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## **Profile**

A theological teacher presents the course materials in clear, exciting, and innovative ways and works with each student to help them achieve academic goals.

## **Highlights**

- Creative lesson planning
- Critical thinker
- Positive and encouraging
- Kind and empathetic
- Experiential learning

## **Education**

### **[ Theological]**

Philosophiae Doctor [ Ph.D.] 2012-2017

North West University, South Africa

Dissertation: Conversion in the religious- pluralistic context of India: A Missiological response

Master of Theology [ M.Th.] 2001-2003

Specialization: Mission & Ecumenic

United Theological College, Bangalore [ affiliated to Serampore university]

Thesis: A missiological interpretation of *Pneuma* and *Eschatos* of the Pentecostal tradition as a response to ecological crisis

Bachelor of Divinity [ B.D.] 1997-1999

United Theological College, Bangalore [ affiliated to Serampore University]

Thesis: Ecological crisis and the role of the church with reference to global warming.

Bachelor of Theology [ B.Th.] 1991-1995

Faith Theological Seminary, Manakala, India [ affiliated to Serampore University]

## **Education**

### **[ Secular]**

Master of Business Education [ M.B.A.] 2016-2018]

Specialization in Human Resource

Assam Don Bosco University [ distance mode]

Thesis: The prospective use of business intelligence among the Pentecostal churches in Dubai.

## **TEACHING**

### **Experience**

1. Professor of Mission and Intercultural Studies at Gilgal Biblical Seminary, Dubai [Accredited by Lee University & ATA].

**Position:** Academic Dean

### **Subjects taught – Master of Theology. (Missiology students)**

- Biblical & Theological foundation of Mission
- Intercultural communication and Mission
- Methodological issues in Mission
- Gender issues & Mission
- Research Methodology

### **Subjects taught - Master of Divinity**

- Introduction mission and evangelism
- Pauline theology of Mission

2. Worship Center College of Theology, Sharjah -  
Affiliated to IPC [ 2014- 2019]  
Professor of Missiology  
Head of Master of theology program
3. Assistant Professor of mission and ecumenic at India Bible  
College & Seminary, Kumbanad, Kerala, India [ 2005-2007]
4. Lecturer of mission and ecumenic at New Life Biblical  
College, Bangalore, India [2003-2005]
5. Founder of Zoe leadership Institute  
[\[www.zoeleadershipinstitute.com\]](http://www.zoeleadershipinstitute.com), an institution that trains  
laypeople to participate in theological and community  
transformation projects. The introduction of theological  
education free of cost has played a major role in presenting  
the gospel in a culturally appropriate way, which made the  
message of Jesus applicable to their condition and enabled  
them to challenge the dehumanizing force.

## **Academic Papers**

Contextual presentation and demonstration of the  
Gospel in U.A.E. Paper presentation at Haggai  
conference at G.L.C. Dubai. Jan 21, 2019.

Mission and conversion: A biblical approach. A paper  
was presented at LPC London on Nov 4. 2018.

The challenge of religious pluralism in the context of  
mission. A paper presentation at Worship school of  
theology, Sharjah, 1-15. 2018.

Understanding of Conversion in the modern missionary  
movement. Gilgal voice 12: 12-16, 2017.

Christian Mission in India: A Historical Review. Revive  
16 (3) : 50-58. 2017

The nature and image of the church in India in the context of Nationalist movements. Mission India conference, Deharadun, 25-40.

The "otherness" - a self-identity of Biblical believers.  
*Sojourner* 5(2): 75-79. 2018.