

# Disability and God's People (DAN)

**Australian College of Theology name:** *Disability and Normality – A Christian Understanding and Response*

## Unit Description

Encounter the issues, questions and dimensions of disability. Experience a unique opportunity to be met by real voices, real hearts and real experiences. Explore a Christian perspective on disability and inclusion, and be challenged to re-examine your perceptions of what it means to be disabled – as well as what it means to be human. Have opportunities to learn, reflect, discuss, and be transformed in a way that is practically significant, and will deepen ministry at all levels.

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## Aim

- (i) To introduce you to a biblical perspective on normality and disability.
- (ii) To expose you to some ministry opportunities by and to people with disabilities.

## Outline

This unit introduces the development of ideas and definitions relating to disability and inclusion. It describes how different Christian interpretations of scripture have shaped ministry and social practice with particular reference to the Australian context.

## Unit Content

- Introduction to the developments of several different models of describing disability.
- Basic overview of how the church has responded to and engaged with rights movements and social justice.
- Particular Scriptures and theological concepts, including church and creation in God's image, and some of sin, divine sovereignty, justice, community, prayer, worship, hope, hospitality, salvation and healing, will be considered in the light of disability.
- Description of current practices and developments (with particular reference to Australia). You will be encouraged to consider your own practice and perspectives.