

307.715 History of New Zealand Christianity
Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Centre for Distance Learning

Semester 1, 2015
NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

1. Introduction
2. European Missions to the Maori 1814-1840
3. Maori Responses to Christianity up to 1850
4. Establishment and Patterns of Settler Christianity 1840-1914
5. Christianity and Society up to 1914
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7. Maori Christianity and the Church 1900-Present
8. Patterns and Issues of Church Life 1914-1945
9. Christianity and Society 1914-1945
10. Patterns and Issues of Church Life since 1945
11. Christianity and Society since 1945
12. Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand: Retrospect and Prospect

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Online Discussion Forum

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	1, 2, 3, 5
<i>Due Dates</i>	11.59pm Sunday and the end of semester weeks 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 10
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	20%
<i>Length</i>	As specified below

Six times in the semester you will be required to post a response of not more than 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question about some aspect of that lesson. These questions are found in the lesson materials. In addition to your initial posting, you will be required to make at least one further posting of at least 50 words, which interacts with what your online tutor and other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within 7 calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

2. Character Sketch

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	2, 3, 4
<i>Due Date</i>	11.59pm Sunday at the end of semester week 9
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	30%
<i>Length</i>	2500 words

Choose a significant figure in the history of New Zealand Christianity and, carefully relating your figure to his/her context (societal, theological, cultural, missional etc.), and interacting with a range of historiographical interpretations, critically discuss his/her significance in the shaping of Christianity in New Zealand. A mere factual and chronological narrative would be entirely inadequate. What is required is analysis, independent and well-informed reflection, and a high level of critical discussion.

Suggestions: Samuel Marsden, Henry Williams, Octavius Hadfield, one of the missionary wives, a Maori Christian leader, Bishop Pompallier, Bishop Selwyn, Mary Aubert, Kate Sheppard, Joseph Kemp, J.O. Sanders, William Orange, Thomas Miller, John Laird, R.A. Laidlaw, E.M. Blaiklock.

3. Essay

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	2, 4, 5 & 6
<i>Due Date</i>	11.59pm Sunday at the end of study week (1)
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	50%
<i>Length</i>	3200 words

Write a 3000 word essay on one of the topics below. In preparation for this, put together a bibliography of at least ten books and articles that will help you answer the essay question. Make sure your list includes a range of both primary and secondary sources. Then after your essay, write a 200 word analysis on what you see are the contemporary ramifications of the history you have just examined on New Zealand society and church life.

- Evaluate the ministry amongst Maori of any **TWO** denominations **AFTER 1870**. To what extent have Maori participants in these two denominations been able to adopt indigenous or contextualized forms of Christian worship/liturgy, leadership, education and mission?
- *‘The story of the Christian church in colonial New Zealand is, from the start, a story of competing denominations.’* In an interpretive essay avoiding incidental and institutional detail, critically discuss and assess the historical contribution to New Zealand of any **TWO** significant denominations, giving attention to their distinctives, the key phases in their history, the challenges they faced, and their overall effectiveness in the New Zealand context.
- *‘New Zealand’s overseas missionary involvement was an important way by which the nation’s emerging religious identity was shaped.’* Evaluate the overseas missionary involvement of any **TWO** denominations. Assess whether or not missionary involvement was central or peripheral to the life of these two denominations.
- *‘Many features of local society and culture ... cannot adequately be understood apart from New Zealanders’ religious beliefs and values.’* Critically assess the writing of New Zealand’s religious history, paying attention to changing trends, themes, interpretations and to future possibilities. Assess the extent to which you would consider New Zealand to have been a “Christian” country, at various stages of its history.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the “online discussion grading guide and mid-semester feedback” for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

- Engagement with material
- Constructive engagement with others
- Structure and presentation
- Timeliness

Character Sketch

- An engaging and carefully-researched appraisal of a significant New Zealand figure

- An appropriate range and depth of sources for this level
- Critical understanding of the relevant concepts and issues, with adequate attention to the context
- Independent thought and critical judgement
- Coherent organisation of material, logical development
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar, footnotes and bibliography.

Essay

- Coverage and depth of discussion of relevant content
- Skill in integration of ideas and development of argument
- Critical reflection and evaluation
- Extent and quality of critical interaction with reading and research, based on both primary and secondary sources
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar; annotation and bibliography.

LEARNING HOURS

Lessons and Readings	60 hours
Participation in Online Discussion Forum	20 hours
Character Sketch	25 hours
Research Essay	45 hours
Total	150 hours

TEXTBOOKS

Required Text Books

Davidson, Allan K., *Christianity in Aotearoa: A History of Church and Society in New Zealand*. Wellington: Education for Ministry, 1991, 1997 or 2004.

Davidson, Allan K. and Lineham, Peter J., *Transplanted Christianity: Documents Illustrating Aspects of New Zealand Church History*, Second Edition. Palmerston North: The Dunmore Press, 1989.

[**Note** – this book is currently out of print, but can be accessed online at:
<http://www.massey.ac.nz/~plineham/RelhistNZ.htm>]

Also essential as a research tool:

Lineham, Peter J., *Religious History of New Zealand: A Bibliography*, 4th ed., Palmerston North: Department of History, Massey University, 1993.

[Again – access this online at: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~plineham/RelhistNZ.htm>]

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Journals

Articles relevant to New Zealand religious history can be found in:

- *Journal of Religious History*
- *New Zealand Journal of Baptist Research*
- *New Zealand Journal of History*
- *Stimulus*

Online Resources

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography

www.dnzb.govt.nz/dnzb

National Library

www.natlib.govt.nz

Presbyterian Church

www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/

Kinder Anglican Library

www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz/