

## M.Th. in HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

### SEMESTER-I

Course Code	Course Title	L - T - P	Credits
MTh/GPT-700	Research Methodology	2 - 0 - 0	2
MTh/HC-713	History of the Early Church (1-590 AD)	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/HC-714	History of the Medieval Christianity (590-1517 AD)	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/PM-701	Practical Ministry	0 - 0 - 4	2
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>10 - 0 - 4</b>	<b>12</b>

### SEMESTER-II

Course Code	Course Title	L - T - P	Credits
MTh/HC-715	Position of Women in the History of Christianity	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/HC-716	Major Historical Events in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Century Reformation	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/PM-702	Practical Ministry	0 - 0 - 4	2
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8 - 0 - 4</b>	<b>10</b>

### SEMESTER-III

Course Code	Course Title	L - T - P	Credits
MTh/HC-813	Major Historical Themes in the History of Christianity in India	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/HC-814	History of Ecumenical Movement	4 - 0 - 0	4
MTh/ID-800	Inter-Disciplinary Seminar	2 - 0 - 0	2
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>10 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>10</b>

### SEMESTER-IV

Course Code	Course Title	L - T - P	Credits
MTh/HC-815	History of Christian Missions	2 - 0 - 0	2
Relevant Course Code & Number	<b>Any one course from the existing courses from any of these branches: OT/NT/Theology/Religion/Christian Ministry/ Missiology</b>	2 - 0 - 0	2
MTh/HC-899	<b>Thesis</b>		15
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>4 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>19</b>

## Course Title: Research Methodology

Course Code: MTh/GPT-700

Credit (2-0-0) 2

**Course Objective:** To help students with the preparation of Course Research Assignments, Theses and Dissertations.

### Course Outlines:

1. Research and the Researcher.
2. Basic Elements of a Research Proposal.
3. Collecting and Organizing Materials.
4. Analysis and Evaluation of Materials.
5. Interrogation of a Text.
6. Footnotes, Endnotes, Text notes, Bibliographical Entries and Reference Abbreviations.
7. The Use of Quotations.
8. Illustrative Materials and Tables.
9. Format of the Research Report.
10. Preparation of Book Reviews/Reports.

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Sjoberg, Gideon & Roger Nett, (1977), *A Methodology for Social Research*, Harper & Row, New York.

## Course Title: History of the Early Church (1-590 AD)

Course Code: MTh/HC-713

Credits (4-0-0) 4

### Objectives:

- This course is intended to give a comprehensive understanding about the early church history
- To understand the major issues in the early church history
- To have a clearer understanding of the life and faith of the church

### Outline:

1. The fullness of time
2. The early Christian community
3. The growth of the Christian ministry
4. Christianity and the Roman Government
5. Constantine and the edict of Milan
6. The teachers of the church
7. The church and the heretics
8. Monasticism
9. Theological development and controversies
10. Early church fathers
  - a) Irenaeus
  - b) Ambrose of Milan
  - c) John Chrysostom
  - d) Jerome
  - e) Augustine of Hippo
  - f) Others

### References:

- Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of early Christianity*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans publishing company, 1993
- Gonzalez, Justo L. *The story of Christianity: The early church to the dawn of the reformation*, New York: Harper Collins publishers, 1984
- Cairns, Earle E. *Christianity through the centuries*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan publishing house, 1996
- Wiles, Maurice & Mark Santer. *Documents in early Christian thought*, New York: Cambridge University press, 1993
- Walker, Williston. *A history of the Christian church*, Edinburgh: T & T. Clark Ltd, 1986
- Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A history of Christianity*, New York: Harper & Brothers publishers, 1953

## **Course Title: History of the Medieval Christianity (590-1517 AD)**

**Course Code: MTh/HC-714**

**Credits (4-0-0) 4**

### **Objectives:**

- To enable the students to discern the major issues in the history of the medieval Christianity

### **Outline:**

1. The rise of the papacy
2. Revival and schism in the church
3. The crusades
4. Monastic reforms
  - a) The Cistercian order
  - b) The military orders
  - c) The friars
5. Missionary expansion in the west
6. The Eastern church
7. Medieval learning and worship
  - a) Scholasticism
  - b) The rise of universities
  - c) Medieval life and worship
8. Attempts at internal reform
  - a) The papacy in decline
  - b). The mystics
  - c). Forerunners of the reformation
9. Renaissance and humanism

### **References:**

Canon, W.K. *History of Christianity in the middle ages*

Estep, William R. *Renaissance and reformation*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans publishing company, 1995

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Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A history of Christianity*, New York: Harper & Brothers publishers, 1953

## **Course Title: Practical Ministry**

**Course Code: MTh/PM-701**

**Credit (0-0-4) 2**

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Introduction:**

- 1 What is Practical Ministry?**
- 2 The Importance of Practical Ministry.**
- 3 The Goal of Practical Ministry.**
- 4 The Scope of Practical Ministry.**

#### **Activities of Practical Ministry:**

- 1. Ministry of Preaching:**  
Preaching from the Scriptures for Spiritual, Moral and Ethical upliftment of the people.
- 2. Ministry of Feeding:**  
Involving in the Food distribution service of Yeshu Darbar Ministry.
- 3. Ministry of Visiting the Sick:**  
Hospital Visitation and House Visitation.
- 4. Ministry of Counseling:**  
Youth Counseling, Personal Counseling, Family Counseling, Marriage Counseling etc. to the students and the families in the campus and in the neighboring localities.
- 5 Ministry of Prayer:**  
Conducting Prayer Meetings and Individual Prayer Sessions.
- 6. Ministry of Social Action:**  
Campus Cleaning, Plantation and Environmental Care.

## Course Title: Position of Women in the History of Christianity

Course Code: MTh/HC-715

Credits (4-0-0) 4

### Objectives:

- To critically analyze the status of women in the history of Christianity
- To bring about a change in the attitude and behavior towards women

### Outline:

1. Women in early Christianity
  - a) Jesus- friend of women
  - b) Women in Jesus movement
2. Women in the early church
  - a) Paul and women
  - b) The status of women
  - c) Women martyrs
3. Women in the church of the middle ages
  - a) Church father's view on women
  - b) Women in family, politics and business
  - c) Repression of women in the church
  - d) Women and mysticism
4. Women and reformation
5. Women's participation in the Indian church and society
  - a) The status of women
  - b) Women's contributions
  - c) Evangelistic, educational and social ministries
  - d) Women's organization and ministries
  - e) Liberation/upliftment of women
6. Contemporary women problems in India
  - a) Dowry
  - b) Female infanticide
  - c) Equality
  - d) Others

### References:

- Kung, Hans. *Women in Christianity*, New York: Continuum, 2001
- Jeyakumar, Arthur. *History of Christianity in India: Selected themes*, Delhi: ISPCK, 2000
- Tucker, Ruth A. *Daughters of the church: Women and ministry from New Testament time to the present*, Grand Rapids: Academic books, 1987
- Machaffie, Barbara J. *Her story: Women in Christian tradition*, Philadelphia: Fortress press, 1986
- Brown, Peter. *Women, ministry and church order in the early Christianity*, New York: Columbia university press, 1988
- Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of early Christianity*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans publishing company, 1993

# Course Title: Major Historical Events in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation

Course Code: MTh/HC-716

Credits (4-0-0) 4

## Objectives:

- To critically analyze and reflect the major theological issues and reformers thoughts in the 16<sup>th</sup> century reformation

## Outline:

1. Background of the sixteenth century reformation
2. Martin Luther and the German reformation
3. The Zwinglian reformation in the German cantons of Northern Switzerland
4. The Calvinistic reformation in Geneva
5. The radical reformation
6. Issues in the English reformation
7. Catholic response to the reformation- the council of Trent
8. Main theological themes of the reformation
  - a) Justification by faith
  - b) The priesthood of all believers
  - c) Authority of the Bible
  - d) Traditions
  - e) The church
  - f) Sacraments
9. Critical study on reformers' thoughts

## References:

- Mc Grath, Alister. *Reformation thought: An introduction*, Massachusetts: Blackwell publishers Inc, 1993
- Lindsay, Thomas M. *A history of the reformation*, Edinburgh: T & T. Clark, 1907
- Grimm, Harold J. *The reformation era*, New York: The Macmillan company, 1955
- Bainton, Roland H. *The reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century*, Boston: The Beachon press, 1952
- Chadwick, Owen. *The reformation*, London: Penguin books, 1990
- Estep, William R. *Renaissance and reformation*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans publishing company, 1995

## **Course Title: Practical Ministry**

**Course Code: MTh/PM-702**

**Credit (0-0-4) 2**

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Introduction:**

- 1 The Importance of Practical Ministry.**
- 2 The Goal of Practical Ministry.**
- 3 The Scope of Practical Ministry.**

#### **Activities of Practical Ministry:**

**1. Ministry of Preaching:**

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**2. Ministry of Feeding:**

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**3. Ministry of Visiting the Sick:**

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**4. Ministry of Counseling:**

Youth Counseling, Personal Counseling, Family Counseling, Marriage Counseling etc. to the students and the families in the campus and in the neighboring localities.

**6 Ministry of Prayer:**

Conducting Prayer Meetings and Individual Prayer Sessions.

**6. Ministry of Social Action:**

Campus Cleaning, Plantation and Environmental Care.

## **Course Title: Major Historical Themes in the History of Christianity in India**

**Course Code: MTh/HC-813**

**Credits (4-0-0) 4**

### **Objectives:**

- To have a clearer understanding about the history of Christianity in India
- To discern the problems and issues in the history of Christianity in India

### **Outline:**

1. Traditions on the origin of Christianity in India
2. Relations of the East-Syrian church with India
3. The Portuguese Padroado
4. Portuguese interaction with St. Thomas Christians before and after the Synod of Diamper
5. Roman catholic mission in India
  - a) Francis Xavier
  - b) Robert de Nobili
  - c) The Jesuit Mughal mission
6. Protestant mission in India
  - b) The Tranquebar mission
  - c) The Serampore mission
  - d) Development of Protestant missionary societies
7. Colonialism and Christian missions
8. Christian mission and social involvement
9. Christian mass movement
10. Women's contribution to the Indian church and society
11. Movement from mission to church
12. Christians and the national movement
13. Church union movement in India
14. Caste in the church and society
15. Impact of Christianity in North East India

### **References:**

*History of Christianity in India (multi volume) CHAI series*

Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christianity in India (2 volumes)*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984

Firth, C.B. *An introduction to Indian church History*, Delhi: ISPCK, 2005

Mundadan, Mathias. *Indian Christians: Search for identity and struggle for Autonomy*, Bangalore: Dharmaram publications

Potts, E. Daneil. *British Baptist Missionaries in India 1793-1837: The History of Serampore and its missions*, New York: Cambridge University press, 1967

Jeyaraj, Daniel. *Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg: The father of Modern protestant mission*, Chanai: CLTCRI, 2006

Jeyakumar, Arthur. *History of Christianity in India: Selected Themes*, Madurai: TTS, 2000

## Course Title: History of Ecumenical Movement

Course Code: MTh/HC-814

Credits (4-0-0) 4

### Objectives:

- To critically identify the impulses and forms that brought about cooperation and unity
- To understand the development of ecumenical movement and the progress towards church union and joint action

### Outline:

1. Background of the ecumenical movement
  - a) Pietism
  - b) Evangelical movement
  - c) Modern missionary movement
  - d) Co-operation in mission fields
  - e) Growth of inter-denominational organizations
2. Evolution of modern ecumenical movement
  - a) Edinburgh 1910 and its impact
  - b) International missionary council and the formation of national councils
  - c) Life and work movement
  - d) Faith and order movement
  - e) Formation of world council of churches
  - f) Formation of regional conferences
3. Orthodox churches and its ecumenical relationship
4. Attitude of the Roman catholic church towards ecumenical movement
5. Church union movements in India
  - a) Regional and national conferences in India
  - b) Church of South India
  - c) Church of North India
  - d) Church union movement in North East India
  - e) Conciliar unity in India: The joint council of CSI, the CNI and the Mar Thoma church
6. Some major concerns
  - a) Unity
  - b) Human rights
  - c) Ecology
  - e) Racism
  - e) Justice
  - f) Women issues

### References:

- Lossky, Nicholas. *Dictionary of the ecumenical movement*, Geneva: WCC publications, 2002
- Philip, T.V. *Edinburgh to Salvador: Twentieth century ecumenical missiology*, Delhi: CSS & ISPCK, 1999
- Rouse, Ruth and Stephen Neill. *A history of the ecumenical movement 1917-1948*, Philadelphia: Westminster, 1938
- Hogg, Richey. *Ecumenical foundations*, New York: Harper and Brothers, 1952
- Snaithang, O.L. *A history of ecumenical movement: An introduction*, Bangalore: BTESSC/ SATHRI, 2006

## **Course Title: Inter-Disciplinary Seminar**

**Course Code: MTh/ID-800**

**Credit (2-0-0) 2**

### **Objectives:**

1. To assign to the students certain important topics from various branches of theological studies.
2. To make the students of different branches write research papers and present Seminar Papers from the perspective of one's own discipline of which one is a student.
3. Students of various branches will sit together and make a creative discussion on the Issue/topic presented in the seminar class.

### **Areas of study:**

1. Issues from the Old Testament
2. Issues from the New Testament
3. Christian Theological Issues
4. Religious Issues
5. Historical Issues
6. Christian Ministerial Issues
7. Missiological Issues
8. Issues in Communication
9. Sociological Issues
10. Gender Issues
11. Ethical & Environmental Issues

## Course Title: History of Christian Missions

Course code: MTh/HC-815

Credits (2-0-0) 2

### Objectives:

- To understand about the history of Christian Mission from historical perspective
- To critically analyze the purpose and goals of Christian mission
- To have a clearer understanding of the life and faith of the Christian missionaries

### Outline:

1. Apostolic and post-apostolic periods
2. Mission towards the East
  - a) Persia
  - b) China
  - c) India
3. Mission towards the west and North West
  - a) Celtic church's mission
  - b) Monasticism and mission
  - c) Mission to Europe and the British Isles
4. Roman catholic missions
  - a) Padroado
  - b) Propaganda
  - c) The Jesuit mission
5. Modern protestant missionary movement
  - a) Pietism
  - b) The great awakenings
  - c) The rise of missionary societies
6. Christian missions in India
7. Contextualization,, indigenization, and Enculturation

### References:

Bosch, David J. *Transforming mission: Paradigm shifts in theology of mission*, New York: Orbis books, 1991

Neill, Stephen. *A history of Christian missions*, Middlesex: Penguin books, 1986

Kane, Herbert. *A concise history of the Christian world mission*, Grand Rapids: Baker book house,

Philips, T.V. *East of the Euphrates: Early Christianity in Asia*, Delhi: ISPCK, 1999

Walker, Williston. *A history of the Christian church*, Edinburgh: T & T. Clark Ltd, 1986

Young, William G. *Handbook of source materials for students of church history*, Delhi: ISPCK, 1999