DP1010W  Youth Spirituality

Offered: 2017: Semester 2
[Unit offered alternatively as CT1010W]

This unit on the spirituality of youth (teens through to young adults) introduces students to significant developments in youth spirituality research, and assists them to begin to formulate their own mature theological (christological, anthropological, soteriological, and ecclesiological) and pastoral responses to the subjects of such.

The unit is suitable for, although not limited to, those seeking to develop skills for working with or among young people in churches, schools, and/or other community-based settings.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. articulate a theological understanding of human personhood, spirituality, and spiritual formation, particularly as these relate to youth;
2. identify and critically evaluate key factors influencing the content and expressions of youth spirituality;
3. critically appraise a variety of pastoral responses intended to assist young people develop and express their spirituality;
4. Formulate a preferred approach to nurturing spirituality in young people.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
- One minor essay (750 words) (25%)
- One tutorial paper (750 words) (25%)
- One major essay (2,500 words) (50%)

Faculty: Rowan Lewis

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase


