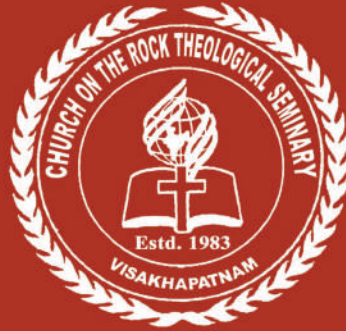


# CHURCH ON THE ROCK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION STUDIES (DOES)



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## **1. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

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 our parents, Late Apostle Dr. P. J. & Mary Titus, Founders of COTR College of Ministries. Since 1983, COTRTS has been a center for shaping, molding, 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.

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. The Research and Resource Center is 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.

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 see you at COTRTS

Rev. Johnson P. Titus

## **2. PRINCIPAL'S NOTE**

Dear prospective Applicant

Thank you for your interest in seeking enrolment at COTR-DOES. Our vision is to equip the servants of GOD to excel in the ministry of transforming the world. COTR-DOES is a vivacious step in fulfilling this vision because the program is designed not to be done hastily or carelessly, but rather in a thoughtful and informed manner.

This training program provides quality education by equipping the students with skills, confidence and a positive approach with an all-round development and relentlessly striving to perceive and maintain academic excellence.

This program aims to teach ministry in context, as it attempts to utilize the natural leaders of the community for ministry among their own, to their own. This program also has economic advantages. The relative cost is much lower than a residential program. COTR-DOES is perfect for those who otherwise would not have been able to attend seminary.

Looking forward!

Dr. Pari Titus

### 3. STATEMENT OF BELIEF

We Believe in:

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

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. 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.

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 STATEMENT**

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

## **5. 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.

## **6. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **6.1 Aims**

The purpose of this mode of theological education is:

- \* To give biblical and theological exposure and knowledge for pastors in ministry and working Christians to be a better witness in the workplace
- \* To prepare competent Christian ministers and believers in the knowledge of Holy Scriptures in applying them more relevantly.
- \* To give comprehensive knowledge in communicating the love of Christ with the people of other faiths effectively.
- \* To educate the Christian ministers and believers to serve both the church and the community.
- \* 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.
- \* Obeying the Great Commission.

## **6.2 Objectives**

### **Knowledge**

At the end of the program, the students are expected to be competent in the knowledge of:

- \* The Bible, for a transforming ministry and their own Christian heritage.
- \* Practical theology and aspects of Christian living.
- \* Basics of Christian doctrines with special emphasis on Evangelical, and Pentecostal perspective.
- \* The content and interpretation of the Bible.
- \* The major concepts of missiology.
- \* History of Christianity to give a conceptual frame-work for their understanding of the Christian mission and doctrines. The major world religions, traditions and cultural trends in order to equip the students to minister in a pluralistic context.

### **Skills**

- \* Exposition and preaching.
- \* Exegesis and teaching.
- \* Evangelism and apologetics.
- \* Ability to discharge pastoral responsibilities.

### **Attitude**

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



## 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Johnson P Titus	President
Mrs. Helen Johnson	Treasurer
Rev. Mathew Jacob	Secretary
Rev. Jameson P Titus	Member
Dr. Pari Titus	Member
Mr. Markose John	Member
Miss. Lea Elizabeth	Member
Mr. Y M J Kumar	Member

## 8 ACCREDITATION

The Asia Theological Association (ATA)



- Our regular B. Th., M. Div. and M.Th. studies are accredited by ATA.
- ATA accreditation is sought for M.Div. Extension studies

## 9 HISTORY OF COTRIS

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 COTRCOM.

## **10 ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

### **10.1 Requirements**

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

- \* The applicant must be a born again, baptized and a member of good standing with his/her church with a commitment to discipleship.
- \* The applicant must have a definite call to God's service.
- \* The candidate must be able to do his/her studies in English.
- \* The applicant must have attained the age 23 years for B.Th. and 27 years for M.Div. by June of the year in which he/she wishes to register for the program.

## **11 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- \* COTRTS requires that each student who desires to graduate must secure minimum GPA 2.0 for M.Div. program.
- \* Having attended the complete teaching week in each semester
- \* Pay all the fees including graduation fee one month prior to the graduation.
- \* Meet all other requirements of the specific program for which the student is enrolled.

## **12 MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM**

### **12.1 Purpose:**

The M.Div. program in extension mode is designed to prepare students for mission and ministry. This program also enables students to obtain a comprehensive theological knowledge and confront contextual issues in Christian maturity and practical issues that they face during their ministry.

#### **12.1.2 Objectives**

- \* To give biblical and theological exposure and knowledge for pastors in ministry and working Christians to be a better witness in the work place.
- \* To prepare competent Christians ministers and believers in the knowledge of Holy Scriptures in applying them more relevantly.
- \* To give comprehensive knowledge in communicating the love of Christ with the people of others faiths effectively.
- \* To educate the Christian ministers and believers to serve both the church and the community.

### **12.2 Qualifications for Admission**

- \* Candidates must have a Bachelor Degree from a recognized university or the Candidates must have a B.Th. degree from an institution either accredited by Asia Theological Association or Senate of Serampore College with a B grade average.
- \* Candidates, who do not have necessary academic requirements but are above 30 years of age, are eligible to apply as matured candidates. Such applicants must pass an entrance examination.

#### **12.2.1 Admission process:**

COTR Theological Seminary in India 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:

- \* 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.
- \* The applicant must have a definite call to God's service.
- \* The candidate must be able to do his/her studies in the English language.
- \* The applicant must have attained the age of 18 years by June of the year in which he/she wishes to enter the seminary.

### **12.3 Duration**

- \* Candidates who apply with an academic qualification of regular Degree or its equivalent, non-ATA B.Th., and matured candidates must complete three and half year program.
- \* Candidates who apply with an academic qualification of B. Th. of ATA/Serampore with a B grade must complete two and half years program.

#### **12.3.1 Uniqueness:**

This program is to encourage pastors, Christian workers and interested laities by equipping them with a substantive, academic as well as mission oriented courses so that it will help them to engage within the Indian church more effectively.

This is not a correspondence course, rather equivalent to regular, recognized and academic degrees.

Students will be provided with a compendium (compiled materials from books and articles) and textbooks for each subject that can be purchased from COTRTS book shop at the campus during the registration.

Academic activities and the courses are inbuilt with special emphasis on spiritual formation, practical dimension and mission focus.

This program is ideal for pastors, Christian workers who cannot do residential courses and laities who are interested in theological education

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### **12.4 Graduation Requirements**

- \* Successful completion of 20 subjects, tutorial weeks and course requirements for upgrading (from B.Th.) students.
- \* Successful completion of 30 subjects, tutorial weeks and course requirements for any Bachelor Degree holders or mature candidates.
- \* An assessment of character, spiritual development, and ministry commitment.

### **12.5 Subjects with preambles**

#### **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 a 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 a 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 a 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 a study of Historical developments, interpretive methods, principal Themes and contemporary development of Old Testament Theology.

### **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, Centrality of Jesus and Biblical criticisms.

**Synoptic Gospels:** This course is a study of the formation, syntax, structure, exegetical issues, textual problems and theological content of Mathew, Mark and Luke.

**Pauline Theology with Special Study on Romans:** This course is a study of the formation, the problem of structure and important themes of Pauline theology with an exegetical study of Romans 1-8.

**Johanannine Theology:** This course is a study of the formation, literature, Johnanine tradition and theological themes of John with special study on selected passages.

**New Testament Theology:** This course is a study of the Historical development of the NT Theology, interpretive methods, principal themes, and the concept of Christ as the central person.

### **Department of Theology and Ethics**

**Systematic Theology – I:** This course is a study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Scripture, God, Creation Holy Spirit, and Church from Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

**Systematic Theology – II:** This course is a study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human Beings, Sin and Eschatology from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

**Person and Work of Christ:** This course is a study of the person and work of Christ and salvation from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives.

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**Christian Ethics:** This course is a 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 a 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.

**Theologies in the Asian Context:** This course is a study of the major theological developments in various Asian Contexts.

**Indian Christian Theologies:** This course is a study of the theological methods, thoughts and contributions of significant theologians.

**Contemporary Trends in Theology:** This course is a study of the theological developments from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries

### **Department of the History of Christianity**

**History of Christianity –I:** This course is a 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 a 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 a study of the History of Christianity in India from its emergence and development within the socio – political and cultural context.

**History of Christian Thought:** This course is a 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.

### **Department of Christian Ministry**

**Homiletics:** This course is a 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 a study of the skills, theory and practice of the ministry of care and counseling.

**Communications:** This course is a study of theories, methods and skills of communication. It deals with interpersonal and mass – communication.

**Pastoral Theology:** This course is a 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 a study of the principles and skills of leadership and church administration, which are relevant in the context of India.

### **Department of Missiology**

#### **Mission and Evangelism:**

This course is a 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 a 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, linguistic 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 a study of the Missiological developments from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, with special focus on Missiological principles of contextualization.



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### **Department of Religion and Philosophy**

**Survey of World Religions:** This course is a study of the History, developments, beliefs, practices and traditions of the religions of the world.

**Modern Religious & Secular Movements:** This course is a study of the major religious and secular movements and their developments in the socio-cultural and religious context of India.

## **13 What is uniqueness of these Courses?**

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Academic activities and the courses are inbuilt with special emphasis on Spiritual formation, practical dimension and mission focus.

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## **14 Documents Required for Admission**

- \* Two passport size photographs
- \* Certificates of all yours Diplomas and Degrees (photocopies)
- \* Transcripts of all your Diplomas and Degrees (photocopies)
- \* Financial commitment letter
- \* One page testimony
- \* Non refundable application and prospectus fee of Rs.200/-
- \* A statement of why seeking admission at COTRTS
- \* Reference form (Academic)
- \* Reference form (Church)
- \* Ministry experience certificate

## **15 15. Application Forms and Prospectus**

Application form and Prospectus can be obtained from the Office of the Coordinator of COTRTSDOES upon payment of Rs.200/- (non refundable) by writing to:

### **The Coordinator,**

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