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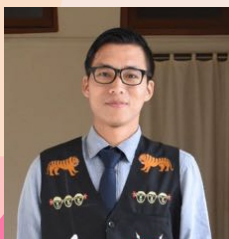


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- ~Received his degree from Madras University in Christian Studies.
- ~ His research interest span Philosophy of Physics, Theology, Economics & Complex Systems, Science & Religion.
- ~ Currently working as an Assistant Commissioner, IRS (C&CE) Govt. of India in Kalyani, Kolkata.

Azhoni Krichena

- ~ Completed his M. Tech from IIT-Delhi
- ~ Worked as a scientist in Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for 6 years. He then resigned to focus on research work.
- ~ He recently completed his PhD in Cranfield University, UK in Environmental Engineering.



Kanato Chophi

- ~Completed his PhD in Anthropology from Delhi University
- ~ Worked as Asst. Professor, Social Anthropology, Center for Study of Cultural Societies in Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi for three years
- ~ Recently selected as a Fellow of the New India Foundation.

Jeremiah Doumai

- ~Research scholar from Delhi University
- ~Worked as a staff worker of UESI for 8 years.
- ~He lives in Delhi with his wife Savita, who works with Emmanuel Hospital Association and their two kids.



Amritraj Joshua Paul (Amrit)

- ~Currently pursuing his Doctorate of Theology under the Senate of Serampore at the Federated Faculty for Research in Religion and Culture (FFRRC) in Kottayam.
- ~He is married to Reshma and they have a son and a daughter.
- ~Previously they worked as Kerala staff family.

Compulsory Book List:

1. Rise and Fall of Nations by Ruchir Sharma
2. Exclusion and Embrace by Miroslav Volf

The strongly suggested Readings are:

1. Connectography by Parag Khanna
2. The Message of Holiness by Derek Tidball
3. Who Owns the Future by Jaron Lanier.

The Bible portions for meditation are:

Nahum, Jonah, Habakkuk and Philippians

There will be book/ Group presentations by ND-EGF, Please refer to the reading lists given in the registration form and tick your options.

Expect lots of creative and strategic summer study games

INFORMATION

Registration Fee: Rs 3500 for Non-Salaried and 5000 for Salaried people.

For Registration please get in touch with Contact Persons

Journey will begin on the evening of 1st July for those starting from Delhi.

Note: Please bring Bible, Torchlight, Hot waterbag/Blanket if you are sensitive to cold weather

North Delhi EGF (UESI) Presents Intensive Summer Study 2017



**Enlarging Hearts, Expanding Minds:
Kingdom Living in the 21st Century**

2 July- 15 July

**Venue: YWAM Dharamshala
Himachal Pradesh**

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Enlarging Hearts, Expanding Minds:
Kingdom Living in the 21st Century

We are not all hearts nor are we all brains. We are created to love as well as to think. Historians say the early Christians out-loved and out-think their neighbors, their persecutors as well as their enemies. Should the 21st century disciples of Jesus the Messiah be any less? The Word of God is the same yesterday and today. Yet each generation cannot escape the hard work of working out for itself what it means to follow Jesus in our own world – a world that is an intriguing juxtaposition of bullock carts alongside BMWs, skyscrapers and slums, doctors and shamans, have nots and have yachts...! Meanwhile large section of the church is incapacitated from within by poor or shallow Theology of Creation, Work and Redemption. Important questions like “How does one live as a follower of our Lord Jesus in a world which the Holy Scripture declares is our Father’s world but yet is marred and disfigured by sin and evil?” is given a short shrift if not out rightly ignored. Even the very word ‘Blessing’ is diminished to God giving "me" a comfortable lifestyle on earth.

It’s vital we remind ourselves that the final word on ‘following Christ’ or ‘how to be the church’ aren't penned down yet. Else there would have been no need to write anything on Polity and Society after St Augustine or on Philosophy after Thomas Aquinas and so on. They were faithful in their own times. Should we be less? The Psalmist declares that the earth and everything in it is created by God. But for all that the naked eye can see under the sun, the world is run by humans with their idea, with their philosophy, their vision of what politics, economics, family and society should be. God so loved the world meant God cares for the physical environment, the social, political and economic systems where the lives of His creation (us and flora and fauna) is embedded. Salvation for the Christian is not an escape from this world. We will be judged and rewarded depending upon how faithfully we articulate the Good News – the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in our own world, be it Northeast India, North India, Central or South India or beyond.

If it were so easy to read the Bible by oneself and understand everything! Polycarp had John, Mark had Peter, Timothy had Paul and Paul had a Gamaliel (not a Christian!) – the Holy Spirit used human mentors. Who do you have?

The Artificial Intelligence geek working in a NASA lab is as much beloved by, and created in the image of God as is the tribal or the adivasi in Jharkhand or Arunachal. What does God’s good news mean to them? The 21st Century world of Rocket Science and Nanotechnology is a world beyond the comprehension of St Paul or Peter. But what they wrote in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit continues to be relevant today for the physicist pushing himself to unlock the mystery of Nuclear Fusion or the medical scientist involved in stem cell research.

The Intensive Summer Study 2017 is for those who are not satisfied with the status quo – people who yearn for a deeper, richer experience of God, people who wish to transform ordinary living into extraordinary accomplishment in time by the power of the Spirit.

Some of the topics that will be explored this year are: Evil and ethnic conflicts, Holiness, History of Science, Technology & Society, International Relations and Global Economy, Understanding the Scripture better and so on. As you come you will find yourself to have your hearts enlarged and your minds expanded- a slight glimpse or a taste of how God sees and want you to see.

Week 1 July 2-8		
Devotionals	Amrit Joshua	Nahum, Jonah and Habakkuk
BOOKS/TOPICS	Presenter	Aim and Abstract
Science & Religion: Some Truths and Lies in Social Media	Ginminlen Touthang 3 sessions	A debunking of many deeply entrenched myths is in order when it comes to the interaction of Science and the Christian Faith. The forgotten positive contributions of Christian Theology to the birth of Modern Science will also be examined. Time permitting a brief history of the varieties of Creationism will be undertaken.
Technology & The Human	Roni Chakre 3 sessions	Technology is a cultural artifact. As Evolution via Natural Selection is now being superseded by Cultural Evolution for Homo Sapiens, a critical reflection on what we are becoming through the technologies decided for us by a minority elite in Silicon valley and elsewhere is a must. How should we respond as a follower of Jesus?
On How to Read the Bible & the Gospel	Samuel Vaiphei 4 sessions	What do Christians mean when they say the Bible is Gods' word? How could a book written over a period of 1500+ years by different authors compiled some two millennium back has any relevance for us today? How do we interpret this ancient text for our present age?
Contemporary Challenges	Amrit Joshua Paul 3 sessions	- A theology of work - The Church and the challenge of nation building and community making - Secularism, Violence and the Cross @ Rene Girard
The Message of Holiness	Azhoni Krichena 3 sessions Amrit Joshua Paul 3 sessions	When it comes to holiness, most of us relegate it to notions of personal purity alone. But what does the Bible really have to say about holiness? Explore the various rich dimensions of holiness in the scripture.
Eschatology & the Questions of Rapture	Jeremiah Duomai 3 sessions	Exposition of the primary eschatological schemes in currency in the Christian world: its origins and implications. The who's who of eschatology along with denominational affiliations.
Smart Hard-Work For Deep Results	Kanato Chophi 3 sessions	What are the daily habits necessary to have world class production in any field of study or work?
On Being Decisive	Azhoni Krichena 3 sessions	Hard work brings profit and mere words lead only to poverty as the Proverbs say. In what way can we go beyond mere desires and wishful thinking to decisive actions?

Week 2 July 10-15		
Devotionals	Samuel Vaiphei	Gospel of John (select) Philippians
BOOKS/TOPICS	Presenter	Aim and Abstract
Briefing of the main highlights of Jubilee Course in Public policy	Lamminlun Kipgen TK Khuveio 3 sessions	The course participants will briefly share the highlights of what they have learned and their experiences.
Exclusion & Embrace	Kanato Chophi 6 sessions	Can we embrace those who had launched a genocidal war against us? What does the Theology of the Cross have to say about this? Can we forgive at the expense of Justice? An in-depth study of a book of the same title by Miroslav Volf
What's going on in the World? How can you join them and be God's Co-creators.	Azhoni Krichena 5 Sessions	Subduing the earth and ruling over the creatures is humanity's chief function as God's image bearers. God has made abundant resources available for us. How do we as stewards make use of it? Ideas from two remarkable thinkers, Peter Diamandis and Parag Khanna will be explored along with comments from the perspective of an Environmental Engineer.
Moral Corruption and Climate Change	Azhoni Krichena 1 session	A close examination of the Climate Change debate and the misrepresentations & denials.
Sociology & Psychology of Evil- Individual & Systemic, and Ethnic Conflicts: A Pastoral Response	Samuel Vaiphei 6 sessions	What is evil? What is its relation to Sin? Why and how do we hate not only individuals but entire communities? How does ethnic conflict arise? What can we do about it? What are the sins that wrap individual and entire societies? What is the Trinitarian response to the conundrum of Sin and Evil?
The Rise and Fall of Nations: Explorations in International Relations & Global Economy with a Biblical Critique	Samuel Vaiphei 5 sessions	God cares for entire nations too. The fortunes of the individual soul is often tied up with the fortunes of the nations. Herein a Christian assessment and critique of Ruchir Sharma's best selling book will be undertaken with contemplations on how to make India a great nation