



TRINITY

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

FOR CHRIST, FOR NEW ZEALAND

STUDENT HANDBOOK



TRINITY IS COMMITTED TO TRAINING PASTOR-THEOLOGIANs FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY, AND MISSIONS

A word from our Principal and Vice-Principal

Life is too short for bad theology! We strongly believe that New Zealand urgently needs men who are both biblically grounded and have a pastoral heart for souls to effectively lead the local church.

Our primary focus at Trinity is to serve Christ by teaching its students biblical and experiential ministry to passionately live, preach and teach the word of God. Our biggest commitment at Trinity is to strengthen the men whom God is setting apart to enter pastoral ministry and mission work to be anchored in sound, historical and reformed theology.



DR PHIL HENDERSON

Principal of Trinity and Pastor of
Onekawa Bible Church



PS MATTHEW JOHNSTON

Vice-Principal of Trinity and Pastor of
Riverbend Bible Church

Diploma of Divinity Dip.Div

Our robust and unique program is designed to train and prepare men, particularly elders, to lead God's church with excellence. Our courses are designed to cultivate spiritual maturity in every student as they devote themselves to the Holy Scriptures. (2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Peter 5:1-4). The program will be part-time and will last 3 years.

Why part-time?

Because we understand that the students who will be trained will be working in their local churches or in their secular jobs.

Why 3 years?

Trinity has designed a program that will equip the students with the necessary tools for the pastoral service of their local church, in this program they will learn hermeneutics, biblical languages, theology and homiletics among other essential courses.

Diploma of Divinity Program Schedule (Dip.Div.)

Subject	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
SEMESTER 1	Start-Term Block Course Impact Con. 2024	Start-Term Block Course Impact Con. 2025	Start-Term Preaching Lab Impact Con. 2026
	Hermeneutics	Pastoral Ministry	Homiletics
	Systematic Theo 1	Systematic Theo 2	Systematic Theo 3
SEMESTER 2	Greek	Hebrew	Evangelism - Apologetics
	New Testament	Old Testament	Historical Theology
	Expository Preaching 1	Expository Preaching 2	Missions

MENTOR MODEL

To study at Trinity, the student must have the support and endorsement of their local church's elders and pastors. The Mentor Model at Trinity facilitates collaboration between faculty and local pastors for the student's academic and spiritual development.

Word to the local Pastor

We want to encourage you to send us the very best of men who have received that external affirmation from the local church elders and we will work alongside you in a remote mentor model to equip them as pastor-theologians.

We have a strong conviction that students must be well-prepared to serve Christ and his saints, by gaining a comprehensive understanding of God's full revelation of His written word and developing a vast pastoral experiential heart. This is the reason why all our professors are not only theologians but primarily possess practical experience serving in their local churches. (1 Timothy 4:13; Rom 12:1-2; John 14:15)

FUTURE STUDENTS OF TRINITY

Evidence of spiritual character is essential in the lives of each student, and personal qualities such as integrity, faithfulness, holiness, and commitment are encouraged in all our classes, ministry experience, and student body life. (Titus 1:5-9, 1 Tim 3:1-7).

This educational task is accomplished through emphasis on the following:

- ▶ Careful instruction in the Scriptures, including the original languages.
- ▶ The study of various systems of theological thought including exposure to both past and present movements in history and Christian missions with a view to embracing a comprehensive, coherent theology built from Scripture.
- ▶ A consistent focus upon involvement and accountability within a local church.
- ▶ Ongoing efforts to challenge each student in developing a biblical philosophy/style of ministry.
- ▶ The development and improvement of communication, relationship, leadership, and administrative skills for ministry. The objective is to produce graduates who are recognized as men of God and who are equipped to serve effectively as pastors, missionaries, teachers, evangelists, counselors, and leaders in evangelical ministries around the world (1 Tim 3:1-7; Tit 1:5-9; 1 Pet 5:1-4).

Together with our amazing local faculty, Trinity has recruited world-class professors. These men are not only highly prepared academically but are also serving as elders and pastors in their local churches.



PS. NICK CLEVELY

Nick Clevely's current role is that of a pastor at Covenant Grace Baptist Church. He has served in pastoral ministry for over 20 years, in South Africa, St Helena, and New Zealand. Married to Lynn, he is also a father of two sons and a grandfather to one granddaughter.



PS. ANDRE BAY

André is a native of Pretoria, South Africa. He has been married to Masha since 1997 and is the father of three children. For eight years, André served as a missionary in Saint Petersburg, Russia. He pursued further theological studies at London Theological Seminary, then pastored in South Africa, and subsequently served as a church planter in Germany (2009-2013). André has served as pastor of Shore Baptist Church, a Reformed Baptist church on Auckland's North Shore, since 2013.



PS. JASON WINSLADE

Jason, his wife Claret, and their six children reside in Darfield, Canterbury. Since his conversion in 2003, Jason was ordained in 2009 and has served as pastor of Redemption Church in Christchurch. Jason's main ministries include expository preaching, leadership training, biblical counseling, and pro-life outreach.



DR. DARRYL BURLING

Darryl earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling from The Master's University and later a Master of Divinity from The Master's Seminary. He pursued doctoral studies, earning a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Counseling, with a minor in Biblical Spirituality, from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His dissertation explored the theological and practical significance of union with Christ in marriage.



DR. MIKE RICCARDI

Mike Riccardi serves as the Pastor of Local Outreach Ministries at Grace Community Church, which includes overseeing Fundamentals of the Faith classes, eight foreign language outreach Bible studies, and evangelism in nearby jails, rehab centres, and in the local neighbourhood. He serves as Assistant Professor of Theology at The Master's Seminary. He has the privilege of serving alongside Phil Johnson as co-pastor of the Gracelife fellowship group at Grace Church.



DR. JOEL BEEKE

President and Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 books and editor of another 100 volumes.

He is an editor of Puritan Reformed Journal and Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth, editorial director of Reformation Heritage Books, president of Inheritance Publishers, and vice-president of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society.



DR. SCOTT ARDAVANIS

The Senior Pastor of Grace Church of the Valley in central California. He began his Pastoral ministry at Grace Community Church with John MacArthur. Scott served for 20 years as a Senior Pastor in Chicago and Southern California. He is an adjunct professor at The Master's Seminary. He also serves as a board member at The Master's University/Seminary.



DR. JAMES DOLEZAL

Dr. Dolezal is Associate Professor of Theology in the School of Divinity at Cairn University in Langhorne, PA. Prior to undertaking PhD studies at Westminster Seminary, he pastored in Lethbridge, Alberta. He is the author of *God without Parts: Divine Simplicity and the Metaphysics of God's Absoluteness* (Pickwick, 2011), *All That Is in God: Evangelical Theology*, and *The Challenge of Classical Christian Theism* (Reformation Heritage, 2017).



PS. MATT SMITH

Matt Smith was born in San Diego, CA. Matt has a passion for preaching the Word of God as well as for apologetics. He is the author of two books and a commentary on the book of Colossians. He holds the following degrees:

- B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Athletic Coaching from UC Santa Barbara – M.R.S from Southern California Seminary (SCS)
- M.A. in Biblical Studies from SCS
- Master of Divinity from SCS
- Masters of Theology from SCS

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