

Pilgrim Theological College, Melbourne, is offering an Intensive Course

Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interfaith

25-29 September 2017

Religions are intimately entwined in our contracting and interconnected world. For Christian leaders to engage this world with confidence and graciousness, we need to be deeply formed by Christian sources and broadly informed by interreligious resources. This course seeks to cultivate missional presence in the world that is passionately Christian as well as compassionately interfaith. It focuses on understanding the core religious beliefs and practices of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism to learn about unexpected divine wisdom providentially scattered in strange places. It then explores how to reimagine Christian mission in the context of such interreligious encounters. Issues raised for our troubling contemporary context of global and local responsibility will also be addressed.



The course is a unit offered in the regular 2017 program of Pilgrim Theological College a teaching college of the University of Divinity. It can be taken for academic credit towards a qualification at undergraduate or postgraduate level and is also open to anyone who might wish to attend as an audit student.

The course is taught by Pilgrim Theological College Guest Lecturer Dr Sathianathan Clarke, who is the Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity and Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission, at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, USA. Clarke has graduate degrees from Madras University (MA), Serampore University (BD), Yale Divinity School (STM) and Harvard Divinity School (ThD).

For several years (1996-2004) Clarke taught in the Theology and Ethics department at United Theological College, Bangalore, India. He works passionately for justice for the poor and has travelled extensively to educate and encourage inter-religious dialogue.

For the last fifteen years, he has taught and lectured on global Christianity, contextual theology, postcolonial mission, and interreligious dialogue in India, U.S.A., United Kingdom, Germany, Sri Lanka, Korea, South Africa, and Liberia. Clarke bridges the world between establishment and the marginalized, the global and the local, and academy and the congregation.

As an Intensive Course it is structured over five days (Monday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)



Dr Sathianathan Clarke is the author of *Dalits and Christianity: Subaltern Religion and Liberation Theology in India*, and more recently, *Competing Fundamentalisms: Violent Extremism in Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism* (Westminster John Knox, 2017).

Course Details

Title: Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interfaith Intensive Course

Subject Co-ordinator/s: Monica Melanchthon and Sathianathan Clarke

Date(s): 25-29 September 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Centre for Theology & Ministry
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