

COURSE CATALOGUE 2026





Colombo Theological Seminary
Resources to the Church for the Transformation of Nations

COURSE CATALOGUE

2026

CTS is committed to providing theological education that will equip believers to be Christ-like leaders in the Church and in the marketplace - in Sri Lanka and beyond.

CTS is a seminary where you will experience the richness of all Christian traditions as you learn and interact with believers from different Christian denominations.

CTS' commitment to Christian unity is firmly rooted in the authority of the Holy Scriptures: a unity around a shared conviction that the Bible is our ultimate guide for faith and life.

Come, join the vibrant community of learners at CTS, and embark on an exciting journey of study, spiritual growth, and developing effective ministry skills!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CTS Courses:

- A typical CTS course is 13 weeks in duration, at a frequency of one class a week.
- Modular courses are intensive courses conducted over 4 full days.
- While most courses have a total of 30 classroom hours, some have a total of 45 classroom hours or 30 classroom hours + practical work amounting to 15 hours.

Course Delivery

- **Onsite:** The course is taught at the CTS campus in Kohuwela or the North Colombo Study Centre.
- **Online:** The course is taught via Zoom and course material is made available on Moodle. You will require a strong internet connection and a digital device.
- **Hybrid:** The course is taught as a combination of onsite and online. Some weeks your class will be held at the CTS campus in Kohuwela, while on other weeks it will be taught online. Your lecturer will inform you of the schedule at the commencement of the course.

Course Fees:

Introductory Fee: Rs 7,500/- per course.

**CTS gratefully acknowledges the generous financial gifts of friends-of-the-ministry, which have made it possible for CTS to provide courses to students at highly subsidised rates. Students are expected to be good stewards of this special provision.*

How to Register for a CTS Course:

Submit your completed registration form online at registration.cts.lk. Payments can be made online at <https://www.cts.lk/payment/>, via bank transfer, or credit card.

Please Note: Your place in a class will be reserved only after you have made the full payment for the course.

Important: Those registering for a course for the first time must submit a letter of recommendation from your pastor.

Registration Dates and Times:

Registrations for courses in a particular term close on the first day of that term:

Term 1: 5th January 2026

Term 2: 4th May 2026

Term 3: 31st August 2026

Term 1
5 January - 4 April 2026

TIMETABLE: TERM 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Mission 9:00am–11:45am <i>Mitchelle Peiris</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking Below the Surface: Introduction to Biblical Exegesis 9:00am–11:45am <i>Denisa Poobalan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From Corinth to Colombo: The First Letter to the Corinthians 9:00am–12:45pm <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Theology 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II 9:00am–11:30am <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fellowship Hour 10:30am–11:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapel 10:30am–11:30am 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Psychopathology and Common Issues 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Sindujaa Selliah</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding Worship 6:00pm–8:45pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Counselling 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Manjula Mathews</i>
EVENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Exodus 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Tabea Binder</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work Matters 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Amal Kumaraage</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Money, Possessions, and the Kingdom 6:00pm–8:45pm <i>Ted Rubesh</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How to Study the Bible 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Nishika Perera</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Angels and Demons 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>

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WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

Introduction to Mission The word ‘mission’ is known by all Christians but there is much confusion about what it actually means. <i>Introduction to Mission</i> will introduce you to the many facets of Christian mission and show how you and your church can play your unique role in the mission of God in diverse and challenging ways.	11 Weeks BTh Dip CORE Day: Monday Time: 9:00am–11:45am Commencing: 12 th January Credits: 2 Lecturer: Mitchelle Peiris
Looking Below the Surface <i>Introduction to Biblical Exegesis</i> Have you ever wondered where some people get all those amazing insights into the Bible? It is not magic but the result of a little extra spade work called exegesis. ‘Exegesis’ means ‘an interpretation or explanation of a text’. <i>Exegesis for Beginners</i> is designed to equip you with tools and principles for studying the Bible, and includes time in the classroom to allow you to practise using them.	11 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE Day: Tuesday Time: 9:00am–11:45am Commencing: 20 th January Credits: 2 Lecturer: Denisa Poobalan
From Corinth to Colombo <i>The First Letter to the Corinthians</i> <i>From Corinth to Colombo</i> explores the book of I Corinthians with the intent of applying the solutions to the problems of the Church in Corinth to contemporary urban Christianity. Topics such as divisions in the church, lawsuits among believers, church discipline, divorce, Christian liberty, and spiritual gifts will be addressed.	11 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT BS Day: Wednesday Time: 9:00am–12:45pm Commencing: 7 th January Credits: 2 Lecturer: Nathanael Somanathan
Introduction to Theology We all know what we believe . . . or do we? Ever tried to explain Christian beliefs to someone and ended up tongue-tied or confused? <i>Introduction to Theology</i> will help you clarify your own beliefs and explain your faith to others with confidence. The lecturer is the author of the course text <i>To Faith Add Understanding</i> .	12 Weeks BTh Dip CORE DipC CORE Day: Thursday Time: 9:00am–12:30pm Commencing: 8 th January Credits: 2 Lecturer: Mano Emmanuel

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<p>Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II</p> <p>Building on <i>Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I</i>, the student moves on to advanced grammar, syntax, and the translation of Hebrew texts. You will become familiar with lexical tools and Bible software.</p> <p><i>Pre-requisite: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I</i></p>	<p>12 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE</p> <p>Day: Friday</p> <p>Time: 9:00am–11:30am</p> <p>Commencing: 9th January</p> <p>Credits: 2</p> <p>Lecturer: <i>Ivor Poobalan</i></p>
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<p>Faithful Living in Uncertain Times</p> <p><i>Exploring 1 and 2 Peter</i></p> <p>The two letters of Peter deal with themes that are very relevant to Sri Lanka today: how to be a faithful Church in times of persecution and how to be a faithful Church in the face of false teachings. These twin dangers – persecution from without and error from within – threaten the Church of Sri Lanka today. Studying the letters of Peter will alert you to your responsibility and equip you to strengthen the Church.</p>	<p>12 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT BS</p> <p>Day: Friday</p> <p>Time: 9:00am–11:30am</p> <p>Commencing: 9th January</p> <p>Credits: 2</p> <p>Lecturer: <i>Mano Emmanuel</i></p>
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<p>Psychopathology and Common Issues</p> <p>This course explores the etiology and interventions for psychopathology and common issues prevalent in the community, and provide insight into approaches to support those in such challenging circumstances/referral systems. We will examine different models of mental illness (including biological, psychological, and social perspectives), and learn how social and cultural considerations influence mental health and access to care.</p> <p><i>Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling</i></p>	<p>13 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC CORE</p> <p>Day: Tuesday</p> <p>Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm</p> <p>Commencing: 6th January</p> <p>Credits: 2</p> <p>Lecturer: <i>Sindujaa Selliah</i></p>
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<p>Work Matters</p> <p><i>Understanding Our Everyday Work as Mission</i></p> <p>How does our work from Monday to Saturday fit into the mission of God? In this course, you will journey through Scripture and equip yourself to minister through your 'secular' work and the workplace; and, if you pastor a church, to establish a framework that equips you to 'send' your church into the world of their work as ambassadors of Christ.</p>	<p>13 Weeks BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT O</p> <p>Day: Tuesday</p> <p>Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm</p> <p>Commencing: 6th January</p> <p>Credits: 2</p> <p>Lecturer: <i>Amal Kumarage</i></p>
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EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Understanding Worship

What does the Bible have to say about worship that honours God? This course will trace the theme from the offerings of Cain and Abel through the Old Testament sacrifices and the hymns of Israel, into the understanding and practice of worship in the New Testament Church. Based on principles drawn from Scripture this course will help you evaluate and enhance worship in your local church.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:45pm

Commencing: 7th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: *Ivor Poobalan*

Introduction to Counselling

Meeting people with psychological and emotional needs is a common experience. This course equips students with essential counselling skills, including understanding the role of the counsellor, building therapeutic relationships, fostering growth, and addressing spiritual concerns. It integrates biblical, theological, and personal reflection with practical counselling techniques.

Note: This course is a pre-requisite for some counselling courses

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
DipC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 8th January

Credits: 2

Lecturers: *Manjula Mathews*

How to Study the Bible

How to Study the Bible will help you to study the Bible for yourself by learning how to ask the right kinds of questions and make relevant applications. You will learn six Bible study methods and be introduced to an exciting array of Bible study tools.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
DipC ELECT | O**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 8th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: *Nishika Perera*

Angels and Demons

The Bible talks about various spiritual beings and entities that are present in the world: about angels interacting with humans, and demons engaging in spiritual warfare against humans. How are Christians supposed to understand and relate to the unseen realm? In this course, we will explore these themes and more from a biblical perspective, and learn to discern the supernatural from the superficial.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O**

Day: Friday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 9th January

Credits: 2

Lecturers:

Nathanael Somanathan

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EVENING COURSES ONLINE

Exodus

This second book of Israel's Torah contains some of the best known Bible stories, including the parting of the Red Sea and the giving of the Ten Commandments. *Exodus* explores God's intention for Israel, turning her from an oppressed community of slaves to God's treasured possession. Studying *Exodus* will provide you with invaluable insights into the nature of the covenantal relationship between God and His people, still relevant for Christians today.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 5th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

Money, Possessions, and the Kingdom

Learning Stewardship from the Bible

This course looks at several passages of Scripture that relate to such practical subjects as money, materialism, saving, investing, debt, giving, the 'Prosperity Gospel', asceticism, and heavenly rewards. It is, in short, an attempt to help you get a biblical perspective on the stewardship of your life that will count for eternity.

11 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:45pm

Commencing: 7th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ted Rubesh**

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MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Note: First-time students are advised to contact the MA Coordinator prior to registration.

Missiology in Cultural Perspective

This course explores the relationship between intercultural studies and Christian mission. It examines how cultural dynamics, theological reflection, communication, and social structures shape missionary engagement. Key themes include contextual theology, gender dynamics, and the interaction of diverse Christian traditions. You will gain practical skills to navigate cross-cultural contexts, integrating historical insights, theological understanding, and contemporary challenges to prepare for effective mission work in diverse cultural settings.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Grace Al-Zoughbi**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 12th – 31st January

Class 1: Mon 12th (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Mon 19th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 23rd (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 24th (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 26th (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 30th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 31st (9am-5pm)

Issues in Sexual Ethics and Biomedical Ethics

The complexities of our contemporary world raise ethical questions that the Church and Christians are often not equipped to tackle. This course will explore some of those issues in the areas of sexual ethics and bioethics, in light of a Christian worldview. Among the issues to be addressed are: a theology of sexuality, premarital sex, same-sex relations, transgender, reproductive technologies, abortion, stem cell research, bio-technologies, treatment termination, and medical assistance in dying. Attention is given to how the Church and Christians can address these issues in various contexts.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Dennis P Hollinger**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 9th – 28th March

Class 1: Mon 9th (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Mon 16th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 20th (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 21st (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 23rd (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 27th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 28th (9am-5pm)

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MASTER OF ARTS COUNSELLING

Human Development and Counselling

This course is a multidisciplinary study of human and faith development. It will examine all ages and stages of the human lifespan, focusing on problems associated with each stage and their practical significance in counselling. You will learn the developmental needs and issues in transitions between different stages in the human life cycle and appropriate counselling interventions for aiding people towards wholeness through accomplishing developmental tasks associated with each stage.

**COUNSELLING CORE
ONSITE**

6 Sessions

Lecturer: *David Goodwin*

Credits: 3

Schedule: 6th – 21st March

Class 1: Fri 6th (9am-5pm)

Class 2: Sat 7th (9am-5pm)

Class 3: Fri 13th (9am-5pm)

Class 4: Sat 14th (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Fri 20th (9am-5pm)

Class 6: Sat 21st (9am-5pm)

Term 2
4 May – 1 August 2026

TIMETABLE: TERM 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Sermon on the Mount 9:00am–11:45am <i>Yohan Abeynaikie</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 and 2 Samuel 9:00am–11:20am <i>Mano Emmanuel Mitchelle Peiris</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> God and the World 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Background to the Old Testament 9:00am–12:20pm <i>Tabea Binder</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Discipleship 9:00am–11:20am <i>Nishika Perera</i>
			Fellowship Hour 10:30am–11:30am	Chapel 10:30am–11:30am	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Exegesis of Hebrew Texts 9:00am–11:20am <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>
EVENING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Developing a Teaching Ministry in the Church 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Tabea Binder</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Love is All You Need? 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Denisa Poobalan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Letter to the Hebrews 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Counselling Theories and Techniques 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Manjula Mathews Sindujaa Selliah</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Study Methods 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Ravin Caldera</i>
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> 7 Habits of Highly Successful People 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Letter to the Hebrews 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Ethics 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> MODULAR COURSE MAY 28 JUNE 5-10-12 Counselling for Trauma and Abuse 8:30am–4:00pm <i>Choon Lee Soh</i>

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WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

The Sermon on the Mount

From Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy to Indian statesman Mahatma Ghandi, people have been fascinated by the beauty and challenge of the Sermon on the Mount. Others have dismissed Jesus' teaching as being unrealistic, culture-bound or even offensive. In an age where many are re-thinking Christian values, this course will take you back to listen to the words of Jesus and grapple with what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:45am

Commencing: 11th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Yohan Abeynaike**

1 and 2 Samuel

1 and 2 Samuel are gripping narratives filled with drama, betrayal, courage, and divine purpose. They describe Israel's transformation from tribal chaos to monarchy, spotlighting towering figures like Samuel the prophet, King Saul, and David the shepherd-warrior-king. These books explore deep themes of leadership, faith, and God's sovereignty. Studying them reveals timeless insights into human nature and divine calling.

13 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:20am

Commencing: 5th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel |
Michelle Peiris**

God and the World

An introduction to the study of Systematic Theology in the light of biblical foundations, the history of Christian thought, and contemporary discussions. The four major themes that will be explored are: God's nature and character; the created environment; humanity; and, the Fall.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 6th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer:
Nathanael Somanathan

Background to the Old Testament

A course that will explain the rich and colourful background to the Old Testament books. Come and explore the culture, history, and religions of the Ancient Near East which will make the Old Testament come alive for you in a new way.

13 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE
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Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:20pm

Commencing: 7th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

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ONSITE

<p>Discipleship <i>How to follow the Way of Jesus in the 21st Century</i></p> <p>Learn what discipleship meant in the 1st century AD, and effectively apply these principles in the face of challenges today. You will consider models of radical discipleship from the fields of business, politics, mission, and justice.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip CORE DipC ELECT O
	Day: Friday	
	Time: 9:00am–11:20am	
	Commencing: 8 th May	
	Credits: 2	
Lecturer: <i>Nishika Perera</i>		

<p>Exegesis of Hebrew Texts</p> <p>An excellent opportunity for the able student in Hebrew to research and gain experience in the skill of exegesis of Hebrew texts. Being able to access the original text of the Old Testament is an invaluable skill for personal study, research, teaching, and preaching God’s Word. Students will exegete selected texts from Genesis, Jonah, and the Psalms.</p> <p><i>Pre-requisite: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I and II</i></p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE
	Day: Friday	
	Time: 9:00am–11:20am	
	Commencing: 8 th May	
	Credits: 2	
Lecturer: <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>		

<p>Developing a Teaching Ministry in the Church</p> <p>If you are involved in the teaching ministry of the Church – in Sunday School, Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, etc., you are a part of Christian education. This course will teach you what the Bible says about teaching. It will also help you to design a training programme suited to your target group to effectively educate so as to transform lives.</p>	12 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE
	Day: Monday	
	Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm	
	Commencing: 4 th May	
	Credits: 2	
Lecturers: <i>Tabea Binder</i>		

<p>Love is All You Need? <i>How to Counsel Those Preparing to Marry</i></p> <p>Christian marriages are prone to many of the stresses and challenges that face families in today’s high pressure society. This is a course designed especially to train those who help and wish to help Christian couples prepare for marriage.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT C
	Day: Tuesday	
	Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm	
	Commencing: 5 th May	
	Credits: 2	
Lecturers: <i>Denisa Poobalan</i>		

Term 2 | 4 May – 1 August 2026

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

7 Habits of Highly Successful People

This course is based on Stephen Covey's best selling book on personal and professional growth. Taught from a Sri Lankan perspective with local insights and illustrations, this course will challenge you to make changes to build character, set meaningful goals, and foster strong relationships for yourself as well as to lead others well.

13 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 5th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

Counselling Theories and Techniques

This course explores the foundational principles of counseling, covering major theoretical approaches and practical techniques used in therapeutic settings. It will also include areas such as ethical and professional considerations, and practical implementation. You will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to support individuals in various counselling contexts.

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling

13 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 7th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Manjula Mathews |
Sindujaa Selliah**

Study Methods

What are the values of studying theology? Discover the CTS academic ethos. *Study Methods* will explain the CTS curriculum and its requirements. It will equip you with skills for note-taking, speed reading, researching, essay writing, and revising; and will help you excel as a student at CTS.

13 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
DipC CORE**

Day: Friday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 8th May

Credits: (0) 2

Lecturer: **Ravin Caldera**

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The Letter to the Hebrews

A book that pulsates with the events, persons, and images of the Old Testament, and masterfully portrays the superiority of Jesus the Messiah. Studying *Hebrews* will deepen your grasp of the biblical doctrine of Christ and re-ignite your passion for radical discipleship.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 6th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

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EVENING COURSES
ONLINE

Biblical Ethics

We have all seen the damage done to God’s reputation when Christians profess one thing and do something else. Ethics is about making right choices. In *Biblical Ethics* you will discover biblical principles to help guide your choices relating to everyday issues such as how we relate to friends and enemies, how we use money and possessions, and how we invest in work and leisure.

13 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE
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Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 7th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

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MODULAR COURSE
ONLINE

Counselling for Trauma and Abuse

This course will focus on the understanding and prevention of relational violence, within and outside of religious circles, as well as treatment of both victims and perpetrators. Emphasis is on the treatment of adult survivors of child abuse and domestic violence. Students will learn how to apply the treatment principles discussed to other types of traumatic events as well.

4 Days in May and June

Dates: May 28
June 5 - 10 - 12

Time: 8:30am–4:00pm

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Choon Lee Soh**

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC CORE

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MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Note: First-time students are advised to contact the MA Coordinator prior to registration.

1 Corinthians

First Corinthians examines the content, purpose, style, and language of 1 Corinthians within its literary, historical, social, cultural, philosophical, and religious contexts. It emphasises the major theological themes of the letter, and explores their practical relevance to spirituality and ethics within the life of the Christian community.

BIBLICAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Bennet Lawrence**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 11th – 30th May

Class 1: Mon 11th (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Mon 18th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 22nd (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 23rd (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 25th (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 29th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 30th (9am-5pm)

World Religions

This course examines some of the world's major religions by reflecting on their origin, history, beliefs, worldview, teachings, and practices, and by considering thoughtful Christian responses to them. By making use of basic ethnographic methods, and engaging persons of other religions in conversation, students will learn ways to appropriately and effectively provide Christian witness to people of other faiths. This course will enable students to be better prepared to live, work, and minister in a religious pluralistic society.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Stephen Bailey**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 6th – 25th July

Class 1: Mon 6th (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Mon 13th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 17th (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 18th (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 20th (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 24th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 25th (9am-5pm)

MASTER OF ARTS COUNSELLING

Counselling Theories and Techniques I

Counselling Theories and Techniques I and II provide students foundational theoretical concepts in individual counselling, an understanding of common mental health issues seen in counselling practice, and the use of suitable techniques drawn from different counselling modalities or theoretical perspectives. A survey of the major counselling theories and how each relates to biblical and theological perspectives will be presented. *Counselling Theories and Techniques I* will have a particular focus on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy, Brief Solution Focused Therapy, and Emotion Focused Therapy.

**COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE**

18 Sessions

Lecturer: **Reupah Philips**

Time: 6:30pm–8:30pm

Credits: 3

Schedule: 8th May – 15th June

6 Fridays

6 Saturdays

6 Mondays

Counseling Theories and Techniques II

This course will provide focused teaching on the principles and application of Narrative Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and on developing an integrative approach to counselling that is spiritually sensitive. You will develop your personal model of counselling based on learning from both courses and will apply the theories and techniques learned to common mental health issues seen in counselling.

**COUNSELLING CORE
HYBRID**

9 Sessions

Lecturer: **Mandy Kellums Baraka**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 10th – 27th July

Class 1: Fri 10th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 2: Sat 11th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 3: Mon 13th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 4: Fri 17th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 5: Sat 18th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 6: Mon 20th (6:00pm–8:15pm)

Class 7: Fri 24th (9:00am–5:00pm)

Class 8: Sat 25th (9:00am–5:00pm)

Class 9: Mon 27th (6:00pm–9:00pm)

Term 3

31 August - 28 November 2026

TIMETABLE: TERM 3

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Gospel of Luke 9:00am–11:30am <i>Simon Fuller</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Person and Work of Christ 9:00am–11:30am <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Introduction to the New Testament 9:00am–12:20pm <i>Denisa Poobalan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Genesis 9:00am–12:20pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> History of Christianity I 9:00am–11:20am <i>Mitchelle Peiris</i>
			Fellowship Hour 10:30am–11:30am	Chapel 10:30am–11:30am	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Major Theologians 9:00am–11:20am <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>
			<input checked="" type="radio"/> From Dust to Glory: Humanity in the Image of God 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Introduction to Marriage and Family Counselling 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Manjula Mathews</i>	
EVENING	<input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding Christian Communities: The Book of Judges 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Tabeya Binder</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocation and the Will of God 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>Shari de Costa</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Handling Our Emotions 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Mano Emmanuel Sinduja Selliah</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Learning to Pray from the Bible 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> When Two Become One: Marriage from a Christian Perspective 6:00pm–8:20pm <i>Ted Rubesh</i>

Please note: Published schedules may be adjusted due to unavoidable circumstances. Please check with the Academic Office prior to registration.

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

The Gospel of Luke

While the New Testament has four Gospels on the life and ministry of Jesus, each writer presents a unique perspective on our Lord. Luke is distinctive because he wrote two volumes (Luke-Acts), which together constitute 25% of the NT. What was his perspective of Jesus? What special interests occupy his attention? How does Luke help generations of Christians to walk faithfully with Jesus?

12 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS**
Day: Monday
Time: 9:00am–11:30am
Commencing: 7th September
Credits: 2
Lecturer: *Simon Fuller*

Person and Work of Christ

People from shepherds to scholars have wondered who exactly Jesus was! Theologians have striven to describe His divinity perfectly while capturing His humanity poignantly. *Person and Work of Christ* traces how the Church has tried to articulate the essence and attributes of the Most Unique Person in the whole of human history; and how His death on a cross 2,000 years ago continues to impact the individual and the world.

12 Weeks **BTh | Dip CORE
DipC ELECT | O**
Day: Tuesday
Time: 9:00am–11:30am
Commencing: 1st September
Credits: 2
Lecturer: *Mano Emmanuel*

Introduction to the New Testament

You will learn how the books of the New Testament were selected and arranged. You will also explore the main message of each book, who wrote them, and what was happening in the churches that first received these Scriptures.

13 Weeks **BTh | Dip CORE
DipC ELECT | BS**
Day: Wednesday
Time: 9:00am–12:20pm
Commencing: 2nd September
Credits: 2
Lecturer: *Denisa Poobalan*

Genesis

A deeper study of the book of beginnings. An exegetical approach to *Genesis* in its historical and cultural context. Examine the background, structure, themes, and message of the book that speaks about the beginning of the universe, humanity, Israel, sin, and redemption.

13 Weeks **BTh CORE
Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS**
Day: Thursday
Time: 9:00am–12:20pm
Commencing: 3rd September
Credits: 2
Lecturer: *Ivor Poobalan*

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WEEKDAY AND EVENING COURSES
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<p>History of Christianity I <i>AD 100—AD 1517</i></p> <p>The period from the inception of the Church up to the Reformation was filled with extraordinary men and women as well as events and theologies that shaped the Church for centuries to come. This course introduces you to martyrs, monks, missionaries, and movements that shaped the Church in her first 1,400 years.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip CORE
	Day: Friday	
	Time: 9:00am–11:20am	
	Commencing: 4 th September	
	Credits: 2	
	Lecturer: <i>Mitchelle Peiris</i>	

<p>Major Theologians</p> <p>We are heirs of a long and rich heritage of Christian thinkers whose ideas have shaped the way we interpret the Scriptures, formulate our doctrines, compose our hymns, voice our prayers and guide our spiritual and ethical responses to the challenges of our world. This course will introduce you to great theologians such as Augustine, John Calvin, and N T Wright.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE
	Day: Friday	
	Time: 9:00am–11:20am	
	Commencing: 4 th September	
	Credits: 2	
	Lecturer: <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>	

<p>From Dust to Glory <i>Humanity in the Image of God</i></p> <p>The violence and war around the world seem to suggest that human life is cheap and expendable. Technological advances suggest we can live forever. Against this background, the Bible tells us that all humans are created in the image of God. In this course, we will learn what it means to be truly human by looking at Christ through the lenses of Scripture and theology—that we are raised from dust to glory by our Creator and Redeemer.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT O
	Day: Wednesday	
	Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm	
	Commencing: 2 nd September	
	Credits: 2	
	Lecturer: <i>Nathanael Somanathan</i>	

<p>Handling Our Emotions</p> <p><i>Handling our Emotions</i> is a practical and biblically grounded course that explores how to understand, express, and manage our emotions in healthy ways. You will learn how emotions like anger, fear, sadness, and joy are part of God's design—and how to respond to them with wisdom and grace. Through teaching, discussion, and reflection, this course equips you practically to grow in emotional maturity and deepen your relationship with God and others.</p>	13 Weeks	BTh Dip ELECTIVE DipC ELECT C
	Day: Wednesday	
	Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm	
	Commencing: 2 nd September	
	Credits: 2	
	Lecturer: <i>Mano Emmanuel Sindujaa Selliah</i>	

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EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Introduction to Marriage and Family Counselling

This course examines the theological foundations of marriage and the functioning of family systems. Through these lenses, students will explore the relational dynamics and challenges that arise within marriage and family life, additionally focusing on ethical considerations and essential skills for working with couples and families. It integrates a holistic view with biblical principles through various learning methods to foster application in context.

13 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 3rd September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Manjula Mathews**

Learning to Pray from the Bible

Prayer is the vital breath of every Bible hero. Jesus presents the greatest model for a life of prayer. This course will investigate the prayer life of Jesus and also study the prayers of faithful men and women within the pages of Scripture. Questions such as: What can I pray for? How should I pray? and, How do I lead others in prayer? will be explored in this course.

13 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 3rd September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

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EVENING COURSES ONLINE

Safeguarding Christian Communities *The Book of Judges*

The book of *Judges* covers a turbulent time in Israel's history. Violence, intrigue, deception and heroism are mingled in its pages as we read of Samson and Delilah, Ehud the left-handed assassin, Deborah the only female judge, Gideon the unwilling hero, and many more. *Judges* is always relevant for us as we confront our own frailty, and the challenge to stay faithful to God in difficult times.

13 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 31st August

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

EVENING COURSES ONLINE

Vocation and the Will of God

This course is designed to help you discern God’s direction in your life, especially regarding your calling and purpose. Through a study of Scripture, and an invitation to prayer and reflection, you will explore how God leads His people, how to recognise His voice, and how your unique gifts and passions align with His mission in the world.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 1st September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Shari de Costa**

When Two Become One

Marriage from a Christian Perspective

Marriage constitutes one of the most significant decisions of a Christian’s life. This course will help you gain a biblical perspective on marriage, and address several related topics such as courtship, roles and responsibilities, friendship in marriage, and sex within marriage. It will also address some of its challenges, such as managing finances, childlessness, an abusive spouse, infidelity, and divorce.

13 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
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Day: Friday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 4th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ted Rubesh**

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MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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Reading Old Testament Narrative

About forty percent of the Old Testament is made up of narrative texts, such as the patriarchal stories, the Exodus and Wilderness experience, and the periods of the Judges and the Kings. Although narratives present themselves as relatively simple, an accurate grasp of their messages require that we read them according to the terms of Hebrew storytelling; tracking characterisation, plot, and setting. In South Asia, as in ancient Israel, narrative has been the mode of transmission for handing down wisdom and instruction. Our cultural affinity with the narrative-genre, supports the preaching and teaching of biblical narrative as a ministry strategy in disciple-making.

BIBLICAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Havilah Dharamraj**

Credits: 3

Schedule: **2nd – 16th November**

Class 1: Mon 2nd (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Fri 6th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Sat 7th (9am-5pm)

Class 4: Mon 9th (6pm-10pm)

Class 5: Fri 13th (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Sat 14th (9am-5pm)

Class 7: Mon 16th (6pm-10pm)

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MASTER OF ARTS COUNSELLING

Child and Adolescent Counselling

This class will provide an overview of the clinical skills used in the practices of child and adolescent therapy. Clinical assessment and treatment of children and adolescents in socio-cultural context will be the focus for knowledge and skill development in this class. Multiple therapy perspectives will be utilized with the primary theoretical emphasis being a family systems/ therapy framework.

COUNSELLING ELECTIVE
ONLINE

12 Sessions

Lecturer: **Chuck Romig**

Time: 6:30pm–9:30pm

Credits: 3

Schedule: **7th Sep – 3rd Oct**

4 Mondays

4 Fridays

4 Saturdays

NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE COURSES

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Jan - Apr	May - Aug	Sep - Nov
<p style="text-align: center;">● Foundations of Faith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Thursdays 6:00pm–8:20pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mitchelle Peiris</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">● Christian Spirituality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Tuesdays 6:00pm–8:20pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mitchelle Peiris</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">● The Gospel of John</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Tuesdays 6:00pm–8:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ivor Poobalan</i></p>

Foundations of Faith

What do you believe as a Christian? While faith has been part of life for as long as you can remember, sometimes Christians find it difficult to answer this question. In order to stand firm in the faith we profess, it is essential that we have sufficient understanding of what we believe and why we believe it.

13 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 8th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Christian Spirituality

Christianity is more than a set of beliefs. It is a living relationship with God. This relationship is nurtured through spiritual disciplines and practices. Christian Spirituality explores biblical truth about spirituality, and the practice of private and public spiritual disciplines with the goal of strengthening your relationship with God and maturing into the image of Christ.

12 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 5th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

The Gospel of John

‘John is a pool in which a child can wade and in which an elephant can swim’ (Leon Morris). In this unique presentation of the Good News, John provides valuable insights into the historical Jesus, and his extensive teachings. While exploring significant Christian doctrines, John presents a radical call to discipleship.

12 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE**
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 1st September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

LECTURER PROFILES



Mitchelle Peiris, BTh, MA

Full-Time Faculty member at CTS. Graduate of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (Philippines) and Southern Asia Bible College (India). With over a decade of serving and training youth leaders at a national level, Michelle currently serves as a Next-Gen pastor at Life Centre Assembly of God Colombo. She is married to an ordained clergyman of the Anglican Church, where she also serves as a local preacher.



Denisa Poobalan, BTh, MA

Coodinator: Master of Arts Programme at CTS. Graduate of CTS (BTh; MA in Biblical Studies). Having begun her career as a lecturer in computer studies, she moved on to serve as a stay-at-home mum to her two daughters. Co-author of *Homosexuality: A Christian Perspective and Response*. She worships and serves at the Kollupitiya Methodist Church.



Nathanael Somanathan, BEng, MA, PhD (candidate)

Full-Time Faculty member at CTS. Graduate of Visvesvaraya Technological University (India), and Wheaton College (USA). Having earned a BE in electronics and communications engineering, he went on to earn an MA in historical theology, and is currently completing a PhD in theological anthropology at the University of Birmingham (UK). An associate pastor at Christian Revival Crusade, his academic and pastoral work is shaped by a deep commitment to the life and mission of the Church.



Mano Emmanuel, FCCA, BTh, MA, PhD

Head of Academic Advancement at CTS. An accountant by profession, she is also a graduate of the London School of Theology (UK), and the Asia Graduate School of Theology (Philippines). She worships at Kollupitiya Methodist Church, and serves as a local preacher and on the Board of Worship. She is the author of *To Faith Add Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine; Interpersonal Reconciliation between Christians in a Shame-Oriented Culture: A Sri Lankan Case Study;* and, *Honouring God in Times of Conflict.*



Ivor Poobalan, BA (Hons), ThM, PhD

Principal of CTS. A graduate of the London School of Theology (UK), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA), and the University of Cape Town (South Africa). He joined CTS in 1996 and was invited to serve as Principal from December 1998. Ivor is the author of *'Who is the God of This Age?': Paul and the Sovereignty of God in 2 Corinthians 4:4,* and, *Everything Has Become New! Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.* He is a contributor to *Asian Christian Theology*, the *South Asia Bible Commentary*, *NIV God's Justice Bible*, and *NIV Understand the Faith Study Bible*. He serves as Chairperson of Sri Lanka's first world-missions initiative, Global Impact. Ivor's international ministry includes serving as the Co-Chair of the Theology Working Group of the Lausanne Movement.

LECTURER PROFILES



Sindujaa Selliah, BBM, HPRT, MSc, MTh (candidate)

Programme Coordinator: Counselling at CTS. A graduate of Bangalore University (India), and Coventry University (UK). She is also an alumna of the Harvard Trauma Group. A lecturer in psychology, with over a decade in teaching on undergraduate and post-graduate programmes, she has worked extensively with NGOs and INGOs to integrate psychological well-being into diverse communities. She is a member of One Church.



Amal Kumara, BSc (Eng), PhD, MICE (SL), CEng.FCILT

Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Standing Committee at CTS. Emeritus Professor, Department of Transport and Logistics Management of the University of Moratuwa. He has served as President of the CTS Council, Vice President of the Sri Lanka Baptist Church, and General Secretary of the Fellowship of Christian University Students (FOCUS). He is the author of *Persevering Leadership in the Public Square: Biblical Insights from Nehemiah*.



Manjula Mathews, CCS, FCMA, MBA, MA

Graduate of CTS (MA in Biblical Studies; Advanced Certificate in Counselling). A practising counsellor, she is trained in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as well as EMDR. Possesses extensive work experience in the corporate sector both in Sri Lanka and the UK. Her current responsibilities include serving as a director of First Capital Holdings PLC in Sri Lanka, and Habitat for Humanity International. She worships at People's Church Assembly of God.



Nishika Perera, BSc, BA, MA, PGDip

Graduate of Harvest Bible College (Australia), Lanka Bible College & Seminary, and CTS. Holds an MA in Organisational Leadership and a PGDip in Biblical Studies. Having taught Physics to Advanced Level students for over twenty years, she immersed herself in theological teaching and editing. She served on the full-time faculty of CTS for several years, and helped establish CTS study programmes in the North Central province. A credentialed Minister of the Assemblies of God of Ceylon.



Tabea Binder, MDiv, MTh, PhD

She had her basic education training in Germany and Belgium, and completed her doctoral studies from Colombia International University (USA). Has served as a theological educator in various Asian countries, including as a full-time faculty member and MA Programme Coordinator at CTS. Currently, she leads a Christian Adult Education programme in Berlin, (Germany), and teaches at various Bible colleges in Europe. She specialises in Christian Education, Church History, Biblical Studies, and Christian Spirituality.

LECTURER PROFILES



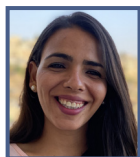
Ted Rubesh, BA, MA, DMiss

Graduate of Multnomah University (USA) Fuller Theological Seminary (USA), and Western Seminary (USA). The co-founder of Kandy Bible Fellowship Church, he served as its pastor for many years. Co-author of *Wandering Jews and Scattered Sri Lankans: Viewing Sri Lankans of the Gulf Cooperation Council through the Lens of the Old Testament Jewish Diaspora*, and *Homosexuality: A Christian Perspective and Response*.



David C Goodwin, Cert IV in AWT, Dip Couns, Grad Dip Min, MMin, DMin

International Director of Kidsreach. He is passionate about children's, youth and family ministries. Has been working as a pastor, trainer, and counsellor for more than 50 years. Based in Sydney, Australia, David has been ministering in Sri Lanka since 1994. Has written more than 70 books and manuals on ministry and counselling. Is an ordained pastor with the CRC church and travels extensively training in ministry and counselling.



Grace Al-Zoughbi, PhD

A theological educator from Bethlehem with a PhD in Theological Education from the London School of Theology. Her research focuses on Arab women in theological education and Middle Eastern Christianity. She is widely published, including her contribution to the Esther commentary in the *Arabic Contemporary Christian Commentary*. Assistant Professor at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, and Accreditation Officer at the Middle East and North Africa Association for Theological Education (MENATE).



Dennis P Hollinger, BA, MDiv, MPhil, PhD

President Emeritus and Distinguished Senior Professor of Christian Ethics at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Over the years he has been a seminary professor, pastor and seminary president. He has been a visiting professor or lecturer in various countries throughout the world. Dennis is the author of five books and close to 100 articles in various areas of ethics and issues related to church and society.



Yohan Abeynaike, PgDipM (CIM), BSc, MA

A member of the CTS Academic Affairs Standing Committee. A graduate of CTS, who served for many years in university ministry with the Fellowship of Christian University Students (FOCUS), including as its General Secretary. He is currently the Scripture Engagement Lead at the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students – South Asia. He worships at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Mt Lavinia.

LECTURER PROFILES



Ravin Caldera, DipAgri, BTh, BA, MA

Academic Dean at CTS. A graduate of CTS, Dallas Theological Seminary (USA), and the Open University of Sri Lanka. His interest in cartography has made him a key resource person for maps on the biblical world in Sri Lankan publications. An ordained minister of the Living Christ Church, he currently serves as Moderator.



Choon Lee Soh, BSc, MA, EdD

A psychotherapist, supervisor, trainer, and also an adjunct faculty of the School of Counselling at the Singapore Bible College. Holds an MA in Counselling and EdD in Christian Counselling from the Asia Graduate School of Theology (Philippines), and specialises in psychoanalytic psychotherapy and trauma counselling.



Bennet Lawrence, PhD

Regional Secretary of Asia Theological Association, India. Graduate of the Asia Graduate School of Theology (Philippines). He is the author of *Legalistic Nomism: A Socio-Rhetorical Reading of Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, *Comparative Characterization in the Sermon on the Mount: Characterization of the Ideal Disciple*, *Approaches to the New Testament*, *One Gospel, Many Cultures: Doing Theology in Context*, and *Exploring New Testament in Asia*.



Stephen Bailey, PhD

Associate Professor Laos of Mission and Development Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. Also serves as President of SANTI Corporation and Program Officer at the Institute for Global Engagement. In these roles he creates partnerships and dialogues between the governmental and religious communities of Laos that promote religious freedom and peace. For 17 years, he and his wife lived in Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, where they were involved in relief and community development work.



Reupah Philips, PhD

A Counselling Psychologist in Bangalore (India) with experience of over 15 years in teaching and training, counselling and supervision, marriage and family therapy. She received a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of the Cumberland (USA). She is the founder of Meadows of Hope, a centre for emotional wellness, in India, that offers counselling, supervision, coaching, training, and research in the field of emotional and mental healthcare.



Mandy Kellums Baraka, BS, MA, PhD

Associate Professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at the School of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy at Wheaton College (USA). She is also a clinical licensed professional counsellor in Illinois, a qualified supervisor, and a Registered Play Therapist. She has published articles on multiculturalism, faith practices and spirituality, and supervision.

LECTURER PROFILES



Simon Fuller, BA (Hons), MA (candidate)

An ordained minister of the Assemblies of God of Ceylon. He serves on the pastoral team of the Assembly of God Balagala. A former Principal of CTS, has also served as Editorial Consultant and Librarian and is currently involved in outreach and teaching/training ministries.



Shari de Costa, BA (Hons), MA, MDiv (candidate)

A Member of the CTS Publishing Standing Committee. A graduate of Mills College USA (English and History) and CTS (Biblical Studies). Her MA thesis was “Thy Kingdom Come: An Exploration of the Need for Balanced Theology of the Kingdom of God for the Church in Sri Lanka.” She is a pastor at the Living Way Church, Battaramulla. She is a technical writer and copywriter at Executive Writer and a partner at Kiribath Publishers.



Havilah Dharamraj, BSc, MA, PhD

Faculty in Old Testament at the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) in Bangalore, India. Her academic degrees include MS in biochemistry, MA in Christianity, and PhD in Old Testament. Her areas of academic interest are Old Testament narrative, reception-centred intertextuality that engages texts across the biblical canon, and comparative literature which converses biblical texts with the sacred texts of other faiths. She encourages the retrieval of traditional methods of storytelling for use in preaching.



Chuck Romig, BS, MA, PhD

Served on the faculty of the Counselor Education graduate programme at John Brown University, and as a faculty member in the Counselor Education programme at Wichita State University. A licensed marriage and family therapist in Texas (USA). Has published articles on forgiveness, adolescent identity development, and the use of moral foundations theory in counselling; and, been involved in training over 1000 master’s level mental health professionals over the course of his career.

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Designed to equip effective counsellors for the Church and society.

Medium of instruction: English

Total Credits Required: 72

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Designed to equip Christian Workers with deeper biblical insight and skills for ministry.

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Total Credits Required: 72

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTh)

Designed to train Christians for leadership in the Church (such as within pastoral, teaching, and similar ministries).

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

Total Credits Required: 108

MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

Designed to equip teachers, counselors, writers, and researchers for the Church.

The programme offers three tracks: Biblical Studies, Intercultural Studies, and Counselling. A Post-Graduate Diploma (PGDip) option is available in some tracks.

Medium of instruction: English

Pre-requisites: A minimum of a bachelors level qualification and fluency in English.

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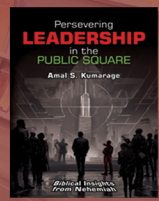
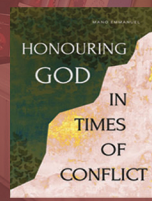
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