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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 42,000 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. 1,000 seat theatre style auditorium, 1000 seat Chapel, 300 seat library hall, 400 seat lecture hall, 400 seat Dining Hall, 10 faculty quarters, 25 staff quarters, 8 four wheel vehicles, an English Medium High School with over 700 children, 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.

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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 CHAIRPERSON

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

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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,

Late Mrs. Mary Titus
Co-Founder/Chairperson

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. 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

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

ADVISORS

Apostle K. C. Mathew
Rev. Dr. Gladwyn Turner
Rev. Dr. K. R. Singh
Rev. Dr. P. Yesupadam

7. ACCREDITATION

COTRTS has accreditation by the following Associations:

The Asia Theological Association (ATA)

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

Member of the National Association of Theological Accreditation (NATA)

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



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 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 settling 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 COTR College of Ministries.

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, 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, Theo-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 38,000 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 programs, 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 invitations 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 photograph.
- 12.2.2 A statement of reason for applying to COTRTS.
- 12.2.3 A non-refundable application fee of Rs. 100/- (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 the candidate is required to appear for an interview.

13. ACADEMIC GRADING SYSTEM

First Class	Distinction	A+	4.3(GPA)	80% and above
	Excellent	A	4.0	75-79%
	Superior	A-	3.7	70-74%
Second Class	Very Good	B+	3.3	65-69%
	Good	B	3.0	60-64%
	Satisfactory	B-	2.7	55-59%
Third Class	Reasonable	C+	2.3	50-54%
	Meager	C	2.0	45-49%
	Poor	C-	1.7	40-44%
Failure	Inadequate	F	0.0	0-39%

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

COURSES OFFERED TO BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT

OTC111 - OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

This course surveys the historical settings, themes, content and purpose of the books of the Old Testament. The course is designed to articulate the overall theme and aim of each book.

OTC122 - PENTATEUCH

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

OTC133 - 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.

OTE114 - HISTORY OF ISRAEL

This course introduces the origin, development and major events of the nation of Israel until the birth of Jesus Christ. A careful description of the history of Israel and an in-depth study method is used to bring the events recorded in the Bible to relate with the present and fulfill the need of the society by understanding the responsibility of the chosen generation.

OTE125 - POETICAL BOOKS AND WISDOM LITERATURE

This course introduces the nature of Hebrew Poetry, wisdom tradition and theological content of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastical, Song of Solomon and Lamentations. It can be a guideline to get into the deeper understanding of wisdom books and the right usage of the teaching when applied.

OTE126 - HISTORICAL BOOKS

This course introduces the background of formation, settlement, kings, division, captivity and return of the nation of Israel. The course also highlights the relation between God and Israel and how Gods plan unfolded in the history of Israel.

NEW TESTAMENT**NTC211 - NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

This course surveys the historical setting, theme, content and purpose of the books of the New Testament. Specific application from each book is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life.

NTC212 - LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST

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

NTC223 - PAULINE EPISTLES – I

This course surveys all the Epistles of Paul except the Pastoral Epistles, It introduces their background, issues and theological content. 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.

NTE224 - PRELIMINARY GREEK

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

NTE225 - SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

This course introduces the development of the formation, literary types, structure, textual problems and contents of Mathew, Mark, and Luke. It will also include the detailed study of its major themes, forms and structure, issues and textual problems of the gospels.

NTE236 - PAULINE EPISTLES – II

This course will specially deal in detail with Romans and Galatians with special emphasis on the theological themes addressed within. It will also deal with the Pastoral epistles in consideration of the pastoral guidelines addressed in tune with the Indian context.

NTE217 - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

This course introduces the historical and theological themes in the book of Acts. It covers the background, development and the ministry of the apostles and the early church.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

TEC321 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY-I

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

TEC332 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY-II

This course is an introductory study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human beings, Holy Spirit and salvation from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

TEC333 - CHRISTIAN ETHICS

This course examines moral codes, divine commandments and legal prescriptions, which 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.

TEC343 - 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.

TEE335 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY – III

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

TEE336 - APOLOGETICS

This course is an introductory study of the rational defense of the Christian faith-commitments and response to various objections. This course helps the students to analyze the challenges to Christian faith and reasons which led to growth of apologetic literatures.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY**HC411 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY – I**

This course is an introduction to the History of Christianity from its inception to the medieval period. It covers the major events, councils and movements. It helps the students to analyze how the events affected the course of church history.

HC422 - 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. The course aims to highlight the genesis of Christianity in India and in the latter stages how Christianity and Colonization went hand-in-hand.

HCE433 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY – II

This course is a basic study of the History of Christianity from the Great Schism 1054 to the Present. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of Church through her interaction with different cultures and traditions. It covers the major events, reformation, Evangelical movements, ecumenical councils and modern developments.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**CMC511 - EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

This is a foundational course examining the meaning, role and function of Educational ministry of the church. The goal, objectives and the foundational disciplines, which contribute to the formation of Christian education theory and practice, will be studied with the aim of equipping the students with the necessary resources to design a relevant and balanced Education ministry of the church.

CMC522 - PREACHING AND WORSHIP

This course is to learn the theology and practice of the preaching ministry. The approach will emphasize both the art of sermon preparation and the place of preaching in the ministry. It also covers the skills of preparing and conducting worship in the church.

CMC533 - LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

This Course covers the basic subjects related to the church administration and leadership, its government function and its different realm of ministry with special reference to the Indian context. Students are to evaluate their own leadership potential by identifying personal strength and weaknesses. Interpersonal dynamics inherent to leadership such as communication conflict management, problem solving, and delegation and motivating are discussed.

CMC534 - PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

This course provides pastoral formation and introduces ministries of pastoral care. Emphasis placed upon the minister's healing role with the people in crisis and the biblical and theological foundation of pastoral care, a definition of counseling and counseling theory and practice, and counselor's relationship to the counselee and various counseling skills will be considered.

CME535 - PASOTRAL 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.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION

MIC611 - 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.

MIC622 - PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH PLANTING AND DEVELOPMENT

It is an analytical study of the biblical and cultural principles involved in the church planting and Church growth, combined with theological convictions, sociological principles and spiritual insights for the expansion and the development of the church.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY**RPC721- MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

This course is a study of the origin, development, beliefs and practices of the major religions in the world. This course helps the students to witness Jesus Christ in the religious pluralistic context of India.

RPC732 - CONTEMPORARY INDIAN MOVEMENTS

This course focuses on the major religious, social, cultural and secular movements in India and their development during the 19th to 21st centuries. This course enables the students to effectively do the mission in the Indian society.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT**GDC811 - SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

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

GDC812 - STUDY METHODS

This course introduces the methods and teachings involved in reading, understanding, writing and researching academic papers. This course offers the opportunity to have a practical understanding about the academic exercises as a whole.

GDC819 - ENGLISH

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

GDE825 - INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOSTALISM

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

GDE828 - INDIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

This course introduces the students to the understanding of Indian culture and social structures. It exposes them to the awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens and leaders of the church.

GDE833 - BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

This course introduces the archeological findings in the Bible lands, in relation to the times, people, culture and customs to supplement biblical truths. This course is designed in such a way that the students will be able to have an intellectual quest to learn and develop the skill to explain the bible according to its basic settings and make it more relevant to their society and community.

GDE834 - 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 by employing the comparative study method.

GDE837 - MARRIAGE FAMILY AND MINISTRY

This course introduces Christian understanding of marriage, family life and its implications to the ministry. It deals with the biblical understanding of marriage and ministry which is purely based on biblical foundation and above the cultural and social set up of various communities in the world. This also gives teachings which will clear difficult questions and transform the society with high moral components of biblical ethics.

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 pursuing a 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.

COURSES OFFERED TO MASTER OF DIVINITY

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT

OTC111 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE- I

This course is a critical introduction of the OT, which covers historical background, formation, canonization, transmission of the texts and Biblical criticisms.

OTC123 - PRELIMINARY 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.

OTC132: OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

This course is an advanced study of the theology of each book of the Old Testament

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT

NTC211 - INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE – II

This course is a detailed analysis of the Historical, literary, political, economical, cultural & topographical settings of the New Testament, its origin and development. It enables the students to analyze the text in its context by rightly identifying the background hence be effective in communicating the same in the community that he/she ministers.

NTC212 - 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.

NTC232 - NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

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

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS**TEC311 - 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.

TEC323 - 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.

TEC324 - 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.

TEC332 - PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of Christ from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives. It focuses on the evaluation of Mission, Ministry, Teaching, Presentation, Rejection and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

TEC335 - THEOLOGIES IN THE ASIAN CONTEXT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INDIA

This course is an advanced study of the major theological developments in various Asian Contexts. It is designed to make the students analyze the various contexts that led to the development of different understandings about God.

TEE321 - 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. It edifies the student towards and intra and extra Biblical approach so as to confirm the truth revealed through witness derived from Human science and experience.

TEE323 - 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 played on a variety of Christian evidence that support the claims of the church from Biblical, Historical, theological, philosophical and pragmatic perspectives.

TEE332 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of Christ from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives and the major themes of Christian Theology related to the future events, systematically from historical, philosophical and contemporary perspective.

TEE333 - THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This course covers various aspects of Theology of the Holy Spirit in relation to the church and the development of doctrine. It also focuses on the latest development regarding the doctrine of Holy Spirit and to see its importance and relevance for the mission of the church today.

TEE336 - INDIAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

This course introduces the learner to the significant theological contributions made in India. It covers the contributions of some of the Indian Renaissance leaders and Christian thinkers.

DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

HCC411 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity from its inception to the modern period. It helps the student to understand the beginnings and development of Christianity, its literature, polity and the personalities/events which were cardinal to the emergence of the Church as a living organism. It covers the major events, councils and movements.

HCC422 - 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, religious and cultural context.

HCE423 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

This course covers the historical development of Christian theology. Since History and theology are related disciplines without listening to history it is difficult to formulate a theology for today. From history only we can understand the theological thinking of the different periods and the articulation of various thinkers. This course gives us the information of the developments in theological thinking from Patristic period to modern times.

HCE424 - 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

HCE434 - HISTORY OF EVANGELICAL MOVEMENTS

This course covers the development of the history of the evangelical movements in the global context till the Ecumenical era.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**CMC521: PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING**

This course is an advanced study of the skills, theory and practice of the ministry of pastoral care and counseling. The course is designed to visit classical Christian roots as a resource for counsel, teaching, exegesis, and the work of ministry.

CMC532: 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.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIOLOGY**MIC612 - COMMUNICATIONS**

This course is an advanced study of theories, methods and skills of communication. It deals with interpersonal and mass – communication and how to use current successful communication approaches to get out our message.

MIC621 - MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

This course presupposing that mission and evangelism are an essential function of the church, intends to focus upon the socio-cultural structures, issues of contextualization, practical application and creative approaches to missions.

MIE624 - CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This is a course given attention to foreign cultures with an attempt to understand other peoples in their contexts. It will provide tools for more effective intercultural communications as well as giving us a mirror in which to see ourselves more clearly. One key assumption of this course is that we absorb cultural concepts more effectively through exposure to ethnographic as well as actual fieldwork.

MIE625 - BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSION

An investigation of the Biblical and theological basis for world missions as evidenced in both the old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the nature and purpose of God, the operation of the trinity, and the mission of Israel and the church to the nations of the world. Great missionary texts in their context are studied to establish the meaning and purpose of missions, the universal lostness of man without Christ, the spirit's role in sending the missionary, and the authority of scripture in mission philosophy.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

RPC711 - SURVEY OF WORLD RELIGIONS

This course is an advanced study of the history, developments, beliefs, practices and traditions of the religions of the world. It also helps the student to understand the life of the founder and the traditions that led to the emergence of the particular religion.

RPC732 - MODERN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MOVEMENTS

This course is an advanced analysis of the major religious, social, cultural and secular movements in India and their development during the 19th to 21st centuries. This course enables the students to rightly understand the theological aberrations occurring in and around the immediate society so as to rightly engage with the community saturated with such beliefs.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT**GDE716 - UNDERSTANDING INDIAN SOCIETY**

This course is to enable the students to understand the vital issues and problems of Indian society and to help them to serve God and people in a meaningful way. The course enables the student to rightly engage with the Indian society as he/she ministers.

GDE717 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This course introduces the learner to the methods of reading, understanding, writing and doing research. The course also equips the student how to find the resources and organize the material accordingly.

GDE723 - LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

This is an advanced study about subjects related to the church administration and leadership, its function as a Living Organism as it engages with the Indian context. It will help the students to enhance their skills to become effective leaders as they learn to properly invest their potential on proper identification of their personal skills. Interpersonal skills, team work through proper synergy of abilities in the Body, problem identification and diagnosis, good rapport and apt communication will be dealt and emphasized.

GDE726 - HOMILETICS

This Course designed to focus special attention upon theology and practice of the preaching ministry. The study will emphasize both the preparation of a preacher and the art of sermon preparation. The focus is upon the structure and delivery of sermons. Learning occurs through the acquisition of basic homiletical theory and skills as well as through listening to oral and written responses to sermons preached in the class.

GDE734 - FAMILY, CHILDREN AND CARE

This course is a study of marriage, sexual partnership, parenting children and Christian home from biblical perspective. The course also focuses on how a minister can balance with his ministry and his home.

GDE739 - 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 by employing the comparative study method.

GDE795 - 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. The course tries to engage the students in the Biblical foundations of the claims of Pentecostalism.

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 envisioned. 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 65 percentage (B+).
3. Must have completed at least two advanced M.Div. level missiological subjects.
4. At least a year of 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
 Contextual Issues in Missiology

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
 Semi\s (15 Credits)

II. M.Th in History of Christianity

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 65 percentage (B+).
- 3) Must have completed at least two advanced level History of Christianity subjects.
- 4) At least a year of 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 :

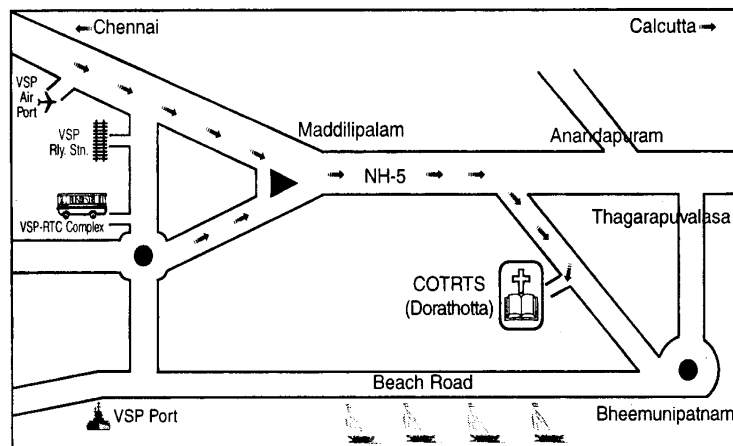
Senior Colloquium & Comprehensive Examination
Seminars on Selected Topics
Thesis (15 Credits)

Resource Persons

Dr. Brian Wintle, Ph.D. (Biblical Studies)
Dr. George Victor, Ph.D.(Philosophy)
Dr. A. Selva Raj, D. Miss. (Missiology)
Dr. M. Stephen, Ph.D. (Theology & Ethics)
Dr. Abraham Christdas, Ph.D. (Missiology & Philosophy)
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. K. Vijayan Chenavilla (Missiology)
Dr. Dasan Jeyaraj (Missiology)
Dr. Ebenazar Dasan (Missiology)
Dr. S. A. Devasahayam (Church History)

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.



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