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# TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

## Empowered Communities: Strengthening Connections for a Sustainable Future



**November 3 - 5, 2023**



**Christ University, Bangalore. India**

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# DAY ONE - EDUCATION

November 3, 2023

## WELCOME ADDRESS



**Rev Dr Joseph CC**

Vice Chancellor  
Christ University, India

A renowned academician and visionary leader, Rev Dr Joseph has a PhD from Pondicherry University and a Master's in History from Maharaja Sayajirao University. He specializes in maritime history and has research interests in organizational culture, work values, and maritime relations. He has held numerous leadership positions since 1996, including those of pro-vice-chancellor, director of student services, and founding director of the Pune Lavasa campus, all of which have contributed to the expansion of the university. His dedication to excellence is demonstrated by his global engagement, influential publications, and leadership in historical preservation.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS



**Dr Donald E Hall**

Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
Binghamton University, USA

Dr Donald E. Hall has served as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Binghamton University since 2022. He has an illustrious career and has served as the dean at Lehigh University and the University of Rochester. His broad body of scholarly work includes contributions to British Studies, Gender Theory, and Cultural Studies. He has taught all around the world, pushing for liberal arts education, interdisciplinary discourse, and global skills. He has won awards like the University Distinguished Teaching Award. The main focus of his administrative and academic pursuits continues to be his dedication to academic success and community development.

# DAY TWO - HEALTH

November 4, 2023

## WELCOME ADDRESS



**Dr Angela Curl**

**MSW Program Director & Associate Professor**  
**Miami University, Ohio, USA**

Dr Angela Curl is an Associate Professor in Family Science and Social Work at Miami University where she has been since 2015. Her research primarily centers on health and engagement in the older adults, especially in the context of retirement, driving transitions, and human-animal interactions. She has received accolades like the Gerontological Society of America Fellowship and grants for her research and holds a PhD in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University and degrees from the University of Alabama and Taylor University. Additionally, she serves as the MSW Program Director. Her career journey includes a prior role as an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri, and various positions in social work, education and community Organizations.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS



**Dr Donna R Hedgepath**

**Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs,**  
**Campbellsville University, USA**

Dr Donna Hedgepath, an alumna of Campbellsville University, fosters progress in academics and student services. She is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Campbellsville University. She initially joined the university as Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2015, demonstrating strong leadership skills through innovative program development and earning respect among colleagues. She has served as an academic dean and was a member of the Administrative Council representing faculty before her current appointment. Endorsed by former President Michael V Carter, her ability to guide the institution, particularly during a period of unprecedented growth, has been a crucial part of her pivotal leadership. Dr Hedgepath holds a PhD in Music Education from the University of Kentucky, with expertise in teacher quality. Her commitment to education surpasses her role as Chairperson of the Education Professional Standards Board in Kentucky.

# DAY THREE – SOCIAL

November 5, 2023

## WELCOME ADDRESS



**Dr Jain Mathew**  
Dean, School of Business & Management  
Christ University, India

With 33 years of teaching experience, Dr Mathew, and holds a diverse educational background, including a M.Phil from Madurai Kamaraj University, and a PhD in Management from Bharathidasan University.

As a Research Supervisor at Christ University, Bangalore, and Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, he has guided numerous scholars in their research pursuits. He has worked on research projects, such as investigating Social Network Services and Social Media Platforms, analyzing Price Changes and Volatility in Indian Futures Markets, and categorizing Leadership in Indian SMEs. He specializes in Finance and Human Resource Management. He has authored 34 research papers, presented at 39 conferences, and organized several conferences. With his passionate and composed personality, he has been an influential leader and an integral part of the School of Business and Management.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS



**Mr Chocko Valliappa**  
CEO, VEE Technologies & Vice  
Chairman, Sona Group of Institutions

Chocko Valliappa is the inspirational force behind Vee Technologies and the Sona Valliappa Group; a company that supports self-reliance to pioneer textile industries, commodities export, construction and software development. With vast expertise in new technology, administration, international business operations, and corporate affairs, he has also been an integral part in establishing Sona Yukti Pvt. Ltd., which provides skill-based training with a strong industry focus. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Social Enterprise Network award by the Young Presidents Organization for outstanding contribution to education and training economically disadvantaged candidates for high skilled jobs. He has impacted millions of lives through HireMee, a social enterprise to democratize the freshers' recruitment process and help those from tier II and III cities to find jobs suitable for their skills and aptitude.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Day One  
November 3, 2023

## EDUCATION



**Ms Hope LeNoir**

**Founder and Owner  
Rise and Fly (C), LLC**

Ms LeNoir has been a dynamic Career Consultant for more than a decade, who empowers employees and organizations to create better, purposeful work environments. She has been awarded for connecting people with their professional purpose to ensure fulfillment, mobility, and company success. Hope's role as Chair of International Awareness and Involvement for her local sorority's chapter, diversified career experiences, academic achievements from Dillard University and Penn State University, delegation as collegiate advisory board member, and experience as a former collegiate educator reflect her commitment to developing equitable, inclusive, intentional, and transformative professional paths.

Day Two  
November 4, 2023

## HEALTH



**Dr Sunita Maheshwari**

**Chief Dreamer, Loop  
Closer & Cofounder,  
The Telerad Group**

A visionary entrepreneur and US Board-Certified Pediatric Cardiologist, Dr Maheshwari spearheads five pioneering healthcare and health-tech ventures under The Telerad Group. She boasts 200+ publications and presentations, alongside accolades including the 'Young Clinician' Award and 'Best Teacher Award' at Yale. As an inspirational speaker, she's delivered over 200 lectures, including TEDx talks. Her impactful contributions span community empowerment, evident through her 520 playground installations via P4P and telemedicine services for underserved regions via Telerad Foundation. Her visionary leadership drives sustainable health practices, education-driven wellness, and community resilience.

Day Three  
November 5, 2023

## SOCIAL



**Dr Norbert Frieters- Reermann**

**Professor of Education &  
Educational Sciences  
Aachen, Social Services**

A distinguished academic and seasoned educator, Dr Reerman's career spans from serving as a Professor for Social Work at Catholic University of Applied Sciences NRW to extensive research in fields such as peace education, intergenerational learning, and sustainable development. With background in conflict zones of Israel, Palestine, and Bosnia among others, he advocates for peace and conflict education. His commitment is also evident in various board memberships and participation in conflict transformation initiatives. His impactful work tackles pressing challenges such as social isolation, climate justice, and migration.

# LEADERSHIP TEAM

## EDUCATION

### CHAIR



**Mr Jimmy Cherian**  
Founder & President, Creating  
Futures, India  
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As the President and Managing Trustee of Creating Futures, an NGO focused on skill development and sustainable employment, Jimmy Cherian works to positively impact the lives of numerous children. Prior to this, he held various leadership roles in companies like Volvo Group, Ciber, CapGemini, HP among others. He is also a leadership and life skills coach, corporate trainer, and facilitator, with extensive involvement in social development sectors, such as Education, Child Welfare, Tribal Development, Rural Development, and Skill Development.

### CO-CHAIR



**Dr Cheyrl Mansfield Ensley**  
Interim Head & Associate Professor,  
Grambling State University, Louisiana  
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The Interim Associate Professor and Head of Curriculum & Instruction and Developmental and Higher Education Studies at Grambling State University, Dr Ensley is an advocate for providing access and opportunity for all students. With over three decades of educational experience, she earned her undergraduate degrees from Grambling State University, Masters from LA Tech and doctorate from Texas A&M Commerce. Before joining the GRAMFAM in 2018, Dr Ensley taught at the college level and held various roles in the Pre-K-12 system. She is an outcomes-based educator with a focus on students reaching their full potential.

### CO-CHAIR



**Prof Nisha Joseph**  
Principal, St. Anne's Degree  
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Ms Nisha Joseph, Principal of St Anne's Degree College for Women has two decades of experience with a double post graduation in Education and Management. She has been instrumental in organizing various programs including Inter College Fest, National Seminar, Graduation Day etc. She played an instrumental role during the NAAC accreditation process of the institution. She is a member of the Board of examiners at NMKRV College. She strongly believes in team work and fostering values in students which enables them to excel in life. She was the Education Chair for the LUD Conference 2022.

# HEALTH

## CHAIR



**Ms Anita Eipe**  
Managing Trustee, Samatha, India  
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Anita Eipe is a Special Education Needs professional with more than 25 years of experience in the field of education. She is the Founding and Managing Trustee of Samatha Learning Centre, a school that offers education programs for children with special needs to counter the difficulties faced in mainstream education. Before moving to the field of special education in 2007, she had gained teaching experience in non-special needs classes. She started her special education career in an inclusive, international school and then became the coordinator for special needs in Neev Schools.

## CO-CHAIR



**Ms Tracy Lyman**  
Lecturer, Binghamton University,  
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Tracy Lyman is a certified Elementary and Special Education teacher in New York, with over two decades of experience. As a lecturer at Binghamton University's Department of Teaching, Learning, and Educational Leadership, she teaches at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, specializing in mental health and special education. She also oversees and mentors student teachers in early childhood, elementary, and special education, while concurrently serving as an Early Intervention Specialist for children from birth to 3 years with developmental delays and disabilities. Her expertise extends to being a trainer and coach in implementing the evidence-based Pyramid Model for building social-emotional skills.

## CO-CHAIR



**Ms Aparna Singh**  
Program Director, Orbit Future Academy, India  
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With a background in Early Childhood Education and Family Studies, Aparna is an experienced educator for 3-8 year-old children in India and Singapore. Her Journalism and Mass Communication background led her to administrative roles in Bangalore's IB schools for over a decade, overseeing administration, communication, and admissions. Currently as a Program Director, Aparna leads Industry 4.0 upskilling programs for teachers and students in an Indonesian Skilling and Education firm. Aparna is also an author in a collaborative fiction series with her friends and spouse, and her diverse activities reflect her commitment to driving positive change for women and children.

# SOCIAL

## CHAIR



### Ms. Anupa Gnanakan

Director - Education, ACTS Group of Institutions, India  
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Anupa Gnanakan, a devoted educator, is passionate about student-centred education and fostering safe, positive learning environments. With a BA in Psychology, and training as a Montessori teacher, she pursued further qualifications, including a Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching Children with Learning Difficulties and an MA in Special and Inclusive Education from the University of Northampton. After 15 years of teaching in Bangalore schools, she now serves as the Director of Education at the ACTS Group of Institutions, an educational NGO.

Anupa's learning across diverse encounters led her to create the "Breaktime Conversations" YouTube channel, featuring insightful discussions with educators and specialists.

## CO-CHAIR



### Ms. Lisa Jungkamp

Social Worker and Systemic Counselor, KATHO University, Germany  
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As a Social Worker and Systemic Counsellor at Catholic University of Applied Science of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, Lisa Jungkamp's career underscores her strong commitment to social welfare and education, improving lives in various communities.

She is in charge of the international DREAMS program, which started in Germany in 2021. As an Assistant to the Pro Rector of Studies and Teaching, Lisa has been associated with the Catholic University of Applied Science of North Rhine-Westphalia in Cologne. Prior to this, she obtained practical experience in the field of Social Services at the youth welfare office and as a School Social worker.

## CO-CHAIR



### Mr. Shinto Joseph

Director - South East Asia Operations, LDRA, India  
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Shinto Joseph is the Director of South East Asia Operations at LDRA India. He holds a B.Tech in Computer Science from TKM College, Kerala, and an MBA in Marketing from CHRIST University, Bangalore.

Shinto is deeply committed to mentoring, innovation, and technology advocacy across multiple sectors, serving as the MBA Alumni Association president at CHRIST, having also received the Distinguished Alumnus award. With over 26 years of experience in Embedded Software Life Cycle solutions and Safety and Security critical industries, Shinto's visionary leadership has fostered the success of various teams and companies in the field of Embedded Systems.

## IT'S MORE THAN A 3-DAY EVENT!

The Networking and Organizing Committee for the Conference works hard to bring together participants with varied interests.

Each committee virtually connects at least once a week where people from diverse backgrounds and expertise provide insights toward planning and decision-making. This helps each member interact and learn from each other even before the Conference begins.

LUD believes that the real 3-day Conference is also the celebration of all the networking, planning and learning experience of more than 6 months.



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## HOW TO REACH CHRIST UNIVERSITY

- Located approximately 10 km from Central (Majestic) Railway Station and Kempegowda Bus Stand.
- Well-connected to the public transport system- 1.5 hours by BIAS-7 of Vayu Vajra Volvo Bus Service from the airport to get down at CHRIST University bus stop. The A/C bus service shuttle from the airport will depart every 30 mins.
- Sites to explore- Vidhana Soudha, Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bangalore Palace, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Indian Music Experience, etc.

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