

A photograph of four young adults (two men and two women) of diverse backgrounds smiling and posing for a selfie outdoors in a park. The man in the center is wearing a yellow jacket and has a wide smile. The woman to his right is wearing glasses and a yellow jacket. The woman to his left is wearing a red top. The man on the far left has a beard and is wearing a dark jacket. The background shows green trees and foliage. There are decorative purple vertical lines in the top right corner and teal vertical lines in the bottom left corner.

**PIONEER
MISSION
TRAINING**

HANG OUT AT THE EDGES

**Theological training for mission at the
edges with Pioneer Mission Training**



“It’s been a brilliant course. It’s introduced me to African leaders, thinkers and theologians who I just wouldn’t have discovered by myself.”

Felix, African Focus MA student



Who we are

The story of the Church Mission Society began more than 225 years ago with a group of Christians whose hearts were stirred to go to the edges.

Church Mission Society is still following in their footsteps – and those of Jesus - to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones.

For the last decade we have been training those who are already working at the edges to gain qualifications in theology, ministry and mission. If you want to get practical training and theological credentials alongside your work, Church Mission Society Pioneer Mission Training is for you.

Believe in the potential of the church to change the world?

Many pioneers see fresh possibilities for mission and have a desire to connect with those beyond the normal reach of the church. Pioneers are creative but also highly practical; we describe ourselves as “dreamers who do”. We enable students who feel that there is a different way to do mission and church to bring their ideas to life.



For pioneers by pioneers

Our courses are specifically designed for pioneers by pioneers.

Connect with experienced pioneer practitioners who want to see you flourish and your imagination channelled into action. We approach all our teaching through the lens of mission, understanding its significance and enabling everyone in their pioneering practice.

Everyone has a piece of wisdom

Everyone arrives with experience, knowledge and a sense of calling. This means that everyone has things to offer as well as learn. Our courses allow that wisdom and experience to be shared – we all learn from one another.

Learning with the global church

We are committed to learning from across the diversity of the church, giving opportunities to hear from speakers from around the world and to learn with others across our diverse streams.

On the job training

Our courses are part-time so you can keep working while you learn.

Our courses will equip you for transformational and sustainable mission, giving you tools and skills to initiate and follow through on mission projects which will change lives in a contextually relevant way.





**“If you are considering this course,
go for it! It is the best decision
I have ever made. It has been
transformational for me personally
and in my role as a Youth Worker.”**

Lucy, Certificate student



“The course is designed with African background learners in mind. This makes it easy for students to apply what they have learned to their own contexts on the African continent and across the diaspora.”

Gowi, African Focus MA student



What we offer

Church Mission Society Pioneer Mission Training offers a variety of qualifications in Theology, Ministry and Mission in partnership with Ripon College Cuddesdon, through Common Awards, validated by Durham University.

We offer both online and hybrid study options, providing the flexibility to fit around your ministry and other commitments. Classes are held on Tuesdays, though some undergraduate modules are taught as residential blocks.

Undergraduate Programme offers the following awards

- ◆ **Certificate** of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission (1 Year)
- ◆ **Diploma** of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission (2 Years)
- ◆ **BA (Hons)** in Theology, Ministry and Mission (3 Years)
- ◆ **Graduate Diploma** in Theology, Ministry and Mission (1 Year)

Postgraduate Programme offers the following awards:

- ◆ **Postgraduate Certificate** in Theology, Ministry and Mission
- ◆ **Postgraduate Diploma** in Theology, Ministry and Mission
- ◆ **MA** in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Interested in studying a doctorate? Check out the website for details of our DTh programme.

We offer ordination training through the Diploma, BA, Postgraduate Diploma or MA. You do not have to be designated a pioneer by your diocese to train with us.

“Applying to study at CMS seemed like a very natural way to marry theological knowledge with the context I find myself in... it has been a huge bonus to meet other like-minded people and hear their stories and their encouragement.”

Christine, Diploma student



Our courses include modules such as:

- ▶ Bible in Context
- ▶ Mission and Evangelism
- ▶ Developing Ministry and Worship in Context
- ▶ Theologies in Global Perspectives
- ▶ Justice, Environment, and Mission in a Global Context

A full list of all the modules we offer is on our website at churchmissionsociety.org/pioneer

We offer a number of different streams through our courses which allow you to focus in on pioneering, African Christianity, Asian Christianity, youth work and children and family work.

Undergraduate

The undergraduate programme streams allow a focus on pioneering, youth work and children and family work. Our pioneering stream enables to you to find creative ways to respond to Jesus' call to reach people at the edges. Our youth worker stream and children and families stream offer a specially tailored course for those working with children, young people and families.

Postgraduate

The different streams through our postgraduate courses allow you to focus on pioneering, African Christianity or Asian Christianity. The first module is studied in separate streams giving a foundation to study the rest of the programme. The following modules are studied together with elements tailored to your specific stream meaning we learn together and are enriched by our different perspectives.

Our pioneering stream enables to you to find creative ways to respond to Jesus' call to reach people at the edges. Our African Christianity stream offers a unique learning programme for those involved in ministry to or alongside African Christians. Our Asian Christianity stream explore Christianity and mission in Asia and Asian diasporic contexts.



“I really enjoyed putting my assignment together. I was so thankful that I could do this one orally rather than being another written assignment where I struggle. I was blown away by my grade for that one!”

David, Diploma student



What you need to know

The teaching format for these awards consists of lectures, group work, fieldwork, independent study, and context visits. Some courses also feature a residential element.

Teaching takes place on Tuesdays: worship: 10:30-11am, session one: 11am to 1pm and session two: 2-4pm. You must attend these teaching sessions which may be online and/or in-person depending on the course.

Your work will be assessed in variety of ways including portfolios, essays, theological reflections, visit reports, oral presentations and book reviews.

Courses and Fees

A list of courses and fees can be found on our website at churchmissionsociety.org/pioneer

Bursaries

Bursaries may be available to help towards the cost of tuition. Please email Helen.Harwood@churchmissionsociety.org to find out about options which may be open to you.



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OPEN DAY
PLACE
TODAY



Ready to hang out at the edges with us?

Meet us on site or online for a taste of what
it's like to join our unique learning community,
whatever level of study you are interested in.
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With Jesus
With each other
To the edges