

# Training in Mission (Diploma in Mission Studies) 2019

## PROGRAMME BRIEF

The Council for World Mission (CWM) has been investing in equipping the young people for the ministry and mission of its member churches since 1981. Through the Training in Mission (Diploma in Mission Studies) Programme, 10-12 participants from the churches are brought together for about seven (7) months of intensive mission training.

The pedagogical process of the Programme is the action-reflection model of learning. Over 350 young people have so far been changed for life with a new practical and radical understanding of what witnessing to Christ means. In every church, TIM participants are to be seen as living expressions of CWM's understanding of partnership in mission.

The **Training in Mission (Diploma in Mission Studies) will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. The closing date for the submission of applications is on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

## AIM OF TRAINING IN MISSION

The Training in Mission aims to:

- Provide training for life. It is intended to be a stage in Christian formation which helps each participant in a life-long involvement with the mission of the church.
- Offer training which provides wider vision; deepened commitment; and a strengthened sense of fellowship and partnership with other Christians around the world, particularly through CWM member-churches.

Further, "training" in Training in Mission is aimed at formation --- and the formation is for life. Recognizing the locus of mission as the 'public space', TIM is a learning process of enabling participants to discover perspectives and to develop skills for a life of witnessing. TIM is an enabling experience that allows the participants for an adventure of faith, rooted in God and enacted in the world. TIM is also a journey of transformation: dialectic of self and society. Though initiated three decades ago, CWM is constantly re-defining the content and methodology of the Programme

## TRANSFORMATION AS THE PARADIGM

The pedagogical model of Training in Mission includes:

- Affirming the concept of building capacities for the churches consistent with the mission statement of CWM.
- Enhancing the scope for the church's public witness. Thus, while affirming the commitment to be in solidarity with the churches, the TIM will carve out a niche of enabling and empowering young people to explore and witness as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the church, in the wider society.
- Practicing the Theology Statement of CWM which reflects a critique and resistance on the one hand, and an affirmation on the other. It is centered on a cosmic world view and rooted in a Christology that is liberative.

Since the Training in Mission is now transformed into Diploma in Mission Studies under the Trinity Methodist Theological College in Auckland, New Zealand, qualified participants and graduates of the TIM Programme will receive the Diploma Mission Studies at the end of the Programme. Graduates will possess qualification which recognizes applied leadership skills in mission and education to enhance employment opportunities or to work in a voluntary capacity. CWM's member churches will benefit by having qualified individuals with the knowledge and skills to successfully lead areas of responsibility in a wide range of Christian mission roles.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Participants in the Training in Mission (Diploma in Mission Studies) must:

- Be 18 to 30 years old at the start of the Programme, single, and not an ordained minister
- Be able to spend seven (7) months away from home
- Be an active member of a CWM member church, as well as committed to serve the church upon return
- Have either paid or volunteer experience and/or involvement in project work or secular NGO programs
- Preferably completed high school and/or advanced trainings
- Be interested in exploring mission issues in an international and multicultural context
- Be able to relate well with others and mature enough to cope with stress
- Be proficient in English, as this is the main language of communication

**Applications should demonstrate how the applicant's participation in TIM will enhance the church's leadership capacity in line with its human resource development strategy, enabling it to better pursue its mission priorities.**

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

1. All CWM member-churches are encouraged to nominate maximum of four (4) participants, two (2) males and two (2) females, for the Training in Mission (Diploma in Mission Studies) Programme. Applications should be endorsed by the General Secretary and/or Church Moderator of the sending church, following its respective internal selection process.

2. Duly accomplished applications must be submitted to CWM at (**e-mail**): *empowerment@cwmission.org* or hard copy at (**address**): *114 Lavender Street #12-01 CT Hub 2 Singapore 338729* **on or before 1 December 2018**. Late and/or incomplete application forms will not be processed.

3. All the applications will be processed by the CWM Research and Capacity Development Unit, ensuring balance in gender and regional representation in the Programme.

4. Upon notification, the selected participants are expected to process their passport and visa requirements, if necessary.