

CHURCH HISTORY

CH305/505 Early Church History (30-451) (4 cps)

Offered: Odd years

Semester: Second

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: M. Smith

Modules: CH305/505 /Early Ch Hist/3hpw/MS

Description: This unit aims to develop an understanding of the history of the early Church, up until the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Method: Lectures, reading, and work on documents.

Assessment: 305: one 2000 word essay and one 2 hour exam.
505: Guided reading assignment of 1000 words, one 2000 word essay and one 2 hour exam.

Textbooks: G. Bray, *Creeds, Councils and Christ*, IVP, 1984.
P. Brown, *Augustine of Hippo*, Faber, 2000.
Henry Chadwick, *The Church in Ancient Society*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
J. Stevenson and W.H.C. Frend (eds), *A New Eusebius*, rev. ed., SPCK, 1989.
J. Stevenson and W.H.C. Frend (eds), *Creeds, Councils and Controversies*, rev. ed., SPCK, 1989.

CH424/624 Reformation on the Continent and in Britain (4 cps)

Offered: Even years

Semester: Second

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: Peter Barnes

Modules: CH424/624 /Reformation/3hpw/PM

Conditions: Prerequisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units including CH305/505 or equivalent.

Description: This unit provides an in-depth examination of the events associated with the Reformation of the 16th century.

Method: Lectures plus work on documents.

Assessment: To be advised.

Textbooks: R.H. Bainton, *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*, Mentor, 1966.
A.G. Dickens, *The English Reformation*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 1989.
S. Ozment, *The Age of Reform 1250 - 1550*, Yale University Press, 1980.
H. J. Selderhuis, *John Calvin: A Pilgrim's Life*, Downers Grove: IVP, 2009.

CH425/625 History of Evangelical Christianity (4 cps)

Offered: Odd years

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: Peter Barnes

Modules: CH425/625 /History Evangelical Christianity/3hpw/PB

Conditions: Pre-requisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units including CH305/505 or equivalent.

Description: This unit deals with the history of the post-Reformation Church from 1600 to 2000, with a special emphasis on the history of Evangelicalism.

Method: Lectures, reading, and work on documents.

Assessment: 425: one 2500 word essay and one 2 hour exam.
625: Guided reading assignment of 1000 words, one 2500 word essay and one 2 hour exam.

Textbooks: O. Chadwick, *The Victorian Church, 2 vols*, A. & C. Black, 1971, 1972.
G.R. Cragg, *The Church and the Age of Reason, 1648-1789*, Penguin, 1972.
M. Noll, *The Rise of Evangelicalism*, IVP, 2004.
A.R. Vidler, *The Church in an Age of Revolution*, Penguin, 1971.

CH756/489/689 Issues in Australian Presbyterian History (756: 8 cps, 489/689: 4 cps)

Offered: Every year

Semester: Second

Demand Hours: 300 hrs; 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 26 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: Peter Barnes

Modules: CH756/Issues in Aust Pres Hist/2hpw/PB

Conditions: None

Aim: To assist candidates to develop an understanding of the historical factors which shaped the contemporary Presbyterian Church of Australia, particularly for those preparing for leadership roles in this church.

Outcomes: At the end of the unit students should be able to:

1. critically discuss the development of an Australian Presbyterianism as Scots used to an established Church made their way in colonies where they constituted only a significant minority;
2. demonstrate insight into how Presbyterianism fits into the broader development of Christianity in Australia;
3. utilise primary sources in developing historical perspectives
4. interpret historiographical issues concerning the relationship between Presbyterianism and
 - the mother country and adopted country
 - theological and social issues,
 - the tyranny of distance,
 - non-Christian peoples,
 - the rise of biblical criticism in Australia, Britain and the USA,
 - 'the Australian legend' in the light of multiculturalism,
 - the search for Church unity.
5. Use the understandings developed through the above historiographical interpretation to explain the contemporary implications of the historical development of Presbyterianism in Australia.

Description:

1. The coming of Presbyterianism to Australia, early divisions, links with Scotland, consolidation of the church, splits and unions up to 1859 in Victoria and 1865 in NSW.
2. The beginnings of missions in the mid-nineteenth century, relations with indigenous Australians, the rise of biblical criticism, social and educational issues in the 19th century, federal union.

3. World War I, sectarianism, the Angus case, theological trends up to World War II.
4. Post-war immigration, theological trends after the war, social issues in the 20th century and into the 21st century, missions, the union debates, post-union struggles and developments.

Method: Regular mode, consisting of 26 hours of lectures and workshops.
OR
Intensive mode, with one or two blocks of at least five days.

Pre-reading: Required for CH756; recommended for CH489 and CH689:

Mark Hutchinson, *Iron in our blood: A history of the Presbyterian Church in NSW, 1788-2001*. Sydney: Ferguson Publications and the Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 2001.

Assessment: **CH756:**

1. Read and write a 1,500 words review of Mark Hutchinson, *Iron in our blood: A history of the Presbyterian Church in NSW, 1788-2001*. Sydney: Ferguson Publications and the Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 2001. (20% due first day of classes):
2. one seminar paper of 2,500 words related to an historiographical issue; 30%
3. one major thematic essay of 4,000 words related to contemporary application of the topic studied; 50%

CH689:

1. one 3,500 word essay (50%)
2. one two-hour exam (50%)

CH489:

1. one 2,500 word essay (50%)
2. one two-hour exam (50%)

General Bibliography:

- D.W.A. Baker, *Days of Wrath: A Life of John Dunmore Lang, Melbourne*: Melb. Univ. Press, 1985.
- P. Barnes, *The Rise of Liberal Evangelicalism in the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, 1865-1915: Living in a Half-Way House*. Lewiston, NT: Edwin Mellen Press, forthcoming, 2008 or 2009.
- I. Breward, *A History of the Churches in Australasia*, Oxford: University Press, 2001.
- A. C. Cheyne, *The Transforming of the Kirk*, Edinburgh: St Andrew Press, 1983.
- S. Emilsen, *A Whiff of Heresy: Samuel Angus and the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales*, Kensington: NSW University Press, 1991.

- B. J. Longfield, *The Presbyterian Controversy: Fundamentalists, Modernists and Moderates*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.
- J. G. Miller, *Live*, 7 vols., Sydney / Port Vila: Christian Education Committee, Presbyterian Church of Australia / Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, c. 1987-1990.
- M. Hutchinson, *Iron in our Blood*. Sydney: Ferguson Publications, 2001.
- S. McPheat, *John Flynn: Vision of the Inland*. Sydney: Hodder and Stoughton, 1977.
- I. Murray (ed), *Australian Christian Life from 1788*, Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1988.
- W. Phillips, "The Defence of Christian Belief in Australia 1875-1914: The Responses to Evolution and Higher Criticism" in *Journal of Religious History*, vol 9, no 4 (1977).
- S. Piggin, *Evangelical Christianity in Australia: Spirit, Word and World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996
- M. D. Prentis, *The Scots in Australia*. Sydney: Sydney University Press, 1983.
- R. Thompson, *Religion in Australia: A Histor.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- J. S. Udy, "Australian Negotiations Towards Union: An Historical Survey 1901-1977" in *Church Heritage*, no. 1 (September 1978).
- R. S. Ward, *The Bush Still Burns*. Wantirna: the author, 1989.

CH761/489/689 The Westminster Confession in the Presbyterian Church of Australia (761: 8 cps, CH/TH489/689: 4 cps)

Offered:	Every year
Semester:	First (Intensive 7-11 May 2012)
Demand Hours:	300 hrs; 160 hrs
Contact Hours:	26 hrs
Method:	intensive with 2 blocks of 2 or 3 days each or regular mode, consisting of lectures and workshops
Unit Co-ordinator:	John McClean
Modules:	CH761/Westminster/2hpw/JMcC
Aim:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to examine in detail the political, social and theological background, and the structure and theological position of the Westminster Confession of Faith in its 17th century context 2. to consider the continuing significance of the Confession in the life of the Presbyterian Church of Australia

3. to consider responses to the Confession from within and outside the Reformed tradition
4. to encourage students to develop their own theological thinking in interaction with the Confession

Outcomes:

At the end of the unit, students should be able to:

1. Articulate a clear understanding of the Westminster Confession in its 17th C context
2. Understand the confessional position of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in relation to the Westminster Confession
3. Formulate their own theological understanding in relation to the confessional position of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Content:

1. Confessions of the British Reformation; the Scots Confession
2. The historical circumstances of the Westminster Assembly
3. The relation of Westminster Confession to other Westminster Documents
4. The adoption of the Westminster Confession by the Church of Scotland and its relation to later Scottish theology; moderatism, evangelicalism and modernism
5. The structure of the Westminster Confession
6. Chapter 1 on the doctrine of Scripture and the use the Confession makes of Scripture
7. Other theological topics in the Confession
8. The covenantal and decretal schema of the Confession
9. The Confession's view of church and state
10. The Basis of Union of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and the place of the Westminster Confession in the denomination

Assessment:

1. Pre-reading assignment (500 pp.) with a critical review of 1000 words.
2. To be advised.
3. To be advised

Set Texts and Recommended Readings:

Anderson, R. Dean, Jr, "Of the Church: An Historical Overview of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 25," *Westminster Theological Journal* 59.2 (1997), 177-99.

Balzer, Christie David, "Australian Presbyterians and the Westminster Confession of Faith, 1823-1901". ACT MTh thesis, 1989.

Barker, William S., "The Westminster Assembly on the Days of Creation: A Reply to David W. Hall," *Westminster Theological Journal* 62.1 (2000), 113-20.

Barnes, P. E., "Living in a Half-way House: The Rise of Liberal Evangelicalism in the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, 1865-1915," ACT ThD thesis Sydney, 1995.

Barth, K., *Church Dogmatics* IV/1 G.W. Bromiley (trans.); G.W. Bromiley and T.F. Torrance (eds); T&T Clark, Edinburgh, 1956, 22-78.

Barth, K., *The Knowledge of God and the Service of God according to the Teaching of the Reformation: Recalling the Scottish Confession of 1560*; J.L.M. Haire and I. Henderson (trans) . London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1938.

Beeke, Joel R., "Personal Assurance of Faith: The Puritans and Chapter 18.2 of the Westminster Confession," *Westminster Theological Journal* 55.1 (1993), 1-30.

Beveridge, W., *A Short History of the Westminster Assembly*, Greenville, SC: Reformed Academic Press, 1991 repr. of 1904.

Boston, Thomas, *Commentary on the Shorter Catechism*; 2 Volumes, Edmonton, AB: Still Waters Revival Books, 1993.

Bradley, Rosemary D., "The Failure of Accommodation: Religious Conflicts Between Presbyterians and Independents in the Westminster Assembly 1643-1646," *Journal of Religious History* 12 (June 1982), 23-47.

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Burrell, Sidney A. "Calvinism, Capitalism, and the Middle Classes: Some Afterthoughts on an Old Problem" *Journal of Modern History* 32 (1960), 129-41.

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Carson, J., and D. Hall, *To Glorify and Enjoy God* Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1994.

Cooper, Paul Francis, "Some Nineteenth Century Challenges to the Westminster Confession of Faith in the Presbyterian Church of Victoria". MCD TheolM thesis, 1990.

Crowley, Weldon S., "Erastianism in the Westminster Assembly," *Journal of Church and State* 15 (1973), 49-64.

Curry, Daniel, "Westminster Assembly of Divines," *Methodist Quarterly Review* 30 (Oct 1848), 577-602.

Davidson, Nevile, "Westminster Confession of Faith," *Scottish Journal of Theology* 19 (1966), 306-18.

Delivuk, John Allen, "Biblical Authority and the Proof of the Regulative Principle of Worship in The Westminster Confession," *Westminster Theological Journal* 58.2 (1996), 237-56.

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De Witt, John Richard, *Jus Divinum: The Westminster Assembly and the Divine Right of Church Government*, Kampen: J.H. Kok, 1969.

Gaffin R., "Biblical Theology and the Westminster Standards," *WTJ* 66 (2003), 165-79.

Gordon, T.D., "The Westminster Assembly's Unworkable and Unscriptural View of Worship," *WTJ* 56 (2003), 345-56.

Gore, R.J., *Covenantal Worship: Reconsidering the Puritan Regulative Principle*, Phillipsburg, N.J.: Presbyterian and Reformed, 2002.

Graham, Clement, "The Westminster Confession of Faith," in D. Macleod, ed., *Hold Fast your Confession*, Edinburgh: Knox Press, 1978.

Harman, Allan M., "The Westminster Assembly 1643-1993," *Reformed Theological Review* 52 (1993), 98-131.

Harper, George W., "Calvin and English Calvinism to 1649: A Review Article," *Calvin Theological Journal* 20 (1985), 255-62.

Helm, P., *Calvin and the Calvinists*. Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1982.

————, "Calvin and the Covenant: Unity and Continuity," *Evangelical Quarterly* 55 (1983), 65-81.

Heron, Alasdair I. C., ed., *The Westminster Confession in the Church Today* Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1982.

Hetherington, William, *History of the Westminster Assembly*, New York: Robert Carter and Brothers, 1853.

Hodge, A. A., *A Commentary on the Confession of Faith*, ed. W. H. Goold. London, T. Nelson and Sons, 1870.

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Jeon, Jeong Koo, *Covenant Theology: John Murray's and Meredith G. Kline's Response to the Historical Development of Federal Theology in Reformed Thought*, Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2000.

Jones, Stuart R., "The Invisible Church of the Westminster Confession of Faith," *Westminster Theological Journal* 59.1 (1997), 71-85.

Karlberg, Mark W., "Reformed Interpretation of the Mosaic Covenant," *Westminster Theological Journal* 43.1 (1980), 1-57.

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