

Community Mission and Social Justice

Co-ordinator

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Overall Aim

This Ministry Skills Stream aims to give participants a renewed understanding of social justice as an essential element of the Church's mission and the skills to engage prophetically with justice issues in their local communities.

It is designed to inform and skill participants in identifying and addressing justice issues and develop suitable responses in partnership with other members of their community.

Learning Goals

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

- identify and articulate the elements of social justice as a reflection of their faith and the mission of the Church;
- reflect theologically about justice issues including creation and the environment;
- identify and employ community development skills;
- identify the methods for building community partnerships;
- using the above skills and partnerships to address a social justice issue in your local community.

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 following topics will be covered in the Ministry Skills Stream:

Session 1 (9th April):	An Introduction: Social Justice Living the faith and mission of the Church
Session 2 (9 th April):	Community Development
Session 3 (9th April):	Faith in Action
Session 4 (30 th July):	A Theology of Social Justice.
Session 5 (30 th July):	Thinking and reflecting theologically about Justice.
Session 6 (30 th July):	Justice for Creation.
Session 7 (19th November):	Partners in Social Justice: Who and How.
Session 8 (19 th November):	Presentations - Assessment Task
Session 9 (19 th November):	How to have a prophetic voice.

Assessed Task

Each participant will be required to develop a proposal for a parish community mission initiative to address a social justice issue or concern in their local community. The proposal needs to outline research of and theological reflection about the issue, identify participants and community partners, as well as strategies to be undertaken. The presentation can be in any creative medium

(eg PowerPoint, verbal, photographic, DVD, etc) should be designed to inform and inspire an audience about the importance of the issue.

Bibliography

- *Care for Creation* - Delio/Warner/Wood - St Anthony Messenger Press Ohio 2007
- *Hospitality and the Other* - Amos Yong - Orbis Books New York 2008
- *World without End* - Leslie Griffiths & Jennifer Potter - Epworth Peterborough 2008
- *Skills for Collaborative Ministry* - Sally Nash, Jo Pimlott, Paul Nash - SPCK London 2008
- *Evil and the Justice of God* - NT Wright - SPCK London 2006
- *Sharing the Blessing* - Kathy Galloway - SPCK & Christian Aid London 2008