples of Jesus Christ in their local communities. Steve will explore 'culture-making' around hospitality, relationships, faith practices and lifestyles. This topic may be taken as CMLW258 'The Thriving Church B'. (Note: These sessions were offered in 2009 as 'Culture with a K'.)

Rev Dr Steve Taylor is the Director of Missiology at Uniting College. He was previously the Senior Pastor at Opawa Baptist Church in Christchurch, New Zealand.



## Mission-shaped Leadership

What kind of leadership equips congregations for active missional engagement in the world? These sessions will help you to understand a range of approaches to leadership and reflect on your leadership style and strengths. You will gain an understanding of the dynamics of congregational leadership, including ways to help move a congregation to live out its vision for mission.

These sessions may be taken for credit towards CMPD159 'Leaders'. This involves a subsequent day session on Saturday 5 June led by Craig Mitchell.

Ms Sharonne Price is the Executive Officer, Pastoral Relations with UCA SA. She has a background in social work and chaplaincy. Rev Dr Ian Price is the Executive Officer of the Mission Resourcing Network, UCA SA, with previous experience in a variety of congregational settings.



## Mission-shaped Compassion

This topic takes you beyond the basics of pastoral care to develop further your skills at responding to and caring for people in need. You will look at different settings in which you may be called to care for people, and how you might offer care in these situations. Grow in your ability to offer support to people facing difficult times in their personal, family or work environments. This topic may be taken for credit as CMLW253 'Listening and Speaking from the Heart'.

Ms Beatrice Panne is Lecturer in Pastoral Care at Uniting College, and is currently pursuing doctoral studies in the area of spiritual discernment. Beatrice is involved in leadership at Flaxley UC.



## Mission-shaped Initiatives

In these times of significant social and cultural change, many congregations are experimenting with new initiatives - 'fresh expressions' of church - seeking make authentically connections between the gospel and their local community. Learn about what it means to prepare, begin and sustain new groups, communities and networks. You will hear stories from overseas and local communities, and be guided to think about ways to engage with your own local community.

Rev Rob Stoner is a Mission Resource Person with the Mission Resourcing Network, and the Convenor of the 'Fresh Expressions' team for UCA SA. Rob has experience in rural and city congregations, and a passion for exploring new ways of being church in the 21st century.



## Mission-shaped Pilgrims

What does the Uniting Church believe? Where did it come from? Why does it have all of these councils? Designed primarily for those considering the ministry of Pastor, the sessions explore the events leading to the formation of the UCA, and the content of the Basis of Union. We will also uncover the mysteries of how the church works and what its various ministries involve. This topic includes the option of assessment for Pastor Core Competencies. It may be taken for ACD credit as CMBT291 'A Pilgrim People'.

Rev Sandy Boyce is a Deacon at Pilgrim UC, with a background in education, youth & young adults ministry and cross-cultural mission. Rev Phil Gardner is the Placements Officer for UCA SA with a prior ministry in rural and urban churches.



# Grow & Go 2010

14 - 16 May

## REGISTRATION FORM

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