DP9016W  A Theology of Relational Ministry

Offered:  2017: Intensive – January/February
          [Unit offered alternatively as CT9016W]

This unit is about the theology and practice of relational or incarnational ministry. Students will be led through the historical, sociological, and theological presumptions that brought these practices to the forefront of ministry and theology today, and then be invited to re-imagine the practice within a deeper theological perspective that is more affirming of the theology of the Incarnation and the humanity of people in our world. By both deconstructing and then reconstructing the practice, the unit offers a truly relational theology of ministry and of human personhood.

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

1. Identify the historical and cultural presumptions of the practice of relational ministry.
2. Evaluate relationality as a theological reality.
3. Articulate a practical theological method for exploring lived contexts for their theological depth.
4. Exhibit independent and critical responses for theological reflection on the question of human relationality in specific ministry contexts.
5. Formulate and apply research criteria and methods for engaging in theological reflection on ministry.

Prerequisites:  Nil

Class Time:    Intensive: 5 x days

Assessment:   Integrative essay (3,500 words) (50%)
               Interactive review (1,500 words) (25%)
               Seminar paper and discussion (1,000 words) (25%)

Faculty:      Andrew Root and Jason Goroncy

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase