

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY  
**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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## Introduction

Welcome to CRC Churches International Missions Bible College Training. CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) exists to empower believers in Ascension Ministry for the wellbeing of God's Church throughout the world. CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) passionately believes in lifelong learning and the development of the whole person so that the integration of our faith can be experienced and expressed across all endeavors of life.

The CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Handbook introduces you to aspects of what it is to study, and the privileges and opportunities which can be gained from working within an International College.

There is no greater fulfillment and no greater joy than to be the person God has created you to be, doing what He has called you to do. We at CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) do this by helping you discover and step into the calling God has placed on your life.



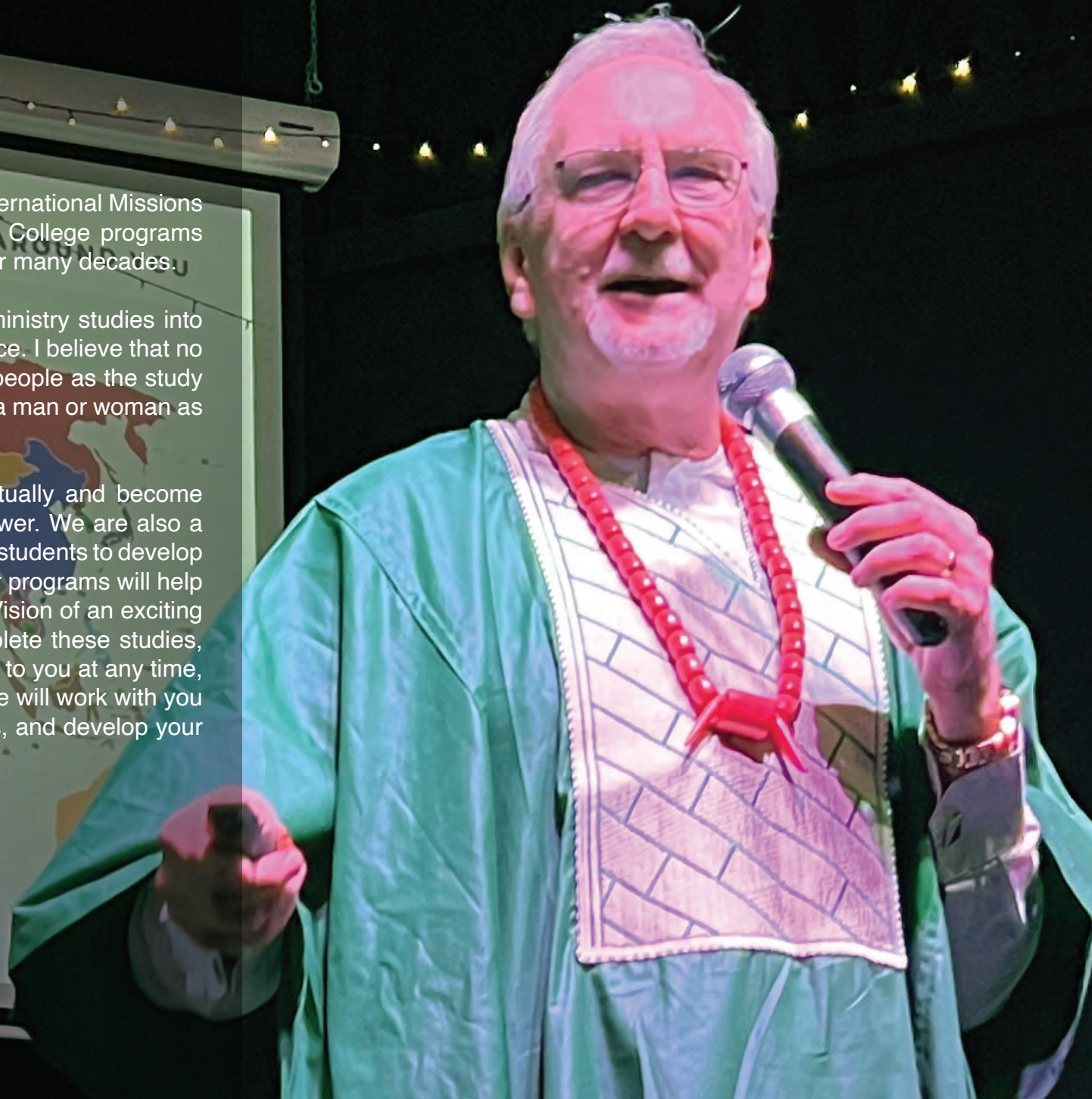
## A Word from the Director

I am so pleased to welcome you to CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC). Our local church based Bible College programs have been at the forefront of Bible College ministry for many decades.

Our vision is to place quality Biblical and Christian ministry studies into the hands of students everywhere at an affordable price. I believe that no study is as valuable to an individual or any group of people as the study of the Word of God. No other education can so affect a man or woman as does the study of the Word of God.

Through our courses, you can expect to grow spiritually and become better equipped to minister the Word of God with power. We are also a school that places a major emphasis upon helping our students to develop their God-given ministry potential. We believe that our programs will help to create in you as well as impart to you, a personal Vision of an exciting future in the service of Christ. We want you to complete these studies, and to complete them well. If we can be of assistance to you at any time, please feel free to call us and allow us to help you. We will work with you as you face issues that will challenge, confront, bless, and develop your skills. Be assured of our prayers for your wellbeing.

*Pastor Phil Cayzer*





## History of the CRC Colleges



Since its beginnings in 1945, CRC Churches International has been a denomination passionate about expanding the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth by creating Bible-based, contemporary local churches and ministries. An international movement was birthed when small groups of Holy Spirit-inspired and activated Christians experienced explosive growth. The CRC has helped people from all walks of life not just to find Jesus, but also to find His call on their life. The CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) is a further extension of that heartbeat.

The CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) is one of the official training and college arms of the CRC Churches International movement. We are committed to training up believers and the leaders of our next generation. Since the inception in Adelaide Australia of the first CRC Bible College in 1959, the College has continued to grow and change.

A number of training Colleges have subsequently been launched from the CRC Churches International. One of these is the CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) , which offers graduate training to various nations in English, French and Swahili.



# CRC Churches International Core Values

## HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED

Through understanding the supernatural power of God and growing intimacy and surrender to Holy Spirit, we see students become proficient in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit in various ministry settings.

## CRC VALUES ENDORSING

We wholeheartedly endorse and promote the core values and unique ideology of the CRC Churches International. Through exposing students to leaders within the movement during CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Camps, International Trips, as well as involvement in both State and National Conferences, we communicate to students the heartbeat and vision of the CRC.

## LIFELONG LEARNING

We recognise that one program can never cover everything, and that God will continue to deposit, shape and develop us during our lifetime. Therefore, CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) aims to impart to students the value of lifelong learning, by developing the good habits of reading, research and self-development, along with acquiring other tools needed for continuous growth in personal and ministry skills.

## STRONGLY PRACTICAL

In partnership with local churches, CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) equips students for effective ministry by practical application of theological studies in an environment which promotes both fruitfulness in ministry, and is also personally fulfilling.

## BIBLE BASED

We believe that the Bible, as originally written and correctly interpreted in its historical context, is the authoritative word of God, informing all of our theological beliefs and ministry practices. Our intention is that students become thoroughly grounded in the knowledge, truth and principles of the Bible, and its application.

## LOCAL CHURCH COLLABORATION

Study at CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) requires every student to be actively involved in at least one ministry area within their local church. All students are required to work in cooperation with their home church or in a church endorsed by their Pastor.





## What We Offer

Through CRC Churches International Missions Bible College, we are able to offer:

### Christian Ministry and Theology

- CRC742INT Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology
- CRC743INT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

These Graduate awards can be offered in pastoral ministry in Christian Ministry and Theology. This suite of Christian Ministry and Theology subjects form the base requirements for pastoral and platform ministry for anyone wishing to serve in ministry within the CRC Churches International.





# Organisational Philosophy

Our philosophy is to provide an authentic, legitimate Bible College to individuals and to local churches in an easily accessible way.

Our role at CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) is to endorse the efforts of traditional Bible Colleges.

We are deeply committed to the concept of training people within their own local churches and areas, and to the provision of excellent teaching material and study options for Christians everywhere.

We treat the entire local church environment as part of our “learning process”. The worship of the local church, its witness, its fellowship, its teaching, its ministry – are all reckoned to be part of the process of equipping men and women to serve Christ.

Our function is to add a theological and academic resource, working with local churches to exercise the practical training for ministry.





# Educational Philosophy

Underlying the way in which the materials are presented, and the assessment methods are used, is an educational philosophy based upon the following principles:

1. Christian education must stand upon a strong theological foundation (“sound doctrine” 1 Timothy 1:10; 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jeremiah 6:16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-13; etc.)
2. Students must know God, not just to learn about him.
3. The goal is not just to impart knowledge, but rather to teach principles of sound interpretation, using the resource materials that are available.
4. The Bible is a self-revelation of God, who discloses himself and his glory in scripture.
5. Since the glory of God is mirrored in scripture, we believe that God particularly reveals himself through the teaching and/or preaching of His Word. All teaching must aim to gain an intelligent, believing response to the Word of God, leading to a life of obedience to the will of God, and of conformity to the character of Christ.
6. We practice “open-book” assessments, plus typically multiple-choice exams, as well as exams. The combination of “open-book”, multiple-choice assessment and exams aims to instruct the student in analytical thinking and develop an ability to discern shades of doctrinal meaning.
7. We look to the local church to provide “field” experience, through each student’s active participation in the worship, work, and witness of the church.



# CRC742INT Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology.

This course is for those who desire to live a life following the example of Jesus Christ. It is empowering, Holy Spirit led, highly practical and Biblically based training, and is the CRC Churches' mission and foundation. Set upon the foundation of fostering greater intimacy with God, from where all ministry expression flows, it prepares students for active Christian service. The Certificate runs over one year.

## Prerequisites:

- A high school academic requirement or equivalent;
- Recommendation of a CRC Churches International pastor;
- Recommendation from your Pentecostal church pastor;
- One-year minimum active service within the local Pentecostal church;
- Demonstrate some sound knowledge of the Word of God.

## The format and subjects are as per the following:

- CRCDE004 - Implement practical and engaging strategies BASIC DOCTRINE:
- CRCTHE301 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY - Identify how Christian Life Practices are understood today
- CRCTHE302 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY - Identify theological data
- CRCTHE303 CHRISTOLOGY, NEW CREATION REALITIES, NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH - Identify a range of information within a theological theme or issue
- CRCTHE304 HOLY SPIRIT & DEMONOLOGY - Identify new theological insights
- CRCMIN301 AUTHORITY & AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE - Identify theological knowledge in relationship to the Christian way of life
- CRCMIN302 BIBLE PROPHECY & THE RETURN OF JESUS - Communicate theology in everyday language
- CRCTHE402 HERMENEUTICS & PUBLIC SPEAKING - Interpret theological Data
- CRCTHE403 FAITH, HEALING, EVANGELISM - Identify a range of information within a theological theme or issue

The Theology subjects are designed to produce a sound understanding and depth of knowledge, and require a greater level of research in the Word of God to strengthen students' Christian life and ability to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. CRC Churches International Missions Bible College is open to those who have an active role in a local Pentecostal church and have an endorsement from a CRC Churches International pastor.



# CRC743INT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

For those who are continuing from Certificate, or who enter into the course with advanced standing, the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology continues and extends the students' skills in learning, enhancing their faith in and understanding of God's Word and will for their ministry and at a corporate level.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith building, and Biblically-based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church and community life. Students will learn to apply Biblical principles to their daily lives, and gain the ability to explain and share those Christian truths with others.

This course is designed to train effective Christian Ministry in His Church locally and abroad, bringing an ability to effectively communicate the Gospel. Ascension-gifted individuals and church leaders will be equipped in a range of Christian ministry activities relevant to the local Church, Christian organisation and the workplace.

## Prerequisites:

- Completed a Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology or similar
- Recommendation of a CRC Churches International pastor  
Recommendation from your Pentecostal pastor
- Two years minimum active service within the local Pentecostal church
- Demonstrate some sound knowledge of the Word of God Active in pastoral or platform ministry.

## The format and subjects are as per the following:

- CRCPRP001 MISSIONS - Develop and maintain networks and collaborative partnerships
- CRCTHE501 CHURCH HISTORY - Analyse and interpret theological beliefs in the light of current thinking
- CRCTHE502 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY & BIBLE CUSTOMS - Analyse and interpret theological data
- CRCTHE503 APOLOGETICS, BIBLICAL TRUTHS and BIBLICAL EXTREMES - Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue
- CRCTHE504 CHRISTIAN ETHICS - Identify new theological information
- CRCMIN501 CHURCH PLANTING - Relate theological ideas to the Christian way of life
- CRCMIN502 SPECIAL SERVICES, HOMILETICS & COMMUNICATION - Communicate theology in a clear form
- CRCLEG001 CHURCH MANAGEMENT - Manage legal and ethical compliance
- CRCMGT003 LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES - Lead the work team
- CRCPAS001 PASTORAL COUNSELLING & INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY - Provide coaching and motivation

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## Full-Time Students

A student who is enrolled into the program and intends to complete one subject per month, is considered a full-time student.

## Course Emphasis

A student may be able to specialise in a specific field of study such as Counselling, Missions, Chaplaincy or other while satisfying a particular award level.

## Theology Units

We recommend that students read the material three times,

1. First as a “scan read” to become familiar with the material,
2. The second time to study the material in depth,
3. The third time to complete the open book assessments as supplied with the subject.

## Resources

The flexibility of the delivery modes makes it possible for the students to learn in their preferred place of learning.

Resources may include and are not limited to the following options:

1. Prepared notes
2. Recommended texts
3. Experienced mentors
4. Email
5. Seminars

## Student Records

Student records are maintained in a secure Student Management System Database. No student can receive a graduation without work for each subject being marked compliant (competent), and stored with the CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Trainer. Sample work from selected students will be requested and each student, along with their trainer, will need to sign a course successfully completion form statement that will be stored in the IMBC database. Also stored in the IMBC is a copy of each student’s awards, their student application and their student photo. Students may contact CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) to request information about the records.

## Church Affiliation

All students must be active members within the life of a local church. This means attending their regular services, and other appropriate church programs. Students must make themselves available for service above and beyond what is required of an ordinary member of the local church. This service may count towards RPL credit for the practical experience units Title.

## Graduation

Student graduation ceremonies can held after the CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) have received all the required forms showing the student have successfully completed and these have be verified and entered all data into the IMBC database. After the CRC Churches International Missions Bible College (IMBC) have completed these steps they will produce the Awards and give permission for the graduation ceremony to he held. After receiving permission for the graduation ceremony to help, a date will be nominated by the local bible college and preparation for the ceremony will be made by the local bible college.



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15



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