

**ANCCI UNIVERSITY**  
**TD 102 THEOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Instructor**

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**RATIONALE**

Theology and Economic Development is a very important and a well-blended course, which introduces students to theology while still providing the link with development. It is a very important course for Priests and church workers, plus all religious practitioners to take, and gain the understanding of the place and function of religion in human experience, and the influence of a broad range of religious issues on contemporary development challenges.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Enable the student to understand key concepts in both theology and development.
2. Enable student understand and appreciate the role of theology in development.
3. Develop students understanding of interrelations of faith and social involvement.
4. Develop students understanding of the role of a priest in development.
5. Enable students understand the role of the church in development.
6. Enable students to understand the will of God in social transformation.

**STRATEGIES**

Topics to be covered are; -

- General introduction to theology.
- Branches of theology.
- Sources of theology.
- Link between theology and development.
- God's existence as a basis of development.
- God's nature as a basis of development.
- God's Attributes as a basis of development.
- God's relationship with the creation as a basis of development.
- The role of religion in development.
- The role of the church in development.
- **Faith Based Organizations [FBOs] and development.**

**EVALUATION**

1. Write a 10-15-page double spaced term paper on EITHER, "God created from nothing with nothing but Himself." discuss this concept of God's existence and creation in theology, and show how you would use it to motivate members of your own church to fully engage in development work and transform society, [ Based on Gen.1:1ff]
2. OR Develop and fully discuss five different programs, that you can use as a church leader to transform the economic lives of the members of your congregation, and show how you can use them to evangelize and attract more people to join the church while still transforming their economic status. [ Using development programs to do mission]

**TEXT BOOK**

Bryant Myers. *Working with the Poor* (available at amazon.com)

**RECOMMENDED**

1. Gnana Robinson; Christian theology and development- Ecumenical Diakonia: New challenges, New Responses, Ecumenical review, 1994.
2. Valpy Fitzgerald, The economics of liberation theology; in Christopher Rowland(ed) Cambridge companion to liberation theology; Cambridge University press; 1999, 248-264.
3. Paula Clifford, Theology and International Development, Christian Aid report, 2010.
4. Stoff, J. Issues facing Christians today, A major Appraisal of contemporary social and moral questions, Marshall Pickering, 1984.
5. Handelman, Howard, The challenges of third world development, Pearson Prentice (2009)

ANCCI University system of grading will be employed