

Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas

Course Descriptions

PASTOR AS THEOLOGIAN

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY – This multiple module course will dig deeply into the various parts of the Old Testament, the foundational books of the Bible.

- **Genesis** – Dr. Imran Bhatti
- **Pentateuch** – Dr. Barnabas Titung
- **Wisdom Books** – tba
- **The Prophets** – tba

New Testament Survey – Explore the life of Jesus, the growth of the early church in Acts along with how the Holy Spirit moves the believers forward in ways not seen before in the world. Learn also the great teachings of Paul and the other writers of the New Testament. Finally unlocking the keys to Revelation.

- The Gospels – tba
- Book of Acts – Dr. Jon Ruthven
- Writing of Paul – tba
- General Epistles – Rev. Mini Kumar Rai
- Revelation – Dr. Jon Ruthven

CHURCH HISTORY – This course will trace the history of the church from the end of Acts to the present day and its growth around the world. We are delighted to have several powerful instructors who can lecture on the history of the church.

- The Church Fathers – Dr. Jan L. Baderstadt
- Heresies and early church history – Rev. Amanda Carpenter
- Reformation – Rev. Matthew Carpenter
- Church in Africa and Asia – Rev. Eric Bikanja

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS – What is the difference between Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism? What about the different sects like Jehovah Witness and Mormons? How do the different denominations vary? This course will examine the differences in order to understand how they differ from Christianity
Professor – tba

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT – This is a powerful course examining the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church today. In this course, Dr. Jon Ruthven, a world renown expert on the Holy Spirit will share his insights into the power that is given the church.

EMPOWERING THE HOLY SPIRIT – This course moves into the second phase whereby you will learn how to empower the Holy Spirit to its maximum potential for your ministry. Also taught by Dr. Jon Ruthven.

39 ARTICLES OF FAITH – These are the foundational teaching of the Anglican and Methodist Churches, which are universally accepted by Christian denominations. This course will examine each of the articles and relate its significance to Holy Scripture. The creeds of the church will also be discussed in this course. Taught by Rev. Dr. Thomas Langford.

THE PASTOR AS LEADER

21 QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP – Learn what it takes to be a leader in the church. These 21 principles are from Dr. John Maxwell and taught by Rev. Dr. Jan L. Baderstadt. These qualities are necessary to be successful as a leader in the church. Learn what you need to possess internally in order to be the best Christian leader possible.

21 PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP – Dr. John Maxwell outlines 21 necessary principles for leaders everywhere, and this includes in the church. This course will examine all 21 of these principles and demonstrate how to successfully develop these into your daily lives. Taught by Rev. Dr. Jan L. Baderstadt

THE PASTOR AS ADMINISTRATOR – All pastors must be administrators in the local church. Rev. Peter Newton discusses ways to be an effective administrator so your church functions effectively as well as efficiently.

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS – This class focuses on tools such as time management, team building, developing committees and more. It also looks at the 11 ways successful people think. Taught by Rev. Dr. Jan L. Bederstadt

PASTOR'S TOOL BOX

THE ETHICS OF MINISTRY – It is essential for all pastors to have a strong sense of Christian ethics. This module focuses on what it means to have Christian ethics and values that must come from the heart. Taught by Rev. Dr. Jan L. Bederstadt

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING – Christian churches are unique in offering their members counseling services. Here students will learn how to provide pastoral care in a variety of settings. Taught by Daniel J. Hesse.

DEALING WITH CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH – Every church will experience conflict because churches are composed of people. Pastors must learn at how to deal with conflict and how not to exacerbate it. This course is taught by Rev. Peter Newton.

THE PASTOR AS PREACHING – This is a fun course on how to be an effective preacher. Rev. Matthew Carpenter from USA will be here in late February to conduct this important class. Prepared to be challenged as you reach new heights in your preaching.

THE PASTOR AS CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR – How do we train the children in our churches? Elisabeth Langford, the wife of Dr. Thomas Langford will teach ways to train children in becoming disciples for Jesus Christ.

HOW TO DEVELOP A SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY – You definitely need money to do ministry, but you're congregation is tiny? How do you survive? Rev. Newton Sarkar of Bangladesh will show you how! Rev. Newton started out from a poor family with no money. Now as he approaches 40, he is part owner of two successful factories in Bangladesh as well as other businesses, all the while using his income to support his ministry. He has taught in many countries of Asia and will share his secrets with you. This course is only available for students enrolled in the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas.

CHURCH AND MINISTRY FINANCE – This is an important course as learning how to properly manage money is essential to the health and success of your ministry. Your people need transparency in order to develop a trust. Taught by Rev. Peter Newton

HOW TO ATTRACT FOREIGN MONEY FOR MINISTRY – Looking to expand into a specialize kind of ministry? You need to learn how to properly ask! Getting foreign money isn't as easy as finding a queeday. Today's foreigner wants to see your plans including a pro-forma of how you will develop this ministry. People just don't give money for a good idea; they want to know it will actually happen. This course will show you how to do it so you can be more successful in your quest. This course is only available to students of the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas. Taught by Rev. Dr. Jan L. Bederstadt.

BEREAVEMENT – DEALING WITH DEATH AND DYING. Rev. Dr. Christine Mercy Johnson is a world renown expert on death and dying. Having died herself and brought back to life, she personally experienced a taste of what is to come. She works with people who are dying as well as their families, preparing them for the world to come which Christ has promised to believers. This is a dynamic course that will teach you how to bring comfort to your people.

PLEASE NOTE: All courses are taught in modules of two to three weeks. All courses must be paid for in advance. Students are expected to participate in class, do their homework and study. All work must be done by each individual class member.