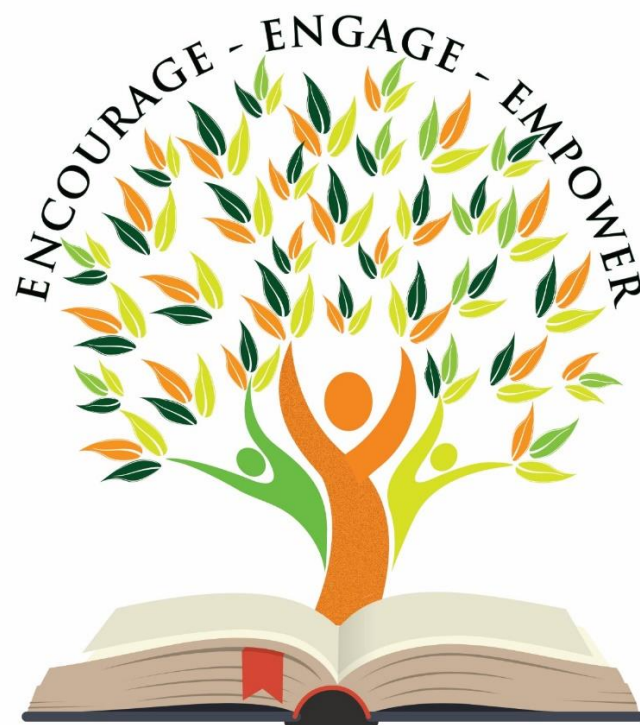


Theology & English:

Are you ready to grow your faith?



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Theology and English

Have you ever thought about studying theology, but were not sure if you were quite ready for this journey? You are certainly not alone in feeling like this. English might be an additional language, or you left school early to go to work. Some people have had bad experiences in their schooling and are nervous about doing formal education again.

If this sounds like you and you want to study theology, come and join us in the Theology and English course.

In Theology and English we do serious theology study and you can even complete the requirements to be a lay preacher. However, we also learn about language and develop our literacy skills so in the future you can consider formal studies.

That introduction was a bit hard... can I still study?

YES! Even if you needed help to read what I've already written, you can study. The course is developed to meet your needs so you learn both English and Theology at the same time.

Overview

We will study eight topics over two years. You can complete as many of these as you want.

Old Testament & New Testament

Over two terms we explore how the Bible was written and the context in which it was written. This helps us understand how people would have originally understood each book. Once we know that, we can think about what it means for us today.

Themes in Theology

We explore some of the important ideas of our major thinkers, such as humanity, faith, sacraments, and hope.

Christology & Trinity

These words might look a bit daunting, but they simply mean talking about who Christ is and how can God be Three yet One. There has been a lot of discussion about this over the years that has shaped our thinking today.

Church History

In the same way the Bible was influenced by its historical context, so too have many of our discussions about theology. In this unit we will learn about some of the key moments in history that have shaped the Church.

Church Leadership

In this unit we look at both practical aspects of leadership and a theology of leadership. We will also look at some of the learning about what makes excellent leaders.

Preaching & Worship

In this unit we learn about what makes a Uniting Church worship service as well as how all the rest of our learning helps us preach better.

Practical Leadership

Even the best leaders are still learning about how to be better. In this unit we will learn about a Uniting Church theology of leadership. We will also learn

what emotional intelligence means and how it helps us be better Christian leaders. We will look at some different styles of leadership and talk about when they might be useful. Also we will look at some practical tasks that you might need to do as a leader, such as pastoral care and reviewing budgets.

Assessments

If you just want to attend the course and not do any assessments, that is fine.

You can also choose to do an assessment to demonstrate your learning for each unit. These will be offered at three different levels of English. You can choose which level you do.

If you complete the assessments, you will get a certificate at the end to say that you have completed the course. You can use this if you want to become a Lay Preacher in the Uniting Church.

Cost

This course costs \$50 and should be paid the first week of your first class.

Next Steps

Before you start, you will need to contact CEDAL. I will have a conversation with you so I can understand what you have done before and what you want to get from the course.

I might ask you to do some tasks to show your English skills. This is so I can make sure I include the right learning for you.

Further Information

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