

LAY MINISTRY TOPICS: JULY-NOVEMBER

Discernment Retreat

This is a new opportunity for people undertaking the Period of Discernment to participate in an overnight retreat focusing on discerning God's direction for our lives. The Retreat will be held at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair, and you have the option of living in overnight. Meals provided. (Not for academic credit) Cost: Live-in \$80 (plus \$10 linen if required), Live-out \$46

Led by Rev John Blanskby

Friday 18 July 7.30-9.30 pm, Saturday 19 July, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Winter School of Prayer

The School of Prayer is an opportunity to reflect on the nature of prayer and the spiritual life. This weekend combines teaching and retreat time, an opportunity to encounter God through the Bible, times of contemplation, worship and conversation with others.

Co-ordinated by Ms Ann Siddall. Guest leaders to be advised.

Friday 8 August 7:00 - 9:30pm & Saturday 9 August 9.00 am - 5.00pm. Cost will include additional \$10 materials fee.

God is For Us - An Introduction to the Person and Work of Christ

Who was Jesus and what did he come to do? What is he doing in our lives today? Join us as we think deeply about Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. This provides a basic overview of the person and work of Christ. It includes introductions to current knowledge of Jesus in his historical context, his deity and humanity, his work as the Saviour, and to the challenge of following him today.

Led by Rev Philip Gardner

Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30pm. Starts 31 July for 6 sessions

Introduction to the Old Testament

The Old Testament reveals the faith of the people of Israel over hundreds of years, and the faithfulness of their God - our God. We will explore these writings, uncovering their historical and cultural backgrounds, experiencing the faith and emotions in them, and wrestling with their message for us today.

Led by Dr Peter Trudinger

Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm. Starts 29 July for 13 sessions

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

It has been said that Mark's Gospel reads like a movie script - action, drama, sharp dialogue. Explore the meaning of the Gospel of Mark as you learn about its historical context. Learn ways to read and interpret this vital record of Jesus' life for today.

Led by Dr Peter Trudinger

2 Saturdays. 8 October and 8 November

The Christian Journey with Children (Part B)

These two weekends will expand your understanding and skills through a focus on children in worship and sacraments; celebrating Christian festivals; mission and outreach; pastoral care; ministry with families; intergenerational ministry and skills and resources.

Led by Dr Deidre Palmer, Mrs Vivien Bleby & Mrs Patricia Brady

Saturdays 9.30am-4.00pm, Sundays 1.00-5.00pm
9 - 10 August and 13 - 14 September

Orientation to Ministry with the Aged

This is an introduction to ministry with people in aged care, designed for pastoral visitors and people preparing for chaplaincy roles. You will gain an understanding of the nature of Christian ministry in this particular setting. Topics include the needs of aged people, the theology and practice of ministry, and an introduction to the professional role of pastoral carer.

Led by Rev Julie Simpson

Saturdays 9.00am - 3.00pm. 2 and 16 August and 11 October

Pastoral Care Issues in the Aged Care Setting

These sessions explore in depth the pastoral issues facing older people, including grief and loss, memory and hope, depression, transitions, relationships, and how these relate to the practical and spiritual dimensions of pastoral care. We will make connections between our faith and the ways in which we offer care to others.

Led by Ms Jill Cheetham

Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Starts 31 July for 13 sessions

Ethics and Ethical Decision Making

How do people decide what is 'right'? How do you make good decisions? What does it mean to be a person of character? This topic introduces you to ethics from a Christian perspective. The sessions will include an emphasis on ethical behaviour in relationships and pastoral care settings.

Led by Fr Dr Lawrie McNamara

Wednesdays 4.00 - 6.00 pm. Starts 13 August for 6 sessions

Open to God - Introduction to Spiritual Formation

Discover the rich traditions and practices of Christian spirituality that help us to stay attentive to the holy in the ordinary. Explore your own spiritual journey and patterns of prayer and that have enabled women and men of faith through the ages to experience God's love and mercy. Enrich your own prayer and spiritual life and learn from the faith journeys of others.

Led by Ms Ann Siddall and Rev Gary Stuckey

5 - 7 September and 7 - 9 November at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair. Accom & meals: \$133 per weekend single room.

Leaders - Visionaries, Pastors, Managers or Prophets?

Should leadership be visionary, pastoral, strategic or prophetic? This topic will consider the choices that leaders make in leadership style. It will examine different models that are appropriate for leading the body of Christ in your particular situation. We will also consider how we manage change and conflict and the interplay between pastoring and leadership.

Led by Ms Sharonne Price and Rev Dr Ian Price

Friday 22 August, 7.30-9.30 pm,
Saturday 23 August, 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Sunday 24 August 1.30 - 4.30 pm



Grow deeper in your faith and look wider to see where God might be leading. That's the invitation to you. Have you ever wanted to dig into the Bible and discover its hidden treasures? Are you being called into leadership in a new way? Are you drawn to go deeper in prayer and the spiritual life?

Parkin-Wesley College is a welcoming learning community offering a wide range of learning opportunities, on campus, regionally, and by distance education.

We offer seminars and workshops and teach subjects at Certificate, Diploma, and Degree levels, accredited through the Adelaide College of Divinity and Flinders University.



Who studies with us?

- people exploring their direction through the Period of Discernment
- youth & childrens' ministry leaders
- worship leaders and lay preachers
- pastoral care assistants
- candidates for ordained ministries
- congregational lay leaders
- ministers and lay workers undertaking continuing education
- young adults taking 'time out' to explore service and ministry
- and many others who wish to deepen their faith and their service to God.

The Big Year Out

There's a new discipleship adventure for young adults. Check out the website at www.thebigyearout.com.

Certificate in Ministry Diploma in Ministry

A Certificate or Diploma can help prepare you for leading in youth and childrens' ministry, aged care chaplaincy, lay preaching, lay leadership in a congregation, and other ministry roles, including the new ministry of Pastor. The Adelaide College of Divinity offers Certificate II and IV in Ministry, and a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry. You can study these full-time or part-time. Scholarship assistance is available.



The Period of Discernment

At times we find ourselves looking and listening for a change - a new direction, a deeper faith, a way to serve. The Period of Discernment is a time to listen to God's call, to uncover your gifts, and to discover where you might help make a difference in people's lives. This is a pathway of reflection, prayer, conversation and learning over a period of about 12 months.

Aged Care Chaplaincy

Many of us support friends, family and others living in aged care homes. This new stream within the Certificate IV in Ministry helps people prepare for volunteer and paid roles in pastoral care. Call for details.

Youth Ministry

For church workers, chaplains & volunteer leaders. A degree-level topic (MMINS2510) featuring a range of experienced youth workers, chaplains and others. Thursdays 5.30-8.30 pm from 6 March.

Continuing Education

Hebrew Intensive (MMINS2702) with Rev Dr Anna Grant-Henderson 4-22 February, 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Leadership Intensives with Professor David Augsburg, Fuller Seminary 16-20 June: Managing Change & Conflict 23-27 June: Soul-Making & Soul-Mending

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (FTM) is a three-day program designed to provide an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition. It also leads to the IIM program. Date: 5-7 August 2008 (to be confirmed) Free for UCA SA members.

Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM) The NSW Synod's School of Continuing Education conducts this one-week full-time residential program. An application and a recommendation from your presbytery are essential. The residential program is followed by a supervised project. Cost: (early bird): \$600 live-in (excludes airfare.) Date: Sydney 24-28 Nov 2008.

Pastoral Supervision Training

This course explores the nature of pastoral supervision and examines the theory, theology and practice of engaging in supervisory relationships. It will assist you to develop a range of practical and reflection skills. Check website for dates.

Degree Programs

The Adelaide College of Divinity offers Bachelor of Ministry (BMin), Master of Ministry (MMin) and Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degrees. As the School of Theology for Flinders University, the ACD teaches the Bachelor of Theology (BTh), Master of Theology (MTh) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programs.

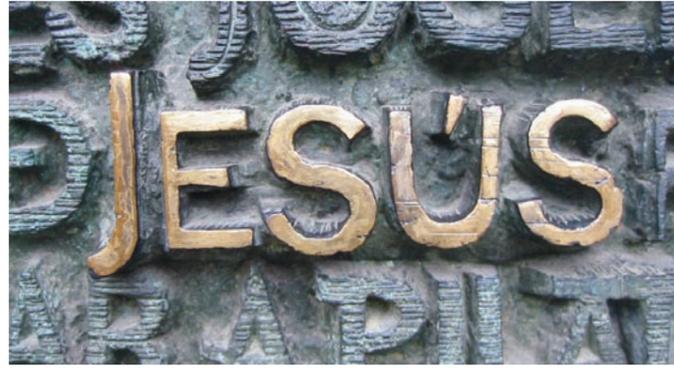
Rev Dr Steve Taylor

Check our website early 2008 for details of a return visit from Steve in semester 2.

Parkin-Wesley College is the theological education and ministry training centre of the Uniting Church in Australia, Presbytery & Synod of SA, and a constituent member of the Adelaide College of Divinity. The Adelaide College of Divinity is an approved Higher Education Provider and Registered Training Organisation. Visit www.acd.edu.au or call 8416 8400 for information about ACD courses and fees. Enrol on 12 or 20 February.



LAY MINISTRY TOPICS: MARCH-JUNE



Becoming and Being a Mentor

We all need people who will guide, support and be an example for us as we grow in faith and personal maturity. This day will introduce you to the vital role of mentoring others in Christian faith and living. The sessions include an orientation for people who are mentoring others in the Period of Discernment.

Led by Dr Deidre Palmer and Rev Eric Kirkham
Saturday 1 March, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm Cost: \$10

Orientation Seminar for New Students CMPD059*

This is the orientation seminar for all new students at Parkin-Wesley College. An important opportunity to explore gifts for ministry, learning styles, how to study, and special interest ministry areas over a weekend seminar.

Led by Dr Peter Trudinger and Dr Vicky Balabanski
Friday February 22, 7.30-9.30pm
Saturday February 23, 9.00am-9.30pm
Sunday February 24, 9.00am-2.30pm

Introduction to the New Testament CMBT003**

Listen again to the words of the earliest witnesses to Jesus as we explore the background, content and message of the New Testament as a basis for personal reflection, preaching and teaching.

Led by Dr Peter Trudinger
Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm Starts 4 March for 13 sessions

Theology for the People of God CMBT026**

An opportunity to reflect on our Christian faith through a study of historical doctrines including the reality of God, the significance of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and the church's nature and mission.

Led by Rev Philip Gardner
Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm Starts 6 March for 13 sessions

Caring – Basics of Pastoral Care CMLW083**

We are called to "love one another" and to "love our neighbours". People long for a sense of community – to be cared for, to belong. These sessions will help you to care for the people around you, to "be there" for them. Learn the skills of caring for people, how to visit, sit with those in deep need, how to listen and speak to them.

Led by Ms Beatrice Panne
Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm Starts 4 March for 13 sessions

Preaching & Teaching the Gospel of Matthew

Gain insights into the background and meaning of the Gospel of Matthew, and explore its message for today. This day is designed for lay preachers and Bible study leaders. Discover the significance of Matthew's record of the life and teachings of Christ.

Led by Rev Dr Doug Rowston
Saturday 16 February, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm Cost: \$10

Ministries in the UCA CMLW231*

Specifically designed for people doing the Period of Discernment, this topic will look at the variety of ministries available through the Uniting Church. An opportunity for you to reflect on God's call on your life. You will also gain a better understanding of the Uniting Church and how it functions.

Led by Rev Phil Hoffman and Rev (Deacon) Sandy Boyce
Venue: Rosefield UC, Carlton Ave, Highgate
Thursdays 5.30 - 7.30 pm Starts 1 May for 6 sessions

Being & Speaking the Word - An introduction to preaching in the Uniting Tradition CMLW175**

God's word is proclaimed through what we say and who we are. This introduction to preaching in the Uniting Church explores the importance of preaching and how the word is expressed in worship in various ways. Learn how to write and preach a sermon, and explore different ways of speaking the Word.

Led by Rev Tony Eldridge
Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm Starts 5 March for 13 sessions

Introduction to Public Speaking CMLW 103*

These practical sessions are designed to assist those who preach, lead worship and speak in public to improve their presentation and vocal delivery. Anna Pike is an experienced instructor who has worked with people in theatre, radio and television.

Led by Ms Anna Pike
Wednesdays 4.00-6.00pm Starts 7 May for 6 sessions

The Christian Journey with Children (Part A) CMLW087**

Two weekend seminars with these themes: the nature and purpose of ministry with children, nurturing the spiritual lives of leaders and children, teaching and learning with children, the Bible with children, and building Christian community.

Led by Dr Deidre Palmer, Mrs Vivien Bleby & Mrs Patricia Brady Saturdays 9.30am-4.00pm and Sundays 1.00-5.00pm
17 and 18 May and 14 and 15 June

An excellent weekend of in-depth teaching, inspiration and encouragement. Choose one learning stream from ten options for the whole weekend. Sponsor a group from your church. Ideas, resources, insights, stories, skills & more!

The Christian Journey with Children (Part A) CMLW087**

This is the first of two weekend seminars with these themes: the nature and purpose of ministry with children, nurturing the spiritual lives of leaders and children, teaching and learning with children, the Bible with children, and building Christian community. The second weekend will be 14 and 15 June

Led by Dr Deidre Palmer, Mrs Vivien Bleby and Mrs Patricia Brady

Listening and Speaking from the Heart CMLW086*

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.

Led by Ms Beatrice Panne

Evangelism: Go & Make Disciples! CMLW248*

The good news of Jesus Christ is for all people in all situations. Hear again the call of Christ to 'go and make disciples' - as individuals, and as the people of God. Learn how faith sharing can be a regular part of everyday life, without losing our integrity or our respect for other people. Explore the biblical basis for evangelism, and how the Spirit continues to change lives today!

Led by Rev Dr Deane Meatheringham

Romans: The Most Influential Letter Ever Written CMBT253*

Paul's letter to the early Christians in Rome is a remarkable statement of the Christian faith that has influenced the church through the ages. Uncover some of the key doctrines of the Church as expounded by Paul, and learn how his understandings still shape Christian beliefs today.

Led by Dr Vicky Balabanski

Credible Faith in a Cynical World CMBT159*

How can we have faith with integrity in today's pluralist society? Lee will explore some of the big issues about Christian faith in the light of contemporary thinking and science. Look at how people understand and interpret the Bible in relation to everyday experience, and how our life context shapes our experience of faith.

Led by Rev Dr Lee Levett-Olson

FRIDAY 16 May 7.00-9.30 pm
SATURDAY 17 May 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
SUNDAY 18 May 1.00 - 5.00 pm
COST: \$50 (Register 4 and get a 5th rego free) or \$124.50 for academic credit. BYO lunch.

Small Groups: Vital Community, Vibrant Faith CMLW268*

Christian community is fostered through deep belonging, mutual encouragement, shared spiritual journeys, and service to others. Small groups are at the heart of the church - places of hospitality, nurture and witness. Discover how your church can grow disciples through small groups, and gain skills in leading a group.

Led by Mr Matt Sarre

(The following topic streams are not offered for academic credit.)

Storytelling for Preachers and Teachers

Stories shape our lives. They bring hope and inspiration, revive our memory and draw us together in community. The power of stories can break us and make us. Storytelling is at the heart of sharing the good news, drawing out hope, faith and compassion. Julie Perrin is an exemplary storyteller and teacher who will help you craft great stories and practice telling them to others.

Led by Ms Julie Perrin

Starting as a Worship Leader

To lead worship is a privilege, but it can also be rather daunting. This series will give you an overview of the nature and form of Christian worship. You will also learn about leading prayers, reading the Bible in public, making the most of a worship space and ways to engage the congregation. These sessions will encourage and equip you to lead others in praise and prayer.

Led by Rev Tony Eldridge

Contemplative Living: Spiritual Practices for Today

The spiritual life does not happen by accident. A life shaped by prayer is formed by spiritual practices - daily habits of paying attention to the Scriptures, the Spirit, and our inner being. We will explore the lives and spiritual habits of some significant Christians through the ages. We will learn from the patterns and practices of their lives how we might also live deeply with Christ each day.

Led by Rev Gary Stuckey

The Welcoming Church

Most churches believe that they are warm, welcoming communities. Yet many newcomers simply don't stay beyond an initial visit. Hospitality is more than instant coffee and a biscuit. We will explore what attracts people to a community, ways to be welcoming, and the importance of follow-up. Learn about building your congregation's profile and providing multiple entry points into Christian community.

Led by Mr Craig Mitchell

Fees for Certificate and Diploma study accredited through the Adelaide College of Divinity

Topics marked * 2 units credit	Attendance only \$50.00 or for credit \$124.50	Scholarship assistance available.
Topics marked ** 4 units credit	Attendance only \$90.00 or for credit \$249.00	Call 8416 8427 for enquiries & enrolments

Check our website for details of regional learning events announced each term.

Many topics are also available in distance mode, including audio CD and DVD learning packs.