

## **ANIMATING WORSHIP: An Interactive On-line Ministry Seminar for Church Musicians**

Church musicians are unique in both the religious and secular realms. They are primarily servants, people with musical skills who use them to assist others in their worship of God. Unlike many performing musicians, the end of their performing is not the performance itself—excellent as it needs to be—but rather creating a holy process by which believers can “glimpse heaven”.

*Animating Worship* is a continuing education series both practical and theoretical. It is designed for church musicians and those interested who are inclined to ask “why,” “considering persons” who as they work in worshipping congregations are unsatisfied with mere artistry.

This set of courses is intended to help fill gaps among music, theology, and theory and practice of ministry; it is a means of providing synergistic university-level study in the home setting; it offers a rare opportunity for church musicians, clergy and persons-in-the-pew to explore together this unique vocation with sympathetic, supportive others.

### **Courses**

#### **Year One**

##### **1 Church Music (Survey)**

*12 Zoom sessions, Mondays 7.00-9.30p ET, September to December 2021*

From Old Testament through Contemporary Christian Music

Texts: Andrew Wilson-Dickson: *The Story of Christian Music*

Swee Hong Lim, Lester Ruth: *Lovin' on Jesus*

##### **2 Christian Liturgy (Survey)**

*12 Zoom sessions, Mondays 7.00-9.30p ET, January to March 2022*

From Acts 2 through all major modern developments

Texts: James F White: *Introduction to Christian Worship* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)

Lim and Ruth, *Lovin' on Jesus*

#### **Year Two**

##### **3 Bible (Survey)**

*12 Zoom sessions, Mondays 7.00-9.30p, September to December 2022*

Old through New Testaments, including basic Christian theology, and the Lectionary

Text: Harry Wendt, *See Through the Scriptures*

##### **4 Pastoral Care for Pastoral Musicians** *12 Zoom/In-Person sessions, January to March 2023 (day TBA)*

Theory and practice in ministry for others and self

Supervisor: TBA

*In addition, a portion of each Zoom meeting will be given to pragmatic concerns*

### **Limits**

8 registrants each term

Registration for September-December 2021 term is September 12, 2021

### **Cost for Each Course**

Cost of textbooks, plus minimum voluntary \$100 donation to Grey Bruce Centre RCCO (registered charity through national RCCO office). Similar professional on-line courses cost over US \$700 each course.

### **More Information**

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