



## Course Schedule 2026-2027: Course Details

EQUIP offers a range of topics attending equally to the Bible, theology, church history, missions, ministry, and current issues. Each two-year schedule contains all the courses required to complete our certificate and licentiate programs. EQUIP evening courses and workshops are made available for registration quarterly. Please note the following indications:

\*\* required course for the Licentiate in Mission Practice

^ required course for Local Preacher License (in collaboration with the Chinese & Trinity Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church in Singapore)

### EQUIP Courses in 2026

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 (Open for Registration on 11 Nov 2025)

##### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

#### **Theology of Mission \*\*** (Rev Dr Andrew Peh)

Mondays 730-930pm | 5, 12, 19, 26 Jan, 2, 9, 23 Feb | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course explores the biblical and theological presuppositions and principles that shape the Christian missionary enterprise in today's world, particularly in the Asian context. This will include a scan of the historical developments, a reading of the biblical text, a survey of the changing social and theological paradigms that affect how the Church understands its missional role and the study of selected missional documents adopted by key Christian groups and traditions.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Andrew Peh, PhD (Asbury Theological Seminary), lectures in the area of mission and mission history at Trinity Theological College. His interests are in the history of Christianity in Asia and mission trends in the 21st century. He also serves in the Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore as a diaconal minister appointed to Bukit Panjang Methodist Church.

#### **The Discipleship of Daily Life** (Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn)

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 6, 13, 20, 27 Jan, 3, 10, 24 Feb | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Do you know the answers to the following questions: What is the spiritual significance of your daily work? What has God called you to do? How do I steward the time entrusted to me? Why is it important to live by a work-sabbath rhythm? Who am I walking with as I journey through life? For most of us, most of our life is taken up with struggles with work, time management, work-life balance, and the hunger for community. This course is aimed at providing biblical wisdom for the bulk of the things that make up our lives. We don't believe in a sacred-secular divide and therefore seek to honour God with all our lives. This course is for all followers of Jesus Christ. It should prove helpful for laity, helping them to see that all their lives matter to God, and not just the stuff they do in church. The course is also helpful for the clergy as well since they seek to guide their members in how to follow Christ, and that means helping them find meaning in their lives in church and in the world. Clergy and laity alike, we need to know how to live out the totality of our lives for Christ.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn is a director of Graceworks ([www.graceworks.com.sg](http://www.graceworks.com.sg)), a training and publishing consultancy committed to promoting spiritual friendship in church and society. He runs this ministry in partnership with his wife, Bernice. Bernice and Soo Inn have four sons. Soo Inn has worked as a dentist, pastored two churches, and served in a number of parachurch organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer in various seminaries and serves as the chaplain of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship, Singapore. Soo Inn has a BDS (dentistry) from the University of Singapore, a ThM in New Testament from Regent College, Vancouver, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. His primary passions include connecting the Word of God to the struggles of daily life, and the promotion of the discipline of spiritual friendship.

#### **Preaching for Lay Persons ^** (Rev Jason Phua)

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 7, 14, 21 Jan, 4, 11, 25 Feb, 4 Mar | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* It has been said that our attention spans for non-digital information are getting shorter due to the constant use of technology. If this is true, how do we effectively preach the Gospel to an audience who are used to having

information quick and served best with videos? This course seeks to equip the occasional lay preacher to fundamentals of biblical preaching in the context of a fast-changing world. At the end of the course, it is hoped that the student will understand what preaching is, the person behind the preaching, how we can effectively prepare and deliver a sermon. Topics include: (1) What is a sermon, who is the preacher? (2) Preparing a sermon through study of a given text (3) Building an outline of the sermon (4) Illustrations and applications (5) Introduction, conclusion and transitions (6) Delivering the sermon (7) Practice and evaluation.

*Biodata.* Rev Jason Phua is a minister of the Trinity Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Singapore and Pastor-In-Charge at Agape Methodist Church. He graduated from the National University of Singapore with an honors degree in political science and worked at a statutory board for eight years. Jason is Coordinator of the TRAC Local Preacher's Programme. One of his greatest passions in ministry is preaching the word and teaching lay persons on how to prepare and preach the word effectively. He believes that effective preaching has much to do with the faith and person of the preacher, as methods and gifting.

### **God's Enduring Word in Isaiah 40-55 (Bishop Emeritus Dr Gordon Wong)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 8, 15, 22, 29 Jan, 5, 12, 26 Feb | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course provides an exposition of the pastoral comfort and challenge that comes out of each of the 16 chapters in Isaiah 40-55.

*Biodata.* Bishop Emeritus Dr Gordon Wong was formerly Bishop of The Methodist Church in Singapore and professor of Old Testament at Trinity Theological College. He holds a BA (Hons) from the London School of Theology and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. His publications include a book on the relevance of Christian faith (*God Makes Sense*), Old Testament commentaries on the books of Daniel (*Faithful to the End*), Habakkuk (*God, Why?*), Isaiah (*The Road to Peace: Pastoral Reflections on Isaiah 1-12*), Ruth (*The Power of Love*) and an academic monograph entitled *Foolish Leaders and the Will of YHWH: Editorial Effects in Isaiah 19*.

#### Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

### **Youth Ministry for Today (Rev Dr Bernard Chao)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 21, 28 Feb and 7 Mar | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* Youth ministry is challenging. Because youth ministry deals with dynamic, fluid, and ever-changing generations and youth culture, we must constantly challenge our existing beliefs, mental models, and practices in relation to youth ministry and how we minister with youth. This course is for anyone concerned for and involved in youth ministry as youth leaders, adult volunteers, parents, church leaders, or pastors. We will explore how our youth ministries can get unstuck, reach the missing youth, see young people differently, empower youth, change our focus away from programs, partner with others, and engage youth today in digital and other spaces.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Bernard Chao is Director of EQUIP and Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity Theological College. He teaches courses in pastoral theology, Christian leadership, Christian education, youth ministry, and Wesleyan theology and is an ordained minister with The Methodist Church in Singapore (Trinity Annual Conference) since 2005. Bernard has served as a youthworker, Boys' Brigade Captain, school chaplain, pastor, and pastor-in-charge in a number of Methodist churches and schools, associate director of youth ministries and ministry in schools, and Associate Brigade Chaplain of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore. Formerly a litigation lawyer, Bernard is married with three children.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2026 (Open for Registration on 22 Jan 2026)**

#### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

### **Two "Troubling" Doctrines: Election and Deification (Dr Leow Theng Huat)**

Mondays 730-930pm | 23, 30 Mar, 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr, 4 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* The Christian doctrines of election and deification are troubling ones for many of us. Election commonly conveys the notion that God has chosen some for salvation and others for condemnation. How can a just and righteous God do this? Are there other ways of understanding this doctrine? Deification literally means we lowly human creatures "become God". Is this not blasphemy? How are we to understand this doctrine that has been taught by great theologians since the period of the early church? We will, in this course, explore these two "troubling" doctrines and consider how they speak to our life and ministry today.

*Biodata.* Dr Leow Theng Huat is a lecturer of theology at Trinity Theological College. He is a member and local preacher of Wesley Methodist Church. He is married to Cheng Ping, and the couple has three children.

### **The Church of Antioch and Paul's First Missionary Journey (Dr Tan Kim Huat)**

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 24, 31 Mar, 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr, 5 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Our course seeks to understand better Paul's missionary journeys so as to draw crucial lessons for our work and witness as the Christian Church. The current course is the first part of this endeavour, focusing on the beginnings of the Church of Antioch and their crucial role in commissioning Paul and Barnabas and the subsequent missionary journey they took. Archaeological data will be utilised to illuminate our understanding of the settings and issues of their missionary work and the primary message they proclaimed. It is also hoped that those who are planning to visit, or lead groups to visit, biblical lands will find much benefit in this course.

*Biodata.* Dr Tan Kim Huat started teaching New Testament (NT) studies at TTC in 1996. He has taught both undergraduate and postgraduate courses and supervised many students for doctorates in NT studies. Any NT topic enthuses him but his main area of interest is the emergence of Christianity from a Jewish matrix. Kim also has a strong interest in strengthening theological education in the region. He has been involved in the work of the first-ever regional consortium of colleges, ATESEA (Association for Theological Education in South East Asia), and has served formerly as the Chairman of the ATESEA Board of Trustees.

### **Missio Dei: Historical & Holistic Perspectives \*\* (Rev Dr Andrew Peh)**

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 25 Mar, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr, 6 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course surveys the expansion and development Christianity as *Missio Dei* (the mission of God), from both historical and holistic perspectives. The salvation and renewal of all creation, the proclamation and practice of His word, and the growth and witness of the church are essentially understood as God's mission. The first part of the course outlines the significant events/movements in the transmission of the Christian faith. The latter half of the course sketches the significant themes of holistic mission, all of which are understood as God's mission in bringing the whole Gospel to the whole world.

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### **Shared Leadership in the Missional Church (Rev Dr Bernard Chao)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 26 Mar, 2, 16, 23, 30 Apr, 7, 14 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* How can our churches more faithfully live and lead in ways that are attentive to what God is doing? This course discusses leadership through the primary theological perspective of missional ecclesiology and offers a rethink of leadership practices that focus on the few toward shared leadership that involves and engages the rest of the church in a more authentic kingdom partnership. This course is designed for lay persons, lay leaders, full-time staff, and pastors. Participants are encouraged to come as cell groups, ministry teams, leadership or staff teams, to learn and reflect on how they lead together in their own contexts. (*NOTE: if you are coming as a team, please email the instructor before the start of the course so that he will ensure you are grouped with your own team members for the relevant discussions.*)

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#### Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

### **Introduction to Christian Spiritual Formation ^ (Rev Dr Jimmy Tan)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 11, 18 and 25 April | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* This course is a primer towards a holistic understanding of Christian spiritual formation (CSF) and how we can more integrally participate in our life in God. Participants will be guided towards: (1) a holistic understanding of the theology, scope, and dynamics of CSF; (2) an appreciation on how our temperaments and personalities impact our spiritual development and how we can work with them to grow; and (3) the development of a rule of life that expresses our life in God liturgically, holistically, and missionally. Combining theory and practice, participants will be introduced to rudimentary principles of CSF and be guided on classical spiritual exercises and liturgy. This course is for: (a) Christians who wish to gain a deeper and more holistic grasp of CSF and (b) church leaders who wish to guide others to grow as disciples of Jesus, especially through small groups.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Jimmy Tan is lecturer of pastoral and practical theology at Trinity Theological College, and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Singapore. He received his PhD from Fuller Theological Seminary where his doctoral dissertation focused on the history, theology, and practice of Christian spiritual direction. He is a certified spiritual director and regularly leads retreats and offers spiritual direction at TTC and beyond.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2026 (Open for Registration on 13 May 2026)

#### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

#### **Issues in Christian Mission \*\* (Rev Manik Corea)**

Mondays 730-930pm | 13, 20, 27 July, 3, 17, 24, 31 Aug | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course will explore key and critical issues in Christian mission in local and cross-cultural settings. We begin with a development of the theology and ideas in mission over the history of the church, beginning with the first century and paying particular attention to developments in theory and practice in the last 110 years. We will also consider the pivotal role the local church, mission societies, and agencies, in the work of Christian mission, as well as trace the missional call of the local church in Scripture. We will then spend the rest of the course exploring critical and practical concerns in the missionary enterprise, including looking at the broad spectrum of missionary vocations and foci, missionary strategies in the Scriptures and history, as well as specialised areas of mission that are an indispensable feature of the mission landscape and practice today—including new forms of mission, diaspora missions, urban-centred missions, creation care, and missions in the new era of world Christianity.

*Biodata.* Rev Manik Corea is a Singaporean of Sri Lankan/Indian descent. He is currently the National Director of the Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) and Associate Pastor of Crossroads International Church in Singapore. In the past 22 years, Manik has served as a missionary with the New Anglican Missionary Society (NAMS) in the USA, UK, Thailand, and Singapore. He is ordained in the Anglican Church of North America and serves his diocese as Global Consultant in Missions. Manik has a Masters in Intercultural Studies (Church-Planting) from Asbury Theological Seminary and is currently enrolled in their Doctor of Ministry programme.

#### **Paul's Second and Third Missionary Journeys (Dr Tan Kim Huat)**

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug, 1 Sep | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Our course seeks to understand better Paul's missionary journeys so as to draw crucial lessons for our work and witness as the Christian Church. The current course is the second part of this endeavour, focusing on Paul's Second and Third Missionary Journeys. This course will also be utilising archaeological data to illuminate our understanding of the settings and issues of his missionary work, and the pastoral and theological responses that he formulated. It is also hoped that those who are planning to visit, or lead groups to visit, biblical lands will find much benefit in this course.

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#### **Growing People Relationally (Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn)**

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 22, 29 July, 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug, 2 Sep | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* When Christians share the gospel, we tend to focus on what we are saved from --- hell, Satan, sin, meaningless existence etc. We often do not also focus on what we are saved to become. Paul is clear that we are

saved to become a new humanity, one that exhibits Christ-like character (Romans 8:29 – 30). This is a central call of the New Testament and ought to be the central to the agenda of the church. It is Jesus Himself who gives us the mandate to make disciples ( Matthew 16 - 20). Yet too often discipleship is at most one of the activities of the church. We need to see why and how we need to return discipling to the heart of the agenda of the church. And we follow Jesus who shows us that disciple making is relational. This course will look at why we must put a premium on disciple-making and how that is to be done.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn is a director of Graceworks ([www.graceworks.com.sg](http://www.graceworks.com.sg)), a training and publishing consultancy committed to promoting spiritual friendship in church and society. He runs this ministry in partnership with his wife, Bernice. Bernice and Soo Inn have four sons. Soo Inn has worked as a dentist, pastored two churches, and served in a number of parachurch organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer in various seminaries and serves as the chaplain of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship, Singapore. Soo Inn has a BDS (dentistry) from the University of Singapore, a ThM in New Testament from Regent College, Vancouver, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. His primary passions include connecting the Word of God to the struggles of daily life, and the promotion of the discipline of spiritual friendship.

### **New Testament Survey \*\*^ (Rev Dr Leonard Wee)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 16, 23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* With accounts of the life and teaching of Jesus, the spread of the gospel, and the issues faced by the various New Testament writers which provide the foundations for the life and theology of Christians and the Church throughout history, the importance of the New Testament cannot be overstated. This course will provide an orientation to the various books of the New Testament by locating them in their social and historical contexts. This course will discuss the New Testament's relevance to Christians, churches and the world today.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Leonard Wee is the Registrar and Lecturer in New Testament at Trinity Theological College. He obtained his PhD at Durham University (UK), specialising in Paul's interpretation of the Old Testament, and was sponsored by Langham Partnership for postdoctoral research on the use of the Old Testament in Hebrews. He previously served as a pastor for 10 years. Besides teaching Koine Greek, New Testament theology, biblical intertextuality, and other subjects, he also provides supervision for postgraduate research at TTC.

#### Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

### **Tentmaking and Bivocational Missions: Biblical Basis and Practical Considerations (Mr Kua Wee Seng)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 15, 22 and 29 Aug | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* Most unreached people groups and non-Christian populations live in countries which do not welcome missionaries or issue missionary visas. Yet, many of these countries welcome management and professional personnel to work there. To reach these people for Christ, we need to challenge, mobilize, and deploy Christians with management and professional skills to serve in bivocational missions in these restricted access nations. This course examines the global need for bivocational mission workers and looks at the definitions and biblical basis of bivocational missions. Participants will be introduced to the journey towards bivocational missions for Christians, including exploring, preparing, and being equipped for it. This course will also discuss practical considerations of bivocational missions like church and financial support, cross-cultural and ethical issues, and life and ministry in restricted contexts.

*Biodata.* Mr Kua Wee Seng was trained as an accountant and worked for a number of years in financial and management accounting in the 1980s before pursuing theological studies at Regent College. After his studies, he served in student ministry and taught in theological institutions in Singapore. Over the past three decades, he was involved in bivocational ministry and the Bible mission in China and in his retirement years he seeks to encourage more Singaporean Christians to serve in bivocational missions.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2026 (Open for Registration on 21 Jul 2026)**

#### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

### **The Sacred Ordinary: Meeting God in the Daily Mundane (Ms Leong Chin Yee)**

Mondays 730-930pm | 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct, 2 Nov | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course invites participants to rediscover solitude and time with God in the rhythms of daily living. Beyond worship encounters during Sunday worship and in sacred spaces, God often meets us in the ordinary—in our

commuting, care-giving, chores, and resting. Each routine rhythm can be an opportunity for worship, reflection, and intimacy with God. In marking time with God, we want to nourish our soul so that we can be a nourishment to others in our daily interactions. The sacred is not distant or only for the extraordinary; it meets with us in the mundane, waiting to be noticed and embraced.

*Biodata.* Ms Leong Chin Yee is a pastoral team staff for Missions at Barker Road Methodist Church. An alumnus of Trinity Theological College (BDiv, 2005), Chin Yee was a missionary teacher in two seminaries in Northeast India before returning to local church ministry in 2019. Her two passions are worship and missions. She loves crafting worship liturgies and marvels at how God reveals Himself through worship regardless of how simple it may be when hearts are open to Him. In her current role, Chin Yee hopes to create more awareness about missions in her local church and journeying with potential missionaries.

### **Global Christianity: Once Upon a Time in Church History ^ (Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun)**

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 22, 29 Sept, 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct, 3 Nov | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This brief survey of the history of the church will look at the explosion of Christianity throughout the world from the time of the Apostles to current efforts to make the Gospel known to all the world. We will breeze through 2000 years of history in 7 sessions. This survey will take us through not only the history of the church in the West but also in the East. We will see how our Christian brothers and sisters struggled with the same kinds of problems we do today, how they interacted with different cultures and other religions, how they fought with each other, how they grew into three traditions (Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant), and how they sought continually to expand the Lord's Kingdom.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun teaches Church History and Global Christianity at Trinity Theological College. He has a PhD from Cambridge and is fond of reading all sorts of histories, military history included. He is an ordained minister with the Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) of the Methodist Church in Singapore and has served as pastor in two churches and as chaplain in two schools. He has been a pastor since 2000, currently attached to Kampong Kapor Methodist Church. Ming Shun enjoys both reading and gaming, and has been very happily married to Po Lin since 1998.

### **Old Testament Survey \*\*^ (Dr Yeong Suet Ming)**

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 23, 30 Sept, 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct, 4 Nov | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* A survey of the Old Testament (OT) books in their literary, historical and theological contexts, highlighting the message of each book, the broad strokes of OT history, key motifs and themes, the importance of the OT for understanding the New Testament (NT) and the relevance of the OT to Christian living and ministry.

*Biodata.* Dr Yeong Suet Ming is a PhD candidate in Old Testament studies at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. She holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Regent College in Vancouver, Canada. Before pursuing theological education, she practiced as a medical doctor, serving as a senior resident physician in the Department of Ophthalmology at the National University Hospital in Singapore. Her journey into theological studies began at CDCM, the predecessor of Equip. She and her husband worship at Barker Road Methodist Church. Outside of academia, she enjoys birdwatching, cycling, and sewing.

### **The Myth of Limitlessness: What Genesis Teaches about Being Human (Rev Ian Lee)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 24 Sept, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct, 5 Nov | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Human beings have always been preoccupied with the idea of transcending our existing limits. Today, modern medicine has afforded us longer lives and technology might even help us overcome our physical limits through cybernetic augmentation. Of course, we see this idea of transcendence most poignantly with the rise of Artificial Intelligence, which comes with the promise of greater efficiency in productivity in all that we do. At the heart of it, we live with the philosophy that we can live without limits and work without limits. But are human beings really meant to be limitless? In this course, we will try to address this question through the lens of biblical theology, particularly through the first pages of Genesis, where we see the ideal picture of God, humanity, and creation in space and time before things go awry. We will first explore reading Genesis with attention to its literary artistry and Ancient Near East context. Thereafter, we will consider what happens in the biblical storyline when human beings behave as though they are without limit.

*Biodata.* Rev Ian Lee has been a Methodist pastor since 2013 and is currently pastoring at Wesley Methodist Church. From 2021-2023, he studied at Regent College, Vancouver, where he completed his Master of Arts in Theological Studies, focusing on the Old Testament.

Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

**Christian Lay Counselling (Mrs Chao-Koh Ai Jin)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 17, 24 and 31 Oct | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* This course will equip Christians with biblical foundations and skills for effective Christian counselling. Participants will consider a biblical view of humanity, how problems develop, how people change and grow, and the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit. Participants will learn a framework for the lay counselling journey and develop basic counselling skills in active listening and ways to provide helpful responses. The course will discuss what it means to provide a Christ-centred conversation, the role of prayer, and the use of Scripture. Practical ways to respond to common issues impacting one's emotional, relational, and psychological health will be studied, with case examples on applying a biblical understanding to managing stress, anxiety, anger, grief, and relational conflicts.

*Biodata.* Mrs Chao-Koh Ai Jin is Lead Counsellor at Revive Counselling. A registered clinical counsellor and clinical supervisor with the Singapore Association for Counselling, she has a M.Soc.Sc in Counselling from Edith Cowan University and a MA in Theology (Recovery Ministry) from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ai Jin is passionate about counselling and Christian ministry, and has previously worked as a clinical counsellor in church settings for over a decade. Her current focus includes integrating faith and counselling, trauma recovery, marital and family counselling, parent education, supervision and training to counsellors. Ai Jin is married to Rev Dr Bernard Chao, a Methodist minister and lecturer at TTC, and they have three children.

## EQUIP Courses in 2027

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2027** (Open for Registration on 4 Nov 2026)

*Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)*

### **Christian Doctrine \*\*^** (Rev Dr Edmund Fong)

Mondays 730-930pm | 4, 11, 18, 25 Jan, 1, 15, 22 Feb | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Christian doctrine is an articulation of our beliefs that shape and characterise us as the people of God. It is our collection of shared beliefs that enable us to say: "This is us!" The lectures will cover the following doctrines: i) Revelation and Scripture; ii) Creation and Covenant; iii) the Trinity; iv) the Person and Work of Christ; v) Salvation; vi) the Last Things and Christian Hope; and vii) the Church. The coverage of these doctrines will be grounded in Holy Scripture, guided by Church tradition(s), and geared towards engaging contemporary issues and challenges. Students will gain a broad overview of the Christian faith and appreciate the importance of Christian doctrines for understanding our identity and spurring our practical living.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Edmund Fong is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and associate minister at Adam Road Presbyterian Church. He did his doctoral studies at the University of Otago (2014–2016) covering the theology of the Swiss-German theological giant, Karl Barth. Edmund teaches systematic theology at Trinity Theological College and lectures on the doctrine of the person and work of Christ and salvation, denominational studies in Presbyterianism, and the theology of John Calvin. His research interests range from Barth to Calvin, Reformed Theology, Theological Anthropology, and Hermeneutics.

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Tuesdays 730-930pm | 5, 12, 19, 26 Jan, 2, 16, 23 Feb | via Zoom

### **Basic Greek for Bible Studies: Understanding New Testament Greek** (Mr Kua Wee Seng)

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 6, 13, 20, 27 Jan, 3, 17, 24 Feb | Location: Trinity Theological College (\*\*In-Person Course)

*Synopsis.* This course seeks to equip Bible study leaders, or anyone interested in understanding and appreciating the New Testament better, with a basic understanding of New Testament Greek. Participants will be taught the structure of the language and how to decode important grammatical information, without the need to memorise vocabulary or grammatical paradigms. This is now possible because of freely available apps and online tools. However, such tools do not provide help for understanding the structure of the language or decoding grammatical information. It is this gap that the course seeks to fill. When apps and online tools are used with the proper understanding of structure and grammar, the New Testament in all its gracious power can come alive and we will be prevented from being misled by false teaching that deceives with a smattering of Greek. It is hoped that through all this our people will be properly fed with the Word and our God glorified.

*Biodata.* Mr Kua Wee Seng studied under the late renowned Professor Gordon Fee of Regent College and served as his teaching assistant. He developed a longstanding interest in the New Testament and New Testament Greek and has taught New Testament Greek at Trinity Theological College and the Discipleship Training Centre in the 1990s. For the past three decades he was involved in the Bible mission in China and on his retirement he continues to be engaged in Bible teaching and Bible studies ministry.

### **Churches, Congregations & Small Groups: Rethinking Life Together** (Rev Dr Bernard Chao)

Thursdays 730-930pm | 7, 14, 21, 28 Jan, 4, 18 Feb, 4 Mar | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course explores several theological models or ways of viewing the church and congregational life. Students will consider models and practices of congregational life as communities that are gathered, learn together, love each other, experience hospitality, are missional, hold each other accountable, and are worshippers of God together. This course will consider the Christian congregation as a contrast society and how disciples of Jesus can reimagine life and reshape our practices as churches, congregations, and small groups. This course is for every Christian, church leader, and pastor who desires to reimagine and reshape relational practices of our churches as Christian faith communities.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Bernard Chao is Director of EQUIP and Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity Theological College. He teaches courses in pastoral theology, Christian leadership, Christian education, youth ministry, and Wesleyan theology and is an ordained minister with The Methodist Church in Singapore (Trinity Annual Conference) since

2005. Bernard has served as a youthworker, Boys' Brigade Captain, school chaplain, pastor, and pastor-in-charge in a number of Methodist churches and schools, associate director of youth ministries and ministry in schools, and Associate Brigade Chaplain of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore. Formerly a litigation lawyer, Bernard is married with three children.

### Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

#### **Understanding Church Planting and Holistic Mission \*\* (Rev Manik Corea)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 13, 20 and 27 Feb | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* This course will explore the biblical theology and practical aspects of church planting and holistic mission in contemporary mission context. In the first two sessions, we will focus on the ministry of church planting in the twenty-first century from a number of biblical, ecclesiological, and missiological perspectives, including looking at the process of starting and multiplying new church plants. The final workshop will examine the biblical and historical basis for holistic mission today and explore some emerging models in contemporary practice.

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2027 (Open for Registration on 21 Jan 2027)**

### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

#### **A Biblical History of Israel (Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun)**

Mondays 730-930pm | 22, 29 Mar, 5, 12, 19, 26 Apr, 3 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This short survey will give students a sweeping view of the history of Israel from earliest days to the Diaspora after the fall of Jerusalem to the Romans. Beginning with Abraham, we will see how the Israelites came to be settled in the Promised Land, how they thrived there, how they were cast into exile, how they returned, and how life under the Romans was like. We will also briefly look at Greek and Roman worlds. Students will gain a better understanding of the background to the Old and New Testaments.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun is Lecturer in Church History at Trinity Theological College. He has a PhD from Cambridge and is fond of reading all sorts of histories, military history included. He is an ordained minister with the Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) of the Methodist Church in Singapore, and has served as pastor in two churches and as chaplain in two schools. He has been a pastor for over 25 years and has been to the state of Israel three times.

#### **Letter to the Philippians (Rev Dr Leonard Wee)**

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 23, 30 Mar, 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr, 4 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* [To be updated]

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Leonard Wee is the Registrar and Lecturer in New Testament at Trinity Theological College. He obtained his PhD at Durham University (UK), specialising in Paul's interpretation of the Old Testament, and was sponsored by Langham Partnership for postdoctoral research on the use of the Old Testament in Hebrews. He previously served as a pastor for 10 years. Besides teaching Koine Greek, New Testament theology, biblical intertextuality, and other subjects, he also provides supervision for postgraduate research at TTC.

#### **Introducing World Religions: Asian Religions and Christian Faith \*\* (Rev Dr Andrew Peh)**

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 24, 31 Mar, 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr, 5 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* An introductory course for Christians to the main religious traditions of Asia. Avoiding being combative with the Other, it takes a serious and respectful approach to learning about Asian religions without ignoring the

essential truth-claims of the Christian faith. This course seeks to be accurate in learning about the religious traditions of our neighbours and include the following topics: i) how and why should Christians learn about Religions; ii) Indian religions; iii) Chinese religions; iv) Buddhism; v) the Judeo-Christian tradition; vi) Islam; and vii) religion and society; and the theology of religion.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Andrew Peh, PhD (Asbury Theological Seminary), lectures in the area of mission and mission history at Trinity Theological College. His interests are in the history of Christianity in Asia and mission trends in the 21st century. He also serves in the Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore as a diaconal minister appointed to Bukit Panjang Methodist Church.

### **Relational Preaching ^ (Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr, 6, 13 May | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* [To be updated]

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn is a director of Graceworks ([www.graceworks.com.sg](http://www.graceworks.com.sg)), a training and publishing consultancy committed to promoting spiritual friendship in church and society. He runs this ministry in partnership with his wife, Bernice. Bernice and Soo Inn have four sons. Soo Inn has worked as a dentist, pastored two churches, and served in a number of parachurch organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer in various seminaries and serves as the chaplain of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship, Singapore. Soo Inn has a BDS (dentistry) from the University of Singapore, a ThM in New Testament from Regent College, Vancouver, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. His primary passions include connecting the Word of God to the struggles of daily life, and the promotion of the discipline of spiritual friendship.

#### Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

[To Be Confirmed]

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 3, 10 and 17 April | Location: Trinity Theological College

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2027 (Open for Registration on 12 May 2027)**

#### Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

### **Contextualization and Mission \*\* (Rev Dr Andrew Peh)**

Mondays 730-930pm | 12, 19, 26 July, 2, 16, 23, 30 Aug | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* Contextualisation is the process that seeks to enable a particular context to make sense of the Gospel, where the Christian faith is thoroughly biblically grounded and at the same time, culturally relevant. It is the process that responds to questions, such as, "Can one be a Christian and yet hold on to one's cultural norms?" and "What does it mean to be a/an Chinese/Malay/Indian/Eurasian (or any other ethnicity) Christian?" To this end, this course explores the processes by which contextualisation has been carried out in missions, in developing robust local expressions of the Christian faith throughout world Christianity.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Andrew Peh, PhD (Asbury Theological Seminary), lectures in the area of mission and mission history at Trinity Theological College. His interests are in the history of Christianity in Asia and mission trends in the 21st century. He also serves in the Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore as a diaconal minister appointed to Bukit Panjang Methodist Church.

### **God's New Heavens and New Earth in Isaiah 56-66 (Bishop Emeritus Dr Gordon Wong)**

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 13, 20, 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 Aug | via Zoom

*Synopsis.* This course provides a biblical exposition of the pastoral comfort and challenge that comes out of each of the 11 chapters in Isaiah 56-66. The course hopes to help all who facilitate Bible study reflection groups on this portion of GOD's Word.

*Biodata.* Bishop Emeritus Dr Gordon Wong was formerly Bishop of The Methodist Church in Singapore and professor of Old Testament at Trinity Theological College. He holds a BA (Hons) from the London School of Theology and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. His publications include a book on the relevance of Christian faith (*God Makes Sense*), Old Testament commentaries on the books of Daniel (*Faithful to the End*), Habakkuk (*God, Why?*), Isaiah (*The*

*Road to Peace: Pastoral Reflections on Isaiah 1-12), Ruth (The Power of Love) and an academic monograph entitled Foolish Leaders and the Will of YHWH: Editorial Effects in Isaiah 19.*

[To Be Confirmed]

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 14, 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug | via Zoom

[To Be Confirmed]

Thursdays 730-930pm | 15, 22, 29 July, 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug | via Zoom

Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

**Ministry with Seniors in a Super-Aged Society (Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn & Rev Dr Bernard Chao)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 31 July, 7 and 14 Aug | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* [To be updated]

*Biodata.*

(1) Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn is a director of Graceworks ([www.graceworks.com.sg](http://www.graceworks.com.sg)), a training and publishing consultancy committed to promoting spiritual friendship in church and society. He runs this ministry in partnership with his wife, Bernice. Bernice and Soo Inn have four sons. Soo Inn has worked as a dentist, pastored two churches, and served in a number of parachurch organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer in various seminaries and serves as the chaplain of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship, Singapore. Soo Inn has a BDS (dentistry) from the University of Singapore, a ThM in New Testament from Regent College, Vancouver, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. His primary passions include connecting the Word of God to the struggles of daily life, and the promotion of the discipline of spiritual friendship.

(2) Rev Dr Bernard Chao is Director of EQUIP and Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity Theological College. He teaches courses in pastoral theology, Christian leadership, Christian education, youth ministry, and Wesleyan theology and is an ordained minister with The Methodist Church in Singapore (Trinity Annual Conference) since 2005. Bernard has served as a youthworker, Boys' Brigade Captain, school chaplain, pastor, and pastor-in-charge in a number of Methodist churches and schools, associate director of youth ministries and ministry in schools, and Associate Brigade Chaplain of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore. Formerly a litigation lawyer, Bernard is married with three children.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2027 (Open for Registration on 20 Jul 2027)**

Evening Courses (Online via Zoom)

[To Be Confirmed]

Mondays 730-930pm | 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11, 18, 25 Oct, 1 Nov | via Zoom

[To Be Confirmed]

Tuesdays 730-930pm | 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct, 2 Nov | via Zoom

[To Be Confirmed]

Wednesdays 730-930pm | 22, 29 Sept, 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct, 3 Nov | via Zoom

**Basic Hebrew for Lay Persons (Dr Yee Chin Hong)**

Thursdays 730-930pm | 23, 30 Sept, 7, 14, 21 Oct, 4, 11 Nov | Location: Trinity Theological College (\*\*In-Person Course)

*Synopsis.* [To be updated]

*Biodata.* Dr Yee Chin Hong is Director of Field Education and teaches Old Testament at Trinity Theological College. Before joining TTC in 2020, he was on the staff of Cru Singapore (1994-2019), serving in various capacities, including student ministry, short-term missions, and teaching. He and his family worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Saturday Workshop (In-Person)

## **Sexuality Matters (Rev Dr Edmund Fong)**

Saturdays 830am-1pm | 9, 16 and 23 Oct | Location: Trinity Theological College

*Synopsis.* What was in the past clear and undisputed has been thrown into disarray since the beginning of the sexual revolution in the 1960s, and in today's "woke" culture and climate, alternative sexualities are accepted and endorsed without contestation. This, in turn, has raised challenges for Christianity, and it has resulted in certain quarters of the global church accepting these alternative sexualities. This course will explore and critique the biblical, theological, scientific, philosophical and historical bases for the arguments advocating alternative sexualities. The course will also consider what it means for the church (in Singapore) to externally respond to discussions about sexuality in the public square and internally minister to those with alternative sexualities. All in all, this is a primer course on matters relating to sexuality, which is much needed because Sexuality Matters in our time and age, not least for the church as part of her witness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Biodata.* Rev Dr Edmund Fong is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and associate minister at Adam Road Presbyterian Church. He did his doctoral studies at the University of Otago (2014–2016) covering the theology of the Swiss-German theological giant, Karl Barth. Edmund teaches systematic theology at Trinity Theological College and lectures on the doctrine of the person and work of Christ and salvation, denominational studies in Presbyterianism, and the theology of John Calvin. His research interests range from Barth to Calvin, Reformed Theology, Theological Anthropology, and Hermeneutics.