



## M Th Practical Theology Modular option (50776888) 2012

(With a special focus on Spiritual Formation for Missional Leadership)

### Discipline Group Practical Theology & Missiology and Ecclesia: Ecumenical Centre for Leadership development and congregational studies Faculty of Theology – Stellenbosch University

We are pleased to offer a modular M Th in Practical Theology for 2012-2013. In this course all of the students will share the first three modules on missional leadership, after which students can choose to focus on either **Missional Leadership and Ministry** or on the study and practice of **Spiritual Formation for Missional Leadership** for the remaining 3 modules. Each focus area will have preparatory reading, contact sessions and particular tasks to facilitate learning and growth. Research done in congregations of the **Partnership for Missional Churches in Southern Africa (SAPMC)** shapes the focus and content of the different modules.

The course in **Missional Leadership and Ministry** is intended to serve as a learning community for pastors and congregational leaders who want to build their missional and ministerial leadership capacity. Whereas the option that focusses on **Spiritual Formation** will deepen the participants spirituality and assist them to gain the necessary insights and skills for ministry and mission. Among the topics that will be covered in the M Th are the following:

- Congregational ministry and spiritual formation
- Rethinking our faith and spiritual discipline in relation to the doctrine of the Trinity
- Pastoral care, spirituality and discipleship
- Leading God's people (in partnership with the University of Stellenbosch Business School)
- Historical and contemporary practises in spiritual direction and community formation
- Missiology and missional spirituality for the building of Kingdom communities

The lecturers are faculty members of the Faculty of Theology and accredited research fellows who are recognised as practitioners in their respective fields. Among the presenters in the courses will be Profs Dirkie Smit, Marius Ungerer, Marius Nel, Dr's JF Marais, Ian Nell, Xolile Simon, Nico Simpson, Jim Harris, Lawrence Kaufmann, Christo Thesnaar, CW Burger, Dion Forster, Breda Ludick, Bruce Theron, Ghys van Schoor, Willem Nicol, Revd's Trevor Hudson, Rod Botsis, D Mouton, and Fred Hendricks.

An intake of 10 to 15 applicants in each option, usually with an ecumenical diversity, will be selected. The course is structured in 6 contact weeks (modules) over two years. Each of the modules focuses on a specific core missional and capacity or area of spirituality. Students are prepared for the contact weeks by reading the prescribed material and applying the knowledge gained through this reading to an assigned task or discipline in their congregations or ministry.

**This is a Modular Masters Program of 180 credits.**

- Six exams (four in Practical Theology and two in Systematic Theology & NT/OT or Missiology) on plus-minus 6 books (700-800 pages) for each exam.
- Twenty credits per exam = 120 credits (The exams will be in synergy with the contact weeks)
- Mini-thesis = 60 credits
- **Total = 180 credits**

**Application:** Application forms can be downloaded from [www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za) Applications must be handed in at the Faculty Secretary, Mr Shirle Cornelissen [shirle@sun.ac.za](mailto:shirle@sun.ac.za) (tel 021-8089312)

**Closing date: 13 January 2012.**

Any application is subject to the admission requirements of the US/Faculty of Theology for a M Th.

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