



ST ANDREW'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SATC)

COURSE NAME: CARIBBEAN THEOLOGY AND ECUMENISM

COURSE CODE: CTE200

COURSE CREDIT: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a study of ecumenism from the perspective of biblical antecedents, the relationship of ecumenism to economics and ecology, and how the ecumenical movement influenced the development of Caribbean theology.

AIM:

- To develop a commitment to ecumenism.
- To pursue the development of Caribbean theology.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students must be able to:

- Analyse the broad span of the ecumenical endeavour.
- Understand ecumenism as church unity and beyond.
- Demonstrate an understanding of ecumenism as being inclusive of the unity and well being of the human race.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the interconnectivity of ecumenism, economics and ecology.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Using Mark 10:35-45 and parallels in Matthew and Luke to look at the divisiveness of power-seeking in the Christian Church. Study of Acts 15:1-35 to reflect on racism in the Church. Study of Paul's dealing with class divisions in 1 Corinthians 1:10ff, 3:1-9, 11:17ff.
2. Biblical foundations to ecumenism. The use of the word *oikoumene* "the whole inhabited earth" in the bible. Two ecumenical agenda in the New Testament—the Divine and the Imperialist.
3. Ecumenism and human development. Three *oikos* words, ecumenism, economics and ecology and their inter-relatedness. Ecumenism and the unity and well-being of the human family. Ecumenism and the responsibility for creation.
4. Ecumenism and the development of Caribbean Theology. The Caribbean Conference of Churches, Idris Hamid, Roy Neehall, Robert Cuthbert, etc.

COURSE TEXTS:

Balasuriya, T. (2000). *Globalization and human solidarity*. Retrieved September 18, 2010 from <http://www.religion-online.org/showbook.asp?title=1449> .

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Brunner, E. (1937). *The Divine imperative*. (O. Wyon, Trans.). London: Lutterworth Press. Section 3—The Community of Labour, pp. 384-439.

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- Greider, W. (2003). *The soul of capitalism*. New York: Simon & Schuster Paperbacks.
- Michel, O. (1983). Oikoumene. In *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (Vol. 5, pp. 157-159). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.
- Sitahal, H. (2000). "*Ecumenism and historical realities in the Caribbean*," Unpublished.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:

Group discussions
Interactive lectures
Individual and group presentations

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

Attendance & Class Participation	10%
Group presentation (and/or debate)	30%
Final Research paper	60%
TOTAL	100%