



Jan 15 – Apr 15 2021

Program and Module

Theology Program: MTH6-1: Society and Public Theology

Facilitator: Dr Peter Rowan

Mode: Synchronous Online

Dates for synchronous class sessions

Monday - Friday, 8-12 February

Monday - Friday, 22-26 February

(Ten, two-hour sessions; five days for two weeks)

Module Description: This module is a theological and missional exploration of the Christian community's role in society. Christian communities in Asia are surrounded by ideologies and faiths which present a comprehensive vision for their society. A Christian community that lives as a minority may be tempted to withdraw rather than to engage in the public sphere. Yet, even as a minority, followers of Christ are called to be agents of transformation, and the Church can maximise its effectiveness through the depth and quality of its community life, and by developing theological resources and perspectives that enable it to exercise a prophetic role in society.

Jan to May 2021

Program and Module

DMin Program: DML2.6: Curriculum Design for Faith Education

Education Program: MED 6-4 Curriculum Design for Faith Education (Core)

Facilitator: Dr Rosalind Tan

Mode: Synchronous Online

Dates and times for synchronous class sessions (Malaysian time)

January 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

February 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 15, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

Module Description: Faith education is an explicit task. The goal is individual and communal growth, formation, and transformation towards Christlikeness. For this purpose, we use curriculums as “maps” to intentionally direct our task. A relevant faith education curriculum is biblically and theologically informed, intentional, context specific, and people friendly in its design and development. In this module, we will discuss several types of curriculum approaches for faith education, and the principles and practices for design and implementation. The mode of learning will include self-study, synchronous online meetings, group work, and a participatory field project.

Jan 1–Apr 2, 2021

Program: Graduate Diploma of Transformational Development

Module: GDTD 1-4: Spiritual Formation & Leadership

Mode: Online

Module Description: This module challenges students to explore the connections between a strong, vibrant spiritual life and the vocation of development work, particularly in leadership roles. Students will consider how a deepening relationship with God and alignment with Jesus' attitude of servanthood can be expressed through effective, relational leadership.

Apr 21 – Jul 23, 2021

Program: Graduate Diploma of Transformational Development

Module: GDTD 1-5: Creation Care and Environmental Sustainability

Mode: Online

Module Description: This module investigates the fundamental biblical call on humanity to care for creation and to nurture the earth's productivity in a just and sustainable way. Effective sustainable development practices designed to help local communities develop greater economic and environmental resilience in the context of the unfolding global ecological crisis will be examined. Special consideration will be given to the role of faith-based Christian development organisations and local churches.

May 15 - Aug 15, 2021

Program and Module

Education Program: MED7:1: Spiritual Formation and Discipleship (Core)

Theology Program: MTH5-7: Theology, Spirituality and Discipleship

Facilitator: Dr Alex Tang

Mode: Synchronous Online

Dates for synchronous class sessions

8 p.m.–10 p.m. (Malaysian time), Friday

From 14 May to 17 July.

Module Description: This is a totally online module. It will be both synchronous and asynchronous. This module is designed to enable leaders in Christian ministries to reflect on spiritual growth in a time of fluidity and change. Education institutions are in tatters, seminaries are in retreat against the onslaught of the pandemic and emerging technologies, and churches are emptying of the younger generations

seeking to be 'spiritual but not religious'. In this module, we will examine the underlying principles of Christian education, discipleship, and spiritual formation processes. We will also evaluate the inner life of educators, spiritual formation communities and its missional aspects. We will look at pedagogy in faith communities in this digital interconnected world

Jul 15 - Nov 30, 2021

Module

DMin Program: DML3-1. Theologizing in Church and Ministry

Theology Program: MTH6-2. Theologizing in Church and Ministry

Education Program: MED6-5 Education: Theologizing in Church and Ministry.

Facilitator: Dr Sunny Tan

Mode: Hybrid, Face-to-Face and online

On-Campus: Oct 14-19 (*We hope to conduct this face-to-face. If the situation does not allow, it will be online*)

Module Description: The Module is about "the *practice* of theology." The focus is on the factors and influences impacting the reasoning process within a local church. The Module's assumption is that the students should be prepared to serve as "resident theologians" and contribute to the decision-making process of their local churches, especially in the face of challenges from the environment or the public sphere. The Module will challenge the students to understand in greater depth what it means to "reason" ("to theologize) for the glory of God and for the well-being of the church members.

Aug 16 - Oct 10, 2021

Program: Graduate Diploma of Transformational Development

Module: GDTD1-6: Faith Engaging Conflict and Society

Mode: Online

Module Description: This module critically engages with three current trends in society today: conflict and violence, resurgent religion and cultural diversity. The dynamic reality of conflict and violence, and the corresponding role of the individual and faith-based organizations as peace builders will be examined. Students will also evaluate the nature of religious resurgence and religious worldviews in multi-faith societies. Taking into consideration cultural dynamics such as justice-honor, time, contexting and power distance in micro cultures, they will explore fresh ways of communicating in cross-cultural contexts.