

## CLASS TIME

6.30 to 9.30 pm Thursdays from 21 July 2011  
Pathways College, 694 Great South Road, Penrose

## OPTIONS

1. AUDIT - attend lectures and receive reading material - \$150 (early bird price of \$135 by 30th June 2011).
2. CREDIT - attend lectures and submit assignments for credit though Carey College (15 credits towards a Bachelor degree) - \$550 (closing date 8th July 2011).

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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AUDIT

CREDIT  >>If credit, LEVEL 6  or LEVEL 7

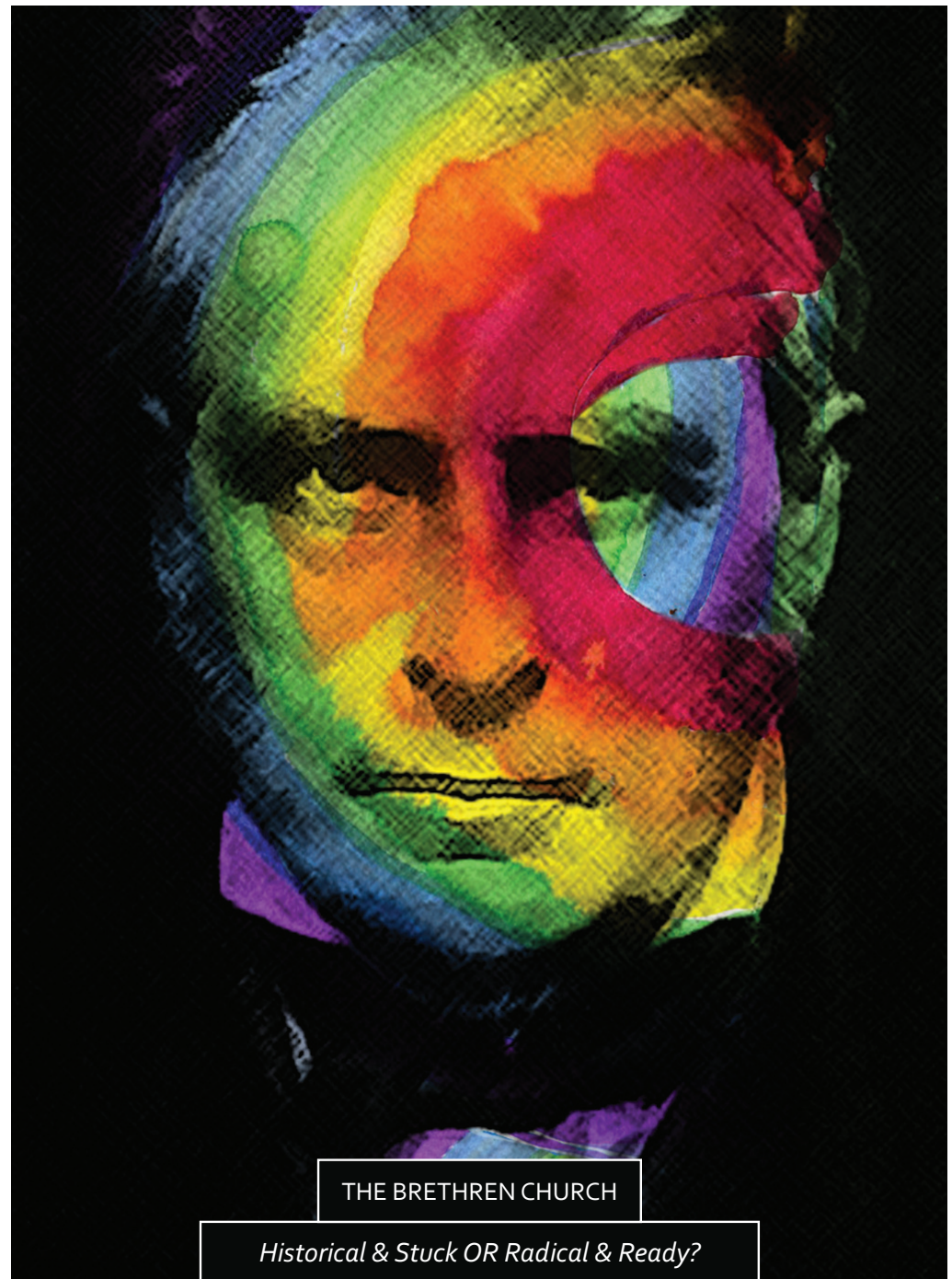
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THE BRETHREN CHURCH

*Historical & Stuck OR Radical & Ready?*

A LECTURE COURSE ON THE HERITAGE, DISTINCTIVES  
AND FUTURE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES.

## WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT OUR CHURCH HERITAGE?

## WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE BRETHREN MOVEMENT?

## HOW CAN WE BEST MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE?

Participants can elect to just attend lectures and receive reading material, or they can also do a number of assignments to gain academic credit toward a degree-level qualification.

The course is an exploration of the history, principles and practices of the Brethren movement and its contribution to the mission of God in New Zealand and throughout the world. Lecture presentations are based on serious theological, historical, and sociological research.

The biblical concept of the priesthood of all believers is the unifying theme for the Brethren Churches course. This was one of the key founding principles of the movement. Historically this concept was accepted yet not fully practiced.

The priesthood of all believers has implications for all aspects of Assembly community and personal life. The good news of Jesus Christ establishes each believer as a priest who can carry out all aspects of Christian living. The gifts of the Spirit assist believers to know their primary priestly functions. The priesthood of all believers establishes godly processes for pastoral work and church life. Its implications affect how leaders function, how relationships are maintained, how men and women and children operate, and how worship, teaching/preaching and mission happens.

## THIS COURSE IS FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

- Church leaders and pastors - discover how to utilise the strengths of the movement to grow the church and transform communities.
- Church members - discover the incredible contribution of the Brethren movement from its origin to the present.
- Theological students - gain academic credit at level 6 or 7 through Carey College.

DATE	LECTURE TOPIC
21 July	Introduction to the course; Origin of Brethren movement; Original doctrines and distinctives.
28 July	Early history (including split); Growth and spread of movement worldwide; Evolving distinctives of churches.
4 Aug	History of Brethren churches in NZ; NZ Brethren leaders; History of GPH.
11 Aug	Overview of doctrines & principles; Ecclesiastical position & approaches. Perspectives and practices of the Lord's supper.
18 Aug	Pastoral care; Fellowship; Music and worship.
25 Aug	Biblical interpretation; Perspectives on charismatic gifts; End times and millennial positions.
15 Sept	Function of elders; Role of pastors; Issues of leadership.
22 Sept	Bible training & postal Bible studies. Community ministries; Outreach ministries.
29 Sept	Camp and conference ministries; Rally movement and children's ministries; Maori and Pacific Island ministries.
6 Oct	Church growth research; Church planting models and approaches; Evangelism and disciple-making.
13 Oct	Missionary Services & GCIM; Past contribution of NZ Brethren to global missions. Current & future missions strategies.
20 Oct	Coordination & cohesion of denomination; Future of the movement globally; Future of the movement locally.
27 Oct	Areas of interest to participants; Review of main themes.

## LECTURERS:

Alan Thorp, Th.M (course coordinator); Craig Barrow, M.Div; Nick Field, M.Mus; Campbell Fountain; Russell Grainger, B.App.Theol; John Hitchen, Ph.D; Chris Opie, B.Mus; Richard Opie, M.Th; Phil Tait, D.Min; Russell Thorp, M.Th. \*See Pathways website for profiles of lecturers and further details of course. [www.pathways.ac.nz](http://www.pathways.ac.nz)