

# HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY: THE STORY OF GOD'S CHURCH (Independent Learning Module)

## Course Descriptor

### ***Aims***

The aims of this module are:

- To provide an overview of the history of Christianity.
- To provide a foundational understanding of the development of the Church.
- To enable participants to develop an ability to relate Church history to contemporary Church ministry and mission.
- To enable participants to respond appropriately to ecclesiastical questions arising from ministry and mission in today's world.

### ***Description***

In this module participants will be introduced to the main features of Church history, so enabling them to engage in the task of relating the Christian historical tradition to the practice of ministry and mission. The main emphasis is placed upon learning to apply independent study in Church history to contemporary ministry and mission. Use will be made of studies of both major characters and events drawn from the full scope of Church history relating these to contemporary Church issues, ministry and mission.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- The ability to describe in overview the development of Christianity and the Church from the New Testament to the present day.
- The ability to relate historical events and the life and ministries of historical characters to contemporary ministry and mission.
- The ability to engage in a process of critical reflection on, and response to, particular issues in modern Church life in the light of Church history.

### **Assessment**

There will be three assignments to be completed. It is expected that at least two of these will be written pieces of work (2000 words each) on themes central to the area of learning covered in this module. The third will be two book reviews (each 1000 words); one on the course book and the other on another work on Church history of the student's own choice.