

Module specification

Title	Forming Communities for Mission				
Code	ML4	Faculty	Education & Theology	Cost Centre	
Level	FHEQ 7 YSJU M	Credits	30	Total Learning Hours	300
Pre-requisites	None			Barred Combinations	CM4, UM4, MS4

Learning and Teaching

Type of Learning Activity	comprises	hours	weeks
Timetabled Contact:	Block learning (+ regional networks)	30	16
Independent Study:	Reading primary and secondary sources, accessing and completing verbatim, researching and preparing assignments	270	16
Total:		300	16

Rationale and Aims

The concept of community is central to Trinitarian theology, as well as to the notion of missio Dei. This module explores what is distinctive about faith communities nurtured by the Christian narrative, and how such communities can be formed in practice. Leadership of such communities needs to cultivate imagination for mission alongside creating effective structures for discipleship. Specific skills include resolving conflict and the development of small group contexts for effective discipleship.

Aims:

1. To critically evaluate definitions of community and formulate appropriate Christian definitions of the concept of community
2. To critically explore the place of small groups in a missional ecclesiology
3. To critically evaluate approaches to interpersonal transactions that contribute to community formation, including the practices of mentoring and conflict management

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the module students will be able to:

1. Critically examine notions of Christian community in terms of their distinctiveness and theological construction and practice
2. Critically evaluate practices and structures within the life of the Church that contribute to the development of community
3. Critically analyse theoretical and theological insights to the Christian community of which they are a part

Assessment *(please include expected word length (for text-based assessment))*

#	description	weighting	learning outcomes
1	5000 word essay	80%	1, 2, 3
2	Personal development task	20%	2, 3

Qualified Failures: in order to pass the module, students must achieve at least:
(for modules with more than one summative assessment component please delete as applicable)

A mark of 20 in each component and an overall pass mark

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Indicative Content
<p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore a range of sources that attempt to identify a distinctively Christian concept of 'community' 2. Examine historical and contemporary ways in which small groups have featured in the development of Christian community and mission 3. Discuss and critically evaluate theoretical and practical approaches to the management of conflict 4. Explore a range of spiritual disciplines by which persons are formed in community
Library Resources
<i>Indicative essential book provision (5 examples):</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Block, P., <i>Community: The Structure of Belonging</i> (San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 2009) 2. Gibbs E., <i>Churchmorph: How Megatrends are Shaping Christian Communities</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009) 3. Lewis, R., <i>Mentoring Matters: Identifying and Promoting the Work of God's Spirit in the Lives of Christian Leaders</i> (Oxford: Monarch, 2009) 4. Savage S., and Boyd-MacMillan E., <i>Conflict in Relationships: At home, At Work, In Life: Understand it, Overcome it</i> (Oxford: Lion Hudson, 2010) 5. Vanier J., <i>Community and Growth, Rev. ed.</i>, (Dartman: Longford & Todd, 2006)
<i>Indicative journals / periodicals (3 examples from current subscriptions):</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical Theology (Equinox) 2. Anvil – An Anglican Evangelical Journey for Theology and Mission 3. International Journal of Mentoring and Coaching
<i>Audio-visual / non-printed material:</i>
None
ICT Resources
<i>Hardware</i>
N/A
<i>Specialist software</i>
Moodle (online VLE) ATLA database and e-library
Media Resources
<i>AV equipment</i>
Data projectors, DVD player

Title(s) of award bearing programmes to which the module contributes
MA Missional Leadership PG Dip Missional Leadership PG Cert Missional Leadership MA Missional Practice PG Dip Missional Practice

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