

## MTH(THEOLOGY) MODULES 2021

### 2021 Term 1

**Module Dates:** January 15 – April 15 2021

**Module:** 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.

### 2021 Term 2

**Module Dates:** May 15- Aug 15

**Module:** MTH5-7: Theology, Spirituality and Discipleship

**Facilitator:** Dr Alex Tang

**Mode:** Synchronous Online

Dates for synchronous class sessions

Class meets once a week, every Friday, for ten weeks from 14 May to 17 July

8.00–10.00 p.m. (Malaysian time)

*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

**Module Dates:** September 15–December 15

**Module:** MTH6-2: Theologizing in Church and Ministry

**Facilitator:** Dr Sunny Tan

**Mode:** Hybrid or synchronized online.

**On-Campus:** October 14–19 (*We hope to conduct the on-campus face-to-face. If the situation does not allow, the mode will be synchronous 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.