

Electives 2020

70 trainers presenting over 100 electives to equip you for your ministry with families and children.

Too many to choose from? Bring a friend, bring your team and glean all you can from these experienced resourced people.



- Choose one elective from each time slot: **Stream 1 10.45–11.45am; Stream 2 12:00-1:00pm; Stream 3 3.15-4:15pm**
- Topics have been listed according to their ministry focus so that you may choose electives from one category of interest for the whole day or mix and match your topics.
- The numbers in brackets after each elective title represent the elective timeslot/s in which it will be offered. (1) = Stream 1 only; (2)(3) = offered in Streams 2 & 3
- Therefore, choose a topic with a (1), (2) and a (3)
- DOUBLE CLASSES run for 2 hours, across two stream sessions and are indicated (1-2)
- A table view of the electives being offered in each stream can be downloaded from the website.
- Most electives are capped at 30 people due to the size of the classrooms available - so apply early to avoid disappointment.

JUNIOR LEADER ACADEMY

#1 Kickstart Level 1 (for Junior Leaders), Viv & Colin Batt and Jane Dixon (1-2-3)

Designed for first time school-aged leaders at AMPLIFY

These 3 sessions will give insight into the value of their role as a leader with children and youth as well as practical strategies to use immediately!

- How children and young people learn: Switching young people on to learning using Jesus' simple methods.
- Teachable Moments: Together we will identify and learn how to use those precious times when young people are open, willing, and ready to discover: matching teachable moments with our understanding of the Bible and our journey as a disciple.
- Learning through games: Fun ways to raise curiosity and awareness, a practical session of game and debrief design!

Ministering with and for kids has always been Viv's thing. From Sunday school teaching as a teen, SRE teaching for many years, school teaching, pastoring to children and families, counsellor and curriculum development, she thinks and prays about kids a lot!

She has been connected with Logosdor over the years in various capacities - loving their international vision for kids, open source attitude and desire to partner with others passionate about getting the Gospel to kids. She now works with PeaceWise, pioneering an exciting project, taking the Gospel of peace and strategies of biblical peacemaking to school-aged kids in Australia and eventually the world. Viv lived in Queensland for many years, raising three children, who are all now married. She presently lives in Ballina in northern NSW with her husband, Colin of 33 years who shares the same passion for kids' ministry. Colin knew from his teens that God had set him aside to minister with kids. He loves helping, pastoring and teaching children, youth and their families and sharing Jesus' unconditional love with them. From his teen years as a Sunday school teacher, then a youth worker, he knew he needed solid training to be the best God called him to be for those he helped and guided. So he prepared for ordained ministry, and trained as a school teacher before specialising as a School Chaplain. Many years and ministry roles later, Colin is again a School Chaplain. After raising 3 amazing kids, who are all now married, he lives with his wife Viv in Ballina, in northern NSW - a beautiful part of the world!

#2 Kickstart Level 2 (for Junior Leaders), Kimberley Smith (1-2)

Designed for school-aged leaders who have completed Level 1 or attended a previous IGNITE or ELEVATION Conference

Taking it from the "what to do and how to do it", to the "why and the way of ministry with children and young people". These 2 sessions will give leaders important foundations for week to week leadership. Together we will explore important foundations and principles in youth & children's ministry from a practical perspective. We will look at our own leadership skills and attitude (the way); and the overall purpose (the why) when it comes to ministry with young people. We will set goals as young leaders with purpose, check our attitude with what Jesus has taught, and build our leadership skills so we can be wise, strong, contributing members of a leadership team.

Kimberly is currently the Generations and Emerging Leaders Pastor for the Baptist Churches of Victoria, Australia. Drawing on 15 years experience as a Generations pastor, her role is to support kids, families, youth and young adult pastors and leaders in their roles with mentoring, training and connection to the broad network of churches. She also seeks to help churches and their senior leadership think, act and grow generationally. Kimberly is passionate about leadership and team development. She is a State Coordinator within the Arrow Leadership Emerging Leaders program – encouraging leaders in church and para church organisations to explore and develop their leadership potential.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE THEME

#3 In Conversation with Jake Mulder, Jake Mulder (1)

This is your chance to be 'up close and personal' with our keynote speaker. A free flowing conversation unpacking some of the content of Jake's keynote address plus a chance to ask your questions.

Focussing on: Children & Families

INTERGENERATIONAL

#5 Your Church - A Protective Antidote to a Cultural Problem, Liz Walker (3)

Pornography is having a devastating effect on families. Its unrealistic storylines and addictive nature are breaking down marriages, families, and communities at large. Most often, people caught in the porn trap can be so crippled by the shame that they fail to reach out and ask for help. Join us as we learn how pornography impacts individuals and relationships, what prevents disclosures, and how you can address this issue in your church. It's time to take a stand and equip your church family with shameless, fearless awareness and action to become a protective antidote to this cultural problem.

Liz Walker is an accredited sexuality educator, speaker and author, dedicated to culture-shifting initiatives that respond to pornography harms on children & young people. An exceptional communicator and passionate advocate for children and young people, Liz works locally, nationally and internationally to address the public health fallout of pornography head-on with robust strategies, solutions and resources.

#7 Pastoral Care of Children and Families, David Goodwin (2)

This workshop will offer some practical ideas on how to effectively offer pastoral care to children and families.

David is a trainer, pastor and counsellor specialising in children and families. He offers this type of training in different countries, particularly those where children are suffering from the effects of poverty, war, and abuse. His trauma prevention program was developed firstly for child victims of the 2004 Asian Tsunami and has since been used in different national crises, the most recent of which was the 2018 Sulawesi and Lombok earthquakes and tsunami in 2018.

#9 Why Intergenerate?, Daron Pratt (1)

Why are intergenerational connections so important when it comes to growing faith in the next generation and what is the next step for your church?

Pr Daron is also known as the "balloon man" on satellite TV around the world. He has been twisting balloons for the past 25 years and is skilled at preaching and teaching with a balloon in his hand. He has also been working with children and family ministries for the past 25 years both at church and corporate level. Daron's passion for all things family and children's ministry is contagious and you will leave his workshops inspired with theoretical and practical skills.

#10 Discipling the Next Generation, Peter Blase (1)(2)

You will discover how to lead children to Jesus and develop habits into growing lives that will enable them to respond with faith, hope and love. You will learn how to engage children in the supernatural naturally. We will give you a scriptural based pathway of discipleship to ignite desire for following Jesus.

Peter has been ministering to children for over 35 years. His experience spans youth & children's ministry, church planting and oversea's missions. Peter is married with 5 adult children all serving Jesus and he is currently equipping leaders abroad.

#11 Exploring the steps we need to take to move from "Multi-generational" to being a truly "Intergenerational faith community", Tammy Tolman (1)

The move from Multi-generational church to an "Intergenerational faith community" seems to be a step too big for many to take. So, what are the small steps/key elements we need to consider that will help us as leaders to move forward toward a more holistic intergenerational church?

Tammy Tolman is the founding Pastor of an Intergenerational Creative Arts community in Australia. Tammy has been actively involved in Ministry to children and their families for 32 years. She has been married for 32 years and has 2 adult children. Tammy is a trained teacher (Diploma of Teaching) and has a Degree In Theology from ACOM (Australian College of Ministry). She has written two books and multiple resources and speaks at Conferences throughout Australia, NZ, USA, Lebanon, UK, Asia and Cambodia. She is passionate to see the "family of God" be empowered to grow and walk the life long journey of faith together.

#12 Key Elements to Creating an All Age Worship Experience, Tammy Tolman (2)

The questions seems to come up, what does it look like to worship together. I will share with you key elements that help create an environment where all ages can worship WITH each other.

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0-5 YEARS

#15 Acorns to Oaks- Nurturing Faith in The Early Years, Gayle Brook (1)

Have you ever wondered how our children's understanding of God and faith first begins to grow? Join me in exploring the importance of secure relationships in helping our little ones develop strong spiritual roots. Discover how "play" opens doors to learning about faith and can even reignite our own!

Gayle is a retired paediatric occupational therapist, author and "Grammi" to a two year old! She has been involved in women's ministry and mentoring/coaching for many years and has a passion for supporting parents. Along the way, Gayle LOVES to play and invite learning into the everyday activities of life.

#16 The Joy of Early Childhood: Tips for working with 0-5yrs, Kathryn Yarrow (2)

This workshop unpacks some basic information and ideas for those working with young children. Covering 0-5yrs age group, we will look at principles of early childhood development, strategies to help prevent pulling your hair out :) and things to consider when planning time for young children.

Kathryn has worked with young children and their families over the past 30 years within the early childhood music and education sector. She has taught piano and early childhood music classes, taught Kindy at various C&K centres and currently teaches Pre-Prep at Clayfield College.

LEADERSHIP

#20 Better Find a Leader!, Peter Armstrong (1)

For beginning leaders or people who are considering leadership. In this session we will explore –

- Why we need leaders?
- What is a leader?
- How does a person become a leader?
- What if you might be a leader?

We will do this through a story-reflection approach. Some useful tools will be given to get you started into leadership and/or taking a next step in leadership.

Peter is currently in a role called "Associate Director of Mission - Community Partnerships" with Uniting Care Qld. Over the last 30 years he has worked in Schools, Churches and the Community sectors. Strengths in his work have been Team development, Leadership Development, Missional Innovation and Discipleship. He is currently completing a doctorate in pedagogy for missional innovation and leadership. He has a passion to see people become better in serving others through becoming better leaders in better teams. He loves Jesus, his family, the bush, the beach, and the mountains and seeing the next generation serve and grow.

#21 DOUBLE CLASS Finding Better Leaders Who Serve Better Teams, Peter Armstrong (2-3)

For people with leadership experience or those who have been in the first session.

Discerning your team's purpose or focus, the art and science of leadership and the forming of new leaders is a challenge for finding better leaders who serve better teams. By the end of these sessions you will have developed a strategy to see your team become better at serving as a team, and how better leaders can be developed. We will look at tools and processes to become better leaders in a better team. You will be taking away with you a plan for your next steps in leading leaders who are in your team and for those emerging into leadership. In this session we will explore –

- Why we need better leaders serving better teams?
- What is a better leader and a better team?
- How does a better leader and better team work?
- What if you make a plan to become a better leader serving better teams?

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#22 Lead So Others Will Follow, Dani Bryant & Jess Elsmore (1)

We can't do ministry alone. We all need teams. Come along as Dani talks through what she has learnt from being part of a team and leading teams. Hear Dani's top tips for leading effective teams and talk through strategies around communication and conflict management. Dani will also share what she has learnt about recruiting and growing teams. If you lead a team or aspire to lead a team, this is for you.

Dani Bryant is one of the Children's Pastors at Gateway Baptist Church. She has served in kids ministry at Gateway for over 14 years now and has been on staff for 5. Dani is passionate about seeing kids come to know Jesus and equipping families as they do the faith journey together. One of the things that brings Dani the most joy is seeing young leaders realise their potential. She loves investing in and equipping leaders and is passionate about seeing teams empowered.

#23 Planning Strategically for your Ministry, Dani Bryant & Jess Elsmore (2)

We all have goals and dreams for our ministries. It is often hard to see those dreams and goals achieved without planning strategically for them. Join Dani as she shares with you how to set goals and plan strategically for your ministry area. You will be given helpful templates to use and will leave with an action plan of how you can see a goal or dream in your ministry area become a reality.

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SENIOR PASTORS:

#24 10 Benchmarks of Success for a Healthy Church, Caesar Kalinowski (via webcast) (1)

In this session, we'll look at why some of the traditional ways we've been measuring church success are not producing kingdom growth and mature disciples. Caesar Kalinowski will share 10 new benchmarks of a successful church. Your church or community really can shift toward missional engagement... By changing what you measure, you'll begin to change your focus to accomplishing the Church's true mission and its ultimate purpose.

*Caesar is a spiritual entrepreneur and an avid storyteller. He loves to help those with a high commitment to intentional living in the areas of their family, faith and discipleship acquire the leadership skills and tools necessary to succeed and leave a lasting legacy. Past work includes communications, media production, and extensive travel in international missions. He is a master missional strategist and coach who has helped numerous church planters start, grow and multiply new churches. He is one of the founders of Soma Communities and served as the Director of the GCM Collective. Caesar authored the best selling *The Gospel Primer* and *Transformed: A New Way of Being Christian*. His latest book, *Bigger Gospel*, was recently published by Missio Publishing. He and his wife of 36 years, Tina, live near Seattle.*

FAITH@HOME

#30 Family Discipleship, Bruce Eckersley (1)

Exploring ways that Church and Family can work together in discipling their Children. These will include 1. Intentional focus and Daily investment in the home; 2. Mentoring and 3. Missional Mindset.

Bruce is an Associate Pastor at Clontarf Beach Baptist Church in February 2013. The husband of Sharon & father of Kyle, Christie, Josh & Elysha, Bruce is committed to serving Christ in the home, Church & Community. With 16 years experience in Pastoral Ministry working with children & families he has a passion to see families empowered to know Jesus deeply & to make Him known widely.

#31 Faith at Home, Rachel Schilling (2)

Parents are primarily the greatest influence on faith, so how do we support, encourage and equip them in the busy lives they live in?

Rachel is a Congregational Coach with Grow Ministries (the Lutheran church's child, youth and family ministry) and has a passion to see families take up the joy and gift of sharing faith at home.

#32 The Complementary Roles of Home and Church in Discipleship, Greg Priebbenow (3)

This elective will explore the vital relationship between the home and the wider faith community for nurturing the spiritual lives of children and young people. Practical ideas and tools for developing the home-church partnership will be discussed and shared.

Greg is a Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Australia with a long held passion for ministry with children, youth and households. He has developed various tools to help connect faith-at-home with the wider life of God's church.

#33 Equipping Households for Faith Growth, Jillian Ross (1)(3)

This elective will explore how we can support households as they attempt to nurture their children for faith growth. It will look at why faith at home is important and how we can support families in this important role.

Jillian is a wife and mother with 2 young adult children. Jillian has been passionate about bringing generations together and resourcing households with faith materials for many years. Jillian has been involved in Children and Families Ministry both as a volunteer and paid worker for about 30 years.

#34 The Family X Factor, Daron Pratt (2)

Why are families your ministry X factor? This elective will examine why families need to be your ministry priority along with practical resources to equip them to be the best that they can possibly be.

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#35 Beyond the Program: Connecting life with faith during the week, Steve Unicomb (1)(3)

How to make videos that engage kids, youth and families with the gospel and your church during the week. Writing, filming, editing and posting!

Steve has been a Youth and Kids ministry worker at his church for 17 years and also a School Chaplain at a Primary school for 12 years.

#36 The Journey to Faith in Children's Ministry, Paul Clark (3)

Conversion is a single step in the bigger journey of Discipleship. Too often our teaching approach aims only for conversion which can have unintended consequences. Learn the journey to faith and let it empower how you approach children's ministry. *Paul Clark is the lead Minister at Redcliffe Uniting Church. He is also a children's author with over 20 books to his name and he has learnt the hard way what works and what doesn't with children.*

#37 Every Home a Discipleship Centre: Every Home a Missional Centre, Tracy Valentine (2)

When it comes to the faith formation of our children, it is the parents that have the most influence. We can help to equip them by showing them practical and accessible ways of intentionally talking about God in our day to day. *Tracy is the Families Pastor at Gateway Baptist Church. She has been passionate about kids ministry for over 20 years and loves partnering with parents as they raise a generation of kids who love Jesus.*

#38 The Ministry of Fostering: A Family's Journey, Russell & Charlotte Mann (3)

Ever thought of becoming a foster carer? Come and hear how God led one family to open up their home and their lives to countless little ones. Russell and Charlotte Mann will share their journey and answer questions relating to the ministry of fostering.

Russell and Charlotte Mann have been foster parents for over 15 years whilst also raising their own 7 children. Russell has worked extensively in the past in early childhood and youth and kids ministry and is currently a full time chaplain at Deception Bay SHS; a position he has held for the past 10 years.

#39 Becoming a Family on Mission, Caesar Kalinowski (via webcast) (2)

Discipleship and vibrant life in community starts in the home! Caesar and his wife Tina will share best practices and tools, along with stories of success (and failure), to get you started and heading in the right direction. This will be a practical "starting with the basics" session (or "re-booting" if need be) that begins right where you're at and helps you plan next steps toward living as a family on mission.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

#45 What NOT to teach young people about Creation, Mark Delaney (1)

This workshop explores a theology that has led Christians of our generation to be very slow to address the climate emergency that is profoundly affecting young people. Against the backdrop of God's magnificent creation, we'll look at some of the concerning effects of the Rainbow Theology, Pantry Theology and Elevator Theology. We will suggest a more Christ-centred theology based on justice, mercy and responsibility that will equip young people with the theological tools to do a much better job at caring for Creation than we have done. The workshop will be very interactive, with plenty of discussion and exercises.

Mark has spent much of the last 20 years with Servants to Asia's Urban Poor in slums in north India. With the climate emergency threatening to wipe out development gains from the last 50 years, and devastate God's creation, his focus has shifted to the climate over the past 4 years. He co-authored a book 'Low Carbon and Loving It', published in 2018 (www.lowcarbonandlovingit.wordpress.com). This year he has been involved in a faith-based response through the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (www.arrcc.org.au), by running workshops on how ordinary people of faith can reduce their carbon footprint. He is passionate about this issue, but also recognises that each person needs to come up with her/his own response in light of their relationship with God, and their conscience.

#46 New Social Action Ideas for Families, Jonathan Kemp (1)

Social justice, social service, social mission: how can families or households of multiple generations do these things together? It is definitely possible and this elective will give you many practical ways to do it and to encourage others to do it too.

Jonathan Kemp is the Director of Youth, Children and Families ministry for the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland.

#47 Raising Kids Who Care, Susy Lee, Steve Barnett, Michael Trafford (2)

Building a resilient and active worldview in kids to help them grow the Kingdom. Creative ways to grow kids who are advocates for the Kingdom rather than the world. Running family activities in your church and community to push back against consumerism.

Susy has combined her work as a Baptist consultant in Children's and Family Ministry with her work in International Aid and Development to think about how we intentionally raise kids who care, in an environment of individualism and consumerism.

Steve is married to Diana and together they have 3 adult children and 8 chickens. They belong to Common Groundz Cafe Church in Lalor Park, Western Sydney. Steve also works for International Nepal Fellowship, Australia. Michael is a husband, father, advocate for biblical justice and a pastor in a Brisbane Church, Michael speaks from the experience of helping his children understand how justice is central to following Jesus.

#48 The Climate Emergency, Mark Delaney (2)

This workshop considers how our generation, and those before us, have plundered God's creation to bring about the climate emergency. We will examine the science of what is happening, and the profound ways it is adversely affecting Creation and particularly the poor who are reliant on it. Finally, we will consider 3 ways that young people (and older people with them) can work with God to better care for Creation and our neighbours: Simplifying our lives, Solidarity with the poor, and Saying the truth even when it hurts!

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This workshop flows from workshop 1, but is also stand alone, so doesn't require attendance at that workshop.

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#49 Leading a Low-Carbon Life, Mark Delaney (3)

This workshop briefly considers what the climate emergency is, and how it's affecting God's magnificent creation, before focusing on a very concrete way that young people (and older people) can respond – by leading lower-carbon lives. We'll specifically examine 3 areas; diet, transport, and the 'stuff' we buy. We'll see that a lower-carbon life can be more grounded, have more integrity, and help us better love God and our neighbours.

The workshop will be very interactive, with plenty of discussion and exercises.

This workshop flows on from Workshop 2 but is also stand alone, so doesn't require attendance at that workshop.

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CREATIVE

#50 DOUBLE CLASS Art as an Effective Tool for Discipleship, Sarah Tucker (1-2)

This elective looks at art therapy techniques as an effective tool for communication and relational awareness using spiritual awareness and chaplaincy practices. No prior art experience is necessary.

Sarah has been a professional artist for 25 years, is a Uniting Church Preacher, Prison Chaplain and art facilitator for Correctional Services in conjunction with Uniting Care and a Candidate for Masters of social science and leadership at Christian Heritage College.

#51 Puppets and Kids Ministry, Quiz Worx (2)(3)

Puppets are one of the most engaging and creative tools in sharing Jesus with kids. Come along and learn (or refine) the basics of puppetry and kids ministry from the team at Quiz Worx.

Quiz Worx is a group that seeks to share Jesus with kids everywhere through creative and engaging shows (especially in schools). Puppetry is one of their major tools that they use.

#52 How to Connect Powerfully with Children, Sean W Smith (2)

Connection is the key to transformation, growth & momentum. Learn how to creatively build a culture that fosters engagement, connection & fun!

Sean W Smith is one of Australia's leading Family Ministry Communicators & Kids Worship Artists. He has travelled the globe the last 10 years ministering in schools, churches and helping families live in God's best.

#53 Engaging Children in Music/Praise & Worship, Sean W Smith (3)

Discover the power of music! Ever wondered how to get those kids up the back engaged in Praise & Worship? Want to develop a culture where your kids love to sing, worship and lead others to do the same? Learn practical tips for successfully implementing praise & worship in your classroom or kids ministry.

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#54 Tips for Bible Storytelling, Josh Bartlett (3)

Telling Bible stories is a non-confrontational way of sharing our faith. Instead of inviting arguments, it invites people to see a glimpse of God's big story. In this elective, we'll explore tips for telling a Bible story that is simple, accurate, and memorable. We'll also think about ways to help people reflect on and learn from Bible stories.

Josh has had many years of experience volunteering on Scripture Union camps, and now works as Bible engagement facilitator with Wycliffe Bible translators. In his role he helps people overcome whatever obstacles get in the way of them engaging with God through the Bible.

#55 Inspiring Children to Pray, Judy Wharton (1)(3)

Hands on interactive, empowering workshop with colourful, creative ideas that can be used for church, camps, families. Adaptable for all ages.

Judy has previous experience of 20 years as a Children's Ministry Leader/Pastor including overseas training of children's ministry workers, a valued team member on various mission trips connected with children & prayer. Also worked as a Teacher Aide with Special Needs children. Currently conducts workshops on encouraging and inspiring children to pray. Her passion is children, prayer & mission, which has enabled her to be involved with praying children around the globe!

#56 Balloon Twisting 101, Daron Pratt (3)

You can do it. Learn the basics of twisting balloons and how they can be used to present the gospel in a powerful way. Pr Daron promises to have you twisting balloons in no time.

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#57 Connecting Children, The Bible, Real Life: Mission Impossible?, Wendy Strachan (3)

How do we help kids grow UP with the Bible not to grow OUT of it? Imagine kids who confidently expect that God will speak to them through the Bible – not just now but in a future we can't imagine. Share ideas and wrestle with our ideals as we explore Scripture through the lens of a child.

For more than 35 years, Wendy's been involved in children's ministry in different parts of the world with Scripture Union and other agencies.

#58 It's Storytelling Time, Andrew McDonough (1)

If you're to effectively share Jesus with kids, youth or oldies, you'll be sharing stories. In this workshop, we'll consider the power of storytelling, hone our storytelling skills and explore how to start with a Bible passage and craft a story.

Andrew McDonough is the creator of the popular Lost Sheep stories used in churches, schools and outreach around the world. He tells loads of stories every year to kids, youth & adults in a variety of settings.

#59 Loving Contemporary Technology, Amy Emanuel (1)

What is contemporary technology, how does it impact human behaviour and how can we use it to benefit children.

Amy is currently the Director of Online Learning at CHC Higher Education and lecturer in Contemporary Technology and Human Behaviour. She is currently finishing a Masters in Learning Sciences and Technology.

#60 Growing Faith through Music, Snack Music (2)

Discuss why we use music, how it can help grow faith, learn some of Snack's songs, how to get the most out of music and how to get children, youth and adults involved.

Snack Music have been engaging children and communities through music for more than a decade, in churches, schools and missions. They have written lots of fun songs that explore who God is and how amazing life can be with God, without asking them to sing things that they don't (yet) understand, or believe.

#61 Using Music with Kids Who Don't Yet Know God, Snack Music (3)

The songs we use with children need to reflect the context we're in. Come along to think about what to do when using songs in schools, beach missions and holiday programs.

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LIFE ISSUES

#65 Supporting Kids under 12 in an Over-sexualised World, Liz Walker (1)

The rise of pornography and digital media has had a dramatic impact on what children are exposed to. Join us as we look at why it's so important for us to engage in proactive safeguarding conversations with kids so they can confidently navigate our culture. Learn about key things kids need to know, why avoiding this topic is leaving our kids vulnerable to abuse and acceptance of harmful messages, and equip yourself with strategies to help them develop resilience.

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#66 Responding Pastorally to Gender Issues, Meryem & Greg Brown (1)(2)

This elective will explore gender ID issues and young people – the research, the at-risk factors and the components of an effective pastoral response.

Meryem and Greg conduct a counselling service and have worked with clients and family members affected by gender ID issues. They are often invited to present workshops on relationship issues including aspects of sexuality.

#67 Careful Compassion: How to be trauma informed without being traumatised, Barry Morris (1)(2)

'Trauma' has become a hot topic for many working with children and young people. Across services and organisations there is a drive to becoming more 'trauma-informed' or 'trauma-sensitive'. This session will highlight the importance of taking care of ourselves, as we take care of children and young people who have been through overwhelming life experiences.

Barry Morris has been a Christian Psychologist for 12 years. He is currently working with children in care who have experienced complex trauma, as well as in private practice at the Gateway Counselling and Wholeness Centre. He has over 15 years experience volunteering in youth and children's ministry.

#68 Trauma Prevention in Kids - in particular with the latest bushfires in Australia, David Goodwin (1)

Bad things happen to kids - sometimes on a national scale (such as in floods and bushfires) and sometimes as individuals or within their family (such as domestic violence, abuse, marriage breakup). Sadly these events can have long term effects on the children. This workshop will help you help children who are going through these times to process their experiences in a healthy way that can help them avoid suffering from long term effects.

David is a trainer, pastor and counsellor specialising in children and families. He offers this type of training in different countries, particularly those where children are suffering from the effects of poverty, war, and abuse. His trauma prevention program was developed firstly for child victims of the 2004 Asian Tsunami and has since been used in different national crises, the most recent of which was the 2018 Sulawesi and Lombok earthquakes and tsunami in 2018.

#69 Building Resilience in Children, David Goodwin (3)

We cannot stop children from having to go through difficult times. But we can help them come out better and stronger.

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#70 Supporting Children after Family Separation or Divorce, Andrea Eadie (3)

Family separation and divorce impact children in many ways. Discover ways in which our Christian communities and programs can be a positive source of understanding, support and healing as children journey through this life change.

Andrea Eadie is a school chaplain with over 18 years experience, she also works with SUQld in Children and Youth Programs. With a career that has included teaching, training and counselling, Andrea is passionate about seeing children and youth people not merely participate in our programs and activities, but be transformed by what they learn and experience.

#71 How to Best Assist Children and Families through Domestic and Family Violence, Footsteps to Freedom (1)

Information to assist how to guide and offer referral pathways for children and families who are experiencing or have experienced domestic and family violence. We assist with practical information and provide details for appropriate referral pathways to participants.

Michelle Whiting has a range of professional experiences and knowledge in working with families and children who have experienced or are experiencing Domestic and Family Violence. Michelle has a Bachelor of Behavioural Studies, Masters of Social Work and is an Accredited Mental Health Practitioner. Michelle has presented a number of mental health programs and co-facilitated a DV support program with Tamara. Tamara Whiting is a practitioner who works with a range of clients with mental health issues. Tamara has presented and co-presented a number of mental health programs and co-facilitated a DV support program with Michelle. Tamara has a BA [Psychology; Criminology].

#72 Boys to Men, Paul Clark (2)

We have a masculinity problem, or so we are told. What is masculinity? What does Healthy Masculinity look like? How do we help our boys become honourable men with a Christlike nature, to reduce violence and sexual harassment? Christ invited us to call God 'Father'. That sounds like a plan for manhood!

Paul Clark is a father of two, Pastor, author, broadcaster and on the judging panel of the Qld Father of the Year.

CROSS CULTURAL

#75 Engaging Our Children with Other Faiths and Cultures, Andrea Eadie (2)

The CHAT program developed by Scripture Union Queensland, assists children and young people from different faith and cultural backgrounds to engage in ways that deepen relationships, respect and understanding. This session will cover some of the program's key concepts and activities that could be used in church or community programs.

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ADDITIONAL NEEDS

#76 Inclusion of Children with Special Needs, Natalie Kaiser (2)(3)

This workshop will look at developing a toolbox of strategies for you to use with children with special needs (diagnosed or otherwise). We will look at the main reasons children may have difficulties accessing the curriculum and what strategies we can have in our toolbox to effectively include them in our program.

Natalie is a paediatric Occupational Therapist who works with children with a variety of special needs.

TRANSITIONS

#77 Junior Leaders: Keeping Yr 6-9 Engaged, Neale Collier (1)(2)

The objective of Children's ministry is to produce mature young believers. It is sad to see 'tweens' disengaging or leaving. A proven key to ongoing ministry is a challenging and vibrant Junior Leader program. Junior Leaders find value in involvement and mentoring, while providing energy, peer-role modelling to children. Leaders have the joy of seeing many years of Children's ministry bear fruit in their lives.

Neale is a Pastor and School Chaplain with over 30 years of experience. He has run a Junior Leader program for most of that time and many of those graduates are still in ministry.

Focussing on: RI in Schools

#120 DOUBLE CLASS Christian Religious Instruction Essentials Training, Suzie Overell (1-2)

The basics to start being an instructor in the State primary schools. Why CRI is important, how to get started, what next. Basic tools before you're let loose with a class of students!

Suzie has loved teaching CRI for 30 years and is convinced that this is one of the best opportunities to allow children to question, explore & discover the Christian faith in a safe environment. In 2011 she felt God place on her heart the need for a coordinated & networked approach to CRI to ensure volunteers are trained, equipped and supported to enable best practice. The CRI Network Ltd was established in the greater Ipswich region, resulting in CRI being re-established in 15 schools, reaching an extra 2000 students yearly. She loves to help equip others to be the best they can be in sharing "our story".

#121 Update for RI Coordinators, Karen Grenning (1)

This session is aimed at RI Coordinators but anyone is welcome to attend. Recent changes in RI will be discussed and there will be plenty of time to problem solve and to take Q and A.

Karen is the State Chair of the Qld Christian RI Network (QCRIN) and sits on the Department of Education's RI Quality Assurance Task Group. Karen is a current RI Coordinator and Instructor and loves working alongside other Coordinators and Instructors across Queensland.

#122 RI Coordinating Basics, Karen Grenning (3)

If you coordinate RI at a school or local area level, this is the workshop for you! Topics covered will include organising and implementing your RI program, strategies for growth, problem solving and building relationships. Come prepared to share about your RI context - we can learn from one another's journey.

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#123 Big Questions, Helen Webb (2)

Who made God? Why do bad things happen? Is my dog in heaven? How do I know the Bible is true? If you work with kids (or teenagers, or adults) you have probably been asked at least one of these BIG questions. Questions are an important part of growing and maturing in faith. This elective will help give you the skills to answer truthfully in love. Feel free to bring your own curly questions on the day.

Helen Webb has been a Kids Pastor, responsible for volunteers and curriculum in Kids Church, Afternoon Programs, Playgroups and Holiday Programs, she has also worked as a Schools Pastor supporting Chaplains and coordinating and delivering RI.

#124 Managing Student Behaviour in a Primary School Setting, Julie Terry & Fiona Millar (1)(2)

Proven strategies that will enhance the management of students in your classes. There will be role plays and scenarios to exemplify best practice.

A trained Primary School Teacher and Pastor, Julie, has been involved with ministry to children and families in church, community and school based ministry settings for 30 years. Currently involved RI implementation and oversight at a local, regional, and state level.

Fiona has been pointing children and young people to Jesus in schools, community projects, church groups and holiday clubs for over thirty years. Currently she writes curriculum, teaches the Children's Ministry Course at QTC, speaks at conferences and advises churches and school RI teams. Teaching grade 4 RI at her local state school is one of the highlights of her week and she is passionate about introducing children to Jesus in creative ways, because nothing matters more.

#125 Fun, Relevant, Engaging and Easy RI Lessons, Matt Gorton (1)(2)

To keep kids interested and excited, RI lessons (or any kids ministry lessons) should be FUN. But they also need to show how the Bible is RELEVANT to the children's lives. Variety and creativity allow your lessons to be ENGAGING. And finally, due to time constraints that we all have, we want each lesson to be EASY to prepare and deliver. This session will seek to show how all of these things can be achieved in your RI classes.

Matt is the founder and Creative Director of Quiz Worx, a ministry that shares Jesus with kids everywhere - especially in schools. He also teaches regular RI classes.

#126 Relationships are the Key, Julie Terry (2)

Building strong, positive, authentic relationships based on mutual trust and respect are the key to the implementation of a successful and impacting RI program. In this elective we will explore why, where, who, how and where we need to concentrate our time and energy in order for our Religious Instruction program to have maximum impact in our school and church communities.

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#127 Biblical Storytelling for Children of All Ages, Carole Danby (2)(3)

Creative ways to engage children in the bible texts using drama and hands-on techniques.

Carole has been a biblical storyteller for twenty years and has been a State School Religious Instructor for more than thirty years. She works for the Catholic archdiocese of Brisbane.

#128 The Ins and Outs of Using GodSpace Effectively, Cheryl Clendinning (1)(2)

If you're a long time user, just beginning, or never heard of GodSpace, spend time with Cheryl, who has overseen the development of this great RI/Kids Curriculum to find out how to get the most out of the available resource in your hands. Cheryl Clendinning has been involved with the development of GodSpace since its beginnings in 2008. She has overseen the transformation of this curriculum and definitely has a deep understanding of it to help people manoeuvre their way through the different aspects of the resource.

#129 Engaging Children With Different Learning Styles, Cheryl Clendinning (3)

How we learn ourselves impacts how we teach. Doing it the same way all the time may mean some of our students are losing interest quickly. Understanding the different learning styles helps us engage those we are instructing - but it will also push us to move out of our comfort zone. We will look at the theories in a practical way in regard to learning styles to help us expand our own understanding and hopefully boost our confidence to present information in ways that we engage more of our students each time.

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#130 Using Games to Teach the Bible, Fiona Millar (3)

A fast-moving interactive seminar that will allow you to experience a variety of games that engage, teach Biblical truth, calm unsettled groups and span a variety of learning styles while pointing children to Jesus.

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#131 Answering Tough Questions, Fiona Millar (1)

In this seminar we will consider ten ways to answer tough questions children ask. Examining different approaches, we will grapple with issues such as context, developmental appropriateness, the wider audience of the classroom, RI guidelines and parental involvement.

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#132 Creative Teaching Strategies, Wes Fittell (2)(3)

Explore how people learn, how memory works, and how to produce the best learning result in any teaching program. An interesting, practical session that models the principles and helps achieve long-term results. Lots of simple practical ideas you can apply from the next time you're with your group.

Wes Fittell is in high demand for his informative and entertaining presentations that make the gospel message clear and memorable to small groups in country schools and much larger groups in the city. He loves to pass on the tricks of his trade, including lots of simple ideas to make teaching understandable, memorable, and lots of fun.

#134 Helping kids find their place in God's Big Story, Wendy Strachan (1)

The Bible is the story of God in 6 acts and God invites children to be part of His story today. That's exciting!

For more than 35 years, Wendy's been involved in children's ministry in different parts of the world with Scripture Union and other agencies. Wendy currently teaches RI at her local school.

#135 Preparing for the year ahead in RI: An overview of Connect Cycle A, Tim Beilharz (2)(3)

Understand how the themes and lessons of Connect Cycle A fit together and can be creatively taught in your RI Class this year.

Tim Beilharz has been teaching SRE/RI in the southern suburbs of Sydney for 15 years. As well as loving his own Year 3-4 Class, Tim also ministers as an SRE/RI Advisor for Youthworks, helping equip, train and accredit SRE/RI coordinators and teachers across the Wollongong Region of the Sydney Anglican Diocese.

Focussing on: Youth & Young Adults

LEADERSHIP

#80 Leadership 101, Lachlan McLean (1)(2)

In this session, we will explore what it means to lead ourselves, lead with a team, facilitate discussions and disciple people within a youth and young adult setting. Our church needs leaders who can effectively lead and disciple and this session will provide a great foundation for people who are willing to do this!

Lachlan McLean is currently working with LYQ as the In-School Training Team Leader. In this role, he facilitates a team who run leadership and relationship training in schools throughout Queensland. He also directs Enthuse and Momentum which are Year 12 leadership experiences as well as Winter Kids Camp with LYQ.

#81 Leading small groups 101, Shane De Jager (2)(3)

Learn how to prepare & lead a small group. Includes tips on managing personalities & building positive and meaningful relationships.

Shane has been a youth and young adults ministry director for two years, and is studying education at the same time.

#82 Servant Leadership - Knowing yourself, God and mission, Brad Case (1)

Where is God calling you to best serve Him with your gifts and talents? This practical session aims to help you answer this question by helping build awareness of yourself, God and the mission He calls us all into. We'll briefly explore the Enneagram and create a picture of what God is calling you into next.

Brad Case is the Connection Pastor at Gateway Baptist Church and loves to see young emerging leaders cultivate healthy spiritual foundations to flourish in life long ministry. Brad has been a school chaplain, youth and children's pastor, long time SU Qld camps director and has even written a children's book. He is married to Mercy and together they are always making travel plans. He enjoys all kinds of sport and also music, breaking out his saxophone whenever possible.

#83 10 Hot Tips for Public Speaking, Tess van Bennekom (3)

Do you want to develop your skills in presenting and speaking in front of people? Yes? This workshop is for you. We'll be discussing 10 essential skills to take your public speaking to the next level.

Tess van Bennekom has spent the majority of her career working with youth and young adults both in and outside the church. Tess is currently the state manager for programs and professional development at Scripture Union Queensland - training and equipping chaplains and youth workers to engage the next generation more effectively.

GENERAL

#85 DOUBLE CLASS Preparing Youth for Whole of Life Spirituality, Dr Dave Benson (1-2)

Disengaged. Disembodied. Pragmatic. Anxious. Individualistic. Caricatures, perhaps, but how can we ground this isolated iGen in whole life spirituality, part of an intergenerational family on a shared pilgrimage?

Join us as we listen to their desires in this digital age, imagine an anti-fragile faith, and create rich practices to rehabilitate desire as they learn to follow the way of Jesus in their post-Christian time and place.

Dave is a former high school teacher and youth worker/pastor, current Professor in Practical Theology, and head of Traverse (traverse.org.au)--the Malyon Theological College Centre for Bridging Church and Culture. As a consultant in Christian Schooling, and leader of an experimental house church centred on transformative practices (christspieces.org), Dave will open up much-needed conversation on our secular age, but land it all with new ways forward.

#86 Help My Teenager Wants to Join Greenpeace, Susy Lee, Steve Barnett, Michael Trafford (3)

Helping kids tie their passion for action in the world with their Christian faith. Keeping kids in the church by giving them a purpose outside of the church.

Susy has combined her work as a Baptist consultant in Children's and Family Ministry with her work in International Aid and Development to think about how we intentionally raise kids who care, in an environment of individualism and consumerism. Steve is married to Diana and together they have 3 adult children and 8 chickens. They belong to Common Groundz Cafe Church in Lalor Park, Western Sydney. Steve also works for International Nepal Fellowship, Australia. Michael is a husband, father, advocate for biblical justice and a pastor in a Brisbane Church, Michael speaks from the experience of helping his children understand how justice is central to following Jesus.

#87 Having Conversations that Change Lives, Tom Schmidt (1)

The right question, a timely reflection, an encouraging word, can have a huge impact in the life of a young person. Sometimes, intentional and prayerful conversations can shape someone for years to come. But they don't just happen and you can't simply program for them. How do we enter into these kinds of conversations? how do we discern what God is doing in a young person's life and join with God in speaking life and bringing truth? How do we take a conversations from a "chat" to something deep, significant and impacting?

Tom Schmidt has over 15 years experience in ministry with young people in both a local church and in state wide roles. As the young adult ministry coordinator for Lutheran youth of Queensland he now spends much of his time, coaching, mentoring and guiding young adults in life, faith and ministry.

#88 Programming for Biblical Youth Ministry, Peter Dutton (1)

We all want our youth to be lifelong followers of Jesus. So how do we bring our purpose and program together in youth ministry? In this workshop, we look at how to construct an engaging youth ministry program that is shaped by the word of God.

Peter Dutton has been involved in youth ministry for over ten years. He is currently employed as the youth and young adults minister at St Bart's Anglican Church Toowoomba.

#89 Growing Men in Culture of Cautious Masculinity, Richard Fay (3)

What does masculinity look like in the #metoo age? How do men transform pain and find meaning when the world offers them few tools? How can the church create spaces for authentic masculinity?

Richard is the CEO of the Centre for Men and Families, a not-for-profit charity based on the men's work founded by Richard Rohr. He is also a counsellor in private practice and has a background as senior pastor of a Baptist church.

#90 Supporting Youth and Young Adults to Navigate Porn Culture, Liz Walker (2)

Pornography has gained some serious momentum amongst our young people and is likely set to continue in the years ahead. Pornography impacts our youth and young adults by influencing their understandings of sex and personal identity, can shape attitudes, behaviours, expectations and emotional development, and is creating a hidden epidemic of addiction. If young people in your church aren't struggling with porn, their peers at school and university will be. Join us as we explore how to have these important discussions, gain essential knowledge and skills, and be directed to resources to effectively respond.

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#91 Growing a Mentoring Culture, Jim Schirmer (1)

This elective will guide participants in the first steps to establishing mentoring relationships, as well as practical strategies and resources for introducing a culture of mentoring into a community.

Jim Schirmer is a counsellor, educator, church re-former and spiritual mentor who has worked with youth and young adults for over 15 years. He is the author of 'The Way of the Rabbi: Stories of Discipleship from the Gospel of Mark' (Morning Star Publishing).

#92 Youth Ministry from the Margins, Jim Schirmer (2)

This elective introduces participants to the realities of ministry with young people and families on the margins of church and society. Drawing on close to 10 years experience working with young people outside of traditional church settings, the presenter will share both theological and practical paradigms for ministry in this setting.

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#93 Ministry with Anxious Teens, Bradon French (2)

Is anxiety the default response of a 'woke' generation? We'll have a frank conversation about the causes and experiences of anxiety, and explore how we might care for anxious teenagers (and ourselves) in sustainable ministry.

Bradon is the Youth Ministry Director for the Uniting Church in Victoria & Tasmania, and lives with the reality of a complex mental health diagnosis. A practitioner, podcast host & Harry Potter enthusiast. After 15 years in youth ministry, he's still terrible at writing bios.

#94 Global Poverty: Awareness here for effectiveness there, Cathy Delaney & Ross Farley (1)

Participants will expand their understanding of global poverty, marginalisation, and empowerment, to help them better engage with these issues in their ministry context. We will explore relevant Bible passages, watch video highlights of projects in the majority world, and consider some "do's and don'ts" of effective responses to poverty - for example, sponsorship programs, short-term trips, effective giving.

Ross has been a Bible teacher and educator for TEAR Australia for many years, and has a wealth of resources and experience to share. Cathy has lived among the urban poor in India for two decades, and recently began working for TEAR to grow community engagement in Queensland.

#95 Why Youth Ministry that lasts needs to be Intergenerational, Grow Ministries-Vicki Rochow & Rachel Schilling (3)

At first glance, it may seem that "intergenerational youth ministry" is a contradiction of terms. After all, how can something be both intergenerational and geared toward a specific generation? We will explore this topic as well as introduce practical ways for you to make your ministry to youth vibrantly intergenerational.

Jodi is the Director of Grow Ministries a ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia and has served in this role for 7 years. Jodi is married with three young adult children and brings a wealth of experience in congregational ministry to her role.

#96 Digital Mental Health Resources for Youth, Tania McMahon (2)

Ever wondered what digital mental health apps and resources are out there to help and support young people, and how to sort the good ones from the ones that don't deliver? This elective will help you get to know what's out there in the digi-sphere and help you to confidently recommend resources to youth in your ministry needing mental health support.

Tania McMahon is a Clinical Psychologist and researcher who has been working in an e-Psychology research team at QUT for over a decade. The team have developed and tested numerous online and app-based mental health treatments over the years, and their current project, the 'e-Mental Health in Practice Project', aims to promote and provide information about high quality Australian digital mental health resources to healthcare professionals (including counsellors, guidance officers/chaplains and other professionals coming into contact with mental health issues) across Australia.

#97 DOUBLE CLASS Building a Discipleship Culture, Craig Ogden (1-2)

Dallas Willard said that the two most important questions a church (or a family!) can ask itself are: 1. What is our plan for making disciples? and, 2. Is it working? In this elective we will explore how to create a culture of disciple-making and mission, for people of all ages, through the application of principles and practices derived from the life of Jesus.

Craig planted and lead Plentylife Anglican Church, which exists as a network of missional communities in the north of Melbourne. For nine years they have been practising mission and disciple-making through a framework of inter-generational discipleship. He now leads a team of coaches as National Director of Cascade Network, which seeks to help churches shift their culture and help people to live like Jesus wherever they are.

#98 Evangelism for Introverts (and Extroverts too!), Juliette Warnes (1)

Evangelism in the 20th century is getting harder as people become more sceptical and less open to Christian perspectives. This elective discusses and teaches the basics of evangelism for all personality types.

Juliette facilitates leadership and relationships workshops and camps for students in schools across QLD.

#99 A Future and a Hope - Ministry in a university context, Mark Lysaght (3)

This workshop will provide the context for the missionary disciple environment in the 21st century in Australia and point to the opportunities present through analysis, with opportunity for both theoretical and practical application.

Mark Lysaght holds the position of Associate Director of Identity & Mission at Australian Catholic University; located on the Brisbane Campus. Over a period of 25 years Mark has built up a wealth of experience in a raft of business, church and community-based contexts across a broad social and cultural strata. Bringing his experience from the business world coupled with tertiary qualifications in Social Science, Counselling and Ministry, Mark is passionate about helping men and women understand faith, articulate it and live it in today's world.

#100 Conflict Resolution in Ministry, Teresa McGrath (3)

Miscommunication and mismanaged conflict can hold us back as a Church from becoming all that we are called to be. As humans, we avoid conflict yet it can have the power to help us. Conflict, when managed well, can be a catalyst for change and for growth, both in ourselves and in our relationships. This workshop will seek to provide practical tips on how to manage conflict and, in doing so, restore our relationships and strengthen our communities.

Teresa McGrath heads up the Youth Evangelisation Office for the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, which seeks to support youth leaders through training, formation, resourcing, strategic planning. Teresa has been involved in youth ministry for over 15 years. She has a background in Business Management and is currently studying her Masters in Theology and Leadership.

#101 Enabling Young People to Find God in Pop Culture, Jonathan Sargeant (1)

Do young people only experience God when they're at church? No! Learn how to give them tools to discern God in the TV, movies and pop culture around them. Let's watch some videos!!

Jonathan Sargeant, Director of Lay Education for ACSQ, has worked with children and young people in schools and churches for more than 30 years and watched a lot of movies. I mean, a lot!

#102 Heating Up Your D&Ms: How to get young people talking about difficult faith things, Jonathan Sargeant (2)

What switches young people off church? Research suggests avoiding difficult topics or trite answers are part of it. Learn how to deal with difficult topics successfully in ways that draw young people To God, not away.

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#103 DOUBLE CLASS Christianity within Cultural Diversity, Pamela Kichoncho-Katawonga (2-3)

Christianity within culturally diverse community is age old. What's changed is how we do community fellowship in light of modernisation. This elective will showcase practical examples in sharing the gospel in a culturally diverse environment.

Pamela is a stay at home mum with a passion for God, entrepreneurship and social initiatives that further the Gospel of Christ and his universal love for us all. She is fascinated by the diversity of cultures, peoples and places and what makes us all Ubuntu(humanity).

#105 Panel: An African, Indian, Samoan and Chinaman walk into a church, Tim Fawssett (1)

Australia is becoming an increasingly multicultural place, and with this comes both challenges and opportunities to be addressed in our youth work. This panel will be made up of youth leaders from different cultural backgrounds, reflecting on their own personal and faith journey and how we can collectively work more effectively with all young people who God brings into our church or community.

Tim is with SU and work in the area of Cross-Cultural Innovations, supporting their ministries and the church to engage well with people of different faiths and cultures. He lives in Brisbane, is a husband and dad of 3, enjoys running and is fascinated by all things to do with cultures.

#106 Building a Healthy and Impacting Leadership Team, Tom Schmidt (2)

The success of any ministry relies heavily on the health of the leadership team. There are many challenges to maintaining a healthy team. Everything from taking the right steps to form a team through to keeping a team focused, motivated and passionate over the long run. This elective will give you practical insight and tips into starting a team well and maintaining the health of a team over many years so that your ministry will last and have true kingdom impact.

Tom has been leading teams of people involved in youth and young adult ministry for almost 20 years. From state wide events to small one off teams to long running ministries, he has successfully built and led teams for a huge variety of purposes.

#107 After Youth Group – Building Healthy Young Adult Communities, Erica Skerman (3)

Life after youth group and high school is a difficult one, both for families and churches. How do we help teenagers transition into the world of being young adults and being part of the Church in new ways? Come along and explore how we can build communities that connect and support one another in this new stage in life.

Erica has been involved with youth and young adults for over 5 years as a camp coordinator for the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland and within her own church community.

#108 Effective Preaching to Teenagers, Ben Dainton (1)

Communicating the truth of God's word to teenagers is an important and often times difficult task. We'll be looking at some simple strategies to help the word of God be communicated to the teenagers you are trusted with.

Ben has been involved in Youth Ministry for 10 years now, and he leads a youth ministry of 150 teenagers, over two programs and communicates regularly at his youth ministry, and youth ministry events around Australia. Having spoken at SYG Victoria and many Youth Camps, he has learnt how to communicate effectively to the next generation.

#109 The Power of Talking Circles: Facilitating better group conversations, Jonathan Kemp (3)

Sometimes you need a good way to keep a group on-topic to make a big decision, or to hear what everyone is thinking in a fair way. Come and learn a specific set of facilitation skills which will achieve this and prepare to be amazed at their effectiveness!

Jonathan Kemp is the Director of Youth, Children's and Families Ministry for the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland.

#110 Guarding Your Enthusiasm - Avoiding Burnout in Ministry and Life, Peter Funke (2)

Statistics paint a picture of people in ministry leaving prematurely due to burnout. Learn practical tools to avoid the traps and get joy and enthusiasm back into your journey.

Peter is a clinical counsellor with a background in Teaching, Policing and Chaplaincy. He is a Living Wisdom affiliated therapist and trainer and enjoys working with people to make their ministry more sustainable through better insights and tools.

#111 Hyper-Reality, Joshua Schloss (3)

Using a Virtual Reality simulation as a metaphor, we explore the immersive nature of the negative emotional health conditions that young people are facing today. We really don't know what is going on for people in their home lives. More and more we are seeing a 'public' highlight reel on social media and it is now easier than ever to hide the pain of our 'real' selves/lives. This is leaving young people isolated and feeling lonely. This session explores this robust topic with care, raw emotion and an aching desire to see young people deeply supported.

Joshua has been involved in youth work on some level for 20 years. Being self employed for 15+ years, he has employed young people and is a dad of two sons - a 12 year old and a 6 year old. The past 5 years he has been speaking and running programs in schools as his primary source of income as a Motivational Speaker.

#112 DOUBLE CLASS Accelerated Discipleship Skills, Russ Wright - Vital Projex (2-3)

In our postmodern context it is increasingly difficult to gain traction in the Great Commission. Over 3 sessions you will be equipped with state of the art tools to accelerate discipleship and integrate 55 Christ-like values into whatever programs or paradigms you are currently running. A must have for anyone who works with groups of any age.

Russ brings 38 years of experience in pioneering discipling with diverse groups, both church and unchurched, packaging Kingdom culture into life transformational experiences. He is the founder and CEO of Vital-ProJeX, one of Australia's most innovative training organisations.

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