



# URBAN THEOLOGY UNION

## Announcing the 23-24 Certificate in Theology & Discipleship for Mission

**Session Dates**  
9 & 23 October  
6 & 20 November  
4 December  
15 & 29 January  
12 & 26 February  
11 March  
29 April  
13 May  
3 & 17 June  
1 July

Join our 23-24 Cohort for the CTDM to participate in

- scholarly readings of Mark's Jesus movement led by the founder of UTU, Rev'd Dr. John Vincent
- sharing of stories in faith journey, evolution, change and discovery
- perspective building through liberation theologians, including Black liberation and Indigenous theologians.
- gain insight from guest speakers who are embedded in mission provide practical insight into what works, how to adapt, and how to flourish as a Kingdom Community.
- Our 15-sessions culminate in student led plans for local mission.

**How long are sessions?** We meet by Zoom about twice a month between October and July. Sessions last for 3-hours and include a mid-session break.

**What's the style?** Classes are highly relational, with brief presentations from guests/course leader, but dialogue based.


**How are students assessed?** We do not "assess" work in the traditional sense, but encourage and facilitate dialogue, personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth.

**What is the work load?** Fortnightly assignments (about 1 or 2 pages of A4, double spaced).

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# Course Details

In response to the proclamation of the Good News of God in Jesus of Nazareth, UTU exists to promote the Kingdom of God through a community of learning focussed on radical contextuality, analysis, theological reflection and action . . . the CTDM contributes to UTU's mission through 15-sessions which include:

- scholarly readings of Mark that are aimed at orientating learners to the radical mission of Jesus' preaching and practice.
- explorations of who we are through our respective stories, which are shared in a spirit of hospitality and welcome;
- we drill deeper using lenses of liberation theologians, including Black liberation and Indigenous theologians.
- As we listen to guests who live out the good news of Jesus of Nazareth in diverse mission settings, we gain practical insight into what works, how to adapt, and how to flourish as a Kingdom Community.
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## COURSE LEADER



UTU's Director of Theological Exploration, Rev'd Dr. Rob Hoch, serves as the lead instructor for the CTDM. He brings extensive experience as a theologian and pastoral leader in urban settings, including organising social justice movements. As a lineal descendent of a First Nations People (Athabaskan, enrolled with Eyak Village of Cordova, Alaska, USA), he brings a unique perspective to questions of mission. His publications include *Blueprint for a Church in Exile* (Fortress Press, 2013) and, forthcoming, *Living With the Sermon: Signposts on the Footpath of the Preaching Life* (Wipf and Stock, autumn 2023).

**CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY  
AND DISCIPLESHIP FOR MISSION**

October 2023–July 2024

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(may request a electronic copy from [office@utusheffield.org.uk](mailto:office@utusheffield.org.uk))

Title & Name:

Address:

Email:

Nationality:

Religious Affiliation:

Home tel:

Mobile:

**Personal/Educational Background**

**Employment/Voluntary Work**

**Future Plans, Dreams, Ambitions**

Course cost: £225.00, includes course resources  
(& UTU membership £45 full /£16.50 low-income-not obligatory)

Financial support may be obtainable from your church or other sources. UTU has limited bursary funds that may be offered on application to the office. Payments in installments can also be arranged.

I include payment in full/first installment of £75  
Membership of £45/£16.50/No membership required

Signature:

Date:

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