

LIDLAW COLLEGE*Te Wananga Amorangi***COURSE OUTLINE**

LIDLAW GRADUATE SCHOOL**Master of Theology****R303.830. Christian Beginnings in New Zealand: the First Fifty Years**

Auckland Campus, Semester One, 2015

Lecturer: Dr. Stuart Lange

NQF Level: 8.

Credit Value: 30

1. DELIVERY MODE:

Mode 3.

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course interacts with a diversity of historical writings to explore – in context – the first fifty years of Christianity among Māori in New Zealand: Marsden and Ruatara, early challenges, and the widespread Māori adoption and transmission of Christianity from the 1830s to the 1850s.

3. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- (a) demonstrate a coherent and insightful understanding of Christian beginnings among Māori in New Zealand
- (b) reflect critically on the main historiographical approaches to understanding the mission among Māori and Māori responses.
- (c) access, sift, and discriminately interpret appropriate published primary sources and good-quality secondary sources in relation to chosen research topics
- (d) research and critically evaluate the significance of particular missionaries and Māori Christian leaders, and related developments, demonstrating good research skills, appropriate contextual awareness, analytical rigour, intellectual independence, and clear written communication.