DP9037W  Wellbeing at Home

This unit explores theologically and pastorally the nature and practice of ministry within the house-hold context. The unit will consider the various family frameworks and trends in Australia today. Drawing on recent theological and sociological literature, participants will consider social and spiritual aspects of children, adolescence, marriage and singleness. Challenges to family wellbeing will be considered, with practical and reflective responses explored.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Articulate a theology and demonstrate a strategy for pastoral practice within a broad range of family styles.
2. Demonstrate an informed appreciation of children and youth in Australia, describing a pastoral strategy for supporting them in their growth.
3. Integrate a theological understanding and develop a pastoral approach for care of people throughout the life-cycle.
4. Describe and develop a pastoral strategy for responding to family dysfunction and developing supports for well-being in the home.
5. Identify and develop ministry tools sensitive to various aspects of family systems that encourage well-being in the home.
6. Demonstrate a critical and constructive response to a ministry case study, drawing upon and integrating theological reflection.

Prerequisites:  Nil

Class Time:  Three hours per week

Assessment:  
One resource work book (1,500 words)  (25%)
One tutorial paper (1,500 words)  (25%)
One research essay (3,000 words)  (50%)

Faculty:  Anne Mallaby

Offered:  2016: Semester 2

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase

Root, A Revisiting relational youth ministry: from a strategy of influence to a theology of incarnation (Downers Grove : IVP, 2007)