

COURSE CATALOGUE 2023



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

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2023

Truth. Justice. Kindness. Accountability. Transparency. These have become the catchphrases in Sri Lanka. A deep hunger is developing in our island nation for the very values that have been the bedrock of God's Kingdom. Therefore, more than ever,

the time is NOW, for disciples of Jesus, to be guiding lights in these dark and uncertain times.

the time is NOW for us, the Church, to be heard as a distinctive voice of hope amidst the clamour of hopelessness.

the time is NOW, for men and women, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, to revive our discouraged and disheartened communities with the best news the world has ever known!

Are you yearning to see a restored and healthy 'Paradise Isle'? God's Word promises that He will make all things new. At Colombo Theological Seminary, you will have the opportunity to be a part of a learning community that is passionate about being shaped by God's Word so that we, the Church, can be God's agent of transformation.

Come to CTS in 2023, and together let us make a 'System Change' that will make a lasting impact in our lifetime and beyond.

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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 24 classroom hours, some have a total of 36 classroom hours, or 24 classroom hours + practical work amounting to 12 hours.

Course Delivery

- **Onsite:** The course is taught at the CTS campus in Kohuwela.
- **Online:** The course is taught via GoogleMeet or 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 5,000/- 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 <https://www.cts.lk/online-registration/> or hand over to Student Accounts at CTS Kohuwela. Payments can be made online at <https://www.cts.lk/payment/>, via bank transfer, credit card, or in cash.

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: 2nd January 2023

Term 2: 24th April 2023

Term 3: 4th September 2023

In the case of submission of registration forms and settlement of payments at CTS Kohuwela, you may do so on any working day (Monday to Friday) between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

Term 1
2 January – 1 April 2023

TIMETABLE: TERM 1					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	○ Sri Lankan Church History 9:00am–11:30am <i>G P V Somaratna</i>	○ Philippians and Colossians 9:00am–11:00am <i>Denisa Poobalan</i>	○ Sharing the Truth in Love 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Duleep Fernando</i> <i>Fellowship Hour</i> <i>10:30am–11:30am</i>	○ Introduction to the Old Testament 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i> <i>Chapel</i> <i>10:30am–11:30am</i>	○ Exploring Major Theological Traditions 9:00am–12:15pm <i>Julian Devadason</i>
	★ Developing a Biblical Worldview 9:00am–11:30am <i>Noeline Prins</i>	○ Models of Leadership 9:00am–12:00pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>			○ Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity 9:00am–11:15am <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>
	○ Discipleship 6:00pm–8:15pm <i>Nishika Perera</i>				
EVENING	□ Ethics of Sexuality 6:00pm–8:15pm <i>Ted Rubesh</i>	○ Introduction to Theology 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	□ Romans 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Jonathan Willoughby</i>	★ Introduction to Counselling 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Manjula Mathews Shyara Wickramaratne-Raymond</i>	

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Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

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.

10 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 9th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **G P V Somaratna**

Philippians and Colossians

Paul's letters to the Philippians and Colossians are considered his most delightful and encouraging epistles. Paul uses these two letters to lavishly express his gratitude, praise, and commendation to his hearers. He also explains the deity of Christ, succinctly and clearly. Studying these two letters will help you to capture the most essential doctrinal teaching of Paul as well as to consider how to apply that teaching meaningfully in your daily living.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:00am

Commencing: 3rd January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Denisa Poobalan**

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.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
ACC ELECT | O**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 4th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Duleep Fernando**

Introduction to the Old Testament

For those to whom the Old Testament seems difficult to grasp, this course will help you gain an overview of each book of the Old Testament in terms of its authorship, message, structure, main themes, and historical context. It will help you appreciate and enjoy the diverse books that make up the Bible Jesus read.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 5th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity

We all identify ourselves by various 'identity markers' including our gender and ethnicity. We are shaped by our culture and what others say we ought to be. This course explores these identity markers, how we should think Christianly about who we are and embrace all we were meant to be in Christ, and how we must relate to others who are different.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | C

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–11:15am

Commencing: 13th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

HYBRID

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.

10 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE
ACC ELECT | O

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:30am

Commencing: 9th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Noeline Prins**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Discipleship

How to follow the Way of Jesus in the 21st Century

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.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE
ACC ELECT | O

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 2nd January

Credits: 2

Lecturers: **Nishika Perera**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

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? *Introduction to Theology* 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*.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
ACC CORE**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 3rd January

Credits: 2

Lecturers: **Mano Emmanuel**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

EVENING COURSES ONLINE

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, with special attention to pornography, and how Christians may develop a healthy sexuality.

11 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | C**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 2nd January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ted Rubesh**

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!

12 Weeks

**BTh CORE
Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 4th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Jonathan Willoughby**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

EVENING COURSES

HYBRID

Introduction to Counselling

Meeting people with psychological and emotional needs is an everyday experience. How can a Christian be equipped to be a people-helper? Learn the biblical basis for counselling and be introduced to basic skills to help people on their way to wholeness.

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

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip CORE
ACC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 5th January

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Manjula Mathews**
| **Shyara Wickramaratne-Raymond**

BTH SEMINARS ONSITE

The BTh seminars are designed for those registered on the BTh or MA/PGDip programmes. The classroom format will strike a balance between lecture and seminar. Students will write papers for discussion based on wider reading and research.

Registration is open to students who are on the BTh programme and have completed 60 credits, and to those on the MA/PGDip programme. Students with a degree or higher diploma are also welcome.

Models of Leadership

Discover the liberating truth that leadership comes in a variety of styles. There are visionary leaders, managing leaders, shepherding leaders, team-building leaders, and entrepreneurial leaders, to name a few. How can you discover your unique leadership style? Why are other leadership styles important for your team? How can diverse leaders work together for the good of those they serve? Come, explore these issues in *Models of Leadership*.

12 Weeks

BTh CORE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Commencing: 3rd January

Credits: 3

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

Exploring Major Theological Traditions

How do you differentiate between liberal and liberation theology? What are the distinctives of evangelical theology? What are the foundations of reformed theology? Theological positions have often defined Christian community and have, at times, been divisive. This seminar will enable you to understand the roots and developments of four great theological traditions and representative theologians; and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

11 Weeks

BTh CORE

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–12:15pm

Commencing: 13th January

Credits: 3

Lecturer: **Julian Devadason**

Term 1 | 2 January – 1 April 2023

MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

The Gospel of John

The course locates its context, authorship, date, and literary character in the Gospel of John. It then attempts to study the story of Jesus in three sections: the first part dealing with the public ministry of Jesus, where Jesus revealed his glory through the signs; the second part presenting Jesus' private ministry with the disciples; and the third part relating to his passion and resurrection, a revelation of his glory. Besides these, the course also pays close attention to the significant motifs such as sonship, Holy Spirit, mission, eschatology, and ethics that further highlight this Gospel's richness and set it apart from the Synoptic Gospels. Thus, this Gospel presents an opportunity for a child to wade and an elephant to swim in a stream. The concluding part of the course will also explore the contemporary relevance of John's Gospel.

**BIBLICAL STUDIES
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: **Asish Koshy**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 9th – 28th January

- Class 1: Mon 9th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 2: Wed 11th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 3: Fri 13th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 4: Sat 14th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 5: Mon 16th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 6: Wed 18th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 7: Fri 20th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 8: Sat 21st (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 9: Mon 23rd (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 10: Wed 25th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 11: Fri 27th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
- Class 12: Sat 28th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Interpersonal Reconciliation in a Shame-Oriented Culture

We all know the distress and disruption caused by conflicts that are not properly resolved. Most of us react to conflict according to a conflict script, which we learn from our culture. This course explores aspects of honour-shame cultures, like Sri Lanka, that affect conflict and its resolution. It will further seek to discover how the New Testament, also written in an honour-shame culture, can help believers re-write their conflict script to become better peacemakers.

**INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
ONSITE**

9 Sessions

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 6th – 25th March

- Class 1: Mon 6th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 2: Fri 10th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 3: Sat 11th (9am-4pm)
- Class 4: Mon 13th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 5: Fri 17th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 6: Sat 18th (9am-4pm)
- Class 7: Mon 20th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 8: Fri 24th (6pm-9pm)
- Class 9: Sat 25th (9am-1pm)

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
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: **David Goodwin**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 13th Feb – 11th Mar

Class 1: Mon 13th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 2: Fri 17th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 3: Sat 18th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 4: Mon 20th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 5: Fri 24th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 6: Sat 25th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 7: Mon 27th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 8: Fri 3rd (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 9: Sat 4th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 10: Mon 6th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 11: Fri 10th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 12: Sat 11th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Term 2

24 April – 31 July 2023

TIMETABLE: TERM 2					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING AFTERNOON	○ South Asian Christianity and Its Global Impact 9:00am–12:00pm <i>Yohan Abeynaike Savithri Sumanthiran</i>	○ Present Pain and Future Glory 9:00am–12:00pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	○ Person and Work of the Holy Spirit 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i> <i>Fellowship Hour</i> 10:30am–11:30am	○ God's Heart for Social Justice: Amos 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i> <i>Chapel</i> 10:30am–11:30am	★ History of Christianity III 9:00am–11:15am <i>Mitchelle Peiris</i>
		★ Urban Ministry 3:00pm–5:00pm <i>Tabea Binder</i>			
				○ Isaiah 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Tabea Binder</i>	
EVENING	□ Money, Possessions, and the Kingdom 6:00pm–8:15pm <i>Ted Rubesh</i>	○ Practice of Preaching 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>	○ Christian Apologetics 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Tabea Binder</i>	★ Counselling Methods and Ministry 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Manjula Mathews Shyara Wickramaratne-Raymond</i>	

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Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

South Asian Christianity and Its Global Impact

08 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

In recent years, there has been a major shift in Christianity with most Christians now residing in the Global South. What are the implications of this shift for Christians in South Asia? What challenges must we overcome as we move from being only a receiving Church to being a more giving and sending Church? This course will explore possible ways in which South Asian Christians can lead and contribute intentionally and responsibly to the life of the Global Church.

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Commencing: 8th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Yohan Abeynaike | Savithri Sumanthiran**

Present Pain and Future Glory

Learning about a God Who Turns Mourning into Dancing

No one is immune from suffering. It can bring out the best in us or trigger a crisis of faith. *Present Pain and Future Glory* looks at the biblical perspective of suffering and its radical call for a Christian response to personal suffering and suffering in the world.

8 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Commencing: 25th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

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

**BTh | Dip CORE
ACC ELECT | O**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 26th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

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.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

WEEKDAY COURSES HYBRID

Urban Ministry

Asia (including Sri Lanka) and its culture is becoming more and more urban. Cities are wonderful and strategic places for ministry. This course will look at God's view and His vision for the cities, will reflect on the question: How do we serve God in the large cities? It will help you better understand your call and ministry in urban spaces, and learn about urban spirituality, that is listening to God's voice in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Colombo.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3:00pm–5:00pm

Commencing: 25th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Tabea Binder***

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.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–11:15am

Commencing: 28th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Mitchelle Peiris***

Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Practice of Preaching

Preaching occupies a central place in corporate worship. How can we preach sermons that are both passionate and transformative? Here's an opportunity for you to be trained in the craft of sermon construction and the art of preaching, helping you become an effective communicator of God's Word.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 25th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: ***Ivor Poobalan***

Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Christian Apologetics

Christian Apologetics will help you learn how to provide a rational justification for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course will introduce the key issues pertaining to Apologetics, and provide the foundation for a confident defense of the Christian worldview, equipping you to respond to the honest questions and doubts that both believers and seekers have about Christianity.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | O**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 26th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

Isaiah

A study of this fascinating prophet will cover the historical background, authorship, critical issues, and the message of Isaiah with applications for today. A chance 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.

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

ONLINE

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
ACC ELECT | O**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 24th April

Credits: 2

Lecturers: **Ted Rubesh**

Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

EVENING COURSES

HYBRID

Counselling Methods and Ministry

This course builds on the foundation of *Introduction to Counselling*. You will learn and practise new counselling skills and techniques and be exposed to counselling theories and approaches that integrate spiritual and psychological insights to help others grow towards wholeness.

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling

12 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 27th April

Credits: 3

Lecturer: ***Manjula Mathews
/ Shyara Wickramaratne-
Raymond***

Term 2 | 24 April – 31 July 2023

MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

Creation and Ethics

God's Designs from the Beginning

The biblical story is a story of creation, fall, redemption and final consummation. Unfortunately, creation is often seen as the least important theological and ethical part of that story. This course will seek to show why creation is vital for Christian ethics, and demonstrate its significance in a wide range of contemporary ethical issues, drawing primarily from Genesis 1-2. Issues from the creation story include: the goodness of creation (i.e. money, sex, and power), human dignity from creation in God's image, creation care, marriage and sexuality, social institutions, human work, the ethical significance of the Sabbath, human finitude, and embodied souls (or ensouled bodies). We will conclude the course by discussion on how to live a Creation Ethic in a complex, fallen world.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
BIBLICAL STUDIES
ONSITE

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Dennis P Hollinger**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 8th – 27th May

Class 1: Mon 8th (6pm-10pm)

Class 2: Mon 15th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 19th (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 20th (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 22nd (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 26th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 27th (9am-5pm)

Developing Christian Educators

One of the Church's core mandates is to equip all Christians to attain maturity (Ephesians 4:12-13). The two fields through which the Church fulfills this mandate are Christian education and theological education. *Developing Christian Educators* will provide foundations for any kind of teaching ministry in Christian churches and theological education. It will familiarise you with major theories pertaining to teaching, learning, and human development. It will also provide practical guidelines on how to develop effective educational programmes, formulate and articulate strategic learning objectives, and achieve outcomes that are biblically based, contextually appropriate, and life-transforming.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
BIBLICAL STUDIES
ONSITE

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Tabea Binder**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 10th – 29th July

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

Class 2: Mon 17th (6pm-10pm)

Class 3: Fri 21st (6pm-10pm)

Class 4: Sat 22nd (9am-5pm)

Class 5: Mon 24th (6pm-10pm)

Class 6: Fri 28th (6pm-10pm)

Class 7: Sat 29th (9am-5pm)

***Compulsory for both MA tracks**

MASTER OF ARTS COUNSELLING

Multi-Cultural Counselling and Professional Ethics

This course is designed to prepare students to become ethical and effective multicultural counsellors. It emphasizes multicultural framework to develop competency in multicultural counselling; as well as knowledge and critical reflection to develop multiculturally-informed case conceptualizations and assessments. More generally, this course 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.

**COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: *Reupah Philips*

Credits: 3

Schedule: 8th May – 3rd June

Class 1: Mon 8th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 2: Fri 12th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 3: Sat 13th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 4: Mon 15th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 5: Fri 19th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 6: Sat 20th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 7: Mon 22nd (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 8: Fri 26th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 9: Sat 27th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 10: Mon 29th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 11: Fri 2nd (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 12: Sat 3rd (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Couple Therapy

This course presents foundational knowledge of relationship dynamics, assessment, and skills related to working with couples. The Christian view of the nature of marriage and family will be presented. Students learn theoretical approaches to marital counselling with an emphasis on a systemic perspective, as well as the application of practical evaluation and treatment tools, with a multicultural focus.

**COUNSELLING ELECTIVE
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: *Terri Watson*

Credits: 3

Schedule: 10th July – 7th August

Class 1: Mon 10th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 2: Fri 14th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 3: Mon 17th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 4: Fri 21st (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 5: Sat 22nd (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 6: Mon 24th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 7: Fri 28th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 8: Sat 29th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 9: Mon 31st (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 10: Fri 4th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 11: Sat 5th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Class 12: Mon 7th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Term 3

4 September – 2 December 2023

TIMETABLE: TERM 3					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Biblical Interpretation 9:00am–11:15am <i>Denisa Poobalan</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Biblical Theology 9:00am–11:00am <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Church and the End Times 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Mano Emmanuel</i> <i>Fellowship Hour</i> 10:30am–11:30am	<input checked="" type="radio"/> What is Human? A Biblical Perspective 9:00am–12:30pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i> <i>Chapel</i> 10:30am–11:30am	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Developing Responsible Churches 9:00am–11:15am <i>Mano Emmanuel</i>
					MODULAR COURSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEPTEMBER 29-30 OCTOBER 6-13-14-20 Counselling Children 9:00am–4:00pm 6:00pm–8:30pm <i>David Goodwin</i>
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Small Groups, Big Results 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Nishika Perera</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Gospel of John 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Ivor Poobalan</i>		<input checked="" type="star"/> Personal and Spiritual Formation for Ministry 6:00pm–8:15pm <i>Dileeni Abraham</i>	
EVENING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Theology 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Ananda Kumar</i>	<input checked="" type="star"/> Study Methods 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Ravin Caldera</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job and Song of Solomon 6:00pm–8:00pm <i>Ted Rubesh</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parenting in the New-Normal Environment 6:00pm–8:15pm <i>Lohan Bible</i>	

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

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

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.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip CORE

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:15am

Commencing: 11th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Denisa Poobalan**

Biblical Theology

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

12 Weeks

**BTh CORE
Dip ELECTIVE**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:00am

Commencing: 5th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

The Church and the End Times

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? *The Church and the End Times* 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

**BTh CORE
Dip ELECTIVE**

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 6th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

What is Human? A Biblical Perspective

'What is man that you are mindful of him?' (Ps 8:4). In the 21st century, gender identity, sexuality, AI, cyberspace, and transhumanism are challenging the very foundations of society. Moreover, new teachings in the Church – about the transformed nature of redeemed persons, the inherent authority of 'anointed' leaders, and 'dominion theologies' – are challenging the foundation of historic Christianity. This course will explore the Christian doctrine of humanity to construct a biblical-theological framework to these and other issues.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

WEEKDAY COURSES ONSITE

Developing Responsible Churches

1 and 2 Peter

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.

11 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | BS

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–11:15am

Commencing: 8th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

EVENING COURSES ONSITE

Small Groups, Big Results

Making small groups work

The health of any church is directly proportionate to the effectiveness of small group ministries. Knowing how to form a Bible Study Group, develop the necessary curriculum, and effectively lead the group can be an immense contribution that you make to the health and growth of your local church.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 4th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Nishika Perera**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

EVENING COURSES ONLINE

Public Theology

This course will explore Jesus' call to enter the Kingdom of God and the intersection of this Kingdom, the Church, and world as we know it. A special focus on Christian end-time views will analyse how they impact our engagement in the world. Finally, the class will seek to understand how the gospel of the Kingdom of God and the worship of the triune God transform our public engagement in the world in practical terms.

12 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 4th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ananda Kumar**

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
ACC ELECT | BS**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 5th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

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.

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

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 6th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ted Rubesh**

Parenting in the New-Normal Environment

A global pandemic, an unprecedented socio-economic crisis, and an ever-changing world has brought about unimaginable difficulty, hardship and pressure on our children. Parents are increasingly frustrated and helpless about how to raise them. This course is about thinking biblically about parenting, and addressing current issues that parents have to grapple with in order to raise up their children to be all that God wants them to be.

11 Weeks **BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | C**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Lohan Bibile**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

EVENING COURSES HYBRID

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.

12 Weeks

BTh | Dip ELECTIVE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 5th September

Credits: 0 (2)

Lecturer: **Ravin Caldera**

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 and one's relationship with God and with others. Small group discussions will form part of this growth experience.

11 Weeks

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC CORE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 7th September

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Dileeni Abraham**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

MODULAR COURSE ONLINE

Counselling Children

Children are body, soul, and spirit. While the physical and spiritual needs of children must receive attention, their emotional hurts cannot be ignored. This course is designed to equip all those who minister to children in homes, schools, and churches. It covers major issues related to counselling children who suffer from grief, neglect, abuse, and trauma, and encompasses the whole counselling process – in the context of ministering to children.

MODULAR

**BTh | Dip ELECTIVE
ACC ELECT | C**

6 Days in September-October

Class 1: Fri 29th (6pm-8.30pm)

Class 2: Sat 30th (9am-4pm)

Class 3: Fri 6th (6pm-8.30pm)

Class 4: Fri 13th (6pm-8.30pm)

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

Class 6: Fri 20th (6pm-8.30pm)

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **David Goodwin**

Term 3 | 4 September – 2 December 2023

MASTER OF ARTS POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

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

Primeval History

Genesis 1-11

Primeval History: Genesis 1-11 is a narrative study of what is generally called 'Pre-History' – the account of the beginning of everything: creation and humans, sin and its effects, salvation history, languages, nations, etc. The course will entail a verse-by-verse reading of the text, in tandem with references to relevant ancient Near Eastern and West Asian literature and background. It will also discuss how today's Christians can best transpose the 'then and there' of the text to the 'here and now', so as to apply it in our communal and personal contexts.

**BIBLICAL STUDIES
ONLINE**

7 Sessions

Lecturer: **Havilah Dharamraj**

Credits: 3

Schedule: **6th – 25th November**

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 Foundations

This course is designed to ensure you have a firm foundation in counselling skills. It will cover topics such as understanding the person of the counsellor, developing the therapeutic relationship, observing and using nonverbal communication, establishing goals, understanding the process of growth, and appropriately using empathy, authenticity, immediacy and confrontation. It will integrate biblical and theological reflection with current counselling practice. It will also give you guidance on recognising explicit and implicit spiritual concerns being presented by those you counsel.

Note: Successful completion of this course is an entry requirement for the Programme

**COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: **Heather Davediuk-Gingrich**
Dileeni Abraham

Credits: 3

Schedule: 12th Sep – 28th Nov

Class 1: Tue 12th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 2: Tue 19th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 3: Tue 26th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 4: Tue 3rd (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 5: Tue 10th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 6: Tue 17th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 7: Tue 24th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 8: Tue 31st (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 9: Tue 7th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 10: Tue 14th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 11: Tue 21st (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 12: Tue 28th (6:30pm-9:30pm)

Psychological Disorders

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 DSM-V and in the assessment of psychological and spiritual functioning.

**COUNSELLING CORE
ONLINE**

12 Sessions

Lecturer: **Mandy Kellums-Baraka**

Credits: 3

Schedule: 6th Oct – 3rd Nov

Class 1: Fri 6th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 2: Sat 7th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 3: Mon 9th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 4: Fri 13th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 5: Sat 14th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 6: Mon 16th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
Class 7: Fri 20th (6:30pm-9:30pm)
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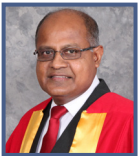
G P V Somaratna, BA, MA (Missiology), MA (Theology), PgDip (Demography), PhD
Research Professor Emeritus at CTS. A prolific researcher and author of books and academic articles. He was Professor of Modern History at the University of Colombo, and has been Visiting Professor at the Truman Institute of the Hebrew University (Jerusalem), Lee University (USA), and Fuller Theological Seminary (USA). Author of the seven-volumed *Bible Encyclopedia* in Sinhala.



Denisa Poobalan, BTh, MA
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. She is married to Ivor and together they serve at the Kollupitiya Methodist Church.



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.



Ivor Poobalan, BA (Hons), ThM, PhD
Principal of CTS. Graduate of the London School of Theology (UK), and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA), where he earned the ThM in Old Testament and Semitic Languages. He was awarded the PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Cape Town (South Africa) for his thesis that argued for the re-examination of the meaning of the Pauline phrase 'The God of this Age' in 2 Corinthians 4:4. He is a leader at the Kollupitiya Methodist Church, and ministers primarily through preaching, youth-guidance, and teaching 13-17 year olds in Sunday School. He serves as Co-Chair of the Theology Working Group of the Lausanne Movement. Ivor and Denisa are parents to two adult daughters.



Mano Emmanuel, FCCA, BTh, MA, PhD
Head of Academic Advancement at CTS. Graduate of the London School of Theology (UK). She was awarded a PhD in Peace Studies from the Asia Graduate School of Theology (Philippines). A Local Preacher of the Methodist Church. Author of *To Faith Add Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Formerly, Academic Dean at CTS. Her previous career was as an accountant in London's West End.

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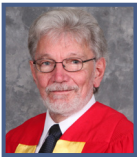
Noeline Prins, BSc (Eng Hons), MA, PhD

A graduate of CTS. She holds a BSc from the University of Moratuwa (Mechanical Engineering) and University of Miami (USA). Her MA thesis at CTS was 'Ministering in an Age of Neuroscience: Personhood, Consciousness and Free-will'. She currently works at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna, as a senior lecturer teaching machine learning, biomedical engineering, analogue electronics, and digital electronics, among others. Her research work focuses on electrical engineering solutions to nervous system disorders.



Nishika Perera, BSc, BA, MA

Graduate of Harvest Bible College (Australia) and Lanka Bible College & Seminary. Holds an MA in Organisational Leadership. Taught Physics to Advanced Level students for over twenty years. Served on the full-time faculty of CTS for several years, and developed the CTS Extension in the Rajarata. Currently involved in teaching and discipling believers. A member of People's Church Assembly of God.



Ted Rubesh, BA, MA, DMiss

Chairman of the CTS Academic Affairs Standing Committee. Graduate of Multnomah University, Portland Oregon USA (BA in Biblical Literature), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA (MA in Missiology), and Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon, USA (Doctor of Intercultural Studies). The co-founder of Kandy Bible Fellowship Church, he served as its pastor for many years.



Jonathan Willoughby, BA, MDiv

An ordained minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC). After pastoring in Canada, he and his wife have ministered in Ukraine, China and South East Asia, teaching in Bible Schools, training church leaders, and coordinating humanitarian outreach. He also helps provide member care for PAOC workers across Asia.



Manjula Mathews, CCS, FCMA, MBA

She is a practising counsellor and is trained in EMDR (Levels I and II), Single-Session Therapy, and CBT. She worked for several years in the corporate sector and currently serves as a director of Janashakthi Ltd and as chairperson of Habitat for Humanity (Sri Lanka), an organisation serving the housing needs of marginalised communities. She worships at People's Church Assembly of God.

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Shyara Wickramaratne-Raymond, BSc, MA

Holds a BSc in Psychology from Evangel University (USA) and an MA in Human Services Counseling from Regent University (USA). She oversees all counselling-related services at Life Broadcasting Productions; she is a consultant for counselling-related ministries at People's Church; and, along with her husband, ministers to the church's youth through the youth ministry.



Julian Devadason, BTh, MDiv

A graduate of ACTS-South Korea. He is a Ministry Associate of Ambassadors for Christ International. A member of St James' Church, Chilaw, he is also a Haggai National Facilitator and a member of the Board of Christian Education Executive Committee - Colombo Diocese, Church of Ceylon.



Asish Thomas Koshy, MA, DTh (NT)

Serves as Associate Professor of New Testament at the South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS, India). Before joining SAIACS, he served at Union Biblical Seminary (Pune), and Gospel for Asia Biblical Seminary (Kerala). His publications include *Identity, Mission and Community: A Study of the Johannine Resurrection Narrative* and *Christian Engagement in Social Change: The Role of Theological Education* (co-editor).



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

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



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). 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.

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Savithri Sumanthiran, ACMA

Chairperson of the CTS Admin and Finance Standing Committee. Has formerly served as a member and Treasurer of the CTS Council. She is an Accountant by profession, specialising in facilitating Strategic Planning. A former General Secretary of FOCUS (Fellowship of Christian University Students), She is presently the Regional Secretary of IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students), South Asia, serving university ministries in the South Asia region.



Tabea Binder, MDiv, MTh, PhD

She had her basic theological training in Germany and Belgium. In 2021 she completed her doctoral studies from Colombia International University (US). From 2004-2018 Tabea served as a theological educator in various Asian countries. She was a full-time faculty member and MA-Programme Coordinator at CTS from 2012-2015. 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.



Mitchelle Peiris, BTh, MA

A Licensed Minister with the Assemblies of God of Ceylon, she has been involved in developing curricula for youth ministry at a national level. A graduate of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary and Southern Asia Bible College. She has served as a visiting lecturer teaching courses on practical theology and history at Bible colleges in Sri Lanka.



Dennis P Hollinger, BA, MDiv, MPhil, PhD

President Emeritus and Distinguished Senior Professor of Christian Ethics at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (USA). An author whose books include *The Meaning of Sex: Christian Ethics and the Moral Life*; *Head, Heart, Hands: Bringing Together Christian Thought; Passion and Action*; and, *Choosing the Good: Christian Ethics in a Complex World*. Has served as the co-editor for the Eerdmans book series, 'Critical Issues in Bioethics'. He is a Distinguished Fellow with the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity in Bannockburn, IL.



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.

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Terri Watson, PsyD, ABPP

Professor of Psychology at the School of Psychology, Counselling, and Family Therapy at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (USA), and served as its Dean until 2022. She is a board-certified clinical psychologist and an approved supervisor with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Her scholarship focuses on the integration of clinical practice with Christian faith commitments and includes *Developing Clinicians of Character: A Christian Integrative Approach to Clinical Supervision*, published by Intervarsity Press in 2018.



Ananda Kumar, PhD

Born in Jaffna, Ananda left for the USA to pursue his higher studies. He resides there with his wife. After completing his higher studies in biomedical engineering, he became involved in the research and development of medical imaging technology and leads the programme at the FDA (USA) on the safety of medical devices under MRI scanners. He is also a ruling elder in a Presbyterian church and is pursuing his masters in theological studies at Covenant Theological Seminary, St Louis, Missouri (USA).



Lohan Bibile, MDiv, DMin

Serves as Senior Pastor of Calvary Center AG in Ja Ela. His vast ministry experience includes training and mentoring pastors, serving in youth ministry and worship ministry and serving in the mission field for 16 years in Galle. Lohan and his wife are blessed with two teenage daughters. He began his theological studies at CTS, then pursued an MDiv at LBC before earning a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation from Asbury Theological Seminary.



Ravin Caldera, DipAgri, BTh, BA, MA

Academic Dean at CTS. A Graduate of CTS and the Open University of Sri Lanka. He holds a Masters degree in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary (USA), and has many years of experience in the pioneer ministry. Due to his understanding of the Ancient Middle East and biblical geography, he has been a key resource person for maps in publications in Sri Lanka. He is an ordained minister of the Living Christ Church.



Dileeni Abraham, BSc, MA

Course Leader: Counselling at CTS. Dileeni is a graduate of the University of Peradeniya and Alliance Biblical Seminary (Philippines). She holds an MA in Christian Counselling, with many years of professional counselling experience. She is certified as a Master Facilitator by the Trauma Healing Institute of the American Bible Society. Her ministry has included training and mentoring lay counsellors, teaching counselling, leading trauma healing equipping sessions, and leading women's retreats. She is a member of St Luke's Church Borella.

LECTURER PROFILES



Havilah Dharamraj, BSc, MA, PhD

Head of Department (Old Testament) at the South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS, India), where she formerly also served as Academic Dean. Having earned an MSc in Biochemistry, she went on to obtain an MA in Christianity from SAIACS, and subsequently a PhD from the University of Durham (UK). She is a contributor and editor (OT) of the *South Asia Bible Commentary* and serves on the Committee for Bible Translation for the NIV.



Heather Davediuk Gingrich, PhD

A counsellor, scholar, teacher, and former missionary. She is Program Coordinator of the Graduate Certificate in Trauma Therapy, is on the graduate counselling faculty at Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, and maintains a small counselling practice with complex trauma survivors. She is the author of *Restoring the Shattered Self*; co-author of *Skills for Effective Counselling*; and co-editor and contributor to *Treating Trauma in Christian Counselling*. Her scholarly work focuses on understanding and working with those who have histories of child abuse and other forms of relational trauma, particularly as they relate to issues of Christian faith and spirituality. She has been involved in a teaching capacity at the Asia Graduate School of Theology in the Philippines and seminaries in Guatemala, Sri Lanka, and Singapore.



Mandy Kellums Baraka, BS, MA, PhD

Assistant Professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counselling programme at the School of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy at Wheaton College. She lived in Southeast Asia and South Asia for a decade working in the field of education. Desiring to be more equipped to work with families, children, and adolescents, she pursued a master's degree in clinical psychology from Wheaton College and subsequently earned her PhD in Counselor Education from Regent University. A clinical licensed professional counsellor in Illinois and a qualified supervisor, she is working towards her registered play therapy credentials. She has published articles on multiculturalism, faith practices and spirituality, and supervision. She thoroughly enjoys engaging in the learning journey with counselling students.

CTS PROGRAMMES

While you are invited to sign up for individual courses of your choice, we encourage you to consider signing up for a programme of study in order to gain the maximum from what CTS has to offer you.

CTS offers five levels of study—all of which are accredited by the Asia Theological Association. Read on and discover which programme you would most benefit from:

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (CCS)

Designed to equip lay Christians for life, work, and ministry in the 21st century.

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

Total Credits Required: 36

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING (ACC)

Designed to equip effective lay counsellors for the Church and society.

Medium of instruction: English

Total Credits Required: 36

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (DipTh)

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

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

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.

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Medium of instruction: English

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