

#### ABOUT THE MAR THOMA INSTITUTE OF MISSION AND CULTURE (MIMC)

*"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."* **Romans 1:16** 

The Mar Thoma Institute of Mission and Culture (MIMC) is a "Sapthathi" project of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, which started in 2020, on his 70th birthday with a goal to equip the members of the church to engage creatively for a biblically based, ecumenically motivated, and evangelically oriented mission of the church through cultural reflections.

#### THEOLOGICAL STATEMENT OF MIMC 210: INTRODUCTION TO MISSION AND CULTURE

The theology of the early Church springs from the proclamation (*Kerugma*, in Greek) of the early Church which contains the message of Jesus that the reign of God (Kingdom of God) has come near. The proclamation of the Kingdom of God is the mission of the church. The burden of the church is to announce it in different cultural milieus as was done in the past, especially during the apostolic times. For example, the concept *Logos* was not a Christian concept. The apostle John takes it from the Greek culture and interpreted it in such a way that it is acceptable for all people, especially to Greeks, Jews, and Christians, in order to proclaim that Jesus Christ is *Logos*, the Eternal Word.



Mar Thoma Mission Board - Diocese of North America & Europe



# MIMC 210: Introduction to Mission and Culture

A six-week online course

# FEBRUARY 25, 2023 - APRIL 12, 2023



**CARMEL MAR THOMA CENTER** 6015 Old Stone Mountain Road, Stone Mountain, GA 60015

#### **MIMC 210: Introduction to Mission and Culture**

### **Course Description**

Preparing to become authentic members of the Church and leaders of it requires a critical examination of the ideologies and cultural context of contemporary society. This course examines the meaning of the Gospel and our faithfulness towards it, the nature and mission of the Church, and the relationship between the Church and the Kingdom of God, the Salvific act of God perfected in Christ Jesus and being fulfilled in the life of the individual believer in the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God, and the calling of the people of God (members of the Church) to witness the salvation of God in Christ in every sphere of life within the culture of the present day as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

# Date, Timing, and Format

Course sessions for MIMC 210 will be held from February 25 to April 12, 2023. The lectures for the course will exclusively be held on Zoom once a week on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Eastern Time).

## Who Can Participate?

Members of the Mar Thoma Church in the Diocese of North America and Europe who are between the ages of 18 and 30 can participate. Participants will be required to attend the online class sessions and complete the required assignments.

## **Registration Information**

Registration will be limited to the first 30 participants.

Early Registration: \$60.00 (from January 1 - 31, 2023) Late Registration: \$75.00 (from February 1 - 10, 2023)

Registration fee can be remitted by check or Zelle.

Zelle Quick Pay Email Address: marthomamissionboard@gmail.com

Checks should be made payable to the Mar Thoma Mission Board and mailed to: Mar Thoma Mission Board, Sinai Mar Thoma Center 2320 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, New York 11566

\*\*Kindly mention MIMC 210 Registration in the memo of the check or Zelle payment.\*

## Instructors/Faculty



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