



TANGINTEBU STUDENT HANDBOOK

***“Go forth to serve in the light of Christ”
(Luke 10: 1 – 2)***

1. WELCOME

Warm greetings and welcome to Tangintebu Theological College!

Tangintebu Theological College (TThC) is owned by the Kiribati Uniting Church (KUC), and the only institution in Micronesia offering three programmes such as; Certificate in Theology (Level IV), Diploma in Theology (Level VI) and Bachelor of Divinity (Level VII). The 3 programmes are aligned with the Pacific Qualification Framework, and are accredited to South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS)

Though the College was established to serve the Church through the training and moulding of future Kiribati Ministers, its role has expanded over the years to also serve the sub-region of Micronesia and the wider Pacific region with young people from the islands of Tuvalu, Nauru and others attending and graduating from TThC.

With the new curriculum design, the College is once again introducing Bachelor of Divinity. This is another milestone whereby students are exposed to higher level knowledge and skills

The College has two landmark structures/buildings centrally located on campus, a chapel and meeting hall (maneaba). The Sadd Memorial Chapel, named after Reverend Alfred Sadd, a European Missionary who was executed by the Japanese during World War II, is the main centre for worship, and a Maneaba which is the centre for social and communal gatherings for the College community. Occasionally, worship services are held in the maneaba for larger crowds.

TThC is proud of its achievements as demonstrated in the success of its alumina graduates who have served or are currently serving notable regional organisations and institutions in the Region such as the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), Pacific Theological College (PTC) and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

The College also opens its doors to 'church-going' expatriate workers working in South Tarawa by providing worship services in English every Sunday morning. The service starts at 9:30am and is open for anyone wishing to join.

1. Brief History:

The institution for the training of I-Kiribati pastors to serve the Kiribati Uniting Church (formerly known as the Kiribati Protestant Church) in Kiribati was established in 1900 by the London Missionary Society (LMS) at Rongorongo in Beru. The LMS was originally headquartered at Rongorongo. Over the years, the training institution successfully provided the required numbers of I-Kiribati pastors to serve in different islands.

The period 1900 to 1957 saw important changes taking place in Kiribati. The Colonial Administration headquarters was set up in Bairiki. Betio was made the main port and shipping hub, as well as the main communication centre. The national hospital was built in Bikenibeu. These changes influenced the Church to relocate its headquarters and the training institution from Beru to Tarawa to improve administrative convenience and coordination between the colonial administration and LMS Office. The proposal for relocation was moved and endorsed by the Mission Conference during the 100 anniversaries of the Protestant Church held at Morikao, Abaiang, in 1957.

Mobilising the facilities and personnel from Beru to Tarawa took almost two years and construction at the new site started in 1960. The location of the training institution at Tangintebu, was identified in a Spiritually-inspired, almost miraculous, manner by the then Principal, Reverend Emlyn Jones. In local folklore, Tangintebu, which literally means the sound of a conch shell, was the place where the Tarawa 'warrior' spirits were gathered by the sounding of a conch shell to call their traditional gods so they could prepare for war and defend the island from intruders. With the landing of Rev. Jones and her convoy at Tangintebu in 1960, the spiritual warriors of darkness were defenceless and soundly defeated/conquered, and still are up to this day!

Work on the site completed in 1961 and Tangintebu College was officially opened on 28 October by MK Ruturu Tebetaio with Rev Jones its first Principal. Tangintebu is now a place where warriors of Christ are trained and sent out to fight for the light of Christ in different mission fields, and no longer an adode for dart spirits. The first graduation of TThC took place in 1963.

TThC continues the work pioneered by the Rongorongo training institution, but in a more dynamically academic and contemporary manner. The College offered its first recognized Diploma in Theology and Certificate in Theology in 1983. TThC introduced the full programme for Diploma-level students where mini-thesis writing was incorporated into the syllabus. For the first time in the history of TThC, the students' Thesis Projects in 1985 were externally marked by recognised scholars and universities in and outside Kiribati.

The college has managed to start the BD programme in 2004 with only three students, two female pastor students and one male pastor student. This first and only class of 2008 was graduated with BD. The programme discontinued due to the unavailability

of at least one lecturer holding a doctorate qualification, since Dr. Kambati resigned. The BD programme commenced again in 2020 after 13 years break.

The Principals of the college since 1961

- Rev. Dr. Emily Jones 1961
- Rev. Kiritome Itaia 1962 – 1964
- Rev. Bernard Thorogood 1964 – 1966
- Rev. Brian Brankford 1966 – 1969
- Rev. David Spivey 1970
- Rev. Tom Hawthorn 1971 – 1974
- Rev. Baiteke Nabetari 1975 – 1981
- Rev. Baranite Kirata 1982 – 1987
- Rev. Pepine lotua 1987
- Rev. Soama Tafia 1988 – 1989
- Rev. Pepine lotua 1989 – 1991
- Rev. Neemia Tangaroa 1992 – 1998
- Rev. Kirarima Kaitu 1999
- Rev. Dr. Pepine lotua 2000 – 2006
- Rev. Rumaroti Tenten 2007
- Rev. Kambati Uriam 2007 – 2010
- Rev. Kirarima Kaitu 2011 – 2012
- Rev. Alisi Tiaon 2012 - 2014
- Rev. Tioti Timon 2015
- Rev. Tiia Manaima 2015 - 2018
- Rev. Dr. Tioti Timon 2019 - present

TANGINTEBU THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE CALENDAR

| Week | Date | College Activities & Holidays Diploma calendar | Week | College Activities & Holidays BD calendar | Weeks |
|-------------|----------|---|------|---|-------|
| | 18/01 | College door opens for the public | | College door opens for the public | |
| | 27 /01 | Faculty Meeting | | Faculty Meeting | |
| | 01/02 | Preparation for lectures | | Preparation for lectures | |
| | 06/02 | Student are expected to be in the campus | | Student are expected to be on campus | |
| | 07/02 | Opening Service of academic year (KUC Moderator) | | Opening Service of academic year (KUC Moderator) | |
| Wk 1 | 08-10/02 | Orientation & Registration Faculty Meeting | | Orientation & Registration | |
| Wk 2 | 15/02 | Lectures Begin | 1 | Lectures Begin Semester 1A | 1 |
| Wk 3 | 22/02 | | 2 | | 2 |
| Wk 4 | 01/03 | | 3 | | 3 |
| Wk 5 | 08/03 | Faculty Meeting TSA (Wednesday) | 4 | Faculty Meeting 12/3 | 4 |
| Wk 6 | 15/03 | | 5 | | 5 |
| Wk 7 | 22/03 | | 6 | | 6 |
| Wk 8 | 29/03 | | | Last week of Lectures | 7 |
| Wk 9 | 05/04 | | 7 | | |
| Wk10 | 12/04 | Mid semester break Faculty Meeting. TSA (Wednesday) | | Faculty Meeting 16/4 TSA (Wednesday 15/04) | |
| Wk11 | 19/04 | Lectures resumed | 8 | Assessment Week (Registration BDB One week break | 8 |
| Wk12 | 26/04 | | 9 | | 9 |
| Wk13 | 03/05 | | 10 | Lectures resume Semester 1B | 1 |
| Wk14 | 10/05 | Faculty Meeting Tuesday TSA Wednesday | 11 | Faculty Meeting TSA (Wednesday) | 2 |
| Wk15 | 17/05 | | 11 | BD 1st year due date Proposal and First draft 2nd year BDs | 3 |
| Wk16 | 24/05 | | 12 | | 4 |
| Wk17 | 31/05 | | 13 | | 5 |
| Wk18 | 07/06 | | 14 | | 6 |
| Wk19 | 14/06 | Reading week (18 June First Draft diploma Mini thesis) | 15 | Last week of Lecturers | 7 |
| Wk20 | 21/06 | Exam (Auxiliary Board Meeting 26/6) | 16 | Assessment Week (Registration) | 8 |
| Wk21 | 28/06 | Opening Service 27/6 Bsp M/Maiaki Lecture resumes | 1 | Lecture resumes Semester 2A | 1 |

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|-------------|-------|---|------------------------|----|---|---|---|
| | | <i>Faculty Meeting</i> | <i>TSA (Wednesday)</i> | 2 | <i>Faculty Meeting 09/7</i> | <i>TSA</i> | 2 |
| Wk22 | 05/07 | Buffet Night (2 nd July) | | | (Wednesday 08/07) | Gospel Day 09/07; National Culture Day 10/07 | |
| Wk23 | 12/07 | | | 3 | National Day 13/07 | | 3 |
| Wk24 | 19/07 | | | 4 | Departmental seminar Thesis | | 4 |
| Wk25 | 26/07 | Cultural Day (July 30 th - 31 st) | | 5 | Cultural Day August | | 5 |
| Wk26 | 02/08 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Wk27 | 09/08 | Youth Day | | 7 | Youth Day)Last week lectures | | 7 |
| Wk28 | 16/08 | TSA (Wed) Faculty (Thursday) | | 8 | TSA (Wed 14/08) Faculty (Thur 15/08) Assessment week (Registration BD) | | 8 |
| Wk29 | 23/08 | Mid semester break | | 9 | One week break | | 9 |
| Wk30 | 30/08 | | | 10 | Lectures Begin Semester 2B | | 1 |
| Wk31 | 06/09 | TSA Wednesday. Final Thesis Diploma Faculty | | 11 | TSA 11/09 Faculty 06/09 Due date BD Thesis Writing 2nd Year | | 2 |
| Wk32 | 13/09 | | | 12 | | | 3 |
| Wk33 | 20/09 | | | 13 | | | 4 |
| Wk34 | 27/09 | | | 14 | | | 5 |
| Wk35 | 04/10 | | | 15 | Education Day 05/10 | | 6 |
| Wk36 | 11/10 | Last week lecture Education Day | | 16 | Last week lectures | | 7 |
| Wk37 | 18/10 | Reading Week/Exam | | 17 | Assessment week | | 8 |
| Wk38 | 25/10 | Exam/ College Open Day | | 18 | College Open Day | | 9 |
| Wk39 | 01/11 | Faculty 02/11 (AAC 03/11 Auxiliary Board Meeting 04/11 | | 19 | | | |
| Wk40 | 08/11 | Graduation 09/November | | | Graduation Diploma | | |
| | 11/11 | College farewell feast | | | College farewell feast | | |
| | 12/11 | Group Gathering/farewell | | | | | |
| | 14/11 | Closing of academic year (KUC Secretary for Mission) | | | | | |
| | 15/11 | College closed | | | | | |
| | 26/11 | OI Night | | | | | |

Vision and Mission

- The college is committed to the KUC strategic plan 2021-2023 Goal 2 which is “to enrich spiritual empowerment and Christian values”

Vision statement:

- To provide high quality, resilient theological education for Christian Ministers, Community Leaders, men and women in enriching the spiritual, social values of the church members.

Mission statement:

- Equip Pastors and Leaders to cope more effectively with the spiritual, social and political challenges in the Ministry of the Kiribati Uniting Church

Doctrinal basis

While the College acknowledges the rich diversity of Christian understanding of God’s kingdom revealed to humanity in Jesus Christ as found in the Old and New Testament, those accepted for studying as well as working in the College are those that openly declare that Jesus is Lord and Saviour, and that the Bible is the Word of God, the final authority on all matters of Faith.

The following is the Statement of Faith of the Kiribati Uniting Church, a protestant denomination who is the proprietor and beneficiary of the College:

Our faith is created, sustained and corrected by the Word of God. We accept the Bible as our authority in matters of faith and pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to understand it rightly.

We believe that all human beings are created for the Kingdom of God but have become lost through sin, which is disobedience to God’s will.

We believe that God in His love has revealed Himself to people (men), in order to bring them to obedience to the will of God. And that in Jesus Christ He came in flesh to live and to die and to rise again for the saving of people (men). And in the Holy Spirit He comes to abide with His people.

We believe that as human beings hear the Word of God, repent from their sin and trust in Jesus Christ, so they are saved and share, now and always, in the eternal life of God.

We believe that God is working for the salvation of the world through His Universal Church, the community of all believers, which shows forth His Kingdom in words and in deeds.

We believe that God’s Kingdom has not been fully realized (known) in this world, but at the end of the world all things will finally realize that He is Lord and Judge.

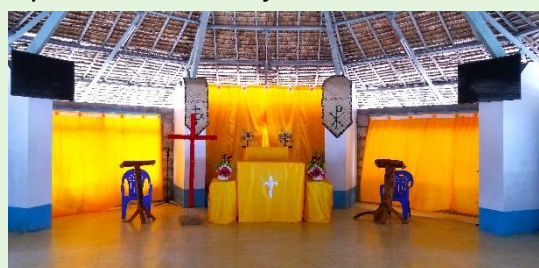
We believe in God, the Creator and Father of all things, the holy and loving God; the only one God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we worship Him alone and offer ourselves to Him in our service and love

Campus and Facilities

The campus is located right in the middle of South Tarawa – about 40 minutes' drive from the Bonriki International Airport and about the same duration from the International Seaport on Betio islet.



The campus of about 5 acres has a round Chapel at the centre, named after an English martyr who was executed during the Second World War, Reverend Alfred Sadd. Its central site indicates the fact that God is the centre of the College life. Next to the chapel is the '*maneaba*' a gathering place where the community meets for communal activities, an indication of the importance of every individual member of the community as Christian brothers and sisters to one another.



Surrounding these two central buildings on the western side are the College's library with about 10,000 volumes, the staff common room with their offices, computer room, reception and the principal's office in one building. Besides these buildings are 3 classrooms and more offices in a cross-designed building. Between the library and the 3 classrooms is the public toilet. Last in this row is the single-female dormitory that can accommodate 18 female students.

On the ocean side are the faculty residences, 6 altogether. The other row on the eastern side comprises 12 flats for married students, out of which 5 are made from the mixture of both local and imported materials. The other buildings are a double-story dormitory for single male students, and dining hall for all unmarried/single students.

Life in the College:

Tangintebu Community consists of lecturers and their families, support staff and their families, married students and their families, and single male and female students. As an educational institution for future ministers from different cultural and denominational contexts and experiences, Tangintebu endeavours to build an environment where the individuals, in spite of their differences, are considered members of a single faith community.

All members are expected to contribute and play their parts in creating and maintaining a healthy, lively, and peaceful community. Each member is encouraged to show respect to and to be mindful of others, as well as nurturing a healthy

relationship with one another. All are expected to perform their duties and responsibilities, conducive to productive learning, to the best of their abilities.

Given this understanding and emphasis for ministerial formation, apart from the academic programme, various social functions are scheduled on a timetable and must be adhered to. These functions are meant to enhance collegially and help the community to grow together as one body and diversity of Christ.

Spiritual Life

Spiritual life is simply a life that is encompassed by God's Spirit and spouts love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. Based on the discerned divine purpose, Tangintebu is geared to cater for the spiritual needs and growth of its members – students and staff alike. In fact, this is the most important dimension of growth emphasised by the College.



As such, Tangintebu community members are under obligation to comply with any set of rules or regulations considered essential for spiritual growth and maturity. Should a student or staff member fail to abide by such guidelines or fail to exemplify the deeds of a mature spiritual life, he or she would be considered unfit for Tangintebu's objectives and mission. Such person could consequently be penalised by way of suspension or expulsion from the College depending on the severity of his/her misconduct. To foster and enhance the spiritual growth of Tangintebu community members, there are set hours for individual and communal devotions: Early hours from 0545–0600HRS everyday are for individual or private devotion. At 0800HRS, from Monday to Friday, the whole community gather at the chapel for morning worships. From Monday to Friday, morning worship services are led by students, while Sunday morning services are led by faculty members. Thursday and Sunday evening services are led by final year students.

Private evening devotions from 1930 to 2000HRS run Monday to Sunday while the community gathers for Sunday and Thursday evening services at 2000HRS.

Students Body Association

There is also a Students Association (Tangintebu Students Association – TSA) serving as a forum where all, residential and non-residential, students can share and discuss their interests, concerns and differences among themselves as theological students. The discussions and resolutions are to be recorded in a minutes book and reported to the Deputy Principal.



Sports

Tangintebu has no permanent sport ground, but there are convenient spaces on campus that are used for sports. All members of the community are encouraged to participate – for fun and personal fitness/health. Wednesday every week at 3:15pm time for sports and everyone in the college are welcomed.

Bereavement Visits

Visits by the College to the bereaved family of a student or staff should be made only to the immediate family of the student or staff; that is, to the family of the deceased student/staff, to the deceased parents (father & mother) of the student/staff, to the deceased spouse, and to the deceased children of the student/staff.

Maneaba

Anganano II is mainly for the use of the Tangintebu community. Although it could be used for private or public functions by members of the community of the public (e.g. for church meetings, weddings, etc.), the functions of the College take precedence over any other function in the use of the maneaba.



Administration and Governance

Tangintebu Auxiliary Board

The highest governing body of the College is the Tangintebu Auxiliary Board, subsidiary body of the Ministerial Committee. Its main role is to oversee the College's general operations and offers advice where necessary.

Purpose and Function

The purpose and functions of the Tangintebu Auxiliary Board is to make decisions on behalf of the Ministerial Committee regarding the following:

- The Auxiliary Board is to be responsible for the academic development of the College
- Discuss and make decisions on issues related to the welfare and smooth running of the College by considering and taking necessary actions in assisting students with more serious complications as recommended by the TThC Faculty.
- Undertaking the overall review of the curriculum, once every year and submitted to the Ministerial Committee before the Church Bi – annual General Assembly.
- Approval of the programs and activities of the College;
- Checking the Work plan and activities of the College
- Receive and approve the final grades of students for graduation;
- Receive and approve prize winners and other awards during graduation;
- Scrutinize the College budget and its developments, physical or personnel, further discussion by the Ministerial Committee.
- Develop other working groups that are necessary for the development of the College Academic and Non-Academic needs. Professional Development working group, Course Approval Committee, library working groups and Disciplinary committee.
- Appraisal and Selection of Candidates)
- Conferring of certificates and diplomas to graduating students
- Considering student's appeals
- The TThC Auxiliary Board is accountable to the Ministerial Committee and work to fulfil the resolutions of the Ministerial Committee regarding the College once endorsed by the KUC Council and General Assembly.
- The TThC Auxiliary Board will work to see that all the College academic programs are in line with the SPATS requirements, and work to raise the level of academic excellence as a vision to be achieved in future.
- The Tangintebu Auxiliary Board will continue to work and serve the KUC through the Ministerial Committee and fulfil its obligations as mandated by the Ministerial Committee

Members

The College Auxiliary Board shall consist of the following members:

Permanent Members

- Secretary for Mission;
- Ministerial Representatives 4 (bishops)
- Principal

- Dean of studies
- Registrar

Appointed Members

- Six (6) Academic Representatives from recognized National Institutions and Government Ministries appointed by permanent members. The six (6) appointed members will serve in the council for two (2) years and reappointed if consented to serve for another term. Appointment of new members will be made if vacancies exist.

Auxiliary Board Meeting

- The Auxiliary Board meets 4 times annually with a provision of extra meetings if required before the sitting of the Ministerial Committee meeting.
- The meeting will be held if half the number of members is present.

Auxiliary Secretariat

- The Chairperson of the Council is to be elected by the council members from among its members excluding the permanent members.
- The Registrar is the secretary to the council

Faculty Members

Faculty members include all teaching staff and are required to carry out special functions as directed by the Principal. The Principal may also prepare a roster whereby all faculty members are assigned for duty each day. The staff on duty will take full responsibility for all matters and inform the Principal of any serious issue needing prompt intervention.

Faculty Meeting Procedures

- The Principal shall be Chairperson;
- The minutes is to be taken by any faculty member;
- The quorum is achieved when half or more of the members are present;
- The Faculty shall meet bi-monthly but may meet more frequently as deemed necessary by Chairperson.

Functions

The main function of the Faculty Meeting is to assist the Principal in the execution of his/her duties and responsibilities, as well as helping the Principal regarding the following:

- The overseeing and coordination of the day-to-day activities and programmes of the College;
- Confirming and designation of courses to each lecturer;
- Moderation of the contents of examination papers for individual courses;
- Recommending new student intake for the following year;
- Development of spiritual, moral and academic standards; and implementation of College rules and policies.

College Executive Management

- The College Executive Management Include: The Principal, Dean of Study and the Registrar

Function

- The College Executive deals with all administration matters of the college
- The College Executive also deals with issues and complaints from students and staff and act to respond to such complaints.
- If the issue or complaint is serious and cannot be dealt with, then the Executive Management will refer the issue or complaint either to the Faculty Meeting or to the Auxiliary Board for further Action.
- If the Auxiliary Board still cannot resolve the issue, the matter will then be referred or taken to the Ministerial Committee for further action.
- The College Executive Management will ensure the smooth running of the college and that everyone are treated fairly and equally.
- The Executive Management will meet weekly to discuss and take action on any matter arising during the week.
- The College Executive is accountable to the Faculty Meeting and the College Auxiliary Board.

Academic Advisory Committee

- The Academic Advisory Committee will include the following members: The Chair, Principal, Dean of studies and 4 academic members from among the council members.

Functions

- The committee will do all academic quality assurance of all courses and programmes;
- Prepare and provide guidelines for lecturers on teaching and learning methodologies;
- Monitoring and evaluating of all College academic programmes;
- Oversee the implementation of South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS) requirements for its awards;
- Provide necessary templates to be used by all teaching staff; and
- Assist in the development of courses outline according to SPATS' guidelines;
- Ensure the observant of the academic rules and regulations and procedures be followed.

Library Working Committee

- The library committee includes: The Principal, one faculty member, a students' representative, and an Educationist (from National Library) and the TThC librarian.

Functions

- Ensure that library rules are clear and properly followed/observed;
- Prepare a Development Plan and Budget Proposal for the library and present to the Council for consideration and further action;
- Place orders for new textbooks as recommended by teaching staff;
- Ensure proper management and book recording system is in place; and
- Provide assistance for students in research work, study methods and techniques for taking exams.

Tangintebu Student Body Association (TSA)

- The Tangintebu Theological Student Body Association (TSA) includes all students who have been registered to study in the TThC.
 - TSA elects its own President, Vice President and Secretary at the beginning of each academic year.
 - The TSA meets once a month to discuss issues and concerns relating to students' welfare and to be forwarded to the College Executive Management for consideration and further actions.
 - All matters concerning students are to be taken to the TSA for discussion and refer to the College Executive for action.
 - TSA is required to fully participate in the College's activities and functions.
 - The President and Vice President are expected to assist the Duty staff in ensuring peace and stability in the campus.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Eligibility Criteria for Admission

- An applicant must pass the entry test other requirements.
- Application Forms are to be sent out in advance to all Island Church Councils (ICCs) where the Chairperson of the ICC will arrange a time for interested candidates to sit the exam.
- Application Forms should be returned to the College in good time for screening purposes, and eligible candidates are then to be informed by the College through the ICC Chairperson or aired on Radio Kiribati. Registration will be done on campus.

Registration and Enrolment

There shall be an induction session to be attended by all newly admitted students at the beginning of a semester/year. In this session, the students will be given a copy of the College's Rules and Regulations, KUC Conditions of Service and KUC Constitution. All students must sign all regulations to show that they fully understand such regulations and consent to comply with them. Academic issues will be dealt with based on the Academic Rules and Regulations while non-academic matters will be dealt with based on the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations.

10.6.3 Academic Rules and Regulations (Refer Policies, Rules and Regulations)

10.6.4 Disciplinary Rules and Regulations (Refer to Policies, Rules and Regulations)

Fees:

- Students are expected to clear full tuition by week 7 of each semester. The College will notify the defaulting students through writing and may terminate their registration if the tuition fees remain outstanding.
- Student's grade will not be released unless student's fees for the previous semester are cleared.

Fee for Certificate and Diploma students

- Registration fee- \$50
- Boarders- \$715 per semester
- Day scholars- \$465 per semester

Fee for B.D students

- \$4900 per annum

Academic Programmes

Tangintebu Theological College offers these programmes in 2021.

1. Certificate in Theology (Level 4)
2. Diploma in Theology (Level 6)
3. Bachelor of Divinity (Level 7)

Certificate in Theology IV

Objectives

- To prepare and assist those interested to serve in different sectors of life enabling them to share the Gospel wherever they go;
- Prepare those who want to pursue further theological education in other theological institutions outside Kiribati;
- To prepare lay people, deacon and deaconess for service in local congregations and assist Ministers in evangelical work

Outcomes

- Learn basic theological education to enable them to assist in Pastoral Ministry in Kiribati
- Articulate basic theological insights and reflection to resolve emerging contemporary issues faced by church communities
- Communicate basic informed views with clear theological arguments in addressing issues faced by the Church

Admission

- Age should be 19 to 59 years
- Pass entry test
- Satisfactory personal report from Ministers/ Island Council Church (ICC) Chairperson
- Be approved by Auxiliary Board
- Those who have completed studies at recognized Theological institutions will be considered for recognition of prior learning (RPL)
- Those students wanting to further their studies in the Diploma programme, must first complete the Certificate in Theology (Level 4), worth 116 credits.

Award and Certification

- attained the required Credit Point of Study (116 Credits)
- satisfactorily completed all requirements of Extra Curricula Activities specified for this programme
- Attendance and punctuality should be within 80-100%
- Attained satisfactory mark
- Students who wish to do Diploma in Theology should have average minimum of Grade B and over)
- paid in full all fees and debts owed to the college.

Courses Framework

| Certificate in Theology Level IV (4 Terms)-Compulsory Courses | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| No | Course Code | Course Title | Credit Points |
| 1 | TCH1401 | Early Church History | 13 |
| 2 | TCH1402 | Medieval Ages | 9 |
| 3 | TPM1401 | Worship and Liturgy | 13 |
| 4 | TPM1402 | Introduction to Homiletics | 16 |
| 5 | TNT 1401 | Introduction to New Testament | 12 |
| 6 | TOT1401 | Introduction to Old Testament | 13 |
| 7 | BIB1401 | Biblical Exegesis | 10 |
| 8 | TTE1401 | Introduction to Christian Theology | 7 |
| 9 | TTE1402 | Triune God | 7 |
| 10 | TTE1403 | Christology | 8 |
| 11 | MUS1401 | Introduction to Music | 8 |
| | | Total Credit Points | 116 |

Diploma in Theology VI

Objectives

- To provide quality and practical theological education in the main disciplines of (biblical studies, theology, Church History, Pastoral Ministry)
- To train and equip learners in theology in order to achieve their full potential in their chosen vocations irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, class or ability;
- To analyse and critically interpret the situation theologically;
- To become highly involved in the Church's mission as competent Ministers
- To demonstrate spiritual and leadership skills and behavior in their personal lives;
- To be able to adapt and contextualize theology according to personal experiences

Outcomes:

- Learn and apply the Word of God to people theologically in a different context
- Engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions
- Articulate quality theological insight and critical reflection
- Communicate informed views through a well-structured and clear theological argument to respond appropriately to problematic and contemporary challenges in the ministry of the Kiribati Uniting Church.
- Graduates are equipped for critical study, especially of Christian texts and traditions

Admission

- Students should attain average B Grade Certificate in Theology
- Those students wanting to further their studies in the Bachelor of Divinity programme, must first complete the Diploma in Theology (Level 6), worth 240 credits and attain average of B Grade
- Those who have completed studies at recognized Theological institutions will be considered for recognition of prior learning (RPL)
- Attendance should be satisfactory
- Settle outstanding payments
- Be approved by Auxiliary Board

Award and Certification

- attained the required Credit Point of Study (240 credit points)
- satisfactorily completed all requirements of Extra Curricula Activities specified for the programme
- Attendance and punctuality should be satisfactory (within 80-100%)
- Average mark should have Pass grade of 50% (Transition B.D should have attained B+ ranges from 70-74% and above)
- Paid in full all fees and debts owed to the college.

Course Framework

| Diploma in Theology (Level VI) Courses | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| No | Course Code | Course Title | Credit Points |
| 1 | TCH2603 | Reformation | 10 |
| 2 | TCH2604 | Ecumenism | 14 |
| 3 | TCH2605 | Pacific Church History | 12 |
| 4 | TPM2603 | Introduction to Pastoral care and Counselling | 13 |
| 5 | TPM2604 | Christian Education | 12 |
| 6 | TPM2605 | Church Administration | 11 |
| 7 | LANG2601 | Biblical Greek Language | 11 |
| 8 | TNT 2602 | Synoptic Gospel | 15 |
| 9 | TNT2603 | The Study of Pauline Letters | 14 |
| 10 | TNT2604 | Revelation | 14 |
| 11 | LANH2602 | Biblical Hebrew Language | 10 |
| 12 | TOT2603 | History of Israel | 10 |
| 13 | TOT2604 | Pentateuch | 10 |
| 14 | TOT2605 | The Study of Daniel | 14 |
| 15 | TTE2604 | Missiology | 13 |
| 16 | TTE2605 | Christian Ethics and Social Issues | 20 |
| 17 | TTE2606 | Contextual Theology | 15 |
| 18 | MUS2602 | Practical Music | 9 |
| 19 | EAP2601 | English for Academic Purposes | 13 |
| Total Credit Points | | | 240 |

Bachelor of Divinity

Objectives

- Critically examines life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological traditions and historical contexts.
- Broaden self-understanding and facilitate cultural engagement.
- Develop knowledge across broad areas of theology and depth in particular areas of interest.
- Develop research and communication skills to resolute issues and prepares graduates for further theological study.

Outcomes

- Have a broad, coherent and critical knowledge of Christian theological traditions and methodologies,
- articulate the acquired knowledge and skills to generate theological insights and communicate them through clear reasoned argument.
- Engage theological traditions and contemporary culture.
- Have a theologically informed basis for engagement and service in community and the World

Admission

- Average mark from Diploma in Theology should be B+ and above
- Attendance should be satisfactory
- Settle outstanding payments
- Be approved by Auxiliary Board

Award and Certification.

- attained the required Credit Point of Study (398 credit points)
- satisfactorily completed all requirements of Extra Curricula Activities specified for the programme
- attendance and punctuality should be satisfactory (should be 80-100%)
- Pass Research Thesis
- Attain Average Pass mark
- paid in full all fees and debts owed to the college.

Course Framework

| Bachelor of Divinity (Level VII) Course Framework (4 Terms) | | | |
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| No | Course Code | Course Title | Credit Points |
| 1 | TNT3705 | Study of the Gospels | 25 |
| 2 | TNT3706 | Studies in the Letters ascribed to Paul | 29 |
| 3 | TNT3707 | Studies in the Apocalypses | 26 |
| 4 | TCH3706 | The Challenges of Mission Church in the Gilberts 1857-1968 | 15 |
| 5 | TCH3707 | Christianity in the Gilbert Islands | 18 |
| 6 | TCH3708 | Theological School in Kiribati (1859-2020) | 19 |
| 7 | TCH3709 | History of the Kiribati Uniting Church | 17 |
| 8 | TTE3707 | Ethical Principles | 22 |
| 9 | TTE3708 | Gender Equality | 20 |
| 10 | TTE3709 | Environmental Ethics | 22 |
| 11 | TTE3710 | Theology and Disaster Resilience | 22 |
| 12 | TPM3706 | Gender and Ministry | 23 |
| 13 | TPM3707 | Practical Theology. | 17 |
| 14 | TPM3708 | Ministry in a Changing World | 18 |
| 15 | TPM3704 | Spiritual Direction in the Christian Tradition | 30 |
| 16 | TBS3706 | Biblical Hermeneutics | 11 |
| 17 | TOT3707 | Study of the Prophets | 10 |
| 18 | TOT3708 | Deuteronomist History | 11 |
| 19 | TOT3709 | The Study of the Writings | 13 |
| 20 | THES3700 | Thesis Writing (30) | 30 |
| | | Total Credit Points | 398 |

Cross crediting and Recognition of prior learning

- Students needs to apply 1 month prior to start of Academic year for cross-crediting and RPL
- Head of Departments in formal close consultations with Academic Advisory Committee can approve cross-crediting and recognition of prior learning.
- Credit will be awarded as a result of a students
 - Being enrolled in a course and having fulfilled the academic and attendance requirements for successful completion of that course
 - Being successfully assessed for recognition of prior learning (RPL)

(see details in Cross-crediting Policy)

Supplementary Examinations/ Assessment

- In some circumstances a student who has an academic consideration request may be offered a supplementary examination/ assessment in addition to, or instead of, the final examination/assessment. Supplementary examinations/ assessments will normally be scheduled as close to the scheduled examination/ assessment time as possible.
- Completing a supplementary examination / assessment may delay the release of final result to a student who undertakes supplementary examination/ assessment.
- The concerned HOD and AAC may granted Aegrotat Passes in dealing with instances of impaired performance of students due to: i. impaired performance where learners cannot complete an assessment because of circumstances beyond control such as bereavement, illness or injury.

14. Reconsideration of grades

- A student can apply for a remark of any assessable work by writing a letter to the Dean. The request must be submitted no later than two working days after the release of grades.
- The concerned HOD will submit provisional grades to AAC for confirmation and endorsement prior to the student being notified of the awarded grades. In cases where the final course results change after the release of the final results, this change must be approved by TAAC.
- If a student is not satisfied with the outcome of the remark request, the student may appeal to Academic Dean for reconsideration. This is only valid for 2 weeks after the marks being released.

Grading System

| Letters | Mark | Point | Letters | Mark | Point |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|--------------------|-------|
| A+ | 90-100 | 10 | C | 55 – 59 | 3 |
| A | 85-89 | 9 | C- | 50 – 54 | 2 |
| A- | 80– 84 | 8 | D | 45– 49 | 1 |
| B+ | 75 – 79 | 7 | E | 00-44 | 0 |
| B | 70 – 74 | 6 | I | Incomplete | |
| B- | 65 – 69 | 5 | AP | Aegrotat Pass | |
| C+ | 60-64 | 4 | CR | Credit Recognition | |

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are as follows:

- Meets the satisfactory requirements of every course within each programme.
- Attendance requirement for each course, has been met.
- Exhibits a spiritual pastoral calling and effective leadership qualities.
- Displays stability, and a genuine submissive and cooperative spirit.
- Upon the recommendation of the Principal and Academic Advisory Committee to the Tangintebu Auxiliary Council for their approval.

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