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Series 2 2009

TRANSFORMING CHURCH AND SOCIETY – THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY REFORMATIONS

Dates: Wednesday, 3 June – Wednesday, 22 July 2009

Time: 10.00 am - 12 noon

Venue: Salmond College, Knox Street, North East Valley

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Donald Feist (476 3268)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday 13 May 2009, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 22 May.

Any questions about courses after 13 May should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

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Virtually everything about the sixteenth century Reformations is controversial. Did they usher in modernity, or represent a lurch backwards, or is continuity the main motif?

Were they popular, or an elitist movement soon to be captured by princely courts? Was Luther death-obsessed, Calvin a theocrat, the Radicals plain nuts? What role did theology, politics, social and cultural agendas play? What are the key sources to understand the Reformations: the literature of aspiration of the reformers themselves (their pamphlets, commentaries, catechisms) or the music, the art, the humbler detritus of ordinary people? And finally: can we get beyond our own constructions of the past to the actual history itself?

The sessions will be presented by the following:-

Principal Emeritus Peter Matheson, formerly of the Theological Hall, Knox College.

Emeritus Professor Colin Gibson, formerly, Department of English, University of Otago

Dr Judith Collard, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, University of Otago

The Lecture Programme

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| 3 June | Between God and the Devil: Martin Luther
Peter Matheson |
| 10 June | The Peasants' War and Religious Radicalism
Peter Matheson |
| 17 June | Reformation Art
Judith Collard |
| 24 June | Babylon or the Abyss: John Calvin
Peter Matheson |
| 1 July | The Musical Score
Colin Gibson |
| 8 July | A Reformation for Women?
Peter Matheson |
| 15 July | Facing both Ways: England and Scotland
Peter Matheson |
| 22 July | Catholic Reform
Peter Matheson |