



lay people and leads to the degree of BA Honours in Contextual Theology. The people on the course are aged from 22 to 55 years. The creation of the Course began with our reflecting on the actual practice of ministry and on what it means to be a Christian in the world. We did not begin with the traditional academic theological disciplines but asked what people were doing and being when they exercised lay or ordained ministry or were expressing their discipleship in their home or working lives. We then asked, what skills and knowledge people needed to be effective in their

ministry and discipleship. Our answers to these questions were listed and then grouped into subject areas. This process led us to base the course on six major areas of exploration, which we call Major Themes (in alphabetical order in the left hand column in the diagram below).

Within each of these major themes we defined content and skills under fairly traditional subject headings. Levels 1 and 2 of the Course combine to form a coherent whole. At Level 3, Course Participants can select the subjects which have begun to interest them for more specialised

MAJOR THEMES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
<b>Believing, Caring and Social Responsibility</b>	Introduction to Spirituality hm Introduction to Pastoral Care hm	Social and Political Theology hm Developing Pastoral Care hm
<b>Church and Society</b>	Social and Congregational Analysis wm	Community Development hm Christian Education hm
<b>Handling Christian Traditions</b>	Doing Theology: Forming Creeds and Doctrines hm Liturgy and Worship hm	Making Moral Decisions hm Conflict and Renewal hm
<b>Jewish and Christian Documents</b>	Introduction to Ways of Reading the Bible hm Selected Jewish and Christian Texts hm	Texts and Contexts wm Theology's Encounter with Philosophy hm
<b>Speaking about Faith</b>	Engagement and Apologetics wm	World Faiths hm
<b>World Church</b>	Learning From the World Church wm	The Ecumenical Movement hm Understanding our Tradition hm Biblical Hebrew New Testament Greek
<b>(Electives)</b>		

