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1. FROM THE HEART OF THE FOUNDER

It is my pleasure and privilege to introduce Church On The Rock Theological Seminary (COTRTS) to you.

COTRTS is a God , Christ, Bible, Mission, Church centered, Evangelical, Charismatic and Interdenominational Institution, committed to build a distinctive education for an accredited ministry with signs, wonders, miracles, healing and practical Christianity (Acts 2:22).

COTRTS is unique in the sense that we have over 30 acres garden estate with a refreshing atmosphere, by the beautiful Bay of Bengal. The campus Consists of 30,000 volume library, the Global Advance Institute which is the National Missiological Research and Resource Center for evangelism, church planting and church growth, with a 1,500 volume specialized text books on Missiology, 400 seat Dining Hall, 1,000 seat theatre style auditorium, 300 seat library hall, 400 seat lecture hall, 10 faculty quarters, 25 staff quarters, 8 four wheel vehicles, 1000 seat Chapel and an English Medium High School with over 700 children and Nava Jeevan Christian Junior college for practical training, and a full fledged 30 bed Hospital.

I personally can think of no better Seminary in South Asia, where you can invest your time, energy and money, for training to become a missionary/evangelist than this institution. There is no doubt that the distinctive facilities of this unique Seminary, in general, and its curriculum, in particular, can transform any average person into a man or woman of God with a matured vision and unquenchable passion for souls with the compassion of Christ.

Our curriculum is intended not only to train a skillful theologian but also to mould a perfect and a faithful minister of the Lord, equipped in the Word with anointing in the Holy Spirit. Once you are trained at COTRTS, it will help you in the task of finding the place in God's master plan for your life. It will endow you with leadership qualities to win souls for Christ.

We are committed to build a distinctive, charismatic theological education, in order to create a curriculum that is relevant to our context. Our goal is to cultivate an academic culture with an emphasis on Christ-like spiritual character, capacity for ministry and commitment to servant hood.

Come and capture the growing vision and discover your destiny in the city of Destiny - Visakhapatnam. I thank you for choosing COTRTS to equip yourself for the ministry, which the Lord wants you to do in the days to come. We have entered into the Third Millennium with Vision, Faith, Integrity and Prayer.

A warm welcome awaits you here at COTRTS.

Late Apostle Dr. P. J. Titus

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Prospective Student,

Congratulations for choosing Church on the Rock Theological Seminary for your spiritual and academic training. It is my immense pleasure and joy to welcome you and introduce to you COTRTS. I praise God for bestowing upon me the honor of sharing and continuing the vision that He entrusted to my husband, Late Apostle Dr. P. J. Titus, Founder /Chairman of COTR College of Ministries.

Since 1983, COTRTS has been a center for shaping, molding, perfecting, equipping hundreds of young lives in the Word of truth for the noble task of the Master. I have been witnessing the truth, that the men and women who come to this institution are never the same in areas of academics, spiritual vitality, ministerial zeal, interpersonal relations, character development, leadership potentials and dividing the Holy Scriptures.

As the result of God's enduring grace, COTRTS has commissioned and sent out over 2000 graduates, who are being mightily used in God's hands, both across the nation of India and around the globe, as dynamic preachers of the Word. They are effective leaders of various ministries, as successful pastors of the Body of Christ, and as academicians rightly teaching the Word.

COTRTS provides the students with a wide range of academic, spiritual and ministerial training, both in and outside the campus. On the campus, a student is living in a communal and family environment. The National Missiological Research and Resource Center for Evangelism in our sophisticated library, a family commons, Spirit-filled community of worship,, Christian education ministries to Nava Jeevan Public school and Junior College students, all within a beautiful garden estate. The students are given to have such ministry opportunities out side the campus as Moral education programs to surrounding school children in and around the city of Visakhapatnam and assisting the ministries of New Testament Church of India.

I strongly believe that your being here at COTRTS and having the exposure to the distinctive facilities and resources will richly bless and drastically change your life. Your leadership skills will be sharpened positively to be a spirit-filled and disciplined minister, who does not need to be ashamed in divining the Counsel of God, and leading many souls into the glory of the Kingdom of God.

Looking forward to sharing God's Love with you at COTRTS,

Rev. Johnson P. Titus

3. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

The sixty-six canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming and His glorious thousand year rule on earth.

The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation, and in the identification of the believer with Christ's death, and resurrection by immersion baptism.

The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing to the human body in answer to believing prayer. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a believer is enabled to live a Holy life.

The Church is the fellowship of all who have become children of God, through faith in Christ and have been knit together by the Holy Spirit into one body of which the Lord Jesus is the head. The Church is given the mandate by the Risen Lord Jesus and is under obligation to demonstrate and proclaim the wholeness of the Gospel and its implications to every people.

4. VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

4.1 Vision Statement:

To see God glorified in India through the transforming ministry of anointed and informed servant leaders.

4.2 Mission Statement:

COTRTS has been established to fulfill the Great Commission by equipping the body of Christ to reach the unreached and to plant churches.

The following aims and objectives have been formulated to achieve our stated mission:

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

5.1 Aims:

5.1.1 Deepen, strengthen and enrich each student's faith and commitment to Christ.

- 5.1.2 Help students develop the ability to assess, by addressing relevant issues.
- 5.1.3 Challenge students to grapple with the prophetic thrust of Christian faith.
- 5.1.4 Help students discover and develop their ministerial skills, gifts and abilities.
- 5.1.4 Teach students the Word of God and help discover the will and call of God.
- 5.1.5 Foster an environment of worship, spiritual warfare and prayer.
- 5.1.6 Build a strong and adequate leadership base with a “call to virtue” by teamwork, experiencing God’s total provision, taking your leadership positions, building cross - cultural Relations, joining in Intercession, fulfilling the mission, ministering under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, developing a vision for the world.
- 5.1.7 Obeying the Great Commission.

5.2 Objectives:

- 5.2.1 Knowledge: At the end of the program, the students are expected to be competent in the knowledge of :
 - a. The Bible, for a transforming ministry and their own Christian heritage.
 - b. Practical theology and aspects of Christian living.
 - c. Basics of Christian doctrines with special emphasis on Evangelical, and Pentecostal perspective.
 - d. The content and interpretation of the Bible.
 - e. The major concepts of missiology.
 - f. History of Christianity to give a conceptual frame-work for their understanding of the Christian mission and doctrines.
 - g. The major world religions, traditions and cultural trends in order to equip the students to minister in a pluralistic context.

5.2.2 Skills:

- a. Exposition and preaching.
- b. Exegesis and teaching.
- c. Evangelism and apologetics.
- d. Ability to discharge pastoral responsibilities.

5.2.3 Attitude:

- a. Openness to other Christian denominations, religious traditions and other cultures.
- b. Commitment to love and serve God and all people with a deepened understanding of the Word of God.
- c. Being a role model to fellow citizens.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Mary Titus	Chairperson
Rev. Johnson P. Titus	President & Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Johnson	Secretary
Mr. Markose John	Member
Rev. Mathew Jacob	Member
Dr. Sam K. Mathews	Member
Rev. Jameson P. Titus	Member

ADVISORS

Apostle K. C. Mathew

Rev. Dr. Gladwyn Turner

Rev. Dr. K. R. Singh

Rev. Dr. Yesupadam

7. ACCREDITATION

COTRTS has accreditation by the following Associations:

The Asia Theological Association (ATA)

The National Association of Theological Accreditation (NATA)

International Council for Higher Education, Zurich, Switzerland. (ICHE)

Our B. Th., M. Div. and M.Th. studies are accredited by ATA.

8. THE HISTORY

As for Rev. Dr. P. J. Titus, March, 1981 was full of significant days. God challenged him to relinquish his well-established comforts and security after 18 years of stay in USA. He received the call of God to go back to his motherland India. The fire that God ignited in him was difficult to extinguish or quench, and the vision to reach the perishing millions in India became certain.

Soon, five other like-minded men of God joined with Dr. P. J. Titus and registered a non-profit mission agency - "Christ For India, Inc." in Texas, USA.

Two missionaries, Dr. P. J. Titus and Dr. David Shibley, came to India in 1982, with the view of setting up a Bible College, to train missionaries for the evangelization of India. In spite of many invitations from major cities and his own state Kerala, he chose to pioneer the work in his original mission field - Andhra Pradesh, where he was a pioneering pastor of India Pentecostal Church with his uncle Late Apostle P. M. Samuel, prior to his settlement in the USA. Pastor K.C. Mathew was an influential figure in the pioneering stages.

COTRTS has grown from its first batch of thirty students to over 2000 graduates in the field today. COTRTS is the educational institution of NTC.

9. MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND

UNIQUE FEATURES

9.1. The New Testament Church of India (NTC)

This is a Church planting ministry organization founded by Apostle Dr. P. J. Titus. Over 200 churches have been planted in the States of, Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Delhi, and Kerala. NTC provides field placement opportunities for our graduates as pastors, evangelists or missionaries.

9.2. Nava Jeevan Public School (NJPS) &

New Life Children's Home:

NJPS is a sister institution of COTRTS, which is affiliated to the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi. More than 700 students from various religious and cultural backgrounds study here. The school provides opportunities for the COTRTS students to minister to the lives of young ones through regular Sunday school program and daily devotions in the hostel.

The New Life Children's home provides full care for over 300 children. The hostel houses over 300 boarders from various cultural and religious backgrounds. COTRTS students have the opportunity to develop an attitude of care and love to the needy children.

9.3. Nava Jeevan Christian Junior College (NJCJC)

NJCJC, is another sister institution of COTRTS which is recognized and affiliated to the Board of Intermediate Education, A.P. It offers COTRTS students the opportunity to share the love of God, to Intermediate students.

9.4. Global Advance Center For Evangelism And Church Planting

The Global Advance Institute (GAI) features two to three annual institutes for Bible College students, Pastors, and church leaders. These institutes will address many aspects of evangelism, church planting and church growth. The institutes are held in the beautiful, 1000 seat training center.

9.5. COTR Jyothi Hospital

A full-fledged thirty-bed hospital is on the same campus with doctors, nurses and staff. The hospital is specializing in Eye and General care. It is equipped with diagnostic facilities such as, x-ray, ultra sound scanner and Lab. It has an Operation Theater. The hospital also provides opportunities for the students to visit the patients and pray for them.

9.6. COTR Publications

COTR Publications aims to publish creative and relevant works that reflect Biblical truths and on issues that are pertinent to the Indian context. "The Answer: The Voice of the Indigenous Mission in India" is a magazine that features news and articles, and is released quarterly. Other publications include *Justice, Transformational Leadership, Concerning Ornaments, The Vision of Glory for World Mission, The Role of the Local Church in Mission, Until All Have Heard...: The Primacy of Proclamation in Mission, Theology-Economics, Mother Teresa, Christ like Leadership, From Karma to the Cross*, which are written by Apostle Dr. P. J. Titus, his biographies, and *Ministers Manual*, and various other publications.

10. DISTINCT FACILITIES

10.1 The Library

In any place of learning the library is one of the most important assets. We aim to introduce our students to the extensive resources in Christian literature and to help them to become researchers. Our library has an extensive selection of more than 30, 000 volumes and is continually growing.

We have concentrated on building up good reference materials and resources for our courses in Biblical studies, Theology, Missions and Pentecostal studies. The Library also includes a number of periodicals and multi-media. Students may supplement the resources of our library by using other library collections, including Andhra University, conveniently located in and around the city. Internet facilities also provided.

10.2 Department of Evangelism and Christian Education

As part of practical theology, regular opportunities are given to students to exercise Christian witness in rural/urban areas through various weekend outreach programmes, like Christian education in schools, hospital visiting, tract distribution, open air evangelism, etc. A number of churches have been established as a result of students' involvement in evangelism and Christian education.

10.3. Chapel Services

Students are given ample opportunities to develop their ministerial leadership potential through leading and preaching in daily 5:00 / 10:00 / 7:00 p.m. Chapel Services and Sunday Service at campus churches and nearby NTC English/Telugu Churches.

One of the unique features of our Seminary is the Friday night fasting prayer. Also the first Saturday of each month is set apart for "one-day fasting prayer". This prayer is especially for personal spiritual enrichment.

10.4. Prayer Tower

We recognize the importance of personal devotion for the attainment of maturity in Christian life. Therefore, students are encouraged to improve in private prayer and Bible study. To accomplish this purpose, there is a prayer tower, which is open 24 hours. All students are encouraged to become prayer warriors for effective ministry.

10.5. Seminars and Conventions

Every year, gifted national and international preachers and theologians share in the various programs organized by COTRTS, in the city, villages and on campus. These seminars and conventions provide opportunities for the students to listen to leaders of high caliber. Students are given leadership opportunities in organizing these programs.

10.6. Victory Video Bible School

Once every week, students are provided with an opportunity to watch the videos of eminent preachers and teachers, reputed music groups and Christian Videos.

10.7. Choir, Praise and Worship

COTRTS equips ministers to be effective in leading praise and worship. Therefore, adequate time is given for praise and worship in chapel services. The choir receives invitation to sing at various programs.

11. CAMPUS LIFE

11.1 Fellowship

Life at COTRTS is a thrilling experience. There is a special quality about student life and fellowship that can never be experienced elsewhere. There is an opportunity to get to know people of various ethnic/dialect groups, including overseas students. Life-long friendship can be formed here on the campus. Students' Cell groups provide the ideal opportunity for close interaction and sharing under the leadership of faculty members. Seminary life includes lectures, discussions, worship, fellowship, ministry activities, prayer, recreational programs, sports, etc.

11.2 Accommodation

At least 300 students can be accommodated in a variety of styles. A secured ladies hostel is provided on the campus. Similarly men are accommodated in sharing rooms and married couples are provided separate housing.

11.3 Dining Hall

Seminary provides full boarding, which includes all meals during the term. A modern spacious dining hall provides a wonderful atmosphere for a time of fellowship during meals.

11.4 Other Facilities

COTRTS is 'home' for residential students. Therefore, sufficient space is available for various activities. There is a spacious ground where students can play football, cricket and volley ball, etc. We have a separate hard-court for shuttle badminton with lights. A guest house is available for visitors. A book shop has been set up to provide text and reference books at competitive prices. A telephone booth on campus enables students to make outgoing calls. Incoming calls may be received everyday from 5.00 pm to 10.30 pm. through the office telephone. Apart from these, there are sufficient shopping and educational facilities available in the city.

11.5 Campus Work

COTR emphasizes campus work as part of its program of training. It also believes that sharing of necessary work is a good training in personal relationships, work ethics, dignity of service and practical skills.

11.6 General Conduct & Student's Handbook

Christians should reflect their faith by the way they live. This is particularly expected of COTRTS students and the character and behavior of the expected students are to be of the highest standard. COTRTS monitors student's discipline with a help of student's hand book. The manual contains guided lines for their life on campus during their study. Each student is required to sign a separate, solemn declaration stating their commitment to abide by the guidelines set by the Seminary.

12. ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

12.1 Requirements

COTRTS accepts students of all race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, and status. In keeping with the above philosophy, we give due regard to the following:

- 12.1.1 The applicant must be a born again and baptized Christian and a member in good standing with his/her church with a commitment to discipleship.
- 12.1.2 The applicant must have a definite call to God's service.
- 12.1.3 The candidate must be able to do his/her studies in the English language.
- 12.1.4 The applicant must have attained the age 18 years by June of the year in which he/she wishes to enter the Seminary.
- 12.1.5 Please see the specific requirements of different programs.

12.2 Documents Required for Admission

The duly filled application must be forwarded to the Registrar's office along with the following:

- 12.2.1 Two recent passport size and a stamp size photographs.
- 12.2.2 A statement of reason for applying to COTRTS.
- 12.2.3 A non-refundable application fee of Rs.150/- (US\$50 for overseas applicants).
- 12.2.4 Attested copies of all academic records.
- 12.2.5 A one full-page (A4 size) testimony in English, in candidates own handwriting.
- 12.2.6 Academic and Ecclesiastical reference forms.
- 12.2.7 Foreign students must have valid student visa and must be registered with the Indian Government Nationality Certificate / I.D. card.
- 12.2.8. Medical Certificate.
- 12.2.9. Financial responsibility form.

12.3 Admission of Transfer Students

Following criteria will be observed in admitting transfer students:

- 12.3.1 Required academic qualifications pertaining to the course applied.
- 12.3.2 Official transcript that shows satisfactory academic performance from the previous institution.
- 12.3.3 Recommendation and Confidential reports from the Pastor of the local church.

- 12.3.4 A special character certificate and “No Objection Certificate” from the head of the institution last studied.
- 12.3.5 Should secure 60% marks in a qualifying examination set by COTRTS.
- 12.3.6 Approval of COTRTS Admission Committee.
- 12.3.7 Approved credits will be transferred if the previous institution is accredited by Asia Theological Association.

12.4 Application Forms and Prospectus

Application form and Prospectus can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar of COTRTS upon payment of Rs.100/- (non refundable) by writing to:

The Registrar

COTR Theological Seminary

Dorathota, Bheemunipatnam

Visakhapatnam, A.P. 531 163. INDIA

12.5 Entrance Examination and Interview

Each applicant, seeking admission in COTRTS for any program, must appear for an entrance examination which covers the areas such as Bible Knowledge, General Knowledge and English, and each applicant must secure minimum 60% marks to be selected. Having passed the exam candidate is required to appear for an interview.

13. ACADEMIC GRADING SYSTEM

14. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

COTRTS requires that each student who desires to graduate must:

- 14.1.1 Secure minimum GPA 1.7 for undergraduate programs and GPA 2.0 for M.Div. Program.
- 14.1.2 Have a minimum of 90% of class attendance every semester.
- 14.1.3 Fulfill all the requirements of each course.
- 14.1.4 Maintain good moral standing in the community, especially by not getting involved in agitation, strike, immoral activities, etc.
- 14.1.5 Pay all the fees including graduation fee one month prior to the graduation.

- 14.1.6 Submit a licensed Pastor's certificate affirming his/her three months active participation in the ministry during each summer vacation of the entire course of study.
- 14.1.7 Meet all other requirements of the specific program for which the student is enrolled.

15. THE BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY PROGRAM

15.1 Purpose:

The B.Th. program aims to provide adequate ministerial training to candidates in order to equip them for effective Christian service.

15.2 Qualifications for Admission:

- 15.2.1 Candidates must comply with section 12.
- 15.2.2 Candidates must have successfully completed pre-university course or its equivalent.
- 15.2.3 Candidates who are awaiting results may also apply. Such candidates must produce the proofs of successful completion before the end of the first year at COTRTS.
- 15.2.4 10th standard pass candidates who have successfully completed a two-year diploma program from a recognized Theological Institution can also apply.

15.3 Duration:

B. Th. is a three-year program for those candidates with pre-university course pass certificate and two-year program for candidates who have achieved II Class in Diploma in Theology from an ATA accredited institution.

15.4 Graduation Requirements:

- 15.4.1 Successful completion of 108 credit hours
- 15.4.2 Satisfactory field ministry involvement
- 15.4.3 Satisfactory formation of character, spirituality & ministry
Commitment

Core Subjects

Department of Old Testament

Old Testament Prophets

Old Testament Survey

Pentateuch

Department of New Testament

New Testament Survey

Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

Pauline Epistles – I

Department of Theology and Ethics

Biblical Interpretation

Systematic Theology – I

Systematic Theology -II

Christian Ethics

Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity in India

History of Christianity – I

Department of Christian Ministry

Educational Ministry of the Church

Preaching and Worship

Leadership and Church Administration

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Department of Missiology

Principles of Church Planting and Development

Introduction to Mission and Evangelism

Department of Religion and Philosophy

Major Religions of the World

Contemporary Indian Movements

General Department

Basic Spirituality - Spiritual formation

Study Methods

ELECTIVES

History of Israel

Poetical and Wisdom Books

Biblical Archaeology

Preliminary Greek

Synoptic Gospels

Pauline Epistles – II

Epistle to the Romans

Acts of the Apostles

Daniel and Revelation

Systematic Theology - III

Apologetics

History of Christianity – II

Introduction to Pentecostalism

Pastoral Theology

Foundations of Missionary Life & Spirituality

Marriage, Family and Ministry

Indian Culture and Society

Contemporary Trends in Mission

English

Christian Discipleship

Inter - Personal Communication

Detailed Curriculum and Preamble

A. Bachelor of Theology

A. 1 Department of Old Testament

Old Testament Survey

This course surveys the historical settings, theme, content and purpose of the Books of the Old Testament.

Pentateuch

This course introduces the background, formation and theological content of the first five books of the Bible.

Poetical and Wisdom Books

This course introduces the nature of Hebrew Poetry, wisdom tradition and theological content of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations.

Old Testament Prophets

This course introduces the prophets and their role, the nature of prophecy in the Old Testament, prophetic institution, theology and their relevance to the Church in India.

History of Israel

This course introduces the origin, development and major events of the nation of Israel until the birth of Christ.

Biblical Archaeology

This course introduces the archaeological findings of the Bible Lands, in relation to the times, people, culture and customs to authenticate the students' faith commitments.

A. 2 Department of New Testament

Preliminary Greek

This course is an introduction to New Testament Greek vocabulary, grammatical forms, and sentence structure that would help the student to read, write and exegete biblical passages to determine the original meaning.

New Testament Survey

This course surveys the historical settings, theme, content and purpose of the Books of the New Testament.

Synoptic Gospels

This course introduces the development of the formation, literary types, structure, textual problems and contents of Mathew, Mark, and Luke.

Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

This course is designed to introduce the learner to the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ. The course deals with the life and ministry of Jesus portrayed by the Evangelists.

Acts of the Apostles

This course introduces the learner to an historical and theological study of the Acts of the Apostles. It covers the background and development of the early Church.

Pauline Epistles – I

This course introduces the background, issues and theological content of Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians and Galatians. It also involves textual study on selected passages. Specific application from each epistle is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life, as well as to the use of these epistles in various ministry situations.

Pauline Epistles – II

This course introduces the background, issues and theological content of the prison Epistles, 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Pastoral Epistles. It also involves textual study on selected passages. Specific application from each epistle is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life, as well as to the use of these epistles in various ministry situations.

Epistle to the Romans

This course is designed to focus on the major themes of Romans with special study on selected chapters.

Daniel and Revelation

This course introduces the background and content of the books of Daniel and Revelation and their relevance to the church in the 21st century. It employs the comparative method of study.

A. 3 Department of Theology and Ethics

Biblical Interpretation

This course introduces the basic principles, methods and models of Biblical interpretation to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

Systematic Theology – I

This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with scripture (Bibliology) God, Creation, Angels and Human beings.

Systematic Theology -II

This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with the doctrines of Sin, Christ and Salvation.

Systematic Theology - III

This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Church and Eschatology.

Apologetics

This course introduces the learner to a rational defense of Christian faith commitments and response to various objections. Special focus has been placed on a variety of Christian evidences that support the claims of the church from biblical, historical, theological, philosophical and pragmatic perspectives.

Christian Ethics

This is an introduction to Christian Ethics, which examines moral codes, divine commandments and legal proscriptions that influence the development of Christianity, how the historical expressions of these systems in various communities have led to competing moral theories in Christian thought. It explores the theological vision of the Christian community which expresses itself in specific intentions, practices, values and how Christian communities can grow in moral discernment.

A. 4 Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity – I

This course introduces the history of Christianity from its beginning, through its expansion inside and outside Roman Empire up to the medieval period. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of the Church through her interaction with Jewish and non-Jewish cultures.

History of Christianity – II

This course covers the history of Christianity from reformation to the present day. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of the Church through her interaction with different cultures and traditions.

History of Christianity in India

This course introduces the emergence and development of Christianity in India. It covers major events in various traditions.

Introduction to Pentecostalism

This course introduces the origin, development and major teachings of Pentecostal movement with special emphasis on India.

A. 5 Department of Christian Ministry

Educational Ministry of the Church

This course introduces the background, meaning, role and function of the educational ministry of the Church.

Preaching and Worship

This course introduces the principles and practice of preaching. It also covers the skills of preparing and conducting worship in the church.

Pastoral Theology

This course is an introduction to the theology of pastoral ministry from a biblical perspective. This course covers the major essentials of pastoral ministry with reference to its office, function and responsibilities.

Leadership and Church Administration

This course introduces the basic components of leadership and Church administration which are relevant in the Indian context, leading the learners to develop their personal leadership potential.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

This course introduces the learner to the skills and teachings of the ministry of pastoral care and counseling.

Foundations of Missionary Life and Spirituality

This course introduces the basic principles and challenges of missionary life and personal spirituality growth, to move the learner to be effective missionaries.

Marriage, Family and Ministry

This course introduces the Christian understanding of marriage and family and its implication to the ministry.

A. 6 Department of Missiology

Principles of Church Planting and Development

This course introduces the biblical, cultural and sociological principles involved in planting and developing new local Churches.

Introduction to Mission and Evangelism

This course gives the student an introduction to mission and evangelism in the life of the Church. Special attention will be given to practical application and to creative approaches to mission and evangelism that will effectively relate with the context.

Indian Culture and Society

This course introduces the understanding of Indian culture and social structures. It exposes the student to the awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the nation and leaders of the Church.

Contemporary Trends in Mission

This course is an examination of the mission of the Church and various models of Christian mission in 20th and 21st centuries. This study is designed to move the student towards a more responsible understanding, vision, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

A. 7 Department of Religion and Philosophy

Major Religions of the World

This course introduces the origin, development of beliefs and practices of the major religions of the world.

Contemporary Indian Movements

This course introduces the major religious, social, cultural, and secular movements in India and their developments during the nineteenth to twenty first centuries.

A. 8 Department of General Studies

Spiritual Formation

This course introduces the Biblical understanding of spirituality. It covers the basic Christian convictions, discipleship, moral principles, and character formation.

English

This course is designed to enhance the student's skills to think, read, write and communicate effectively with others.

Christian Discipleship

This course introduces the practice of spiritual maturity in following Christ and becoming an example for others.

Inter - Personal Communication

This course introduces the dynamics of relationship between people and the essentials of communication.

Study Methods

This course introduces the methods and teachings involved in reading, understanding, writing and researching academic papers.

16. THE MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

16.1 Purpose

The M.Div. program is designed to prepare students for both academic and ministry. This program also enables students to obtain a comprehensive theological knowledge and develop an interest in a specific field, leading to pursue M.Th. degree.

16.2 Qualifications for Admission

16.2.1. Candidates must comply with section 12.

16.2.2. Candidates must have a Bachelor Degree from a recognized university.

or

Candidates must have a B.Th. degree from an institution either accredited by Asia Theological Association or SSC

16.2.3 All candidates must pass a qualifying entrance examination conducted by COTRTS in which they should obtain minimum 60%.

16.2.4 Candidates who do not have necessary academic requirements but are above 35 years of age, are eligible to apply as matured candidates. Such applicants must pass an entrance examination.

16.2.5 B.Th. holders from COTRTS must have one year ministry experience before they apply for M.Div. second year at COTRTS.

16.2.6 Women candidates with B.Th second class can apply immediately after completing their B.Th., with one year break.

16.2.7 COTRTS B.Th. holder with B+ and one year ministry experience, good testimony and 60% in qualifying exams admitted to M.Div second year.

16.3 Duration

16.3.1. Candidates who apply with a academic qualification of B.A., B. Sc., B. Com., or equivalent, and matured candidates must complete three years program.

16.3.2 Candidates who apply with a academic qualification of B. Th. of ATA must complete two years program. And non ATA Three years program.

16.4 Graduation Requirements

16.5.1 Successful completion of 60 credit hours for ATA / Senate Bachelor Degree holders.

16.5.2 Successful completion of 90 credit hours for non Theological Bachelor Degree holders.

16.5.3 An assessment of field education involvement.

16.5.4 An assessment of character, spiritual development, and ministry commitment.

Core Subjects

Department of Old Testament

Introduction to the Bible - I

Biblical Theology of the Old Testament

Biblical Hebrew

Department of New Testament

Introduction to Bible - II

Preliminary Greek

New Testament Theology

Department of Theology and Ethics

Systematic Theology - I

Person and Work of Christ

Christian Ethics

Biblical Interpretation

Theologies in the Asian Context

Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity -I

History of Christianity in India

Department of Christian Ministry

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Pastoral Theology

Department of Missiology

Mission and Evangelism

Communications

Department of Religion and Philosophy

Survey of World Religions

Modern Religious & Secular Movements

Electives

Systematic Theology - II

Systematic Theology – III

Theology of the Holy Spirit

Christian Apologetics

Indian Christian Theologies

Contemporary Trends in Theology

History of Christianity-II

Introduction to Pentecostalism

History of Christian Thought

Homiletics

Leadership and Church Administration

Family, Children and Care

Biblical Theology of Mission

Cultural Anthropology

Contemporary Trends in Mission with Contextualization

Missiological Issues in Pentecostalism

Indian Philosophy

English Language and Grammar

Research Methodology

Understanding Indian Society

Personality Development

Detailed Curriculum and Preambles

B. Master of Divinity

B. 1 Department of the Old Testament

Introduction to the Bible – I

This course is a critical introduction of the OT, which covers Historical Background, Formation, Canonization, Transmission of Texts, and Biblical Criticisms.

Pentateuch

This course is an advanced study of the background, formation, Pentateuch criticisms and Theological content of the first five books of the Bible. By using exegetical method, selected texts are interpreted contextually.

Poetical and Wisdom Literature

This course is an advanced study of the Poetical and Wisdom Literature such as Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentation. It covers the styles of Hebrew poetry, Wisdom Tradition, Literary forms, interpretive methods, theological emphasis and practical values.

Studies in Prophets

This course is an advanced study of the origin, nature, movements and role of pre exilic, exilic and post exilic prophets and the development of their ministry and theology

Biblical Theology of the Old Testament

This course is an advanced study of Historical developments, interpretive methods, principal Themes and contemporary development of Old Testament Theology

Biblical Hebrew

This course is an introduction to Hebrew vocabulary, grammatical forms and sentence structure that would help the students to read, write and exegete biblical passages to determine the original meaning

Apocalyptic Literature

This course is an advanced study of the formation and theology of the Books of Daniel, Revelation and selected portions of Ezekiel and their relevance to the churches in India

B. 2 Department of New Testament

Introduction to Bible – II

This course is a critical introduction of the NT, which covers Historical background, formation, canonization, transmission of texts, Jesus the central Person and Biblical criticisms.

Synoptic Gospels

This course is an advanced study of the formation, syntax, structure, exegetical issues, textual problems and theological content of Mathew, Mark and Luke.

Acts of the Apostles

This course is an introduction to the Acts of the Apostles and to make a missiological study of the book from a Pentecostal perspective.

Pauline Theology with Special Study on Romans

This course is an advanced study of the formation, the problem of structure and important themes of Pauline theology with an exegetical study of Romans 1-8.

General Epistles

This course is an advanced study of the general Epistles. It also deals with the formation, theological themes and exegesis of selected passages.

Johanannine Theology

This course is an advanced study of the formation, literature, Johnanine tradition and theological themes of John with special study on selected passages.

Preliminary Greek

This course is an introduction to NT Greek vocabulary, grammatical forms, and sentence structure that would help the students to read, write and exegete biblical passages to determine the original meaning.

New Testament Theology

This course is an advanced study of the Historical development of the NT Theology, interpretive methods, principal themes, and the concept of Christ as the central person.

B. 3 Department of Theology and Ethics

Systematic Theology – I

This course is an advanced study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Scripture, God and Creation from Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

Systematic Theology – II

This course is an advanced study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human Beings, Sin and Salvation from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

Systematic Theology – III

This course is an advanced study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Holy Spirit, Church and Eschatology from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

Person and Work of Christ

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of Christ from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives.

Theology of the Holy Spirit

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit from historical, theological and contemporary perspectives.

Christian Ethics

This course is an advanced study of the principles and practice of Christian ethics from contemporary perspectives. It deals with Ethical Issues, options, case studies and selected theologians.

Biblical Interpretation

This course is an advanced study of the Historical development, principles, methods, models of Biblical interpretation. It also deals with contemporary developments in biblical interpretations, to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

Christian Apologetics

This course is an advanced study of the rational defense of the Christian faith – commitments and response to various objections. Special focus has been placed on a variety of Christian evidence that support the claims of the church from Biblical, Historical, theological, Philosophical and Pragmatic perspectives.

Theologies in the Asian Context

This course is an advanced study of the major theological developments in various Asian Contexts.

Indian Christian Theologies

This course is an advanced study of the theological methods, thoughts and contributions of significant theologians.

Contemporary Trends in Theology

This course is an advanced study of the theological developments from 19th to 21st centuries

B. 4 Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity –I

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity from its inception to the medieval period. It covers the major events, councils and movements.

History of Christianity-II

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity from the reformation period to the present. It covers the major events, reformation, Evangelical movements, ecumenical councils and modern developments.

History of Christianity in India

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity in India from its emergence and development within the socio – political and cultural context.

Introduction to Pentecostalism

This course is an advanced study of the History, expansion, theology, contribution and challenges of the Pentecostal movement with special focus on India.

History of Christian Thought

This course is an advanced study of the historical developments of Christian theological formations from the patristic period to the present. It covers the pattern of theological thinking and articulation of various eras.

B. 5 Department of Christian Ministry

Homiletics

This course is an advanced study of the theory and practice of Homiletics. It covers the History, rhetoric, principles, structure and presentation of Christian message.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

This course is an advanced study of the skills, theory and practice of the ministry of pastoral care and counseling.

Communications

This course is an advanced study of theories, methods and skills of communication. It deals with interpersonal and mass – communication.

Pastoral Theology

This course is an advanced study of pastoral theology from biblical and contemporary perspectives. It also deals with the essentials, methods, functions and responsibilities of pastoral theology.

Leadership and Church Administration

This course is an advanced study of the principles and skills of leadership and church administration, which are relevant in the context of India.

Family, Children and Care

This course is a study of marriage, sexual partnership, and parenting, children and Christian home from a biblical perspective.

B. 6 Department of Missiology

Mission and Evangelism

This course is an advanced study of Mission and Evangelism as an essential function of the church. It deals with the socio-cultural structures and issues of contextualization. Special attention will be given to practical application and creative approaches to mission and evangelism.

Biblical Theology of Mission

This course is an advanced study of the biblical understanding of mission. It mainly deals with major perspectives and models developed within the context of the bible.

Cultural Anthropology

This course introduces the learner to Cultural Anthropology. It deals with different contexts, world views, linguistics and cultural dynamics which will enable the learner to become bridge-builders for cross – cultural missions.

Contemporary Trends in Mission with Contextualization

This course is an advanced study of the Missiological developments from 19th to 21st centuries, with special focus on Missiological principles of contextualization.

Missiological Issues in Pentecostalism

This course is an advanced study of the issues and approaches of mission from contemporary Pentecostal perspectives.

B. 7 Department of Religion and Philosophy

Survey of World Religions

This course is an advanced study of the History, developments, beliefs, practices and traditions of the religions of the world.

Modern Religious & Secular Movements

This course is an advanced study of the major religious and secular movements and their developments in the socio –cultural and religious context of India.

Indian Philosophy

This course introduces the learner to the orthodox and heterodox philosophical systems of India.

B. 8 Department of General Studies

English Language and Grammar

This course is designed to enhance the student's skills to think, read, write and communicate effectively with others.

Research Methodology

This course introduces the learner to the methods of reading, understanding, writing and doing research.

Understanding Indian Society

This course is a study of the history, culture and society of India. It also deals with civics and rights of individuals.

Personality Development

This course is to develop the personal skills of the learner to mould, mature and (confident personality) with self-esteem and acceptable behavioral patterns.

17. MASTER OF THEOLOGY PROGRAM

Master of Theology in Missiology an Asia Theological Association accredited program was started in COTR Theological Seminary in 1999 to cater to the growing need of qualified academicians, missiologists and leaders in the church for the nation of India. COTR Theological Seminary has decided to start another program. Each year this program has grown to develop into an excellent academic resource for M.Th. students as the need for further M.Th. was visioned. COTR has begun a new M.Th. program in the branch of History of Christianity.

We are privileged to offer the Master of Theology programs with the guidance of renowned, qualified and experienced resource persons.

I. M.Th in Missiology

It is a two year research level post graduate program. The Master of Theology in Missiology is designed to enable the students to understand mission as fundamental to Christian faith, to build up their capacity to do research independently and to respond to issues with missiological concern in Indian Context.

Requirements for Admission:

1. Hold an ATA accredited Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent degree from a reputed theological institution.
2. A pass mark with at least 55 percentages.
3. Must have completed at least two advanced M.Div.level missiological subjects.
4. At least two years of teaching/ministry involvement after M.Div.

Curriculum:

The course consists of successfully completing 45 credit hours

Core Courses	-	24 Credits (8X 3)
Elective	-	6 Credits (2X3)

Thesis - 15 Credits

Core Courses :

Biblical Theology of Mission

Methodological Issues in Missiology

Cultural Anthropology

History of Missions

Missiological Hermeneutics

Asian Christian Theology

Research Methodology

The Finality of Christ

Elective Courses:

Critical Evaluation of Church Growth Studies

Gospel and Culture

Modern Religious and Secular Movements

Tribal Missions

Urban Missions

Christian Leadership

Critical Issues in Pneumatology

Mission in the Post Modern Context

Readings in Mission

Integrated Course

Other Academic Requirements:

Senior Colloquium & Comprehensive Examination

Seminars on Selected Topics

Thesis (15 Credits)

II. M.Th in History of Christianity

(Awaiting accreditation from ATA)

It is a two year research level post graduate program. The Master of Theology in History of Christianity with a special emphasis on Pentecostalism is designed to enable the students to understand History of Christianity and the role of Pentecostal movement in the development and growth of Christianity in Indian context and be able to undertake independent research.

Requirements:

- 1) Hold an ATA accredited Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent degree from a reputed theological institution.
- 2) A pass mark with at least 55 percentages.
- 3) Must have completed at least two advanced level History of Christianity subjects.
- 4) At least two years of teaching/ministry involvement after M.Div.

Curriculum:

The course consists of successfully completing 45 credit hours

Core Courses	-	24 Credits	(8 X 3)
Elective Courses	-	6 Credits	(2 X 3)
Thesis	-	15 Credits	

Core Courses:

Historiography

History of Christian Missions

History of Christianity in India

History and Theology of Reformation

Issues in the History of Christianity in the Modern Period

History of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movement

Historical Theology

Research Methodology

Elective Courses:

History of the Ecumenical Movement /Evangelicalism

Pentecostal Charismatic Theology

History of Christianity in the First Six Centuries

History of Christianity in the middle Ages

History of Christianity in North East India

Mission to the People of Other Faiths

Integrated Course

Other Requirements:

Senior Colloquium & Comprehensive Examination

Seminars on Selected Topics

Thesis (15 Credits)

Resource Persons

Dr. Sam K. Mathews, M.Th, D.Miss, Principal (Missiology)

Dr. Brian Wintle, Ph.D. (Biblical Studies)

Dr. George Victor, Ph.D. (Philosophy)

Dr. Siga Arles, Ph.D. (Missiology)

Dr. A. Selva Raj, D. Miss. (Missiology)

Dr. Colin Blair, D.Min. (Missiology)

Dr. M. Stephen, Ph.D. (Theology & Ethics)

Dr. Jon Newton, Ph.D. (Theology & Ministry)

Dr. Abraham Christdas, Ph.D. (Missiology & Philosophy)

Dr. Samuel Jeyakumar Ph.D. (History of Christianity)

Dr. Arthur Jeyakumar Ph.D. (History of Christianity)

Dr. Chacko Thomas Ph.D. (History of Christianity)

Dr. Gladwyn Turner, D.D.(Theology of Holy Spirit)

Dr. Barry Kolb, Ph.D., (Leadership)

Dr. Willbert R. Shenk, Ph.D. (Missiology)

Dr. K.V. Simon, Ph.D. (Missiology)

18. DIRECTION TO CAMPUS

COTRTS is situated near Bheemunipatnam, the second municipality in India and first in Andhra Pradesh, by the Bay of Bengal. Take Bus No. 999 from RTC Complex and ask for Dorathota bus stop.