### LAIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

# 205.615 Church: Theology and Practice Course Outline

NQF Level: 6 Credit Value: 15

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to ecclesiology. The doctrine of the church is explored through the lenses of Scripture, tradition, reason, experience, and culture. Students are encouraged to think theologically about the church and then to investigate how this thinking affects decisions about what the church does. Students are equipped to make critical assessments of ecclesiology based on coherent theological understanding.

## **PRE- REQUISITE**

201.515 Engaging Theology

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Explore key Biblical and traditional themes and affirmations about the church.
- 2. Critique church practice from the perspective of these themes and affirmations.
- 3. Apply critical assessments of ecclesiology based on coherent theological understanding.