

**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**  
**REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS**  
 Semester One 2019 – Christchurch



**Please Note**

- Books that are designated under “Required Texts” are books that you will need for your course. “Recommended Texts” will be helpful for your assignment writing and worthwhile texts to add to your library, but won’t be needed for course reading.
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 A number of your textbooks are available as eBooks through the Laidlaw library catalogue, so it’s worth checking to see what is available.

**TEXTBOOKS – unless otherwise indicated, all textbooks indicated are compulsory.**

COURSE	TEXTBOOK 1	TEXTBOOK 2
111.615 Biblical Interpretation	<b>Recommended:</b> Klein, W., Blomberg, C. and R. Hubbard. <i>Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. 3rd edition.</i> Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017.	
115.515 Biblical Theology	Bartholomew, Craig G, and Michael W. Goheen. <i>The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story.</i> 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014.	
125.6/715 Old Testament: Psalms	<b>Recommended:</b> Tremper Longman III, <i>Psalms (TOTC)</i> Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 2014.	

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140.515 New Testament: Introduction	Keown, Mark J. <i>Discovering the New Testament: An Introduction to its Background, Theology, and Themes. Vol. 1 The Gospels &amp; Acts.</i> Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2018.  Keown, Mark J. <i>Exploring the New Testament: Paul, Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation.</i> Auckland: Laidlaw, 2018. (Given as notes).	<b>Highly recommended:</b>  DeSilva, David A. <i>An Introduction to the New Testament: Contexts, Methods &amp; Ministry Formation.</i> Nottingham, Eng.: Apollos, 2004.
149.6/715 New Testament: Epistles	Green, Gene L. <i>The Letters to the Thessalonians. The Pillar New Testament Commentary.</i> Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans Pub.; Apollos, 2002.	
205.6/715 Theology: Church and the Mission of God	Brad Harper and Paul Louis Metzger. <i>Exploring Ecclesiology: An Evangelical and Ecumenical Introduction.</i> Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2009.	<b>As an alternative, you could read:</b>  Gary D. Badcock. <i>The House Where God Lives: Renewing the Doctrine of the Church for Today.</i> Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.  The latter is probably more challenging, but probably more interesting as well! Reading in preparation for lectures will include prescribed reading from the textbook (either the primary textbook or the alternative). There will also be additional readings which will be suggested from other books and journal articles. Class time will be given to discussion of the pre-reading material and thus students will be expected to complete this reading before each class.
212.6/715 Ecology, God and Community (Henderson campus Intensive)	No set textbook.	
215.515 Beginning Theology	<b>Recommended:</b>  Harris, Brian. <i>The Big Picture: Building Blocks of a Christian World View.</i> Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2015.	
406.6/715 Historical and Contemporary Models of Spirituality	No set textbook.	
463.615 Ministry in Context	Ammerman, Nancy, Jackson Carroll, Carl Dudley, and William McKinney. eds. <i>Studying Congregations: A New Handbook.</i> Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998.	Steinke, Peter L. <i>Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach.</i> Virginia: The Alban Institute, 2006.
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466.715 Philosophy of Ministry	No set textbook.  This is an integrative course; accordingly, the student will be expected to utilize the bibliographies and resources from a range of Laidlaw courses which are applicable to the student's particular area of ministry focus.	
500.515 Youth Ministry: Introduction (Henderson campus Intensive)	Trotter, Phil and Anglican Youth (NZ). <b>Youth Ministry Well</b> . Christchurch, N.Z.: Phil Trotter, 2017.  Copies can be purchased at: <a href="https://www.anglicanyouth.org.nz/youthministrywell#book">https://www.anglicanyouth.org.nz/youthministrywell#book</a>	
505.515 Mission, Church and Community	Dixon, Nigel. <b>Villages without Walls: An Exploration of the Necessity of Building Christian Community in a Post-Christian World</b> . New Zealand: Vox Humana, 2010.  Please contact the School of Theology for purchase details: <a href="mailto:theology@laidlaw.ac.nz">theology@laidlaw.ac.nz</a> .	
511.6/715 Pastoral Care in Community	No set textbook.	
568.6/715 Theology as Worship (Henderson campus Intensive)	No set textbook.	
617.6/715 Mercy, Justice and Social Transformation	Myers, Bryant L. <b>Walking With the Poor: Principles and Practices Of Transformational Development, Revised and Expanded edition</b> . Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2011.	
646.6/715 Maori Christianity (Henderson campus Intensive)	No set textbook.	
857.515 Human Development	TBA	
921.6/715 Theology of Suffering and Hope	Even if you chose not to write your book review on either of these core texts, you will be expected to be familiar the major arguments in both books by the end of the paper.  Swinton, J. <b>Raging with Compassion: Pastoral responses to the problem of evil</b> . Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007.	Wright, N. T. <b>Surprised by hope: Rethinking heaven, the resurrection, and the mission of the church</b> . New York, NY: HarperOne, 2008.