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Course Description
An exploration in the various dimensions of loss including developmental losses, traumatic losses and ambiguous loss. We will consider the various types of loss in relation to both personal and communal grief as well as explore the relationship between grief and resiliency while we consider the resources within families, the church, the community and the cultural traditions which would either hinder or aid expressions of grief over the losses in our lives. We will consider both personal and communal rituals for the healing process.

Course Objectives
• To understand the multi-faceted nature of the grief process
• To be able to articulate family contexts, cultural and religious traditions that either assist or hinder the grieving context
• To understand and critically exam the nature of traumatic loss
• To understand and apply the idea of ambiguous loss to both personal and communal experiences
• To explore the nature of resiliency, meaning making and hope in regard to loss and grief
• To explore the religious resources of their particular denomination in the practice of rituals that assist in the grieving process.

Dates: 3 – 5 & 10 – 12 June 2016
(Class meets on Fri 8pm -10.30pm, Sat -9.am-6.00pm & Sun -2.00pm-6.00pm).
Venue: Faith Methodist Church, Kuching

This is an elective course offered by STM under the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program which is a part-time modular study program. For more info, check our website under Academic on the Menu page.

Closing Date: 22 May 2016
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