



KNOX CENTRE FOR MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP

Workshops 2008/2009

When the General Assembly decided in 2006 to establish the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (Te Wharemairie), it expressed a hope that the new Centre would establish training opportunities for a range of ministries, not just the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and that it would take its programmes to presbyteries and parishes rather than expect everyone to travel to Dunedin.

In 2007 we surveyed parish ministers and clerks of sessions and parish councils about ministry training needs. We sent the results of that survey to a number of people in our Church who represent a variety of styles and contexts of ministry. We asked them to offer workshops to the Church, with an overwhelmingly positive response. This brochure lists over 50 workshops on offer for 2008/2009.

Presbyteries and parishes just need to select the workshops they would like in their area and inform the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. We will then liaise with presenters to sort out dates and logistics, and also make sure that no one person is overworked.

The Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership will work in partnership with presbyteries and parishes to promote and run the workshops. The Centre underwrites their cost, charging each participant \$30 for a full-day workshop and \$20 for a half-day workshop to recover some costs. A minimum of 10 people is required to run a workshop. To make the best use of resources, we would prefer workshops to be hosted by presbyteries or regional clusters of parishes.

**Please contact the Registrar at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership:
Email: registrar@knoxcentre.ac.nz or phone (03) 473-0107, extension 7801**

This initiative is undertaken in consultation with the National Mission Office, Presbyterian Youth Ministry (PYM), Kids Friendly and Te Wananga a Rangi, which already provide an extensive range of training opportunities.

Workshops on Ministry and Mission

1. Finding Your SHAPE for Ministry (Lynne Baab)

The concept of SHAPE – spiritual gifts, heart motivations, abilities, personality, and experiences – helps people discover where and how to serve, and removes some of the mystery around Christian ministry.

2. Teams in Congregations (Lynne Baab)

We'll discuss the many benefits and challenges of team ministry, with emphasis on conflict management, patterns of decision-making, and common roles people play on teams.

3. Doing Church as Team (Wayne Matheson)

Working together as staff and volunteers, and sharing the joys and rewards of doing the work.

4. In Partnership: Bi-cultural Ministry and Mission (Wayne Te Kaawa)

The Treaty of Waitangi, an introduction to Maori language, developing bi-lingual resources and embracing a bi-cultural commitment to mission and ministry.

5. Ministry and Mission in a Multicultural Setting (Chongwoo Kim)

Being a multicultural church is something that is easy to affirm in principle but far more difficult to live out in practice. Explore the practical implications of exercising a multicultural ministry and adopting a missional mindset that is truly cross-cultural.

6. Ministering to New Migrants (Stuart Vogel)

Thinking about modern trends in immigration, what makes NZ a unique cross-cultural community, where people are settling and why, what the issues are from the migrants' point of view, and what ministry to new migrants might entail.

7. Ministering to Pacific Island Communities in New Zealand (Maua Sola)

This workshop looks specifically at effective models of ministry appropriate to Niuean, Cook Island and Samoan people. Also providing suggestions for contemporary changes.

8. Minister as Mission Manager (Reg Weeks)

Using the resources you have to make and meet achievable goals, for your ministry and for the congregation's mission.

Workshops on Leadership

9. Supervising Others in Leadership (Kevin Ward)

This workshop looks at how leaders can form helpful supervisory relationships with others in leadership positions so they can foster their ongoing development and growth.

10. Mission Leadership (Wayne Matheson)

The cry of the age is mission leadership. Explore what that looks like personally and in the life of the church.

11. Governance and Leadership to Assist Growth in the Local Congregation (Ray Coster)

A seminar to help elders, leaders and ministers appreciate their respective roles and work together for growth in their church.

12. Training for Eldership (Carol Grant)

Equipping and resourcing both new and experienced elders in their provision of spiritual oversight and pastoral care.

13. Effective Models of Pastoral Care for Elders (Reg Weeks)

This workshop explores the purpose of elders' districts and pastoral visiting, how to improve your skills, and implement other useful strategies in providing comprehensive pastoral care.

14. Self Care for Leaders (Carol Grant)

Explore the significance of work-life balance, supervision, personal spiritual refreshment, stress management in ministry, and coping with threats or bullying behaviour.

15. How to Grow People (Peter Cheyne)

Applying the principles seen in Jesus' training of the disciples in order to encourage people to spiritual maturity.

16. Christian Leadership (Peter Cheyne)

Various modules exploring aspects of leadership eg. What is Christian leadership? What makes a leader? Vision. Management. Leading through change. Self-leadership. Time management. Leading volunteers. Leading strong teams.

17. Small Group Leadership (Lance Thomas)

We will explore the place of groups in God's Plan. Group vision, dynamics, leadership and prayer.

18. Getting Things Done (Reg Weeks)

Effective office practices and time management skills applied to the realities of parish ministry.

19. The Idolatry of Power and its Effect on the Church (Martin Stewart)

Thinking about the Biblical concept of principalities and powers and how to counter their corruptive influence on the life and mission of the Church.

20. Status and Power among Pacific Island Ministers (Maua Sola)

Why are Pacific Island ministers held in such high regard? What is the historical basis for this respect, and is it still appropriate for today? These and other questions, including implications for parishes that have Pacific Island members in them, will be explored in this workshop.

Workshops on Prayer, Faith Development and Spiritual Growth

21. Spiritual Gifts (Lynne Baab)

Explore three major Biblical passages on spiritual gifts, with particular focus on the list in Romans 12, including many examples of what the gifts look like in practice and how to help people discover their gifts.

22. Enneagram Types in Congregations (Lynne Baab)

The Enneagram focuses on inner motivations and can help Christians develop Christ-like character and live and serve in community more wisely.

23. Personality Unplugged (Reg Weeks)

Releasing people young and old, to make their best contributions to your team, using the insights of personality-type theory.

24. Retreat for Personal Refreshment (Carol Grant)

Explore various aspects of spiritual direction, including discernment, prayer, and journeying with God, both in a personal way and as a leader of a faith community.

25. Celtic Spirituality (John Hunt)

Explore what this ancient tradition offers in terms of how we find our place in, and respond to, God's good creation.

Workshops on Congregational Life and Church Growth

26. From Parish to Mission - Why We Are Here! The Paradigm Shift (Mark Chapman)

Helping the leadership and congregation to think outside the square of the parish model and see the possibilities and fun of being a congregation for others.

27. Leading Change and Managing Conflict in Congregations (Kevin Ward)

This workshop begins with understanding congregations as systems and then focuses on how leaders can work within those systems to introduce change and manage conflict.

28. Points of Transition (Carol Grant)

Identify and explore the six congregational tasks during transition, namely: telling our story; discovering a present identity; exploring future directions; encouraging new and renewed leadership; renewing denominational and ecumenical links; committing to new leadership and the future.

29. The Emerging Church – Challenges and Opportunities for Mission in a Post-modern Context (Martin Macaulay)

This workshop identifies which aspects of postmodernism are opportunities to embrace, where there are dangers to avoid, and where there are differences that can be accommodated, and then considers what new ministry philosophies and strategies are needed, particularly in regard to evangelism and worship.

30. How to Move Session and Congregation from Passive Acceptance to Active Involvement (Lance Thomas)

Simple principles that can help bring about change in a way that includes people and encourages maximum involvement.

31. Can We Do That? (Wayne Matheson)

A workshop built around tools and practises you can use and adapt for your setting to help your church be the place God intends.

32. New Communication Technologies in Congregations (Lynne Baab)

We will explore the implications for congregations of the explosion of new communication technologies, with particular emphasis on websites, email, and the increasing significance of visual communication.

33. At Ground Level - An Introduction to Creating New Congregations (Church Planting) (Fyfe Blair)

Biblical and theological foundations, and practical tools on the following topics associated with planting a new church: the personal challenge; spirituality, worship and preaching in context; leadership and team; organisational form and an overall improvisational hermeneutic for the task.

34. Planning for Success (Peter Cheyne)

Exploring a simple strategic planning model that helps churches know where they want to go and how to get there.

35. Growing a Younger Church (Reg Weeks)

Try the invitational way to reduce the proportion of greying hair. For parish leadership.

36. Navigating the New Book of Order (Heather McKenzie)

A half-day workshop offering practical advice for church courts on the new Book of Order.

37. Making use of historical documents as sign posts to the present and future (Yvonne Wilkie)

Discover the significance of your congregational and denominational heritage and how it might be applied to encourage growth and outreach.

Workshops on Worship, Music and Preaching

38. Worship and Preaching for Missional churches (Kevin Ward)

Think about how we shape our worship and preaching in this new missional context in ways that are both faithful to our tradition and relevant to our present situation.

39. Reformed Worship in New Zealand (Darryl Tempero)

A brief focus on Reformed worship and the theology of worship; the current challenges and issues relating to the worship service and working with volunteers (for the minister) and practical ways of serving the congregation with creative arts - music and other art forms (for the minister and lay people).

40. Café Church From Woe to Go (Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

Tips, techniques and strategies learned from four years of experimental worship.

41. Preaching: The Power of the Story (Wayne Matheson)

Tools to use so people will be still talking about the sermon next Thursday!

42. Getting To Grips With Preaching (Lance Thomas)

A practical workshop on sermon preparation and presentation. The unique thing you bring to the privilege of preaching is you.

43. Preaching (Peter Cheyne)

Various modules designed to help us preach more effectively. The workshop will include practical exercises.

44. Things You Ought to Know About the Hebrew Bible (Reuben Hardie)

A workshop that explores how the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (known as the Pentateuch) came into being and for what purpose, and how we might understand their relevance for today.

45. The Psalms in Theology, Ethics & Worship (Murray Rae)

This one-day workshop will offer an engagement with the Psalms as a rich source for theology, ethics and worship. Participants will consider the theology of the Psalms, their role in ethical formation and ways they may be used in worship.

46. PowerPoint: Necessary Tool or Passing Fad? (Martin Stewart)

Exploring the pros and cons of investing in a data projector, and tips for using PowerPoint effectively without it subverting the act of worship.

47. “You Hum It, I’ll Sing It” – Music in Worship (Roy Tankersley)

Opening up new possibilities and rethinking the boundaries within worship using the best of traditional hymns, contemporary songs and the growing variety of words and music by creative New Zealanders.

48. Arranging Music for Music Groups (Roy Tankersley)

A practical session for players and singers introducing simple, well-crafted suitable arrangements for instrumental groups with practical hints and strategies for harnessing the musical talent within your parish and community.

49. Workshop for Reluctant Organists (Roy Tankersley)

Through questionnaires, individual needs are assessed and catered for. Areas covered include hymn and song accompaniments, basic pedal technique, improvisation, reading chord charts and adapting styles.

Workshops on Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction

50. Dealing With Addiction – Alcohol, Drugs, Food, Sex, Work (Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

What addiction is, and how to deal with it in yourself, your parish and your community.

51. Spiritual Direction (Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

What it is, why you might need it, and how it differs from pastoral care.

52. Running the Marriage Course (Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

This workshop is how-to session on the 7-week course out of Holy Trinity Brompton; a real gift to the families in your community.

53. Spiritual Care of the Dying (Chris Elliot)

This workshop explores issues to be faced in caring for those who are dying eg. power and control issues, practical choices, end of life tasks, loss and grief, the completion of life.

Workshops on Public Issues

54. Climate Change Issues and Ethics (John Howell)

Workshops offered by the National Mission Office

Contact the National Mission Office (03 377-7948 - John Daniel, National Mission Enabler and/or Heather Simpson, Mission Support Manager)

Workshops offered by Presbyterian Youth Ministry

The PYM National Coordinators can provide training for youth leaders, and for potential youth leaders.

Key Contact: Steph Redhead (03) 208-6076

Workshops offered by the Kids Friendly Office

The Kids Friendly Coach can provide training workshops on a number of Kids Friendly topics for your church or presbytery.

Key Contact: Jill Kayser (09) 585-0959

Workshop Leaders

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Fyfe Blair is minister at Highgate Presbyterian Church, Dunedin. He has a Doctor of Ministry (specialising in church planting in a Presbyterian context) and seven years of experience in church planting within the Church of Scotland

Mark Chapman is minister of Clevedon Presbyterian Church

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Martin Macaulay is minister at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Katikati, but as from April will be Minister at East Taieri Presbyterian Church. He has just submitted the final project for a DMin through Fuller Theological Seminary on ministry in a postmodern context

Heather McKenzie is the Church's Book of Order Advisor, and is also Secretary to the Church Property Trustees

Wayne Matheson is minister at Knox Church, Lower Hutt, and formally of St Andrews, Whangarei

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Roy Tankersley is a music educator, currently working as a freelance director, performer, arranger and workshop facilitator

Wayne Te Kaawa is director of Te Wananga a Rangi

Darryl Tempero currently serves at Hornby Presbyterian Community Church in the role of assistant minister. He has led the creative ministries team there for the past nine years and during that time has facilitated worship at various conferences and conducted many training weekends for music teams around New Zealand

Lance Thomas is senior minister at St John's in Rotorua

Stuart Vogel is secretary to the Council of Asian Congregations

Kevin Ward is a senior lecturer in mission leadership and ministry at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

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Yvonne Wilkie is the archivist for the Presbyterian Church



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