Mission and Ministry in an Urban Context (TMM2357)

Module Level:	5
Module Credit Value:	10
Pre-requisites:	None
Co-requisites:	None
Excluded Combination of Modules:	None
Aims:	To provide students with an overview of the current contexts of urban England and the nature and role of the church in a variety of urban communities.
	To equip students with critical and reflective tools and understanding to develop a theological and missiological response to the challenges of urban ministry and mission in contemporary Britain.
	To provide students with understanding of different models of church / parish ministry and the ability to assess their appropriateness for different aspects of urban mission and ministry.
	To encourage students to develop the concepts and skills needed for leadership in urban church / parish ministry with an emphasis on a collaborative approach and partnership working.
	To engender in students a vision for the possibilities of prophetic hope, human renewal and community regeneration through the Christian gospel in urban settings.
Content:	An exploration of the demographic, social and cultural changes in urban contexts in Britain in recent years and how the church engages with these.
	A study of a range of urban theological, missiological and ecclesiological responses to urban realities, including social engagement, models of church planting and creative approaches to evangelism.
	The skills needed for leadership, partnership working and collaboration for holistic mission in urban ministry.
	Classroom study will be related to the experience of one or more placements in urban contexts.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this module students will be able to:

Subject Knowledge [SSK 3]

Offer a detailed account and analysis of the problems and challenges of urban contexts for ministry and mission.

Describe and analyse the range of approaches to urban theology and begin to develop their own theological framework of appropriate contextualisation.

Analyse and evaluate different models of church, church-planting, ministry and leadership in the complex and changing urban contexts of churches today.

Subject Skills [SSS 3]

Outline a strategic framework for missional leadership of an urban congregation drawing from critical engagement with theologians and practitioners of urban ministry.

Key Skills [KS 1, 2, 3, 4]

Identify, gather, analyse and evaluate source materials for a range of purposes.

Undertake a critical analysis of information and arguments, communicating these effectively to a specific audience.

Take responsibility for a task that involves independent inquiry; the management of time, resources and use of IT; meeting deadlines, evaluating the task and learning from it.

Plan their own personal and professional development.

Modes of Teaching and Learning:

Teaching methods to be specified by each TEI, using the 'Guidelines for Modes of Teaching and Learning'.

Learning Hours:

Learning hours to be specified by each TEI using the 'Guidelines for Learning Hours'.

Formative Assessment:

Formative assessment to be specified by each TEI in line with the published guidelines on formative assessment.

Summative Assessment:

Summative assessment to be specified by each TEI using the published guidance on assessment patterns for undergraduate modules.

Indicative Reading:

Indicative reading to be specified by each TEI in line with the published guidelines on creating bibliographies for undergraduate modules.