

# Who is Jesus?

An intensive course in Christology, worship & preaching for local worship leaders and Lay Preacher Candidates



Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Course dates in Hobart, Tasmania:  
28-30 August and 16-18 October 2015

## What?

Intensive lay ministry courses create a fun, safe and supportive space for local leaders to learn more about four foundational areas of theological study: New Testament, Old Testament, the theology of Jesus Christ (Christology, or “Who is Jesus?”), and Uniting Church perspectives on theology (“Talking Faith”). Each intensive course also develops practical ministry skills, particularly in leading worship and preaching. Successful completion of the assessment tasks in all four courses will meet most of the study requirements for **Lay Preacher Candidates**.

## Who?

Lay ministry courses enable interested lay people to dip a toe into study of the Bible and theology, to explore faith and the Church, and to help local leaders strengthen the theological basis and practical skills for their ministry: Elders and Church Council members, local worship leaders, Lay Preacher Candidates, Lay Preachers doing continuing education or in need of a refresher, Period of Discernment participants or mentors, pastoral visitors...

## When and Where

The intensive course “*Who is Jesus?*” will be offered over two weekends (6pm Friday to 4pm Sunday) at Clarence – Bellerive UC, Hobart:

- 28-30 August
- 16-18 October

Participation in both weekends is expected in order to enhance your learning, understanding and skills.

In this intensive course you will be invited to join a temporary but intentional community of learning to:

- Consider different depictions of Jesus in Scripture and history; discuss Jesus’ relationship to God and the world; seek to explore what difference Jesus makes
- Examine key theological concepts associated with Jesus and what was achieved in his life & ministry, crucifixion and resurrection
- Identify the role of Christology in contemporary movements
- Think about how to preach Jesus and invite response
- Make supportive connections with other lay people seeking to expand their understanding of the Christian faith
- Attain credit towards a Uniting Church Certificate in Lay Preacher Studies (if desired)

## Contribution and Cost

Participant costs are \$250 per person which includes catering and learning materials (GST is not applicable).

Participants will be asked to:

- prepare beforehand by reading set texts & articles (so register early!)
- participate in small group discussions
- prepare and present assignments in a style and at a level best suited to them

Participants will be provided with:

- all required reading material and text books, course notes and handouts
- meals and refreshments throughout the two weekend programs
- a certificate of achievement
- some billet accommodation may be available in some locations
- in Melbourne: low-cost accommodation may be available at Maclean House
- Lay Education grants may be available (<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/layeducation>), or some local financial support may be available in some presbyteries.

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**What's next?**

- For Lay Preacher candidates a Lay Preacher 'formation weekend' will be held on 6-7 November 2015 at the CTM, Parkville – 'online participation' may be possible if required, so show your interest early.
- Many other courses and opportunities to learn more about leadership in the Uniting Church are available – contact Michelle or Rohan for more information.

**'Who is Jesus?' (Introduction to Christology) Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Please register me for the following intensive course:

- 28-30 August and 16-18 October 2015       I am interested in billet accommodation if available
- I need a copy of *'Faith Seeking Understanding'* by Daniel Migliore (Second Edition, 2004)

**TAX INVOICE**

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Upon completion and payment this document becomes a tax invoice for GST purposes. Please photocopy and retain for your records. GST is not applicable for educational events of the Uniting Church.

- I enclose my registration fee of \$250.00 (GST free)       My presbytery is subsidising my costs

I am paying by:     cheque     money order (payable to 'Uniting Church in Australia')  
 credit card (MasterCard/Visa)

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Card no    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_    Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Please register no later than two weeks prior to the commencement of the intensive:**  
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