

Church Leadership

Co-ordinator

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Overall Aim

This Ministry Skills Stream aims to develop awareness of the nature and context of leadership within churches.

Learning Goals

On completion of this Ministry Skills Stream participants will be able to:

- Recognise the essential components of leadership within churches;
- Be acquainted with diagnostic resources to assist churches to fulfil their mission as churches;
- Understand the nature of change as a key ingredient and consequence of effective leadership;
- Reflect on Jesus as leader, the concepts and styles of leadership arising from his ministry;
- Understand themselves as a leader.

Dates of Stream

Saturdays: 9th April, 30th July and 19th November at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. Please check the NSTM website for further information and the programme for each day at www.schooloftheology.net

Successfully Completing Your Ministry Skills Stream

In order to successfully complete this ministry skills stream, you will be required to:

- attend all sessions throughout the programme, or have received permission to be absent from one session only prior to the session taking place, and satisfied the stream leader that aspects covered in that session have been studied in another form;
- actively participate as required in sessions;
- submit the assessed task on the date on which it is due.

Topics

The topics to be covered in the nine sessions will include:

- Who, what and why of leadership;
- Jesus - his models and leadership development methods;
- Styles and types of leadership;
- The four fundamental ingredients of leadership - Vision;
- The four fundamental ingredients of leadership - Teams;
- The four fundamental ingredients of leadership - Culture and Integrity;
- Leaders and change;
- Models to understand churches;
- Spiritualities of leadership.

Assessed Task

Participants will be required to use a model to assess a parish in its life-cycle and develop a plan of leadership to enable renewal and growth in the parish.

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