

## WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Students undertaking courses in theology and religious education for SCD Awards (BTh, MA, MTh Graduate Certificate or Diploma).

Pastoral workers, catechists, social activists, and concerned citizens can audit the course for personal interest or professional development.

### Course costs:

BTh level: \$720

MA level: \$950

Audit: \$490

CISSA: \$10

## WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

Ecological science warns that our life-style threatens earth systems. Pope Benedict XVI teaches that Creation and Redemption are inseparable and the way we live must demonstrate this belief. This course explores:

- ecological awareness as a context for faith development
- church resources for ecological conversion
- critical thinking on sustainability and environmental values
- skills to engage with action networks & to create communities of change.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

1. The ecological context for mission: concerns such as climate change, water crisis, peak oil, food security and biodiversity.
2. Overview of Catholic teaching on the environment: social justice, eco-theology, Scripture, eco-spirituality and personal transformation.
3. Comparative current environmental ethical and eco-theological perspectives: different approaches, case studies.
4. Communication and action-planning: engagement, growing relationships and community: survey groups working in the environmental field.

## USEFUL INFORMATION



The Veech Library will be open from 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Monday—Friday  
BYO lunch; tea/coffee provided  
Parking available on campus

## Daily Programme

Session 1	9.30am - 11.00am
Session 2	11.30am - 1.00pm
Session 3	2.00pm - 3.30pm

## WHAT WILL BE STUDIED?

### Monday, 13 July

- Mission in eco-action
- Climate change, peak oil, water and food security, biodiversity
- Overview of Church teaching on the environment

### Tuesday, 14 July

- Survey of environmental ethical approaches
- Biblical perspectives, eco-theology, eco-spirituality
- Case study: Transition Towns and vision

### Wednesday, 15 July

- Beliefs underpinning the industrial growth model
- Inner transformation and social change
- Student case study introduction

### Saturday, 29 August

- The role of science and dialogue
- GE food crops
- Student case study presentations

### Sunday, 30 August

- Ecological Footprint, consumption and sufficiency
- Praxis - nature of involvement and action planning
- Going forth – sustainability leadership

# Presenters



**Charles Rue** MTh MEnvPlan PhD

*Charles is a Columban missionary priest; assigned to South Korea and Jamaica WI for over twenty years, usually working in parishes; after studies in Berkeley Cal. taught Liturgy; lectured and wrote for mission education; published on history; more recently focused on the ecological aspects of justice and spirituality.*



**Sandra Menteith** BPharm BTh(Hons)

*Sandra is a community sustainability leader; lectured and written extensively; worked with OzGREEN; lectured on Environmental Ethics at CIS; consultant to the Franciscan Friars; initiated the Climate Action Network in the Southern Highlands; organized formation for Transition Towns leaders.*



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**Registration Week  
is from  
15—19 June 2009**

# Extensive 2009



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**July 13—15  
August 29—30**



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