

REV. AFTAB YUNIS HAKIM

Compassionate and dedicated to strengthening the churches of Pakistan and engaging the people of God for the well-being of the communities and world around. Committed to fostering and cultivating spiritual and physical growth for the congregants and communities around

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I. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biblical Theology, Theology of Culture, World Christianity, Asian Theology, Philosophy of Religions, Constructive Theology, Relational Theology, Systematic Theology, Cultural Theology, Apologetics, Asian and African Christologies, Spirituality, Missiology

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Kairos University

Th.D. Candidacy, Mission Studies

Thesis: “Missions from the Margins: A Theology Towards Helping the Marginalized in the Context of Punjab”

Advisor: Dr. Tony Blair, Ph.D.

Committee Members: Dr. Jeff Byerly, Dr. Catherine Sensenig

June 2026

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Th.M. in Systematic Theology and Theology of Culture

Thesis: “Missions from the Margins: Towards a Pakistani Theology of a Marginalized Church Community”

Advisor: Prof. Jae-Hyun Chung

August 2020

Lahore College of Theology, Lahore, Pakistan

M.Div. in Biblical Theology

Thesis: “The Doctrine of Angelology and its Application in Pakistani Context”

June 2016

University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)

January 2008

Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Lahore, Pakistan

Intermediate in Computer Sciences (I.C.S)

March 2004

Matric

June 2002

III. MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Salik Memorial Church (Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan)

Priest-in-Service (Urdu Congregation)

Lahore, Punjab

Includes administration, strategic vision, preaching, and teaching

2022- Present

St. Timothy Church (Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan)

Associate Priest (Punjabi Congregation):

Raiwind, Punjab

Included family visitation, empowering, and ministering to the rural community

2020-2022

Yoido Full Gospel Church, South Korea

Sunday School Priest (English Congregation)

Seoul, Korea

Included ministering and oversight of children's community

2019-2020

St. Timothy Church (Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan)

Priest-in-Service (Punjabi Congregation):

Raiwind, Punjab

Included administration, strategic vision, preaching, and teaching

2017-2018

St. Mary's Cathedral (Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan)

Assistant Priest:

Raiwind, Punjab

Included assisting priest-in-service, preaching, and teaching

2016-2017

IV. ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Lahore College of Theology, Lahore, Pakistan

2022- Present

A Research Assistant with the Rev. Canon Dr. Prof. Pervaiz Sultan

- Conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of existing literature.
- Cultivate critical and constructive thinking skills related to contemporary issues and research.
- Prepare and produce high-quality papers suitable for submission to peer-reviewed journals.
- Plan and develop clear, well-defined future research objectives and proposals.
- Write insightful and well-structured book reviews, demonstrating strong

analysis and synthesis.

The Lahore College of Theology, Lahore, Pakistan

2020- Present

- Teaching Research Methodologies
- Teaching Old Testament Theology

Church Foundation Seminars Bible School, Lahore, Pakistan

2020- Present

- Translating English material into the Urdu language (Old Testament & New Testament)
- Teaching Christian Ethics, Christology, Missiology, Disciplines of the Church, Teachings of Christ, Knowing Christ through parables and stories, Spiritual Warfare, Biblical Theology

Daystar School Projects, Lahore, Pakistan

2009-2013

- Handled school accounts and administrative tasks

V. ACADEMIC HONORS

- Full Bright Scholarship at Kairos University (Enrolled in September 2020- Present)
- Full Bright Scholarship at Yonsei University (Global Institute of Theology) (February 2019 – September 2020)
- Free publication of a paper entitled “Apologetic Evangelical Contextual Christology: A Pragmatic Approach in the Islamic Context (Pakistan)” by MDPI in Religions 2024.
- Currently serving (2025-2026) as Guest Editor Assistant for the Special Issue, MDPI, Religions Journal, Christian–Muslim Encounters and Dialogues over the Centuries: The Christian–Muslim Relationship for Bringing Peace and Harmony (https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/5DR0C8A4UM)

VI. ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- “Missions from the Margins: Towards a Pakistani Theology of a Marginalized Church Community,” Th.M. Dissertation, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 2020. <http://www.dcollection.net/handler/yonsei/000000525893>
- Journey Amidst Covid-19: A Theology to Direct the World’s Path, The American Journal of Biblical Theology, 2022, <https://www.biblicaltheology.com/Research/HakimAY01.pdf>
- The Impact and Challenges of Asian Christianity in a Pluralistic Setting: A Biblical Approach to Changing the Situation, Journal of Biblical Theology, 2022, <https://www.biblicaltheology.com/Research/HakimAY02.pdf>
- John S. Carpenter, Be Not Afraid to Follow the Footprints from Heaven (2016) and He is Alive: Science Finds Jesus (2018), <http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/2682>

- The Well-Managed Ministry: Disciple-Making as a Pastor of Household Community and Church Family in Pakistani and Global Context.” *Biblical Studies Journal* 05 (03): 62–76. <https://doi.org/10.54513/BSJ.2023.5306>
- Asian Christianity and theology: inculturation, interreligious dialogue, integral liberation. 1st ed. Asian Christianity and theology: inculturation, interreligious dialogue, integral liberation. 1st ed., by Edmund Kee-Fook Chia, London, Taylor & Francis, 2021, xiv+258 pp., \$36.99, ISBN 978-0-3673-4161-9, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1474225X.2024.2302286>
- “Practices of Truth in Philosophy: Historical and Comparative Perspectives. Pietro Gori and Lorenzo Serini, New York, Routledge. 301 Pp, £104.00 (Hb),” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12736>
- Missional Understanding of the Bible: Taking the Text of the Bible Seriously, *Missiological Insights, Missiological Thinking*, 2023, <https://www.missiologicalthinking.com/missional-understanding-of-the-bible-taking-the-text-of-the-bible-seriously>
- The Missional Church, *Missiological Insights, Missiological Thinking*, 2023, <https://www.missiologicalthinking.com/the-missional-church>
- Apologetic Evangelical Contextual Christology: A Pragmatic Approach in the Islamic Context <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15091032>
- From Fracture to Flourishing: Mending Ecclesiastical Divisions for the Liberation and Empowerment of the Pakistani Marginalized Community <https://www.journals.ezenwaohaetorc.org/index.php/Ministerium/article/viewFile/3615/3742>
- Mending Ecclesiastical Divisions: Restoring a Fractured Church and Pakistani Marginalized Community, Preprint) [10.31124/advance.171682020.07314175/v1](https://doi.org/10.31124/advance.171682020.07314175/v1)
- Living the Way: An Ethical Approach Towards Cross-Cultural Reading in Our Local and Global Contexts, Preprint) <https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202406.0280/v1>
- Spirituality: Using AI Integration of Knowledge to Improve Human Conditions [10.5840/asrr2026327137](https://doi.org/10.5840/asrr2026327137)
- Junfeng Zhao, Defeng Li, Riccardo Moratto (eds.). *Chinese Literature in the World: Dissemination and Translation Practices*. Singapore: Springer. xx+206 pp 2022. (This book review is accepted by the *Religion and Literature Journal* and will be published in R&L issue 57.2)
- Michael A. Peters et al. (eds.). *Moral Education and the Ethics of Self-Cultivation: Chinese and Western Perspectives*. Singapore 2021: Springer Nature Singapore. xi+275. pp 2021. (This book review is accepted by the *Journal of Teaching Philosophy* and will be published in Volume 49, Issue 2, June 2026)
- Jingyi Jenny Zhao, *Aristotle and Xunzi on Shame, Moral Education, and the Good Life*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2024. xiii+178. ((This book review is accepted by the *Acta Philosophica* and will be published in Volume 35, Issue 2, September 2026)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Leadership Crises in the Pakistani Context: A Christo-Leadership Approach to See the Face of Christ
- Jesus' Teachings as an Ointment to the Wounded Community(ies): The Power of Metaphors in the Marginalized Context
- Reimagining Jesus in the Biblical-Historical and Missiological Context to Heal the Broken World
- The Methodologies of the Bible: Gospel-Centered and Constructive Methodologies as Neglected by Pastors/ Theologians
- William Charlton, God, Death, and Religious Teaching: Essays on the Philosophy of Religion, Ethics International Press Limited, 2023, xiii, 250, ISBN: 9781804411254
- Moral Perfection and Aesthetic Experiences are the Mission of the Church

VII. PROFILE - Skills, Activities, Interests, And Hobbies:

- Analytical, organized, and meticulous in detail. Collaborative team player with an ownership approach and a track record of offering the highest strategic solutions to challenges to accelerate prosperity at the individual and communal levels.
- I have been practicing and establishing coherent interpersonal communication skills while treating my family, relatives, and colleagues with the utmost care and respect.
- Emotional Stability.
- Flexible regarding the working hours and the given responsibilities.
- I can work continuously in harsh conditions without skipping minor steps and avoid making errors by paying attention to each minute detail.
- Leadership: I can handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- I am consistent in holding on to excellent moral and religious values.
- Quickly Responsive and problem-solving in any state of emergency or sudden incident.
- Literature, Teaching, Reading, Art, Music, Photography, Writing.

VIII. PERSONAL INFORMATION

C.N.I.C:	35201-7115136-7
Passport:	AN6351361
D.O.B:	November 25, 1985
Nationality:	Pakistani
Religion:	Christian
Marital Status:	Married
Iram Aftab (wife):	Education (M.Div.)

Children:	Two (1 Boy and 1 Girl)
Languages:	Urdu (Fluent)
	English (Good)
	Punjabi (Native/Mother Tongue)

IX. REFERENCES

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