



*Community-based discipleship & spiritual formation year

*Fully accredited *Diploma of Christian Ministry & Theology* from Australian College of Ministries

*Fee Help & Youth Allowance/Austudy Accredited

Discipleship Intensive Year



A Community-based Learning Year Growing as Disciples of Jesus

⇒ **Forming the Heart**

Spiritual: To deepen faith and love for God through practising prayer, worship, and spiritual disciplines

⇒ **Forming the Mind**

Intellectual: To learn and grow through reflection and discussion upon the Bible and Christian thought

⇒ **Forming Community**

Social and Covenantal: To create, nurture and enjoy authentic relationships through trust, honesty and common mission

⇒ **Forming Service & Action**

Ministry: To explore and test particular gifts, passions and calling with regard to serving others

THE HISTORY



Joseph Foy, KBC's first
pastor in 1856

Kew Baptist Church has been making disciples for 158 years. There are church members in their 90's who still remember vividly the biblical and theological teaching, community, encouragement and opportunity they experienced as young adults in the 1940's which set them on a lifelong path of following Jesus.

In 2010 the church community conducted a major review of its life and ministry and decided upon 5 priorities and values, with one of them being:

Young Adults and laity development: “to motivate and support persons in discovering and using their gifts of ministry in their daily lives; as well as train people in preaching, pastoral care, musical worship leading, evangelism, small group leadership, etc.”

Furthermore, at a Church Leader's Retreat in 2012, we determined to take seriously the need to enact **“Discipleship and training across the whole church in response to Jesus' command to make disciples.”** A disciple is simply a maturing and increasingly devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

With a unique environment of having around 55 young adults living on site each year, and a strong Uni/young adult congregation (NightChurch), DIY provides a next step for people wanting to have a gap-year in which to build and reinforce foundations in faith for their lives. This is learning and growing in the context of a community of faith in an urban environment.

We will limit the intake of applicants to 12 (not just because Jesus did!) to enable time and attention for mentoring and support from leaders in the church.

This year is an opportunity for young adults to intentionally devote themselves to biblical and theological learning and spiritual formation.

THE CONTEXT

In order to expand this vision to equip and support young adults as followers of Jesus, KBC has become a Network Partner with Australian College of Ministry (ACOM), a Nationally Recognised Training organisation and a member of the Sydney College of Divinity.

We are inviting expressions of interest from people to join DIY for 2015. You may be just finished your study, part way through and take a gap year, or not studying at all. The course content is delivered by ACOM online and KBC provides an environment for students to support and stimulate their learning and engagement.

Training Coordinator:

- ⇒ Rev Nicholas Tuohy, *Senior Pastor* (MPhil, BTheol (Hons), Grad Cert Arts (Theology), Adv Dip Min)


Learning Coaches:

- ⇒ Stephen Chatelier, *Kew Student Residence Manager* (BA, BEd, BChrStud, MEd, PGCert Ed Res, PhD (Cand))
- ⇒ Paul Pallot, *Associate Pastor* (LLB, BA, DML, MDiv)

The Training Coordinator and Learning Coaches work with students and assist them in their learning and in working through their training materials and assessment requirements. There may be a different learning coach for each subject who is available for support, questions and also meets weekly or monthly with students.

DIPLOMA

The Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology content is delivered primarily online through the Moodle educational platform learning environment, however, we supplement this with a one day a week face-to-face learning environment. Also, learning coaches are available for one-to-one meetings and support. The following schedule of subjects is offered with 5 subjects per semester:

DIPLOMA of Christian Ministry & Theology (10434NAT)			
ACOM SUBJECT	VET UNIT	UNIT DESCRIPTOR	
Core Subjects			
God's Church, Your Mission [GCM]	CMTTHE501A	Analyse and interpret theological beliefs in the light of current thinking	
Deeper into Jesus [DIJ]	CMTTHE502A	Analyse and interpret theological data	
Read Between the Lines [RBL]	CMTTHE503A	Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue	
Spiritual Formation B [SFB]	CMTTHE504A	Identify new theological information	
The Art of Leadership [ALP]	CMTMIN501A	Relate theological ideas to the Christian way of life	
Communicating the Faith [CTF]	CMTMIN502A	Communicate theology in a clear form	
Elective Subjects (Select FOUR units)			
The Practice of Leadership [PRL]	CHCORG624E	Provide leadership in community services delivery	
Understanding People [UNP]	CHCCSL510A	Work effectively with relationship issues	
In Depth Ministry Project [IMP]	BSBPMG522A	Undertake project work	
Developing a Youth Ministry [DYM]	CHCYTH009	Support youth programs	
Coaching for Transformation [CFT]	CHCORG529B	Provide coaching and motivation	
Voices for Change [VFC]	CHCCOM504B	Develop, implement and promote effective workplace communication	

In the Diploma, students will be empowered to analyse and interpret the Bible, beliefs and current theological thinking. Students relate these ideas to their Christian life and continue their spiritual formation journey. At this level, students will be enabled to apply their learning to Christian leadership and ministry.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus taught that when we serve others in His love we are actually serving him. The shape of this service needs to be congruent with your gifts, abilities, passion and experience, and numerous opportunities exist to serve at:

- ⇒ Love Abbotsford- a mercy ministry to the families in public housing.
- ⇒ Good Grub- a weekly free lunch for homeless and struggling folk
- ⇒ Hosting discussion nights, Alpha, and other faith exploration opportunities, providing and participating in hospitality to and with others
- ⇒ Worship Bands—providing music and worship in song for 10am and NightChurch; service leading and other worship elements.
- ⇒ Kew Student Res—hanging out with ‘Ressies’, offering hospitality, supporting and befriending the students. Participating in activities such as Orientation week, State Youth Games, social nights etc.
- ⇒ Pew Preachers: mentoring, training and opportunities in preaching
- ⇒ Karana Aged Care- visiting seniors, helping out at chapel on Sunday
- ⇒ Carrical Boarding House— monthly BBQ/friendship for the residents
- ⇒ Global Mission Team- oversees our prayer and financial support for our overseas workers
- ⇒ Pastoral care, mentoring and discipling.
- ⇒ Smallgroups- hosting, leading or just being a part of one
- ⇒ “Mundane” ministry: some things just don’t seem that spiritual, but they are necessary. Locking up after church, helping out with working bees, property up keep and other odd jobs.
- ⇒ New initiatives you start
- ⇒ Local Council volunteering

COMMUNITY

Community is not automatic, but rather, community deepens and is enriched by mutual partnership and mission. Sharing goals, values, responsibilities and purpose provides the opportunity to form loving and trusting relationships.

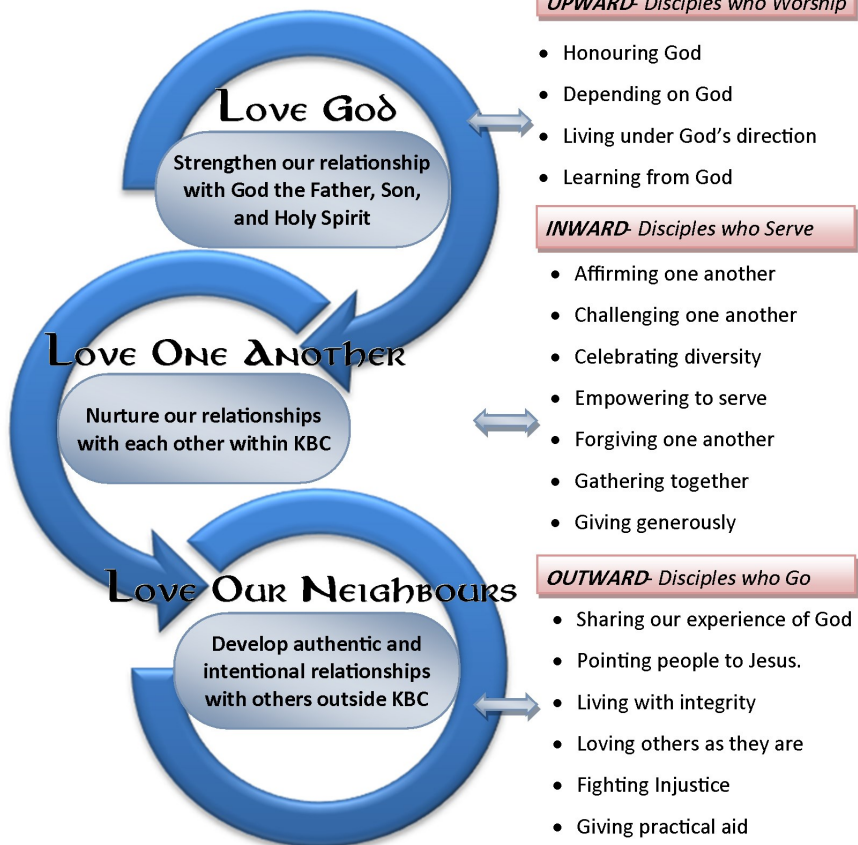
As a church we have embraced this Covenant as a foundation of our lives together:



Kew Baptist
CHURCH
COVENANT



In the light of the Word of God, and in response to God's acceptance, love and forgiveness demonstrated in the Good News of Jesus Christ's perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, we the people of Kew Baptist Church covenant to:



MORE INFO

Live in: Applicants can also apply for one of 5 live in positions within “The House”, and undertake the DIY within the context of shared life together. Or, applicants can also apply for a shared room in our Kew Student Residence.

Kew Student
RESIDENCE



Kew Baptist
CHURCH

Live out: We also welcome applicants who are in shared house or other accommodation. However, we think it ideal to not be more than 25 minutes travel away from Kew Baptist as this could work against the community and shared life aspect of the year.

What might a typical week look like?

Monday: Group and Individual Study Day

- ⇒ 9-9:30 prayer & devotion
- ⇒ 9:30-3pm study day as a group and individually

Tuesday: Core Day

- ⇒ Prayer Breakfast: 7:30-8:30am
- ⇒ Session One: 9am—10:15am
- ⇒ Session Two: 10:45am—12pm
- ⇒ Lunch together: 12pm—1pm
- ⇒ Tutorials: 1pm—2pm

Wed– Sat

- ⇒ Paid employment, free time, assessment work, ministry opportunities

Sunday:

- ⇒ Worship together at KBC and ministry opportunities

Other:

- ⇒ Monthly community meal
- ⇒ Half day prayer retreats each semester

KEY INFO

Course Details:

- ⇒ Open to 18-24yo's
- ⇒ 10 units of study with 5 units per semester
- ⇒ 16 Hrs per week FT
- ⇒ 1 day per week voluntary ministry with Kew Student Res & KBC
- ⇒ 4 days per week for paid employment, rest, ongoing study
- ⇒ \$600 per Unit
- ⇒ \$150 one off annual enrolment fee
- ⇒ Live-in or live-out options available (details available upon request)
- ⇒ Fee-help and Austudy are available to eligible students
- ⇒ Monday and Tuesday compulsory study days
- ⇒ Minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 people in 2015

Dates:

- ⇒ Semester One: 2 Feb to 19 June
- ⇒ Semester Two: 6 July to 20 Nov
- ⇒ Enrolments Close 23 Jan, 2015 (Get in early, though)

To Apply or find out more:

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Kew Baptist: Church 158 years of serving Jesus
