

FACE TO FACE 2014



PROGRAMME BRIEF

Face to Face aims to invite the youth participants in cultural, social, theological and contextual realities for them to understand, to motivate and to engage with the realities on how the fullness of life is being denied to the large majority of the world's population.

Specifically, Face to Face Programme is designed for students (not yet ordained) who are preparing for ministry. Participants from around the world will spend seven (7) to eight (8) weeks in one (1) of the three (3) Face to Face Programme locations. They will have opportunities to hear and to bear witness to the narratives of the people, as well to encounter diverse theologies, histories, societies, social realities and personal stories.

<p>Republic of FIJI Pacific Theological College, Suva 14 July – 29 August 2014</p>	<p>Participants will come Face to Face:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific culture, history and tradition & Pacific theology • Kava drinking, Lovo feasting, island hopping, Meke songs and dances • Social deprivation, poverty, ecological degradation, high unemployment, and gender issues <p>Field placement will be in the different island communities in Fiji.</p>
<p>Republic of INDIA Bishop's College, Kolkata & Aizawl Theological College, Aizawl 5 September – 31 October 2014</p>	<p>Participants will come Face to Face with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse sides of South Asia - bustling, vibrant and radically challenging urban lives; and rural mining and tribal realities • Poverty, deprivation and disease, alongside traditional dance drama and song • Dalit theology, religious pluralism, and gender issues <p>Field placements are designed to expose participants to the Indian mission context.</p>
<p>Republic of ZAMBIA United Church of Zambia Theological College, Kitwe 29 September – 15 November 2014</p>	<p>Participants will come Face to Face with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the beat of African traditions, songs, dances, religions theologies and cultures. • pre and post-colonial history. • realities of poverty, HIV/AIDS, social stigmatisation, and church social outreach <p>Field placements will be in urban and rural churches and communities.</p>

Each participant is expected to prepare a paper, under the guidance of a college advisor, which critically reflects on his or her experience. Face to Face Programme is not designed to form part of any other degree or diploma course, however said paper may be included in the assessment process for the participant's academic coursework, subject to prior agreement with the participant's home college. CWM may also consider these papers for publication.

Programme Partners

CWM Empowerment and Training Unit administers the Face to Face Programme. However, its actual implementation is a shared responsibility among CWM, the sending church/college, the host college, and the participant. Particularly, some of CWM's and Participant's responsibilities include:

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- Arranges and covers expenses for the student's international travel.
- Provides for accommodation and meal expenses throughout the Programme as well as allowance during the field placement

Participant

- Arranges for own passport, as well as required visa including transit visas, if necessary. Participants may seek assistance from the Church/college. ***CWM will not cover cost of passport nor process the participant's visa requirements.***
- Have extra spending money for expenses outside those covered by CWM.

Qualifications

Face to Face Programme participants must:

- Be a student of Theology, either currently enrolled or has already graduated, and is **not** an ordained minister
- Have strong interest in missions and theological engagement from diverse cultural perspectives; and be inquisitive about how theological studies addresses social issues in their contexts and beyond
- Be fully available for the whole duration of the Programme

Selection Process

1. All CWM member churches are encouraged to nominate a maximum of two (2) participants, one (1) male and one (1) female, for the Face to Face Programme each year. Applications will be endorsed by the General Secretary of the sending church, following its respective internal selection process.
2. Ecumenical partner organisations are also encouraged to nominate participants.
3. *Applicants must indicate first and second choices for Programme locations.* Duly accomplished applications must be submitted to CWM at (e-mail): empowerment@cwmission.org or hard copy at (address): **Empowerment and Training, Council for World Mission, 400 Orchard Road, #23-05 Orchard Towers, Singapore 238875** on or before **2 May 2014**. Late and/or incomplete application forms will not be processed.
4. All the applications will be processed by the CWM-Empowerment and Training unit ensuring balance in gender and regional representation are maintained
5. Progress and other pertinent details will be reported to the CWM Trustee Body every year.
6. Upon notification of selected participants, they are expected to process their passport and visa requirements, if necessary.