March 30, 2015

To
B.C.S. Candidates directly registered with the Senate of Serampore College through SCEPTRE

Subject: The 2015 B.C.S. Contact Seminars

Dear Friends,

Greetings from SCEPTRE!

Even though you might not have received your 2014 examination results (which will be declared by the Senate Office in Serampore and not by SCEPTRE Office) I am informing you about arrangements for the Contact Seminars. SCEPTRE will organize B. C. S. Contact Seminars at the following places & dates:

1. **Chennai: May 26 - 30, 2015, National Seminar**
   Address: Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, 95, Purasawalkam High Road, Kilpauk – Post Office, Chennai – 600010, Tamilnadu. Ph: 044-42651060/42651070/42651072. Email: gltc.principal@gmail.com

2. **Kottayam: June 15 - 19, 2015, Regional Seminar**
   Address: Orthodox Theological Seminary, P O Box No. 98, Kottayam 686 001, Phone: 0481 2566526/2304191/2568083

3. **Kolkata: July 07 - 11, 2015, Regional Seminar**
   Address: SCEPTRE, Shrachi Centre, 74B, A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata – 700 016 (Telephone/Fax – 033-22177868/ Phone – 033-22177869, Email: sceptrext@vsnl.net

4. **Allahabad: August 3 – 7, 2015, Regional Seminar**
   Address: Allahabad Bible Seminary, 60/64, Stanley Road, Allahabad – 211002, Uttar Pradesh (Tel. No. 0532-2644159 / 3290740; Fax: 0532-2640356; email: abseminary@yahoo.com)

I urge you to take time off to attend any one of these seminars. The seminar in Allahabad will be conducted primarily in Hindi. The Seminars will help you in your studies.

Please note that for all the Fourth Year students we are organizing only one National Contact Seminar in Chennai from 26-30 May, 2015.

The General Students will have to select Group A subjects:

**Group A (Recommended for First Year Candidates)**
- 101 - Understanding the O.T.
- 103 - Understanding the N.T.
- 105 - Understanding Christian Faith
- 109 - Selected Events in the History of Christianity
- 110 - Outlines of Major Religions

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Group B (Recommended for Second Year Candidates)
102 - Rereading O.T. Texts from Liberation Perspective
104 - Jesus as presented in the Gospels
106 - Introduction to Christian Ethics
107 - History of Christianity in India
115 - Contemporary Missiological Issues

Group C (Recommended for Third Year Candidates)
111 - Christian responses to multi-faith society
112 - Introduction to Christian Ministry
113 - Introduction to Communication
114 - Christological issues
139 - Understanding Social Analysis

*Thesis writing session will also be conducted. Only those who attend it will be allowed to write a thesis in the fourth year.*

Group D (Recommended for Fourth Year Candidates)
118 – Re-reading of the Gospel of John
120 - Contextual Theologies
121 – Modern Religious & Secular Movements in India
122 - Christian Education and Social Change
123 – Introduction to Counseling

 Experienced theological teachers will be leading the seminars. You will receive a good orientation to the papers you are to study.

Kindly fill in the registration form enclosed along with this letter and send it to me by, May, 2015.

*Please note that you are expected to send a contact seminar fee of Rs. 3000/- plus Rs. 1500 for tuition fee by Demand Draft drawn in favour of “Senate of Serampore College” payable at a recognized bank in Kolkata. We already mentioned about the cost of study materials in my earlier information. This payment is due by May 20, 2015 (If someone is not able to pay by May 20, 2015 please let us know in advance). All B.C.S. candidates directly registered with the Senate of Serampore College are expected to attend at least three contact seminars during the entire study period. Let me again caution you that non-attendance at the seminar will lead to withdrawal of permission to write the examinations in November 2014 (especially in the case of candidates in the first three years of study, and those in the fourth year or more who have not attended three seminars).

Also note that you are responsible for all your travel as well as boarding and lodging expenses in connection with the seminar. In case you need food and/or accommodation during the period of the Contact Seminar, kindly contact any one of the following (depending on the place where you will attend the seminar):

**Calcutta**
1) The Dean, Extension Programmes, SCEPTRE Office, Shrachi Centre, 74/B A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata
2) The Principal, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai

**Chennai**
3) The Principal Allahabad Bible Seminary, Allahabad.

**Allahabad**
4) Principal, Orthodox Seminary

**Kottayam**

Please book your accommodation well in advance.

**URGENT:** In case you have not written the B. C. S. Examinations in 2014, then please inform the Registrar, Senate of Serampore College, in writing that you would like to write the examinations this year and therefore to send you the Examination Entry Form.

Looking forward to receiving your registration forms, with contact seminar fees, as per the given dates, With regards and prayers

Yours sincerely,

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