



# Centre for Theology & Ministry

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### **United Faculty of Theology (UFT)**

The UFT, a Recognised Teaching Institution of the Melbourne College of Divinity is an ecumenical community of teachers and students drawn mainly from the Uniting Church, the Jesuits and the Anglican Church. It conducts many of its classes at the CTM. Some students come to prepare for ministry, others to upgrade their skills and others to explore the big questions of life.

### **Centre for Theology and Ministry**

The Uniting Church Centre for Theology and Ministry offers lifelong education for ministry for all God's people.

The Centre brings together academic and field staff, students, lay people and clergy to provide opportunities for study, practical training and ongoing education in excellent facilities within the ecumenical setting of the adjoining Dalton McCaughey (Theological) Library.

The CTM staff includes:

- Field workers in children, family, youth and young adult ministries, lay education, spiritual formation and the arts
- Members of Faculty of the Theological College, including Continuing Education

The CTM serves as a hub for a web of learning which links educational programs and resources across the Uniting Church. It provides face-to-face as well as on-line and off-site learning. Staff from the Centre travel around the Synod to offer education and training for ministers, lay leaders, presbyteries and congregations.

Here candidates for the ordered ministries of the church are formed in their vocation, lay people are equipped for leadership, our clergy and lay leaders are provided with continuing education programs and disciples young and old are resourced and encouraged to serve Jesus Christ and witness to the gospel in the church and wider community.

Fields of study encompass Biblical studies, Christian thought and history, and ministry practice. Studies can be undertaken at an undergraduate, graduate or post graduate level. If you are ready to be challenged to better understand and live out the Christian faith, check out the range of courses and timetable on the UFT website.

Ministers in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania can audit UFT subjects at a reduced rate.

www.uft.unimelb.edu.au  
Ph: 03 9340 8890  
Email: uft@uft.unimelb.edu.au

### **Dalton McCaughey Library (DML)**

The DML is attached to the CTM and is home to a wealth of books and periodicals. The library is an excellent space to browse, read, study and research. It also offers a wonderful collection of children's picture books for anyone involved with children and family ministry.

Ministers and members of the Uniting Church involved in ministries of lay preaching, lay pastor, youth worker and children and families ministry are invited and encouraged to belong to the library. Ministers can contact library staff to arrange for a library card which is free of charge. Those in lay ministries can obtain a library membership form from Gwen Ince at the CTM. If you are unable to visit the library because of distance, books can be mailed by arrangement with the library staff.

www.dml.vic.edu.au  
Ph: 03 9340 8888

### **Maclean House**

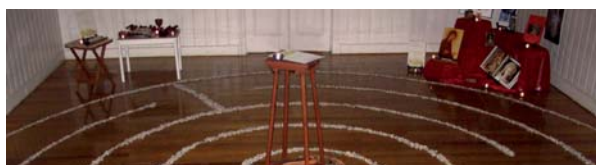
Maclean House offers comfortable and reasonably priced onsite bed and breakfast accommodation. It comprises private rooms, a shared kitchen and lounge area and wireless internet is provided. Set in the peaceful grounds of Ormond College, it is just a short walk from the University of Melbourne and Lygon Street.

### **Art Gallery**

Artists are invited to submit proposals for exhibiting visual art works in the Centre for Theology & Ministry Gallery. The CTM can offer a professional hanging system and gallery lighting of approximately 30 metres at very reasonable rates in a high traffic environment. Please contact Christina Rowntree to explore possibilities.

### **CTM Regionalisation Fund**

From the proceeds of the sale of Otira, the Synod set aside funds for education for ministry in rural and regional areas of the Synod. The interest generated by the Fund is available to enhance education for ministry in rural presbyteries, to assist people from further afield to attend programs and courses at the CTM and stimulate local initiatives in rural and regional parts of the Synod. Criteria and application forms are available on the CTM website at: <http://ctm.uca.edu.au>



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### Otira Theological Book Club

Many congregations find the book club a useful method of adult Christian education. New titles are continually being added to the collection. Recent additions include *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne (2006), *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine (2006), *We Belong to the Land* by Elias Chacour (2001), and *The New Testament with Imagination* by Bill Loader (2007).

A book club can be set up within any congregation or Presbytery.

### The Last Cuppa

The Last Cuppa café serves fair trade coffee and offers a selection of wraps, foccacias, slices, cakes, and muffins. There is always something delicious for every taste. Catering for events is also available.

It is a great place to sit and relax or to meet with friends or colleagues. The café is a joint venture between VATMI Industries, Wesley Mission Melbourne, and the Centre for Theology & Ministry.

Ph: 03 9340 8844

Email: [coffee@thelastcuppa.com.au](mailto:coffee@thelastcuppa.com.au)

### Spiritual Direction & Retreats

The Centre for Theology & Ministry Spiritual Formation Advisor, Joan Wright Howie, provides a referral service for those seeking a spiritual director. She also offers personal or group retreats either at Maclean House (onsite) or at local venues with themes developed to suit your local needs. A series of teaching modules are being developed for an intentional formation program in spiritual leadership.

### Uphold One Another in Prayer

A resource introducing ten different ways to pray to nurture the prayer life of your community. Kit available through CTM.

### Uniting Church Icon Schools

Courses are held at CTM, Toorak Uniting Church and St James UC, Wattle Park, where you can learn to paint, pray and study icons, based on traditional and contemporary iconography.



For more information please refer to the website (<http://ctm.uca.edu.au>) or contact 03 9340 8800

### Lenten studies and possible worship resource: 'Discipleship in Mark'

In July 2008 Ched Myers, scholar and activist, lectured at a 'Call to Discipleship' day at the CTM. These talks on the first three chapters of Mark's gospel (the featured gospel in the 2009 lectionary), with accompanying images, have been recorded on high quality DVD format. Notes and questions have been provided as the basis for a Lenten Studies series or use in a worship service. Available from November 2008.



### Foundation for Theological Research

The Foundation supports research projects generated by Synod agencies and members. It aims to encourage, facilitate and support theological research and contribute a theological dimension to the church's thinking about matters of missional and public importance. Research papers generated by the Foundation are made available to the wider church through the CTM website. Further details and application forms are available on the CTM website at <http://ctm.uca.edu.au>.

### Online

<http://ctm.uca.edu.au>

The website represents the varying ministry areas of the Centre and each ministry area has a resources section. A new addition to the website is an ejournal compiled by the Theological College.

The website has information about our upcoming events and courses including downloadable registration forms. It also has course information and options relating to the Theological College.

<http://morepraxis.org.au>

morepraxis is an online community of and a resource/support for young adults who long for an interconnected Christian spirituality of social action/involvement and theological reflection.

morepraxis seeks to encourage a way of life marked by the revolutionary and liberating love of Jesus. Issues of spirituality, justice, creativity, politics and the environment affect all people regardless of political or religious ties.

## On the Road

### Scholars on the Road

The Scholar on the Road program involves each member of the Uniting Church's Theological College Faculty committing to give the equivalent of 4 days per year to the Scholars on the Road program.

Members of Faculty will be available to presbyteries, clusters of congregations, congregations and agencies, to lead workshops, retreats or seminars on topics in their areas of teaching and research.

In the first instance, enquiries and bookings are made through the Continuing Education co-ordinator Sharon Hollis. Sharon will be able to advise of the availability of each of the scholars and help you plan your program and provide you with a brochure listing Faculty members and their topics

### Merge ahead

MERGE AHEAD is a time to think, act and reflect on becoming the church we wish to be. It is designed for groups, churches, youth groups and faith communities to reflect on the theology and lifestyle of following Jesus in today's world.

A five week course with opportunity to be exposed to various mission contexts and to try things locally. In the words of Morpheus (The Matrix), 'There is a difference between knowing the path and walking the path'.

Think of this course as one of the many sign posts urging you to help transform your community.

### Upper Room

Young adults meet to rest/relax, be challenged by the prophetic call of compassion and connect with heartbeats for living.

First Monday of the month 6 - 8.30 pm  
Above Shine Café  
74 Kingsway, Glen Waverley  
Food and drink available for purchase.

### Children and Families Ministry Chris Barnett

Working with congregations and their leaders to develop, resource and support effective children and families ministry at both the local and regional levels, Chris has a passion for assisting congregations and Presbyteries in developing and implementing their vision for ministry with children and families. Keep up to date with the latest information and resources for ministry with children and families by regularly checking the Children & Families section of <http://ctm.uca.edu.au>.

### Youth Ministry/ Young Adults Drew Hanna and Adrian Greenwood

Uniting Youth Ministries advocates and resources congregations, presbyteries and Synod on how to connect, enthuse and empower young people. We enjoy meeting and hearing about how we can partner with you to provide a youth and young adult ministry that is vibrant and meaningful for the young people in your area. So please make contact with us. We are passionate about including young people in the development of worship, faith development, leadership and social justice in today's world.

### Arts Development (Artfull Faith) Christina Rowntree

We proclaim the heartening role that the arts play in the life of the church. Christina Rowntree, through Artfull Faith, encourages and inspires the church to express faith through the visual, performing and literary arts. Events, skills based workshops, and resources can be found on the Artfull Faith section <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/> and offers consultation to engage the arts in worship and mission

### Lay Adult Education Gwen Ince and Peter Mallen

A new initiative in 2009 is the development of Theology and Ministry Intensives for Lay People. These aim to enable interested lay people to dip a toe into theological study, and to help lay leaders strengthen their theological basis and practical skills for their ministry, be it Elder, Church Councillor, Lay Worship Leader, Lay Preacher Candidate, Lay Preacher in need of a refresher, Period of Discernment participant or mentor, Pastoral Visitor, Study Group Leader, or Pastor.

Assistance with education for lay people involved in, or thinking about, any kind of leadership in your congregation or presbytery is pretty much Gwen's bag. Invitations to discuss and design a programme especially suited to your needs, or to repeat offered programmes at a date and place more accessible for you are most welcome. See the Lay Adult Education page of the CTM website for further information about educational opportunities and resources, including the Oтира Theological Book Club,

Desiring to see the whole people of God equipped for ministry and mission, Peter works with those who want to read the Bible better, articulate their faith more confidently, and understand the church's vocation in the world. Peter is also a NT scholar who specialises in the Gospel of Luke and Acts.

### Continuing Education Sharon Hollis

Continuing Education seeks to resource ordained Ministers in further learning and training in order to enhance their effectiveness in ministry. Sharon works to provide and promote learning opportunities, establish and facilitate peer learning groups, assist ministers in developing learning plans and keep people in touch through email groups. Sharon is also available to travel to resource Presbyteries or groups of ministers in areas of adult learning, clergy self care, or retreats for ministers.