BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Dates: 17 – 19 & 24 – 26 June 2016
Class meets on Fri. 8.00pm-10.30 pm  Sat-9.00am-6.00pm & Sun-2.00pm-6.00pm.

Venue: LUTHER CENTRE No.6 Jalan Utara P.J.

This is a Core course offered by STM under the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program which is a part-time modular study program.

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This course is designed to help students to be more skillful in understanding God's words and applying them effectively. A short history of biblical interpretation and its usage through the centuries will be covered, and various approaches and difficulties in understanding the scripture will be discussed. Some Bible Study methods, exercises on interpreting certain texts and relevant articles will be introduced.

The course syllabus includes the following topics (but may be changed slightly as and when needed):

1. The Task of Interpretation
2. The Nature of Interpretation
3. The Goal of Biblical Interpretation
4. The Three Worlds of the Text - An Integrated Approach
5. Some Principles of Biblical Interpretation
6. A Short History of Biblical Interpretation
7. Interpreting the Bible: Historical Outline, Theological Framework, Literary Structure
8. Using the Bible Today

Closing Date: 3 June 2016
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