

## **I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- **Date of Birth** : March 19, 1963
- **Place of Birth** : Bangalore, India
- **Mother Tongue** : Tamil
- **Other languages known** : English, Kannada, Hindi, Swedish.
- **Church Affiliation** : Lutheran Church (Arcot Lutheran Church)
- **Honorary positions** : Vice President, United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India (UELCI)  
: Vice President, Women's Institute for New Awakening (WINA)

## **II. EDUCATION**

- **Doctor of Theology** (D.Th.) in the area of Christian Theology from South Asia Theological Research Institute (SATHRI) affiliated to Serampore College (University). *Dissertation* on Feminist Theology.
- **Master of Theology** (M.Th.) in Theology from Tamilnadu Theological Seminary (TTS), Madurai, affiliated to Serampore College (University). April 1990.
- **Bachelor of Divinity** (B.D.) United Theological College, Bangalore (UTC) affiliated to the Serampore College, (University, March 1987.
- **Bachelor of Science** (B.Sc.) Mount Carmel College, Bangalore University, April 1983.

## **III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Thirteen years of teaching in Theological College**

- Taught Gender Studies / Feminist Theology and Hermeneutics for the last nine years at UTC
- Promoted to the rank of *Professor* at UTC in June 2005
- Also taught Theology and Ethics at Serampore College for four years

## **IV. MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE**

- Ordained in September 2006 in the Arcot Lutheran Church and carrying out the additional sacramental duties of the church in addition to the ministerial engagement that I have always been involved in from June 1987 onwards.
- Underwent *Diakonala Aret* (one year of diakonal training) in the Church of Sweden in 1987 – 88
- Active involvement in regular preaching and teaching ministry in at least several theological colleges/ seminaries and local churches of different ecumenical traditions / denominations.
- Served as a resource person for the CSI Synod on different occasions specially to give lectures on Gender Sensitivity for the members of the Board of Diaconal Ministry, 2000. Also involved in preparing the Gender policy for the CSI Synod.
- Led Bible Studies and conducted the worship at the Annual retreat for the CSI Sisters on December 30, 2006.

- On several occasions, (including the pre-synod women's conference in September 2005 in Ranchi) served as a resource person and Bible Study leader in several workshops organized over the years by the SWCFS, and striving for Gender justice and equal participation of women and men in all forms of ministry in the Church and Society.
- Also conducted Gender sensitization workshops and Seminars on 'Re-reading the Bible with new Eyes' for the whole congregation of IBMV sisters (Institute of the Blessed Mary Virgin) Sept 2002 and 2003.
- Taught gender issues for at least three batch of students at Dharmaram Vidyakshethram (DVK), a Catholic Seminary in Bangalore.
- Am closely associated with the Indian Theologians' Association, a coming together of Catholic Theologians. Was also invited by the Office of the Theological Colloquium of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conference (FABC) in Asia to present a paper on Asian Feminist Christology in Chiang Mai, April 2004.
- My ministry is also associated with other Church related institutions / agencies such as the National Council of Churches in India, the Christian Medical Association of India, The Association of Theologically Trained Women of India, Student Christian Movement of India, Women's Institute for New Awakening and several more.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Completed a Course on *Management and Supervision skills* at 'The Centre for Strategy and Communication', *London*, in February 2007
- Presently serving as the first woman **Vice President** of the *United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India*.
- **Former President**, *Association of Theologically Trained Women of India* (ATTWI) (October 2002 – May 2006)
- **Vice-President**, *Women's Institute for New Awakening* -India (since 2000)
- **Board Member from Asia** on *Globethicsnet*, a Global network for Ethical Action-Reflection, based in Switzerland (since 2003)
- **Dean of Graduate Studies**, UTC (2003 – 2006)
- **Chairperson, Women's Studies Department**, (2000 – 2003)
- **Acting Principal**, UTC in the absence of the Principal in 2001-02, 2003-2004.
- **Member, Board of Studies** for Theology and Ethics, BTE SSC (2000-03)
- **Convener, Board of Women's Studies of the BTE SSC** (2005-2008)
- **Member, Academic Council** of the Senate of Serampore College, 2005 – 08.
- **Member on the Selection Committee** appointed by the Syndicate of Madras University to appoint a lecturer in the Department of Christian Studies, 2003.
- **Member, CCA Theological Concerns Desk** (1995 – 2000)

## VI. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED/ LISTING SELECT ECUMENICAL ENGAGEMENTS

- **LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION / OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH ENGAGEMENTS**

- A Keynote speaker at the Pre-Assembly Youth Conference of the Lutheran World Federation, **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, January 1990.
  - Lutheran World Federation Asian meeting on Theological theme “Communio, Communion, Community” held in Chennai, India, 2002.
  - Planning Committee meeting in **Geneva** on September 1, 2006 to prepare for the LWF Council 2007 in Lund, in March 2007.
  - Lutheran Church in Sweden: Spent one year doing the “Diakonate year” programme, at Heljsjon, Goteborg **Sweden** from June 1987 – May 1988.
  - Karlstad Diocese of Sweden (Lutheran): Preached on several occasions at their 7 day diocesan mission festival **Karlstad, Sweden** Sept 28 – Oct. 8, 2006.
  - Missionary sermons preached in Lerum and other places in Sweden in *Swedish*. Program covered by the electronic and print Media in Sweden.
  - Invited to serve as a member on the Dialogue team between for Theological and Doctrinal Conversation with the Orthodox Churches round the world. (First meeting in Geneva in Feb.2007)
- **WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC)**
    - Faith and Order consultation on Ecclesiology and Ethics, **Bangkok, Thailand**, June 1996
    - Women’s Vision Seminar, a Global Women’s Meet organized by the World Council of Churches in **Geneva, Switzerland**, April – May 1994.
    - One of the fifteen theologians chosen from around the world to formulate the Manila Declaration of the Church’s stance against ‘Empire’ in **Manila, Philippines**, June 2006.
    - Presently serving as a member of the Core Group formed by the WCC and invited to serve as a member for a term commencing in July 2007 to articulate theological issues.
    - Invited as Speaker for the World Mission Conference in Wales, in August 2007.
- **CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA (CCA)**
    - Young Theologians conference in **Bangkok, Thailand**, April 1992
    - South Asian Participatory Bible Study Workshop **Colombo, Sri Lanka**, 1993.
    - Bible Study leader for National Youth Secretaries **Philippines**, March 1993.
    - Consultant at the Asia Ecumenical Course, **Colombo, Sri Lanka**, June 1995.
    - Joint Program Committee meeting of CCA, **Thailand**, August 1995.
    - Planning Committee of Theological Concerns desk, in **Kuala L, Malaysia**, 1996.
    - Kyoto Conference on Christologies in Context, in **Kyoto, Japan**, April 1996.
    - Asian Christologies in Context consultation, **Bangkok, Thailand**, 1996.
    - Conference on Theological Challenges in the new Millennium, **Darwin, Australia**, September 1999.
    - Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS) in **Chiang Mai, Thailand**, August 2003.
    - Celebration of the golden jubilee of the CCA in **Parapat (1957 - 2007) Indonesia**, March 2007.
- **BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE (BWA)**
    - Missionary Sermon preacher at the Annual Baptist Assembly, in 1994, in **Bridlington, United Kingdom**. (April 1994).

- **ANGLICAN CHURCH**
  - Invited by the Gloucester Diocese, **United Kingdom**, for an exposure programme to their mission work, April 17– May 04, 2002. Also was a Resource person at the Clergy conference organized during that period.
- **WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION (WACC)**
  - Keynote speaker at the Frankfurt Book Fair Seminar for publishers from the Third World, organized by WACC and EMW, on the theme **Human Rights**, in **Frankfurt, Germany**, in September 1992.
  - Keynote Speaker for the FBF Seminar for publishers from the Third World, on the theme of **Women’s Rights**, **Frankfurt, Germany**, Sept. 1993.
  - Bible Study Leader at the Communication and Media seminar, organized by the WACC, **Manila, Philippines**, 1995.
- **WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION (WSCF)**
  - Student Empowerment and Training programme for the Youth organized by the World Student Christian Federation, **Selatiga, Indonesia**, 1996.
  - World Student Christian Federation Women’s Desk programme on Re-reading the Bible with new eyes, in **Colombo, Sri Lanka** in February 2003.
- **COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION (CWM)**
  - Bible Study Leader at the South Asia Regional workshop on Gender, organized by the Council for World Mission, **Dacca, Bangladesh**, in January 2001.
  - Member of the Personnel Working Committee of CWM. Attended the committee meeting of CWM in **London**, August 2003.
  - Bible Study Leader and Chaplain of the Team that visited the Church of **Wales** and the Union of Independents, February 2007.
- **WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES (WARC)**
  - Resource Person at the South Asian Regional Workshop on Gender, organized by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, **Bangkok**, 2003.
- **ASIAN WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (AWHRC)**
  - Joint conference organized by the AWHRC, WCC, CCA on the theme “Violence against Women” in **Bali, Indonesia**, 1993.
- **GLOBETHICSNET (GE)**
  - Founding Conference of Globethics.net, **Geneva**, September 2003.
  - Globethics.net, two-day Board meeting in **Zurich**, March 2004.
  - Presented a paper at the II Global consultation of GE, **Bangkok**, Sept. 2005.
  - International meet of ethicists on ‘Fundamentalisms’ in **Netherlands**, August 2006.
  - Board Meeting of Globethicsnet, **Geneva**, February 2007

- **CONGRESS OF ASIAN THEOLOGIANS (CATS)**
  - Member of CATS, attended the first Congress of Asian Theologians in Suwon, **Korea**, 1997, II in ECC Bangalore,
  - Fourth Congress of Asian Theologians in **Chiang Mai, Thailand**, April 2004.
- **PROGRAMME FOR THEOLOGIES AND CULTURES IN ASIA (PTCA)**
  - Chosen as one of the researchers in PTCA program by C.S. Song. Attended the Scholars meeting in **Chiang Mai** in April 1998
- **ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD THEOLOGIANS (EATWOT)**
  - Attended the South Asia regional conference held in Bangalore in June 1994.
  - Represented India at the EATWOT South Asian theologians' meeting in **Bangladesh**, July 1999.
- **CTI - UTC JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM:**
  - The Center of Theological Inquiry and the UTC's joint research program of "Interrogating Mission." **Princeton, in New Jersey, USA**, April – May, 2004.
- **DALITS-MINJUNG DIALOGUE**
  - Attended three rounds of Dialogue between the Dalits and Minjung of Korea. Third Round of Dialogue took place in **Korea**, 2003, two in India.
- **FEDERATION OF ASIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE (FABC)**
  - Presented a paper on Asian Christologies at the Federation of Asian Bishops Conference, (FABC) conference in **Bangkok**, in May 2004.
- **ECCLESIA OF WOMEN IN ASIA (EWA)**
  - EWA is a Network of Catholic and Protestant women Theologians in Asia invited as consultant from Protestant churches in **Indonesia**, August 2004. The Workshop was on the issues of "Body and Human Sexuality"
- **WORLD FORUM OF THEOLOGIANS OF LIBERATION (WFTL)**
  - I presented a paper at the World Forum of Theologians of Liberation on the theme 'God and Gender', January 21-26, 2005, in **Porto Alegre, Brazil**. It was a coming together of Liberation Theologians from all over the world.
- **UBCHE/ ATESEA/ BTESSC:**
  - Attended the Asian Region Consultation in **Chiang Mai, Thailand**, 2003 on **Curriculum Revision** and Theological Education, organized by the United Board for Christian Higher Education along with Association of Theological Schools in South East Asia and the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College.
- **THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN LANKA**
  - Keynote Speaker at Pilimatalawa Theological College, Kandy, **Sri Lanka** for the silver jubilee of women in theological education, July 2006.

## VII. OTHER EXPERIENCES AND INTERESTS

- Exploring different forms of liturgy and music (coordinated the production of two [audio] *bhajan* cassettes).
- Networking with theological institutions, churches and people's movements.

- Fostering Ecumenical relationships and partnerships for mutual enrichment and mutual growing, learning and affirmation.
- Fostering inter- religious, inter-denominational dialogues on national and social issues of priority
- Creating space/ opportunities for building communities of Equals and partnership for Justice and Liberation with local and global communities.
- Have organized consultations at national, regional and international levels.
- Exploring alternate forms of Responsible and Empowering Leadership.

## IX. SELECT PUBLICATIONS

### ● PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES PUBLISHED IN REPORTS

- *Protection of Human life and God's Holy gift of Life*, Published by the LWF, Pre-Assembly Youth Conference report, 1990
- *Bible as a tool for Human Rights*, Frankfurt Book Fair Seminars, report published by WACC 1992,
- *Women and Rights*, Frankfurt Book Fair Seminars report published by WACC, 1993
- *Children in a developing World*, Frankfurt Book Fair Seminars report published by WACC, 1993

### ● PAPERS PUBLISHED IN INDIAN / INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

- "Towards a Theology in Context: Our vision and Goal", *Indian Journal of Theology*, Serampore College, Serampore, 1993.
- "Contribution of Feminist Theology to Church's Mission", *Masihi Sevak*, 1996.
- "Christian Witness in the jubilee year: A Feminist critique" in *National Council of Churches Review*, vol.CXVII no.8, September 1997
- "Significance of the Body in Feminist Theological Discourse" in (*Bangalore Theological Forum*, vol. xxxiii, no.2, Dec. 2001) pp. 80-98.
- "Missioning in Context" in (*Religion and Society*, vol. 48, No.3, September 2003), pp. 80 – 89.
- "Skin, Body and Blood: Explorations for Dalit Hermeneutics" in (*Religion and Society*, vol.49, nos. 2&3 June and September 2004), pp 106-120.
- "Politicizing the Body: A Feminist Christology", (*Asia Journal of Theology*, vol.18, No.1, April 2004) pp. 82 – 109.
- "Asian Feminist Christology" in *In God's Image*, vol 22, No. 4, December 2003, pp 2-13
- "Dalit Theology" in *Response*, United Methodist Women's magazine, May, 2005.
- "Women Reclaiming the Power of Voice and Speech " WSCF; Hong Kong, *Praxis*, April 2005.
- "Marking and Remaking of History" in CTC Bulletin, CCA, December 2006

### ● ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN EDITED BOOKS

- "William Carey's Mission of Compassion and Justice" in *Carey's Obligation and Indian Renaissance*, ed. J.T.K.Daniel and R.E.Hedlund, Council of Serampore College, 1993.
- Two articles on Re-reading the Bible with new eyes in *Struggle to celebrate life*, edited Moses Paul Peter, SCMI, Bangalore, 1998.
- "Gender and Identity" in *Envisioning a New Heaven and a New Earth* edited by Rini Ralte et al, ISPCK, Delhi, 1999
- "Mission from a Dalit Perspective", in Milton Jeganathan, ed. *Mission Paradigm in the New Millennium*, (Delhi: ISPCK, 2000), pp. 296 – 304.

- “New Eyes, New Reading, New Woman...” in *Feminist Hermeneutics*, ed. by Lalrinawmi Ralte and Evangeline Anderson-Rajkumar, IWIT/ ISPCK, 2002, pp. 102 – 114.
- “Women’s Movements in Mission: Some lessons for the Church Today” in *Re-routing Mission: Towards A People’s Concept of Mission*. ed. George Mathew Nalunnakkal, for CCA by CSS, April 2004, pp. 39– 60.
- “Field Education: A Paradigm for Theo-praxis” in *On the Way to Critical Praxis. ed I John Mohan Razu, Bangalore, UTC, 2002, pp.228 – 233*.
- “Dear God, Reveal Your Name!” ed. Joseph George, Festschrift in honour of O.V.Jathanna, Principal of UTC, Published by ATC, Bangalore, 2005.
- “Women in Leadership:” in *Responsible Leadership* edited by Christoph Stuckelberger and Jessi Mugambe, Acton Publishers, Nairobi, 2005.
- “Through Her Life: A Comment on Engendering Theological Education” in *Mission with the Marginalised* , ed Samuel W. Meshack, CSS, Tiruvalla, 2007, pp. 548-565
- “Practicing Gender Justice as a Faith Mandate in India”, *Studies in World Christianity*, Edinburgh University Press, 13.1.2007.
- “Dios Y Genero: Relexiones Desde una Perspecive womanista India” in *Teologia Para otro Mundo Posible*, ed by Juan Jose Tamayo, Luiz Carlos Susin, PPC, (article translated and published in Portuguese and Spanish) Printed in Madrid, Spain, 2006, pp. 261-267.

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