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Life Together in Christ

Theological education is a communal endeavour.

In our Lord's reframing of the great commandment He articulated it as loving God and loving our neighbour (Matthew 22:36-40). Our theology cannot simply shape what we believe: it must also shape how we live with one another as the physical body of Christ.

The CTS theme for 2027 challenges us to look beyond ourselves, to consider others as greater than ourselves, and to pay attention to the stories and circumstances that shape the lives of others.

As you give yourself to learning at CTS in 2027, we encourage you to keep asking: How does what I am learning . . .

- shape the way I relate to my neighbour?
- shape the way I participate in my community—my church, family, friendships, workplace, and other communities?
- deepen my understanding of life in the Kingdom of God?

May our theological learning make us people who are increasingly able to live faithfully with one another as the people of God.

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Academic Accreditation by the Asia Theological Association (ATA)

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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 8,000/- 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: 6th January 2027

Term 2: 26th April 2027

Term 3: 6th September 2027

Term 1
6 January – 3 April 2027

ONSITE | ONLINE | HYBRID

TIMETABLE: TERM 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	**Sharing the Truth in Love** 9:00am–11:45am *Duleep Fernando*	**History of Christianity II** 9:00am–11:30am *Mitchelle Peiris*	**Sri Lankan Church History** 9:00am–12:30pm *G P V Somaratna | Lasith Rajakaruna*	**Jeremiah** 9:00am–12:30pm *Nathanael Somanathan*	**Cultural Anthropology and Christian Identity** 9:00am–12:00pm *Mano Emmanuel*
		Knowing the God of Justice 9:00am–11:30am *Mano Emmanuel*			**Encountering the New Testament** 9:00am–12:00pm *Ivor Poobalan*
			Fellowship Hour *10:30am–11:30am*	*Chapel* *10:30am–11:30am*	
EVENING			**Ethics of Sexuality** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Ted Rubesh*	**Introduction to Counselling** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Manjula Mathews*	
	Isaiah 6:00pm–8:45pm *Tabea Binder*	**Until He Comes: The Church and the Coming Kingdom** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Greg Liston*	**Introduction to Theology** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Mano Emmanuel*	**Understanding Youth Culture** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Mitchelle Peiris*	

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ONSITE

TIMETABLE: TERM 1 - NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING		**பிலிப்பியர் நிருபத்தை கற்பித்தல் மற்றும் பிரசங்கித்தல்** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:30 சர்மிலா சுதாகர்	**மேய்ப்பத்துவ பராமரிப்பு** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:30 கே. யாபேஸ்		
EVENING		**Leadership** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Ivor Poobalan*	**බයිබලයට අනුකූල යාච්ඤාව ඉගෙනීම** ප.ව.5:40-ප.ව.8:00 ඥානක ප්‍රනාන්දු	**கிறிஸ்தவ கண்ணோட்டத்தில் திருமணம்** பி.ப.3:00-பி.ப.5:30 வி. கிறிஷாந்தி சந்ரசேகர்	
		ஆற்றுப்பணிக்கான அறிமுகம் பி.ப.5:30-பி.ப.8:00 கிறிஸ்ரி பாலேந்திரன்	**ஏசாயா** பி.ப.5:40-பி.ப.8:00 காமினி ஜயந்த		

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Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

MORNING COURSES

ONSITE

Sharing the Truth in Love

Evangelism in a Pluralistic Society

Is Jesus the only way to salvation? Can we proclaim such an 'exclusive' and 'offensive' message among people of other religions and lifestyles? This course will take you to the heart of the gospel and will equip you to effectively share Christ within your circles of influence.

11 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:45am

Commencing: 11th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Duleep Fernando***

History of Christianity II

AD 1517—AD 1900

The period from the Reformation (1517) to the Modern Missionary Movement (1900) provides a kaleidoscope of great reformers, astute theologians, mass evangelists, and world missions movements, in Western Church history. This information-packed course will help you learn how to apply the lessons of history in the life of the Church today.

12 Weeks

CORE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 12th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Knowing the God of Justice

A Theological and Biblical Study of the Justice of God

We worship a God who is just but we are surrounded by injustice. This course combines biblical and theological reflection on God's character with historical and current case studies to uncover God's heart for justice, and to encourage you to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Mic 6:4).

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 12th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel***

Sri Lankan Church History

A unique opportunity to appreciate the rich Christian heritage in Sri Lanka. This course will explore the origins of Christianity in Sri Lanka, the contributions of the Portuguese, Dutch, British, and American missionaries, and what accounts for the shape and diversity of the Sri Lankan Church today.

12 Weeks

CORE

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 13th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***G P V Somaratna | Lasith Rajakaruna***

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

MORNING COURSES

ONSITE

Jeremiah

Grace, Judgement, and the New Covenant

Study the prophet Jeremiah's life and ministry during the tumultuous years before the exile, trace themes of judgement and grace, and the prophecies of the Babylonian exile and the New Covenant. You will also learn principles for interpreting prophecy and explore how to apply the prophetic words of the 'weeping prophet' for this generation.

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 7th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Nathanael Somanathan***

Cultural Anthropology and Christian Identity

This course explores the interplay between Christian faith and culture, examining how cultural norms shape attitudes, pastoral contexts, and personal identity. You will develop cultural literacy to better understand your community and yourselves, being encouraged to celebrate all that is good in your culture while being ready to be counter-cultural when faith demands it.

10 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Commencing: 8th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel***

Encountering the New Testament

Between the two Testaments is a vast period, consisting of fascinating people and events. This course provides insight to the significant events and movements that shape the world of Jesus and of the Apostles. It will explore the nature of inter-testamental Judaism, its most important movements, significant literature, and the culture of Palestine and the Roman world. Students will also be introduced to the books of the New Testament.

10 Weeks

CORE

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Commencing: 8th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

EVENING COURSES

ONSITE

Until He Comes

The Church and the Coming Kingdom

What do we understand to be 'the Church'? Is it traditions, buildings, or forms of worship? How will the world as we know it end? This Course will examine the key doctrines of ecclesiology and eschatology, and will strengthen you in your engagement in the Church and deepen your understanding of things to come. Take this course. Don't be left behind!

12 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 12th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Greg Liston***

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? This course will help you clarify your own beliefs and explain your faith to others with confidence. The lecturer is the author of the course text *To Faith Add Understanding.*

13 Weeks

CORE
DipC CORE

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 6th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel***

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

CORE
DipC CORE

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 7th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Manjula Mathews***

Understanding Youth Culture

This course is designed to help equip Christian youth workers across Sri Lanka to navigate the unique realities facing today's generation. It will explore the intersection of traditional heritage, rapid globalisation, digital media, and post-war socio-economic shifts. By understanding the world young people inhabit, youth workers will be able to move beyond generic programmes to cultivate authentic discipleship and impactful personal evangelism.

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 7th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

EVENING COURSES

ONLINE

Isaiah

A study of this fascinating prophet will cover the historical background, authorship, critical issues, and the message of Isaiah with applications for today. This is an opportunity to appreciate some of the most majestic descriptions of God, prophecies about the coming Messiah, and God's plan for the consummation of His Kingdom.

11 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:45pm

Commencing: 11th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Tabea Binder***

Ethics of Sexuality

This course will examine a number of ethical issues related to human sexuality from a biblical perspective. It will explore the biblical view of sexuality and several related topics including gender, sexual orientation, sexual boundaries, pornography, and how Christians may develop a healthy sexuality.

13 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | C

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 6th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ted Rubesh***

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE COURSE

ONSITE

Leadership

Learning to Lead from the Bible

Society is bursting with ideas about leadership. How can the Christian identify biblically valid leadership principles? This course gives you the opportunity to learn how to lead effectively in the context of your ministry, workplace, and home.

12 Weeks

CORE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 12th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

MASTER OF ARTS

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

Ecclesiastes

BIBLICAL STUDIES
HYBRID

Ecclesiastes, also known as *Qohelet*, meaning 'the teacher', is a part of wisdom literature in the Hebrew canon. This course will introduce the student to the literary and historical context of ancient Israel and the ancient Near East wisdom literature, while doing a chapter-by-chapter exegetical survey of the book. Both contextual interpretation and current application will be considered.

7 Sessions

Lecturer: ***W Creighton Marlowe***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 11th – 30th January

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)

Term 1 | 6 January – 3 April 2027

MASTER OF ARTS

COUNSELLING

Multicultural Counselling and Professional Ethics

COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE

This course emphasises a multicultural framework to develop competency in multicultural counselling as well as knowledge and critical reflection to develop multiculturally-informed case conceptualisations and assessments. It promotes the development of a broad mindset regarding culture, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental and physical characteristics, education, socioeconomic status, and religious and spiritual values that will lead to profound respect for the unique characteristics of individuals, couples, families, ethnic groups, and other communities. It also examines the principles and guidelines for professional counselling in general with application to ethical dilemmas and the application of professional ethics within society, the Church, and Christian community.

12 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Reupah Phillips***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 18th Jan – 13th Feb

Class 1: Mon 18th	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 2: Fri 22nd	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 3: Sat 23rd	(10am-12.30pm)
Class 4: Mon 25th	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 5: Fri 29th	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 6: Sat 30th	(10am-12.30pm)
Class 3: Mon 1st	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 4: Fri 5th	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 5: Sat 6th	(10am-12.30pm)
Class 6: Mon 8st	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 5: Fri 12th	(6pm-8.30pm)
Class 6: Sat 13th	(10am-12.30pm)

Term 2
26 April – 31 July 2027

TIMETABLE: TERM 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING		○ **Biblical Theology** 9:00am–11:20am *Mano Emmanuel*	○ **Biblical Interpretation** 9:00am–12:30pm *Denisa Poobalan* *Fellowship Hour 10:30am–11:30am*	○ **Person and Work of the Holy Spirit** 9:00am–12:30pm *Nathanael Somanathan* *Chapel 10:30am–11:30am*	○ **Religions in Sri Lanka: Understanding our Neighbours** 9:00am–11:30am *Mitchelle Peiris*
EVENING		○ **Introduction to Psychology** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Sindujaa Selliah*	○ **Discerning of Spirits in Pastoral Counselling** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Julian Devadason*		
	□ **Romans** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Tabea Binder*	○ **God's Heart for Social Justice: The Book of Amos** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Ivor Poobalan*	✶ **Beyond Stereotypes** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Mano Emmanuel | Shari de Costa*	○ **Counselling Skills and Process** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Manjula Mathews*	

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TIMETABLE: TERM 2 - NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING		**கிறிஸ்தவ நியாயவாதம்** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:20 ஜூலியன் தேவதாசன்	**கிறிஸ்தவ உக்கிராணத்துவம்** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:30 கிறிஸ்துமணி செல்லையா	**கிறிஸ்தவ பிள்ளை வளர்ப்பும் குடும்ப வாழ்வும்** பி.ப.3:00-பி.ப.5:30 இரா. ஹரிஹரன்	
EVENING		**The Final Destination: Heaven and Hell in Bible and Theology** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Nathanael Somanathan*	**නායකත්වයට මඟ: 1 සහ 2 තිමෝති** ප.ව.5:30-ප.ව.8:00 ලසිත් රාජකරුණා		
		பஞ்சாகமம் பி.ப.5:40-பி.ப.8:00 தனராஜ் அஜேந்திரன்	**இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் வாழ்க்கை** பி.ப.5:30-பி.ப.8:00 காமினி ஜயந்த		

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Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027

MORNING COURSES

ONSITE

Biblical Theology

This course is a study of the major theological themes that undergird the writings of the Old and New Testaments such as land, covenant, temple, and worship. You will deepen your understanding of who God is and His unfolding plan from Creation to New Creation.

13 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:20am

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel***

Biblical Interpretation

Christians believe the Bible is God's enduring Word to every generation. Yet, interpreting the Bible so that we 'rightly handle the word of truth' is a challenge. *Biblical Interpretation* looks at the different kinds of literature in the Bible including poetry, prophecy, story, and law, and gives students principles for interpretation.

12 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 28th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Denisa Poobalan***

Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

The subject of the Holy Spirit has generated more discussion in the past hundred years than in the preceding centuries. Come and learn what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit and how the doctrine of the Spirit developed over the centuries. You will gain an appreciation of His unique work in the life of the believer and His powerful presence in the Church.

12 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 29th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Nathanael Somanathan***

Religions in Sri Lanka

Understanding our Neighbours

Sri Lanka is a multi-faith society, home to three major religions other than Christianity. This course introduces students to the historical origins, core teachings and contemporary practices of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam. It enables students to explore how these faith traditions shape our society and influence daily life, while fostering greater understanding of our neighbours.

12 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 30th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Introduction to Psychology

Ever wondered why people behave so differently from each other? Do you find trying to be more understanding of others a constant uphill task? *Introduction to Psychology* will give you a comprehensive foundation in the study of human behaviour along with a Christian perspective to the presumptions found within psychology.

13 Weeks
ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | C

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Sindujaa Selliah***

God's Heart for Social Justice

The Book of Amos

Our society faces the unprecedented challenges of corruption, injustice, and violence. How can we respond in a manner that is honouring to God and transformative to society? The words of Amos are astonishingly relevant to the issues of our times, and provide a way of thinking, being, and acting, as you interact within your circles of influence.

13 Weeks
ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Discerning of Spirits in Pastoral Counselling

Discerning of spirits is a vital aspect of pastoral ministry, ensuring that counselling is spiritually grounded, biblically faithful, and contextually relevant. This course bridges historical perspectives, scriptural foundations, and modern pastoral challenges, enabling pastoral and spiritual counsellors to guide individuals with clarity, compassion, and discernment.

12 Weeks
ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | C

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 28th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Julian Devadason***

Counselling Skills and Process

In this course, you will learn the counselling process, setting goals, professional ethics, and the application of this learning to lay and professional counselling settings. Spiritual and psychological insights will be integrated and you will have opportunities to practise and develop your counselling skills.

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling

12 Weeks
ELECTIVE
DipC CORE

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 29th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Manjula Matthews***

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
EVENING COURSES
ONLINE

Romans

Reading Romans deeply transformed the lives of Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, and Karl Barth. In it, Paul unfolds God's redemptive plan for Israel, the nations, and all creation. You will understand how God accomplishes both His love and justice by the cross of Christ, and what this means for daily living. Be warned: studying it could change your life, too!

13 Weeks

CORE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 26th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Tabea Binder***

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
EVENING COURSES
HYBRID

Beyond Stereotypes

Men and Women in Scripture and History

Cultural stereotypes shape how we view men and women and also influence how we read scripture. This course equips students to interpret the Bible accurately by uncovering these biases. Affirming that both men and women bear God's image, it challenges students to collaborate and support each other at home, church and society as they boldly embrace a countercultural gospel witness in today's world.

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 28th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel | Shari de Costa***

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE COURSE
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The Final Destination
Heaven and Hell in Bible and Theology

This course provides a comprehensive biblical and theological examination of the afterlife. Students will explore scriptural imagery, diverse eschatological frameworks, and the doctrines of final judgment, eternal rewards, and the new creation to understand what the Bible teaches about human destiny. It will equip students both pastorally and personally to be confident in the hope that we have, and to explain that hope to others.

ELECTIVE

13 Weeks

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer:
Nathanael Somanathan

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
MASTER OF ARTS
POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

Theology of Mission
This course explores the theological foundations, historical development, and current realities of Christian mission within the framework of World Christianity. It will examine mission theology from biblical, historical, intercultural, postcolonial, migration, and global perspectives. Students will engage with major mission ideas, indigenous Christian movements and diaspora Christianity, in light of the shifting centers of global Christianity. Special attention will be given to the relationship between theology and culture in South Asia, including religious pluralism, nationalism, and poverty.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
HYBRID

7 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Sam George***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 19th April – 8th May

Class 1: Mon 19th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 2: Mon 26th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 3: Fri 30th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 4: Sat 1st	(9am-5pm)
Class 5: Mon 3rd	(6pm-10pm)
Class 6: Fri 7th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 7: Sat 8th	(9am-5pm)

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
MASTER OF ARTS
POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Hermeneutics of Scripture

BIBLICAL STUDIES
ONSITE

This course will help students to reflect on the authority of Scripture and gain expertise in applying the principles of responsible biblical interpretation. It includes: an overview of the history of interpretation; familiarisation with the diverse biblical genres; exploration of the interplay of literature, history and theology in interpretation; and, an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of different hermeneutical approaches. It will equip the learner to become proficient in Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation (SRI) as an effective interpretive strategy.

Compulsory for Biblical Studies track

7 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 21st June – 10th July

Class 1: Mon 21st	(6pm-10pm)
Class 2: Mon 28th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 3: Fri 2nd	(6pm-10pm)
Class 4: Sat 3rd	(9am-5pm)
Class 5: Mon 5th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 6: Fri 9th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 7: Sat 10th	(9am-5pm)

Term 2 | 26 April – 31 July 2027
MASTER OF ARTS
COUNSELLING

Trauma and Crisis Counselling

COUNSELLING CORE
HYBRID

This course equips students with an understanding of the impact of trauma on the whole person, families and communities. Students will learn symptoms and counselling approaches in treating trauma survivors. Counselling survivors of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, early childhood neglect and complex trauma will be addressed along with suitable interventions after a crisis event. The spiritual impact of trauma and suitable responses will be integrated throughout the course.

9 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Tammy Schultz***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 28th May – 21st June

Class 1: Fri 28th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 2: Sat 29th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 3: Fri 4th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 4: Sat 5th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 5: Fri 11th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 6: Sat 12th	(6pm-9pm)
Class 7: Fri 18th	(9am-4pm)
Class 8: Sat 19th	(9am-4pm)
Class 9: Mon 21st	(9am-4pm)

Term 3
6 September – 4 December 2027

ONSITE | ONLINE | HYBRID

TIMETABLE: TERM 3

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	**History of Christianity III** 9:00am–11:30am *Mitchelle Peiris*	**The Gospel of Matthew** 9:00am–11:20am *Mano Emmanuel*	**Developing a Biblical Worldview** 9:00am–12:30pm *Denisa Poobalan* *Fellowship Hour 10:30am–11:30am*	**Living Wisely: The Book of Proverbs** 9:00am–12:20pm *Ivor Poobalan* *Chapel 10:30am–11:30am*	**Challenging the Divide: Conflict in Church and Society** 9:00am–11:30am *Shruthi De Visser | Mano Emmanuel*
EVENING		**What is a Prophet?** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Ivor Poobalan | Nathanael Somanathan*		**Ethics of Technology** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Tabea Binder*	
		Job and Song of Solomon 6:00pm–8:20pm *Ted Rubesh*	**Created for Connection: Beyond Loneliness** 6:00pm–8:30pm *Sindujaa Selliah*	**Personal and Spiritual Formation for Ministry** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Roshanara deMel*	**Church, State, and Society** 6:00pm–8:45pm *Nathanael Somanathan*

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TIMETABLE: TERM 3 - NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING		**யாக்கோபு நிருபம்** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:20 சர்மிலா சுதாகர்	**மேய்ப்பத்துவ நிருபங்கள்** மு.ப.9:00-மு.ப.11:30 கிறிஸ்துமணி செல்லையா		
EVENING		**Mission in the Book of Acts** 6:00pm–8:20pm *Mitchelle Peiris*	**ජොහන් ශුභාරංචිය** ප.ව.5:30-ප.ව.8:00 අයිවෝ පූබාලන්	**රූත්** பி.ப.3:00-பி.ப.5:20 வி. கிறிஷாந்தி சந்ரசேகர்	
		கலாசாரத்தை குறித்த கிறிஸ்தவ கண்ணோட்டம் பி.ப.5:40-பி.ப.8:00 ஜூலியன் தேவதாசன்	**கிறிஸ்தவ பணியாளரின் வாழ்வும் பணியும்** பி.ப.5:30-பி.ப.8:00 காமினி ஜயந்த		

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Term 3 | 6 September – 4 December 2027

MORNING COURSES

ONSITE

History of Christianity III

AD 1900—AD 2000

The twentieth century has had its share of great Christian moments: the Pentecostal Movement, Christianity during and after two world wars, faith behind the Iron Curtain, the Second Vatican Council, and the unprecedented phenomenon of Church growth in the Global South. Understanding these trends will help you become a more effective global Christian.

12 Weeks

CORE

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 13th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

The Gospel of Matthew

The genre of gospel is unique in Greek literature. Each of the four Gospels has its own distinctive voice. This course will look at the key features of Matthew, such as its central theme of the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount and other teachings of Jesus, the distinctive parables, its structure and its missionary message.

13 Weeks

CORE

DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:20am

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel***

Developing a Biblical Worldview

'Worldview is like a pair of spectacles: it describes not what we see, but what we see through' (Paul Hiebert). This course looks at the importance of evaluating our thoughts and attitudes by what may be termed 'a Christian mind'. A course that promises to profoundly influence and liberate your choices and decisions from being conformed to the patterns of this world.

12 Weeks

CORE

DipC ELECT | O

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 8th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Denisa Poobalan***

Living Wisely

The Book of Proverbs

The biblical books Job, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs preserve for us the rich Wisdom tradition of Ancient Israel. The pithy sayings of the Book of Proverbs can be most appreciated and applied when you read them with a deeper understanding of the context of the book as a whole. Come and immerse yourself in the wisdom of Israel and learn the relevance of Proverbs to wise living today.

13 Weeks

ELECTIVE

DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:20pm

Commencing: 9th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Challenging the Divide

Conflict in Church and Society

Immense suffering is caused by hostile, fractured communities. This course seeks to explore the nature, causes, and dynamics of inter-community conflict within both the Church and wider society. Integrating scripture with real-world case studies and introducing, practical conflict resolution skills, students are equipped to become active, effective peacemakers in their own local contexts.

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 10th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Shruthi De Visser | Mano Emmanuel***

What is a Prophet?

In this course, students will engage with the increasingly popular title of "prophet," exploring who the prophet is in the Old and New Testaments, the nature and purpose of the prophetic office, and the question of whether that office has ceased. We consider what it means for the Church today to remain prophetic, inviting students to develop a deeper understanding of prophetic ministry.

13 Weeks

ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan | Nathanael Somanathan***

Created for Connection

Beyond Loneliness

Loneliness is more than a feeling, it can harm health, relationships, and performance. This course explores what loneliness is, why it happens, and how social connection can heal. You will learn evidence—based strategies and biblical perspectives to overcome isolation, strengthen community, and build a more connected life and world.

12 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | C

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 8th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Sindujaa Selliah***

Ethics of Technology

Globally, new technology is shaping and transforming our lives like nothing before. Limitless hopes and serious concerns are involved. Technology ethics is the application of ethical thinking to the concerns of technology. This course gives an introduction into the ethical issues that arise from a Christian perspective from technological advances in areas like social and other digital media, human enhancements, transhumanism, artificial intelligence, etc.

13 Weeks

ELECTIVE

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 9th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Tabea Binder***

Term 3 | 6 September – 4 December 2027
EVENING COURSES
ONSITE

Personal and Spiritual Formation for Ministry

Personal spiritual growth and formation is vital to our being godly and effective in ministry. This course takes the student on a spiritual journey of self-reflection, in preparation for a unique ministry within the Church. The goal is to grow in understanding one's self, one's relationship with God and with others. Small group discussions will form part of this growth experience.

13 Weeks

CORE
DipC CORE

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 9th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Roshanara deMel***

Church, State, and Society

Jesus intended His Church to be engaged in the world while maintaining her loyalty to God. This implies that the Church must relate to the state and must influence society. How can she do this with integrity? This course provides the framework for the Church's relationship to state and society.

11 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | O

Day: Friday

Time: 6:00pm–8:45pm

Commencing: 10th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Nathanael Somanathan***

Term 3 | 6 September – 4 December 2027
EVENING COURSES
ONLINE

Job and Song of Solomon

This study will focus on two oft-neglected books, taking us from the extreme of despair to the extreme of romantic love. You will understand the desperation of Job against the backdrop of God's sovereignty as well as gain a fresh perspective of the biblical view of love between a man and a woman. In the process, we trust you will discover a God who can meet us at both extremes of life.

13 Weeks

ELECTIVE
DipC ELECT | BS

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ted Rubesh***

Term 3 | 6 September – 4 December 2027

NORTH COLOMBO STUDY CENTRE COURSE

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Mission in the Book of Acts

This course will explore how the first disciples were empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit to witness, resulting in vibrant believing churches. You will study the growth of the Church amidst severe persecution and theological reflection, and be introduced to methods of contextualisation and cross cultural engagement as well as missional models relevant to the Sri Lankan Church.

ELECTIVE

13 Weeks

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:20pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Term 3 | 6 September – 4 December 2027

MASTER OF ARTS

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

The Theology of Paul in the Prison Epistles

BIBLICAL STUDIES
HYBRID

Written from chains, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians contain some of Paul's most profound theological reflection — on the cosmic lordship of Christ, the mystery of the Church, ethnic reconciliation, and joy amidst suffering. Students will develop practical exegetical skills by engaging these letters in their historical and literary contexts, and by exploring Paul's theology and its implications for the global Church today.

7 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Stephanie L Black***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 23rd Aug – 11th Sep

Class 1: Mon 23rd	(6pm-10pm)
Class 2: Mon 30th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 3: Fri 3rd	(6pm-10pm)
Class 4: Sat 4th	(9am-5pm)
Class 5: Mon 6th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 6: Fri 10th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 7: Sat 11th	(9am-5pm)

Developing Christian Educators

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
BIBLICAL STUDIES
HYBRID

One of the Church's core mandates is to equip all Christians to attain maturity (Eph 4:12-13). Two major fields where this mandate is fulfilled is in the local church and the seminary. This course will provide educational foundations for teaching children and adults. It will familiarise the student with major theories pertaining to teaching, learning and human development. It will also provide practical guidelines on how to develop educational programmes and achieve educational outcomes that are biblically and contextually relevant.

***Compulsory for both MA tracks**

7 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Tabea Binder***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 25th Oct – 13th Nov

Class 1: Mon 25th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 2: Mon 1st	(6pm-10pm)
Class 3: Fri 5th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 4: Sat 6th	(9am-5pm)
Class 5: Mon 8th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 6: Fri 12th	(6pm-10pm)
Class 7: Sat 13th	(9am-5pm)

Psychological Disorders

COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE

This course introduces students to the symptoms, causes and treatment of common mental disorders, abnormal behaviour, and personality disorders. Students are introduced to the classification of mental disorders in the ICD/DSM and the assessment of psychological and spiritual functioning.

12 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Mandy Kellums Baraka***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 14th Sep – 9th Oct

Class 1: Tue 14th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 2: Fri 17th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 3: Sat 18th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 4: Tue 21st	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 5: Fri 24th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 6: Sat 25th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 7: Tue 28th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 8: Fri 1st	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 9: Sat 2nd	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 10: Tue 5th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 11: Fri 8th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)
Class 12: Sat 9th	(6.30pm-9.30pm)

Research Methods

COUNSELLING ELECTIVE
ONSITE

This course equips students with foundational skills in designing, conducting, and evaluating research in counselling. It introduces both qualitative and quantitative approaches, emphasizing research ethics, literature review strategies, data collection, and analysis. Students will learn to interpret findings critically and integrate them into evidence-based practice. Special attention is given to aligning research with biblical and theological reflection, fostering integrity and relevance in academic and applied settings. By the end of the course, learners will be prepared to undertake ethically responsible projects and contribute meaningful insights to their field.

6 Sessions

Lecturer: ***Sindujaa Selliah***

Credits: 3

Schedule: **12th Nov – 14th Jan**

Class 1: Fri 12th	(9am-4pm)
Class 2: Fri 19th	(9am-4pm)
Class 3: Fri 26th	(9am-4pm)
Class 4: Fri 3rd	(9am-4pm)
Class 5: Fri 10th	(9am-4pm)
Class 6: Fri 14th	(9am-4pm)

LECTURER PROFILES



Duleep Fernando, BSc (Eng), BD, ThM
A Methodist Minister (retired). Graduate of the University of Peradeniya, London School of Theology (UK), and Fuller Theological Seminary (USA). With a professional background in Engineering, he lectured at the College of Higher Technology, Katubedda (later, the University of Moratuwa). He is a former President of the Methodist Church, Sri Lanka.



Mitchelle Peiris, BTh, MA
Coordinator: Bachelor of Theology Programme at CTS. Graduate of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (Philippines), and Southern Asia Bible College (India). She lectures at CTS with a focus on Church History and Practical Theology. With over 10 years of serving and training youth leaders at a national level, Mitchelle currently serves as a youth pastor at Life Centre, Assembly of God Colombo. She also serves as a local preacher of the Church of Ceylon, and Regional Director for the Lausanne Movement - South Asia (co-lead).



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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). Former Academic Dean at CTS. She worships at Kollupitiya Methodist Church, and serves as a local preacher and on the Board of Worship. She is the author of T*o 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*.



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Research Professor Emeritus at CTS. A prolific researcher and author of books and academic articles. He was Professor of Modern History at the University of Colombo, and has been Visiting Professor at the Truman Institute of the Hebrew University (Jerusalem), Lee University (USA), and Fuller Theological Seminary (USA). Author of the *seven-volumed Bible Encyclopedia* in Sinhala.



Lasith Rajakaruna, BTh, MDiv
A graduate of CTS, Lasith also holds a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from the International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL), Philippines. He has served as a volunteer leader for Youth for Christ (YFC) for 16 years and as a full-time worker for 3 years. He also served on the Board of Deacons at Kandy Baptist Church. He worships at Methodist Church, Nugegoda.

LECTURER PROFILES



Nathanael Somanathan, BEng, MA, PhD

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Ivor Poobalan, BA (Hons), ThM, PhD

Senior Lecturer at CTS. Has served on the faculty of CTS since 1996 and as Principal from 1998 to 2026. A graduate of the London School of Theology (UK), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA), and the University of Cape Town (South Africa). He 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 Global Impact, and Co-Chair of the Theology Working Group of the Lausanne Movement.



Greg Liston, PhD

A Senior Lecturer in Theology at Laidlaw College (New Zealand). Greg's research explores the role of the Spirit in the life of the Church. He has published 4 books, as well as multiple journal articles and book chapters. Greg's journey has included PhD's in both systematic theology and quantum physics, being the senior pastor of a multi-congregational Baptist church, and strategic management consulting.



Manjula Mathews, CCS, FCMA, MBA, MA

Graduate of CTS (Advanced Certificate in Counselling; MA in Biblical Studies). 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.



Tabea Binder, MDiv, MTh, PhD

She had her basic theology 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. She is currently, based in Germany and teaches at CTS and at various Bible colleges in Europe. She specializes in Christian Education, 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.*



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Denisa Poobalan, BTh, MA
Coordinator: 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.



Sindujaa Selliah, BBM, HPRT, MSc, MLead
Programme Coordinator: Counselling at CTS. Graduate of Bangalore University (India), Coventry University (UK), and Australian University College of Divinity (Australia); and an alumna of the Harvard Trauma Group. With more than ten years of teaching experience across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, she has also worked extensively with NGOs and INGOs to promote psychological well-being in diverse communities. Her interests include trauma, counselling, leadership formation, and intercultural education.

LECTURER PROFILES



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Sam George, PhD
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Tammy Schultz, LCPC (IL), LMHC (IN), NCC
A Professor, Trauma Certificate Coordinator, and Clinical Training Coordinator in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Wheaton College (USA), where she counsels part-time at its counseling Centre. Her scholarship is focused on adults healing from childhood sexual abuse, women in an alternative court programme exiting prostitution, and trauma healing around the globe. Co-author of *Transformed in His Presence: The Need for Prayer in Counseling.*



Shruthi De Visser, BA, MA
A peacebuilder, researcher, and advocate. With academic training in Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies, her work focuses on post-conflict Sri Lanka and the intersections of gender, peace, and social change. Her teaching and research emphasise women's leadership, youth-led reconciliation, and sustainable community-based interventions that foster dialogue, inclusion, and long-term peacebuilding.

LECTURER PROFILES



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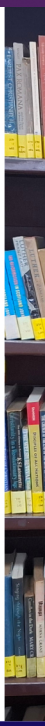
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