

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

617.615 Mercy, Justice and Social Transformation Course Outline

NQF Level: 6
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Henderson, Christchurch, Distance Learning

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course identifies the theological and global realities of suffering, injustice and need. It affirms the holistic nature of God's mission to the world and the call to express mercy and justice, seeking to bring social transformation through community, national and international aid and development. This course seeks to develop creative approaches to holistic social transformation through engagement with theology, history and contemporary interventions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Explain the biblical basis for holism and describe how social transformation relates today to God's mandate, the *missio Dei*, *shalom*, the kingdom of God, Christ's manifesto.
2. Review and critique Christian approaches to Social Transformation.
3. Outline and defend a theological understanding of Social Transformation/ Development.
4. Show an undergirding of selected specific issues within social transformation praxis (e.g., Justice, Micro-Finance, Spirituality, AIDS, Women, Children, Political Engagement, Appropriate Technology, Sustainability, Global Warming)
5. Describe the potential role and future challenges for the Church/Christian community ministries or NGOs in the praxis of Social Transformation.
6. Demonstrate familiarity with a range of resources (books, articles, journals, videos, web-sites) where one could find more information on specific 'development' issues.