

# Church Of God International Bible College Is For You Too!

Question and Answer Session with Pastor Raymond Lombard



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## Why did you start the Church Of God International Bible College (COGIBC)?

There are more than 3 million untrained preachers in the world today – only 7% are theologically trained! The short answer is to equip the 93% of untrained preachers for their ministry on a global scale.

In light of the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ will celebrate its 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2030 (God willing), we have made it our goal to train, equip, and inspire preachers, church leaders, evangelists, and the Body of Christ on a global scale so that spiritual formation can take place.



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## Q Who will benefit from your course?

In many African countries, churches have – on average – one trained pastor for every 50 churches! The aim is therefore to provide training to the 93% of pastors and preachers who are not trained adequately (or not at all) and to equip them with the help of a theological, pastorally-recognised programme.

Then there are those who study theology – not necessarily to make it their profession, but simply to equip themselves in the Word. COGIBC offers them such an opportunity.

### BRIDGING COURSE (6 Months)

## Q Many church leaders, or people in Africa and worldwide who would like to equip themselves further in the Bible, have not completed their schooling (matric). Can they study further?

There is a great need amongst this group of people. They are excluded from many academic institutions and do not have access to further

study until they have passed matric. Many of those who have a burning desire to go to Bible College face this barrier and have given up all hope. Now there is an opportunity for them to study further. Our bridging course opens the door for them and even allows those who have not obtained a matric to continue their studies. Recognition of Prior Learning – RPL – will be taken into account later.

## Q What does this bridging course entail?

The bridging course is a preparatory course with a curriculum that prepares students for deeper theological study. It ensures that prospective Bible school students all have the same foundation when tackling the curriculum and that the fundamental building blocks of the Gospel are well established. In other words, every student starts with a solid, sound understanding of the Christian faith.

## Q How long does the bridging course take and what does the course cover?

The course takes six months to complete and is called *Transformation*

*Acts 20/20*. It covers the following topics:

- Redefine the Believer
- Redefine the Church
- Redefine the Gospel
- Redefine the Preacher

### BIBLE COLLEGE



## Q What does COGIBC offer to prospective students?

We are a unique theological college in Africa with a curriculum that focuses directly on the theological training of prospective students who have never before had the opportunity to qualify themselves theologically. We offer a Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM) which is endorsed and issued by the Europe Theological Seminary (ETS).

## Q Do people have to physically attend the Bible College, or can it also be done online like the Bridging Course?

This course is only done via distance education; no classes are physically attended. The Bible College is accessible to anyone and everyone: whether you live in an urban city or in a remote rural area, e.g. Sudan, Chad, Niger, etc. The Bible College is now within your reach.

## Q What do your students obtain?

A Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM). This is a course in theology and church management.

## Q What are the admission requirements?

Students must be able to read and write English.

## Q How long does it take to obtain the CTM certificate?

Usually three years, with a curriculum of 36 different subjects. »



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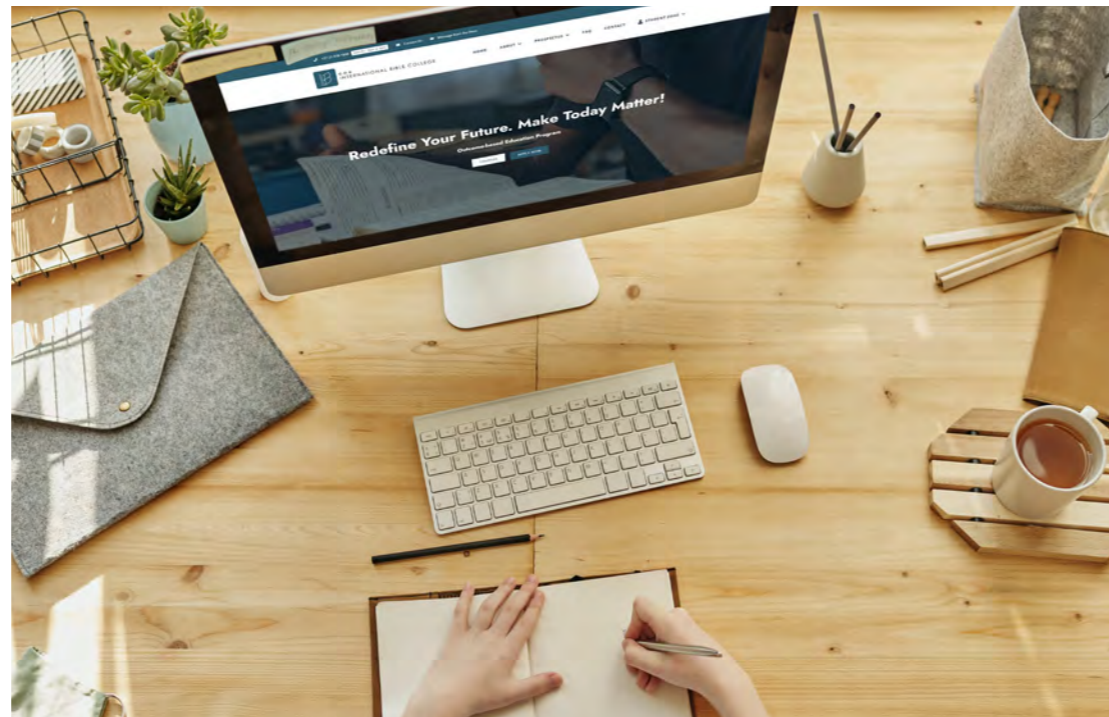
*“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*  
 – 2 Timothy 2:15

## CTM CURRICULUM (3 years)

THEOLOGY I	THEOLOGY II	THEOLOGY III
Church Dogmatics	Christian Evidence	Pneumatology
Theology Proper	Anthropology	Ecclesiology
Dispensational Truth	Soteriology	The book of Revelation (Eschatology)
Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven		Christology

BIBLICAL STUDIES I	BIBLICAL STUDIES II	BIBLICAL STUDIES III
Galatians	Old Testament Survey	The book of Daniel (Eschatology)
Christian Evidence	New Testament Survey	Romans
Bibliology	Tabernacle Studies	Prophecy
Names of God	Life, Teaching & Mind of Paul	Spirit World (Polemics)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY I	PASTORAL THEOLOGY II	PASTORAL THEOLOGY III
Church History	Counselling/ Ethical Aspects	Pastoral Theology
Liturgy	New Testament Survey	New Testament Ministries
Biblical Science of Missions	Homiletics II	Church Growth
Homiletics I	Practical Theology	Personal Evangelism



### Q Who was involved in creating the curriculum content?

COGIBC's curriculum has been compiled by a group of selected academic theologians who are experts in their field.

### Q Do students write exams?

No, students are required to complete a Portfolio of Evidence for each subject. The students must basically master ministry skills. This means that students receive a comprehension test and answer it in their own words after he/ she has completed each unit. The portfolio is completed electronically and then marked by assessors and examiners.

### Q Do students receive any resources from the Bible College?

Students receive a package with a student guide, Portfolio of Evidence workbook, and a Portfolio guide. The guide will help students identify the Portfolio of Evidence requirements for their final evaluation. Students can be assisted by the facilitator in preparing their final Portfolio.

### Q Are you accredited?

COGIBC is privileged to have their qualifications endorsed internationally by various institutions. In April 2021, the *Church of God World Missions Africa Council* approved the College's curriculum for the use of pastoral training and to add value to ministers' ministry in Africa and worldwide. An important aspect of this decision is that this approval gives all students who are members of the *Church of God in Africa* the opportunity to apply for admission to the ministry in the Church of God (Africa) upon registration with COGIBC. It now creates the opportunity for students in 44 African countries to obtain their theological academic qualifications through COGIBC with the full support of the *Church of God World Missions Africa Council*.

Accredited by the *European Theological Seminary (ETS)* in Germany, which is an academic institution in academic relationship with Lee University in Cleveland USA, has concluded a memorandum of understanding with COGIBC. Furthermore, an academic postgraduate opportunity is created for students who meet certain ETS admission requirements to study further at ETS after completing their studies at COGIBC. Through the necessary recognition of prior learning (RPL), with supplementary studies, students can obtain an accredited Bachelor's degree at ETS.

The Faculty Board and Senate of COGIBC are currently in further negotiations with other academic institutions to obtain further benefits for students to pursue the best academic career opportunities.

## COST

### Q How much does your Bible College cost?

A once-off fee of R500 is payable upon registration and is valid for the full duration of the course. The cost for one year of study at the Bible School is R3000. That is R250 per subject/module. We offer a **FANTASTIC DISCOUNT** for students who register for our first year in 2021/2022 – **50% EXEMPTION ON ALL SUBJECT FEES!** This means that it will cost a prospective student only R1500 to study with us for a year. Included in this is the student's study guide (in PDF format) of the subject/module. It can be printed out or downloaded, or read on the electronic medium used by the student.

### Q Why would you advise students to study at your Bible College?

1. The curriculum is a Word-based Biblical-accountable study for the student through a systematic curriculum in the Word.
2. The College places theology in the hands of every student, and Bible knowledge is now within the reach of every student.
3. The student also has the opportunity to study theology further, because there is now an academic path that can take them further in their studies through the already existing memorandum of agreement that we have obtained. ■

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