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PART 1

1.1. A BRIEF HISTORY

In response to the challenges that arise from contemporary church and society in India in general and Northeast India in particular, the Baptist Church of Mizoram (BCM) started a theological college which is named “Academy of Integrated Christian Studies (AICS).” Under the leadership of Prof. Dr. R.L. Hnuni, the Academic Programme was inaugurated on 18 October 2000 with 17 BD Orientation students in a rented house in Zonuam, Aizawl. The College was granted “Provisional Affiliation” by the Senate of Serampore College in June 2001 and “Full Affiliation” in 2004. Its M.Div. Programme has been accredited by the Asian Theological Associations since 2009. The college was shifted to the present campus — Shekina Hill, Tanhril — on 4 November 2002 from the old campus (rented houses) in Zonuam.

1.2. VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Baptist Church of Mizoram in establishing AICS is to train, equip and empower men and women to become God’s effective ministers, missionaries and Christian workers for the transformation of the church and society.

1.3. MISSION STATEMENT

AICS is committed to provide a *Biblical, Contextual, Holistic* and *Quality* theological education to men and women in order to meet the needs of churches in the twenty first century. *Biblical* teaching is the core guiding principle of its theological education and practices; its commitment to the development of a *contextual* theological education is to study and address issues that arise from the contexts so that theological education may become relevant and effective; its commitment to *holistic* theological education means that AICS shall

co-ordinate various programmes to meet the needs of churches and society; and its commitment to *quality* theological education means striving for maintaining the highest quality it can afford in all of its programmes.

1.4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1.4.1. To train men and women for effective Christian ministry to meet the needs of the church and society.

1.4.2. To equip students with required knowledge and skills for effective leadership in the church and society.

1.4.3. To train students for mission works, evangelism, church planting, and transformation of society within and outside Mizoram.

1.4.4. To promote the spirit of ecumenism amongst various denominational churches.

1.4.5. To work together with other theological colleges and secular University in order to promote wider ecumenism and to achieve academic excellence.

1.4.6. To form theological consortium with other theological colleges in the region in order to offer post-graduate programmes for the development of theological education in the region.

1.4.7. To provide Church Music Courses — instrumental, vocal and choir-leading.

1.4.8. To address contemporary socio-economic and political issues of the region, and impart the knowledge of holistic development through Research and Development Programme.

1.5. MOTTO: HOLISTIC MINISTRY

The motto of the AICS is “Holistic Ministry.” AICS is committed to develop a holistic theological education which includes:

1.5.1. Integrating and emphasizing the academic and spiritual aspects of human life.

1.5.2. Ecumenical relations with other theological colleges/seminaries and other denominational churches.

1.5.3. Addressing various socio-economic, cultural and political issues of the day through different programmes as mentioned in the aims and objectives.

PART 2

GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND FUNCTION

The Academy of Integrated Christian Studies belongs to the Baptist Church of Mizoram.

2.1. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Theological Education Committee of BCM (Board of Theological Education, before 2021) is the governing authority of the Academy of Integrated Christian Studies. Members of the Committee change every two years except those who are ex-officio members.

2.2. FACULTY COUNCIL

The Faculty Council is a governing body within the college. It has authority over matters pertaining to the academic programmes, discipline, internal policy matters for the welfare of the students and community as a whole.

2.3 PRINCIPAL

The Principal is the head of the institution who serves as the working secretary of the Theological Education Committee. S/he is accountable to the Theological Education Committee. The Principal is

responsible for all affairs of the institution, including financial matters as mentioned in the BCM Constitution and Rules.

2.4. VICE PRINCIPAL

The Vice principal will assist the principal in administration. S/he will take over the charge of Principal in the absence of the Principal. He/She will also be the Secretary of the Faculty Council of the college.

2.5. DEANS OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES

2.5.1. Academic Deans

2.5.1.1. Dean of Graduate Studies

The Dean of Graduate Studies works for the progress of the academic programme of the college. S/he is responsible for the smooth functioning of the Bachelor of Divinity (B.D) programme. His/Her responsibilities include:

- overseeing the overall academic affairs of the College.
 - overseeing admissions and graduation process of students.
 - college publicity with the knowledge of the Principal, and issuing admission/application forms of all courses offered.
 - conducting all College examinations, and to supervise Senate examinations, including qualifying exams.
 - overseeing and coordinating the operation of the College Portal in the Senate website, and AICS Student Management System.
- to prepare yearly academic calendar in consultation with the principal.
- keeping graduation gowns, and to prepare diploma certificates.
 - giving official information to students regarding general academic concerns.

2.5.1.2. Dean of Post-Graduate Studies

The Dean of Post-Graduate Studies is responsible for all the academic records and related matters of Master of Theology (M.Th.). His/her responsibilities include:

- making MTh. course schema.
- keeping and maintain academic records of MTh. Students
- preparing MTh. application/admission form and processing them.
- conducting seminar on thesis (proposal) writing, and to organize thesis proposal and Integrated Paper presentations.
- entering MTh student data and mark in the College Portal (Senate website), and AICS Student Management System.
- co-ordinate the conduct of pedagogy course, including students' pedagogical practical classes.

2.5.2. Dean of Mission Studies

The Dean of Mission Studies is in-charge of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Programme and Diploma in Mission Studies (DMS) Programme. S/he works in consultation with the Academic office. His/her responsibilities include:

- making MDiv. & DipMS course structures.
- making subject distribution of MDiv. & DipMS courses in consultation with the Graduate Studies Dean.
- keeping and processing MDiv. & DipMS application/admission forms.
- entering MDiv and DipMS student data and mark in the College Portal (Senate website), and AICS Student Management System.

- receiving and issuing registration numbers/cards, transcripts and certificates to MDiv. & DipMS.
- making official correspondence to ATA for renewal of accreditation, payment of annual fees, and embossment of MDiv. Certificates.

2.5.4. Dean of Research and Development Programme

The Dean of Research and Development Programme is the facilitator of the academic research and development. S/he helps/coordinates scholars from different disciplines to do research on relevant issues in the present context, and organizes faculty–student seminar and other seminars; and s/he is the editor of AICS Journal.

2.5.5. Dean of Practical Ministry

The Dean of Practical Ministry facilitates Students’ Field Education and Weekend Ministry for both MDiv and BD students, contacting local churches, social centers, and mission fields for placements of students. Based on the reports of these various practical ministries, the Dean awards grades to every student, which is credited.

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PART 3

PROGRAMMES

In carrying out the Motto of AICS - **Holistic Ministry** - and to meet the vision, aims and objectives, various Programmes are carried out as mentioned below:

3.1. BACHELOR OF DIVINITY (BD)

3.2. MASTER OF THEOLOGY (M.Th)

3.2.1. New Testament

3.2.1. History of Christianity

3.3. MISSION STUDY PROGRAMME

Seeing the zeal and interest of the churches in mission and evangelism, AICS offers two different Programmes for missionary training:

3.3.1. Master of Divinity (MDiv) — 3 year course

3.3.2. Diploma in Mission Studies (DipMS)— 1 year course.

3.4. EXTENSION STUDIES PROGRAMME

In view of the need for theological training of lay church leaders, two extension studies programmes are introduced, as approved by SCEPTRE:

3.4.1. Diploma in Christian Studies (DipCS) – 2 year course

3.4.2. Bachelor of Christian Studies (BCS) - 4 year course

3.5. MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Seeing the need of both the pastors and lay leaders of various departments, who are engaged in the ministry of the church, the Ministerial Training Programme is introduced in order to equip them

with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective leadership. There are two levels under this Programme:

3.4.1. Pastors' Refresher Course (one week)

A refresher course for Pastors is offered for those who have completed their basic theological studies, but do not have the opportunities to go for further studies. *(This Programme is transferred to Pastoral department from 2021-2022 Financial Year)*

3.4.2. Probationary Pastors' Orientation /Ministerial Training Course (three months)

A three-month basic training Programme for the Probationary Pastors, who have completed one year in their ministry, is conducted every year. Various subjects relating to the contextual ministry are taught to equip them for their pastoral ministry. *(This Programme is transferred to Pastoral department from 2021-2022 Financial Year).*

3.5. Research and Development Programme

To fulfil the aims and objectives of the College in addressing socio-economic problems, this programme aims at providing opportunities to students to do research on economic development and social problems such as tribalism/communalism, sexism, ecology and other contextual issues of the church and society. Other scholars interested in such research works are also encouraged.

3.6. MUSIC

Seeing the importance of Music in the Church, music is integrated in the college so as to equip students with fundamental music, staff notation and singing. The school of Music Programme offers the following courses:

3.6. 1.Diploma in Church Music

3.6. 2.Certificate in Church Music

3.6. 3.Fundamentals of Music

3.6.4. Junior Music School (Intended for AICS Children)

3. 7. FIELD EDUCATION (PRACTICAL MINISTRY)

As the Senate of Serampore College (University) requires different kinds of Field Education for B.D students, at present the College has made the following plan for Students' Field Education both for BD and MDiv students:

3.7.1. **First Year:** Social Centers

3.7.2. **Second Year:** BCM Mission Fields, including *Ramchung* Mission (Home Mission), especially Mission schools, for Rural Field Education.

3.7.3. **Third Year:** Delhi or other big cities for Urban Field Education and exposure to various places.

3.7.4. **Fourth Year:** Local Churches in Aizawl city for Weekend Practical Ministry.

3.8. Social Work

Social work which involves voluntary manual work is conducted every Saturday morning 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM. All the students are expected to engage in manual works for the development of the College.

PART 4

CURRICULUM

4.1. MTh & BD: For MTh & BD courses, the syllabus of the Senate of Serampore College is followed.

4.2. Master of Divinity: The syllabus of the MDiv Course is prepared by the college, and it is accredited by the Asia Theological Association.

4.3. Diploma in Mission Studies: Syllabus for Diploma in Mission Studies is prepared by the College. In addition to important mission related subjects, various practical trainings are included in the syllabus, such as basic computer knowledge, carpentry (for men), tailoring (for women), basic medical training, and electrical knowledge.

4.4. Music Courses: Music Syllabus is prepared by the concerned Music teacher for the different courses in Music.

4.5. Extension Studies: For DipCS and BCS the syllabus of Senate of Serampore College is followed.

PART 5
ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND IMPORTANT NOTES

5. 1. Admission Requirements for the BD degree

a) A degree holder of Bachelor or above from a recognized University can be admitted to the 1st year of 4 year BD degree programme.

b) A degree holder of Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Missiology/Bachelor of Christian Studies of the Senate of Serampore College, irrespective of their overall grades, can be enrolled in the 3rd year of 4 year BD degree Programme. Degree holders in first class or second class in “B” grade under Senate of Serampore College can be admitted into the third year of the degree programme.

However, the candidate must have cleared English I [BOS11], English II [BOS12], non-credit, Senate Examined Optional papers during their BTh or BMiss or BCS degree studies.

OR

The candidate has to pass BOS11 and BOS12, as Senate Examined Qualifying papers.

c) ATA BTh candidate or mature candidate (25 years of age, class 10 passed with 3 years of ministerial experience) who has passed the “BD Qualifying Examination”/ “Mature Candidate Entrance Examination,” conducted by the Senate of Serampore College.

5. 2. Admission Requirements for the M.Div. degree

- a) A holder of Bachelor Degree from a recognized University.
- b) A BTh Degree holder in first class and who attains second high class (B) in the College Entrance Examination, can be admitted to the second year of 3 year MDiv degree programme.

5. 3. Admission Requirements for the Diploma/Certificate in Church Music

A holder of HSLC Certificate or its equivalent from recognized institutions, and who has experience in Church Music. The candidate should be able to produce statement of such experience from the concerned authority.

5. 4. Admission Requirements for the MTh degree

The candidate should have passed the BD examination of the Senate of Serampore College in Second Class with B- Grade (52.5% and above) and obtained B Grade (57.5% and above) average in the cluster in BD Studies, including the optional papers, under which the branch of candidate's choice is clustered. Or s/he should have passed the MTh qualifying papers at the required standard (B Grade) on the intended subject.

Requirement for MTh in New Testament Branch: The candidate should have passed in at least two Greek Exegetical papers at BD level (other than the preliminary and advanced courses BBN01 and BBN02) with a minimum of Second Class (57.5% and above).

5. 5. Entrance Examination and Interview

Entrance Examination and Interview are conducted every year and every candidate should appear in the Entrance Examination and Interview. English (100 marks), Scripture (50 marks) and General Knowledge (50 marks) for BD and MDiv candidates. Background knowledge of Music such as tonic solfa, keyboard, guitar, song

leading etc., is required for Diploma in Church Music. MTh candidates shall write two papers — English (100 marks) and the intended branch (100 marks).

The candidate should appear at the Interview before the Faculty Council and the Theological Education Committee. The selected candidates shall join the college in June or at the date scheduled by the college. Date & Time of joining the College shall be notified by the College authority.

5.6. Application Forms

A candidate can obtain Application Forms from the following:

- a) Soft copy from the College website **<https://aics.edu.in>**
- b) Hard copy from the Academic Dean's Office, AICS.

Rupees 200/- will be realized as entrance exam fee on the first day of Entrance Examination. The duly filled-in Application Form must reach the Academic Office within the stipulated time.

5.7. Academic Session

The academic session follows semester system. In normal years - the first semester begins in June and ends in September, and the Second semester begins in October and ends in April. Examinations are conducted at the end of each semester.

5.8. Attendance

A student is required to have at least 75% attendance in each of the papers, failing, which may lead to debarment from examination.

5.9. Language requirement

Students of both BD & MDiv are required to do Hebrew and Greek Preliminary and Elementary courses.

5.10. Examination Grading System

Examinations are conducted at the end of every semester. Pass mark for each subject is 40%. College-examined papers are examined on two levels, internal assessment and written examination. Internal assessment carries 40% and final examination carries 60%. There is no internal assessment in the senate-examined papers; final examination carries 100%. All written examinations and Theses are examined by both internal and external examiners. BD & MDiv students are required to write Scripture Knowledge examinations along with other examinations conducted at the end of each semester.

The grading system of the Senate of Serampore College, also applied at AICS, is as follows:

| First Class | Second Class | Third Class | Failure |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| A+ 77.6% | B+62.6% | C+ 47.6% | Below 40% |
| A 72.6% | B 57.6% | C 42.6% | |
| A- 67.6% | B- 52.6% | C- 40% | |

5.11. Good Conduct

Apart from the academic and other requirements mentioned above, one important requirement from students is good conduct throughout the period of their stay. If a student does not maintain good conduct towards others or involves in partaking any intoxicated things, the student will not be qualified to complete his/her course of studies.

PART 6

PRIZES AND AWARDS

From the very beginning, AICS has instituted academic prizes for all branches of study as well as other prizes and awards for involvement in various College activities during the course of study. These prizes are awarded annually at the Valedictory Service.

6.1. Proficiency Prize

Graduating students of BD., MDiv., and MTh., who secure the highest aggregate in their respective courses, and not less than 65%, are awarded book prizes, called **Rev. Dr. SL Saihnuna Memorial Proficiency Prize** (BD. Proficiency Prize), **Upa Khuangzika & Ranghnuni Memorial Proficiency Prize** (MDiv. Proficiency Prize), and **Upa Khumtira Memorial Proficiency Prize** (MTh. Proficiency Prize).

6.2. Book Prizes (Cluster Wise)

Book prizes for different fields of study, viz., Biblical Cluster (i.e., Mūwali Memorial Prize), Theology Cluster, Religion Cluster, History-Mission Cluster, Ministry Cluster, and Integrated and Interdisciplinary Cluster, including Field Education, are awarded to those who secure highest and not less than 65% during the full course of study.

6.3. Preaching Prize

A book prize is awarded to student/s who, in the opinion of the Faculty, did best in preaching on the basis of general impact, use of biblical material, relevance and application, manner of delivery, clarity of thought and organization, and quality of literacy and use of languages.

6.4. Non-Credit Paper Prize

A book prize is also awarded to the student securing the highest grade in non-credit papers, which include Scripture Knowledge, Church Music, etc.

6.5. Music Prize

A book prize is awarded to students, who, in the opinion of the Faculty, contribute the most to music Programme of the College during the course.

6.6. Rev. C. Dothanga Memorial AICS (General Proficiency) Award

A book prize is awarded to the student who is good in academic and in character, and who contributes best in the overall activities of the College during the course of his/her studies.

PART 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1. SOURCES

The main source of income of AICS is the budget allocation made by the Baptist Church of Mizoram. Besides, AICS receives donations from local churches, individuals and other organizations, especially for infrastructure development.

7.2. STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

There are three systems of Sponsorship— full, basic, and one time (refer to Pay Rule on Sponsorship Systems of BCM). Selected MTh candidates shall be entitled basic scholarship. Besides, limited numbers of scholarships are also reserved for deserving students.

PART 8

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

8.1. WORSHIP

Worship is part and parcel of life for all members of the community. It is the purpose of the College to integrate both spiritual and academic life and keep the two in balance. The aim and concern of worship is to bring the two to fullest development so as to be fully equipped to meet the needs of the situation and of the people in the new century. In order to achieve the purpose, we have different worship and devotional programmes which are taken care of by the worship committee. The committee comprises of Worship in-charge from the Faculty and secretary and treasurer from students and two members from each class.

8.1.1. Devotions

Two times are set aside every day for devotions, i.e., Morning devotions for faculty and students from 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM and Vespers for students from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM in the evening. Non-teaching staff have their own devotions every day at 9:30 AM.

8.1.2. Sunday Morning Worship Service

Worship service is arranged every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM where students worship together in chapel; children of the community, called the fruits, have their meeting at 7.00 AM every Sunday morning. Besides, for the fruits there is Sunday school at 10:00 AM every Sunday. The medium of teaching is English. Children of the campus have freedom to attend Sunday school either at AICS (English) or at BCM Gilead, Ramrikawn (Mizo). Women of the campus (called Eliz group) have separate prayer meeting every Friday night.

8.1.3. Sunday Afternoon Community Worship

Community worship service is arranged every Sunday at 3:30 PM, during March – October, and at 3:00 PM, during November – February, for the whole community members. Apart from faculty

members, guest speakers are invited once in a while. It is a time of fellowshiping, worshipping and praising God together.

8.1.4. Singspiration

Singing praises to God has been embedded in the worship Programme of AICS right from its inception. Therefore, one of the most important features of AICS' worship is Praise and Worship Programme called Singspiration. It is part of the community Programme held every Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00 PM. Singspiration is a time of fellowship and singing praises to God together and each member experiences the joy of fellowshiping with God and enriches their spiritual life. It is not only a time of singing but also a time of learning songs as well.

8.1.5. Retreat Programme

Retreat Programme is arranged at least once in a year. The purpose of retreat is to reflect, renew, and deepen one's commitment to serve the Lord. It is a time of sincere meditation and recommitment through singing, preaching, and prayer.

8.2. SOCIAL WORK

Cleanliness is one of the emphases in AICS, as such Social Work Committee had been appointed right from the time of its inception to look into the matter. Since the institution is in its developmental stage, physical labor is still necessary for its progress. The social work in-charges from the faculty and students organize social work every Saturday morning from 6:30:00 AM – 7:30 AM, and every student is expected to involve in the works of cleaning the hostels, offices, classrooms, courtyards, campus, etc.

8.3. GAMES AND SPORTS

As much as spiritual exercise is necessary to balance academic activities, so also our mind needs to be refreshed now and then by taking physical exercises. The daily time of playing games is from 3:30 PM. Games and Sports Committee organizes Games and Sports Week every year for the whole community of AICS.

8.4. MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION/USE OF ENGLISH

Since English is the medium of teaching and learning, emphasis is given to the use of English as the medium of communication in every sphere of life and activity at AICS. This is to help every member, particularly students who were brought up and educated from a non-English speaking background. This will enable such students to learn and speak English properly and fluently. It is the language of the classroom, devotions, worship, playground, dining hall, social work and in all the activities of all members of the community.

8.5. BOOK SERVICE

Students are encouraged to build up their own library in addition to the prescribed text books. In order to help the students by making some important books easily available and at reasonable prices, the Book Service is run by the College under the care of one Faculty.

8.6. HOSTEL

The College has two hostels (Men's Hostel & Women's Hostel). Wardens assisted by Hostel Secretary and Assistant Secretaries take care of the day-to-day administration and management of the Hostels. All leaves of class absence will be endorsed/granted by the wardens of each hostels.

8.7. STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (SCM)

The College is a member unit of the Student Christian Movement of India. It elects SCM Committee members for a period

of one year. The Committee organizes various programmes such as seminars, debates, blood donation, etc., and involves in addressing certain social issues. The Unit actively participates in regional and national programmes of the Student Christian Movement.

8.8. STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE (SWC)

All the students of AICS are members of the SWC. The committee is responsible for the welfare of the students. The principal is the chairperson, and the Secretary and other office bearers are selected by the faculty council from students.

8.9. OTHER COMMITTEES

There are other committees such as Social Work Committee, Mess Committee, Hostel Committee, and Magazine Committee. One faculty member is selected to be in charge of every committee. In addition, AICS Campus Environment Committee (AEC) is formed recently, mainly comprising staff, students, faculty, and non-working community members. The AEC is responsible for the maintenance of the greenery, including campus sanitation.
