

METRO CURRICULUM

What appears on the following pages is the big picture of what you hope to achieve in two years of life on life training as trainee and trainer. This includes the learning objectives, reading list and training papers that will be covered.

Being Like Jesus

Prayer and Godliness

METRO trainees should strive to live out a mature Christian life characterized by a love for and trust in God. Their reliance on his power should be expressed through prayer. Trainees should demonstrate a commitment to personal integrity, especially in the areas of faithfulness, truthfulness, purity and self-control.

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate perseverance in daily prayer • Demonstrate extensive prayer, reflecting God’s concerns • Demonstrate leadership of family and friends in the Word of God and prayer, encouraging them in Christian faith and maturity. • Consciously submit to the Word of God in obedience, making specific changes in thinking, attitude and actions. • Identify ungodly motivations – for example, wanting to preach in order to get attention or praise from people instead of wanting to preach in order to love and serve people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate perseverance in daily prayer • Demonstrate extensive prayer, reflecting God’s concerns • Demonstrate leadership of family and friends in the Word of God and prayer, encouraging them in Christian faith and maturity. • Consciously submit to the Word of God in obedience, making specific changes in thinking, attitude and actions. • Identify ungodly motivations – for example, wanting to preach in order to get attention or praise from people instead of wanting to preach in order to love and serve people.
Major Reading	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Plan (Eg 5x5x5) • “Praying With Your Eyes Open” By Richard Pratt • “A Praying Life” By Paul E Miller (Alternate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipleship Journal • “A Call to Spiritual Reformation” By Don Carson • “The Pursuit of Holiness” By Jerry Bridges (Alternate) • “Compared to Her” By Sophie de Witt (recommended for female trainees)
Training Papers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Group Prayer (Ministry Paper) • Christian Households (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 3.02 “The Holiness Factor” • MTS Training Exercise 3.05 “Resisting Temptation” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising Kids To Follow Jesus • MTS Discussion Paper 3.10 “Unmasking Greed” • MTS Training Exercise 3.07 “Teachability And Willingness To Change”

Thinking Like Jesus

Bible Study

METRO trainees should develop commitment to the Bible, respecting it as the revealed and reliable Word of God, as well as cultivating the desire and the skills to read and apply it.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate persistence in the application of the Bible to daily life • Explain why the word of God is reliable • Demonstrate persistence in the discipline of daily Bible reading 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate persistence in the application of the Bible to daily life • Construct a timeline showing the flow of events in Scripture • Explain the meaning of specific passages within their immediate context and the whole message of Scripture 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Plan (E.g. 5x5x5) • "According To Plan" By Graeme Goldsworthy 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipleship Journal • "Postcard From Palestine" By Andrew Reid • "Interpreting God's Plan" By RJ Gibson (Alternate) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Time With God (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 1.03 "Bottom Up, Bottom Down" • MTS Training Exercise 1.04 "Listening To Preaching" • "Listen Up -a practical guide to listening to sermons" By Christopher Ash 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTS Discussion Paper 1.02 "What Must I Do To Interpret The Bible?" • MTS Training Exercise 1.02 "Teaching The Psalms" 	

Thinking Theologically

METRO trainees should have a sound understanding of the Gospel, and grow in their ability to reflect theologically and critically about Christian ministry.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the Gospel of grace in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The elective purposes of God ○ The nature of sin ○ God’s righteous judgment ○ The person and work of Christ ○ Justification by faith 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the doctrine of revelation and critique alternative ways of knowing God. • Explain the elements of evangelical ministry and critique alternative views of Christian ministry 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Blueprint” By Philip Jensen And Tony Payne • “Know the Truth” By Bruce Milne (Alternate) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Everlasting God” By Broughton Knox • Westminster Confession Of Faith (Alternate) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTS Discussion Paper 2.02 “Children Of The Resurrection” • MTS Discussion Paper 2.10 “Reformation Slogans” • MTS Training Exercise 2.01 “Preparing A Gospel Talk” • Giving The Talk – John Chapman • MTS Training Exercise 2.04 “Justification By Faith” 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTS Discussion Paper 2.01 “Biblical Pragmatics” • MTS Discussion Paper 2.05 “Biblical 4 Ways To Live” • MTS Training Exercise 2.02 “Guidance And The Bible” • MTS Training Exercise 2.05 “Design A Ministry Program” 	

Relationships In Ministry

METRO trainees should cultivate a humble, self-giving attitude towards others. Trainees should exercise sober judgment and pastoral sensitivity, and grow in their listening abilities and skills in building rapport and trust. They should be teachable and open to feedback.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer for unattractive jobs • Demonstrate 'going the extra mile' in serving people • Demonstrate reliability in big and small matters 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a long term interest in people • Work co-operatively with others. • Speak the truth in a gentle but firm manner. • Respond to feedback in a teachable manner. • Resolve personal conflicts with people. • Demonstrate awareness of how their manners and personality affect others. • Build rapport with people from other age groups and backgrounds 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Zeal without Burnout" By Christopher Ash • "Cross Talk" By Michael R. Emlet 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Going The Distance" By Peter Brain • "The Contemplative Pastor" By Eugene Peterson (Alternate) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids church ministry (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 4.02 "The Ministry Of Welcoming" • MTS Discussion Paper 4.05 "The Ministry Of The Pew" • MTS Training Exercise 3.02 "The Extra Mile" • MTS Training Exercise 4.01 "The Ministry Of The Pew" 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Preparation (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 4.03 "Welcoming The Newcomer" • MTS Discussion Paper 4.06 "Self Esteem And God's Esteem" • MTS Training Exercise 4.02 "Visiting Newcomers And Members" • MTS Training Exercise 4.03 "Personal Presentation" • MTS Training Exercise 4.05 "Marriage And Ministry" 	

Serving Like Jesus

Evangelism & World Mission

METRO trainees should engage in proclaiming the Gospel while firmly relying on the Holy Spirit. Trainees should have a heart for the lost, sympathy for the background of their hearers (individuals and groups), and a commitment to world evangelism.

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build friendships with non-Christians • Establish rapport with people in evangelistic situations • Explain the Gospel clearly • Boldly urge people to respond to Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer the appropriate 'next step' for individuals • Answer questions and objections • Follow up new Christians • Foster commitment in others to evangelism • Cultivate a world vision for evangelism, not just a local vision
Major Reading	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Marks of the Messenger" By J Mack Styles • "The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission" By John Dickson (Alternate) • "Hospitality Evangelism" By Kel Willis (Alternate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Know And Tell The Gospel" By John Chapman • "The Welcoming Church" By Peter Corney (Alternate)
Training Papers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Evangelism (Ministry Paper) • Giving Your Testimony (Ministry Paper) • High School Lunchtime Ministry (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 5.03 "Walk-Up Evangelism" • MTS Discussion Paper 5.07 "How To Run A Dialogue Meeting" • MTS Training Exercise 5.01 "Walk-Up Evangelism" • MTS Training Exercise 5.02 "Circle Of 5" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-School Mum's Ministry (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 5.05 "Preaching In An Australian Context" • MTS Discussion Paper 5.06 "Approaches To Apologetics" • MTS Training Exercise 5.03 "Purchase Proposition" • MTS Training Exercise 5.05 "Follow Up A New Christian"

Teaching The Bible

METRO trainees should work at building mature Christians by teaching the Bible one-to-one, in small groups and in public settings to children, youth and adults.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exegete and explain a passage of the Bible • Help individuals make progress in the Christian life by applying the Bible to their lives. • Read the Bible one-to-one • Give a talk from a passage of the Bible 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead a Bible study discussion • Lead in church and/or in other gatherings by reading the Bible, chairing meetings, interviewing people and so on. • Give a talk from a passage of the Bible 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “One-To-One Bible Reading” By David Helm • Setting Hearts On Fire” By John Chapman 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Growth Groups” By Col Marshall • “Leading Better Bible Studies” By Rod And Karen Morris (Alternate) • “Biblical Preaching” By Haddon Robinson • “Word Filled Women’s Ministry” By Gloria Furman & Kathleen Nielson (Optional alternate for female trainees) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting One-To-One (Ministry Paper) • MTS Discussion Paper 6.02 “Ministry To Individuals:” • MTS Training Exercise 6.06 “Lead The Church Meeting” 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading Church (Ministry Paper) • MTS Training Exercise 6.02 “Helping People Progress” • MTS Training Exercise 6.10 “Lead The Singing” 	

Training Others In Ministry

METRO trainees should proactively identify people's gifts and potential. Trainees should work at equipping these people through the Word of God for godly living, instilling in them the vision to reach the world with the Gospel, and encouraging them to develop skills to minister to others.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise people's gifts and therefore in what ministries they should serve. Train a personal evangelist. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train an assistant in small group ministry. Actively identify and coach those who should be involved in ministry. 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The Trellis And The Vine" By Col Marshall 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Passing The Baton" By Col Marshall "Intentional Discipleship" By Ron Bennett (Alternate) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry Training Church (Ministry Paper) Getting Ministry Done (Ministry Paper) Joining A Ministry Team (Ministry Paper) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Calendar (Ministry Paper) Joining A Growth Group (Ministry Paper) Attend Engage Conference 	

Leadership

METRO trainees should work at motivating, inspiring and organising people to work together in teams. Trainees need to set clear vision, and think and act strategically, even initiating new ministries to break into uncharted terrain to advance the Gospel.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Objectives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify their own leadership style, their gifts and their flaws. • Adapt a style so that it enhances rather than hinders relationships • Develop and implement ministry plans. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate responsibilities and follow-up. • Resolve conflict positively. • Start a new ministry • Provide the vision and direction for a ministry. 	
Major Reading			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Mission Minded" By Peter Bolt 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "God's Good Design" By Claire Smith • "Embers To A Flame" By Harry Reeder (Optional for potential candidates) 	
Training Papers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTS Discussion Paper 8.02 "Orientation To MTS" • MTS Discussion Paper 8.06 "Time And What To Do With It" 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTS Discussion Paper 8.03 "What Is The Place Of Strategic Planning" • MTS Discussion Paper 8.05 "Making Decisions About Gospel Work" 	