

LET US DREAM

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TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

Empowered Communities: Strengthening Connections for a Sustainable Future

The Let Us Dream Triennial International Conference 2023 brings together individuals with transformative stories of social intervention. It focuses on encouraging people to envision and pursue their aspirations, goals, and dreams. The conference features motivational speakers, workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities aimed at inspiring and empowering attendees to transform their dreams into reality.

ABOUT

Let Us Dream is an international not-for-profit organization established to holistically empower communities. It uses an impactful and effective community-based collaborative model, linking community organizations with different groups of people with varied talents and capacities working together to build a better tomorrow. Creating a global family promotes interconnectedness and interdependence, contributing to a sustainable world.

With rigorous research and continuous evaluation, Let Us Dream strives to accomplish this vision through its four unique projects:

- DREAMS Intervention Program
- Community Conferences
- Clubs
- Productions



The Conference empowers all sectors of society, promoting a broad ecosystem. The goal is to provide resources, knowledge, and opportunities for community members to actively participate in decision-making processes and take ownership of the initiative. These sectors are comprised of:

- NGOs,
- Educational institutions,
- Post-secondary institutions,
- Service organizations,
- Corporations, and
- Volunteers.

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS



Rev Dr Lijo Thomas
Founder/Director, Let Us Dream

The Let Us Dream Conference is a unique collaboration, bringing together a group of people with bigger hearts for others. It is a convention of talented minds with charisma and unfailing hope to make positive changes in their communities. Researchers and practitioners share their values, experiences, thoughts, and emotions, aiming for improved efficiency and contentment in our service commitments.

With a spirit to celebrate and learn from each other, the Conference has empowered us into building numerous initiatives involving community improvements. Let Us Dream is an invitation to share, learn, and celebrate the diversity of our dreams, both among us and around us. It welcomes individuals with bigger hearts and profound thoughts for the progress of their society.

I am delighted to witness the second triennial celebration of this global movement of hope, inspiration, and dreams!



Dr Pauline Leonard
Co-Director, Let Us Dream Conference - USA

Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.
~Helen Keller

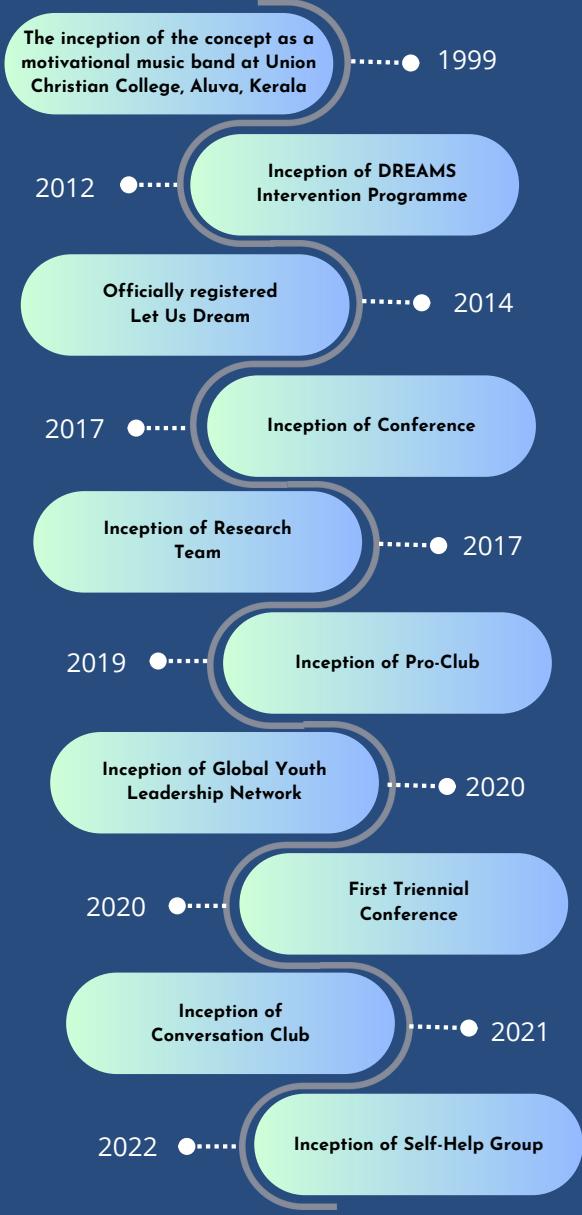
All those familiar with Let Us Dream (LUD) acknowledge that the genesis of this remarkable service organization can be attributed to Fr Lijo Thomas' vision of empowered communities for sustainable growth and impact. As a result, Let Us Dream was established as an initial step towards realizing this dream. In 2017, through the dedicated collaborative efforts of volunteers and in partnership with Louisiana Tech University and Grambling State University, the first annual community conference was held. Since then, the annual conference has expanded from one location to multiple venues in the United States and India.

Let Us Dream continues to evolve and grow, embracing innovative approaches to foster global impact. The success of the annual community conference model has inspired the design of a triennial international conference. With great excitement and anticipation, we are thrilled to announce that this year, Christ (Deemed to be University) will host the 2nd Triennial LUD Conference in Bangalore, India. Taking place from November 03rd to 05th, 2023, this international forum will provide an opportunity for individuals from local communities worldwide to come together in person, fostering collaboration and engaging in a collective learning experience.

Planning and hosting an international conference comes with its own set of challenges. However, the LUD Bangalore team, working with their international counterparts, comprises an experienced and dedicated group of passionate professionals. Furthermore, the Triennial Conference aims to promote and facilitate networking, collaboration, and innovative thinking, all in pursuit of this year's conference theme: "Empowered Communities: Strengthening Connections for a Sustainable Future."

Let Us Dream is an inclusive initiative, and we extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us on this incredible journey!

OUR GROWTH



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Established in 2017, the Conference started with the purpose of sharing experiences, efforts and challenges of volunteers in the process of community intervention and development. Let Us Dream provides an inclusive platform to people of all ages and backgrounds. Conferences hosted by LUD also aim at introducing different intervention models at the community level.

The primary goal of the Annual and Triennial Conferences is to induce networking and collaboration among people interested in community improvement. The conference actively contributes to creating a professional learning environment dedicated to improving local communities. This is done through bridging the gap between researcher and practitioner.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

While our Annual Conferences cover change and development over a year, the Triennial Conference serves as a hub for learning between researchers and practitioners; allowing participants to gain insights into innovative approaches, emerging trends, and successful case studies. This exchange of knowledge fosters continuous learning and helps participants enhance their understanding and effectiveness in addressing sustainability challenges.

These conferences bring together NGOs, philanthropists, businesses, government representatives, and other stakeholders to facilitate networking, dialogue, and the establishment of meaningful partnerships that can leverage resources, expertise, and influence. Through collaboration, participants can combine their strengths, pool their resources, and work towards shared sustainable development goals.

The Triennial Conference aims to reflect on successes, identify areas for improvement, and set new goals for the upcoming community intervention programs.

Alongside, this platform also celebrates the unsung heroes who have gone the extra mile, and not left a stone unturned. Up until now, Let Us Dream has held one online International Conference in 2020, with 10,010 participants from around the globe. This year marks the silver jubilee of Let Us Dream as an organization, and so, we wholeheartedly welcome you to the first ever offline Let Us Dream Triennial Conference 2023. Let us come together, collaborate, and transform ideas into actions that will leave a lasting impact on our world.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme "Empowered Communities: Strengthening Connections for a Sustainable Future" sheds light on fostering collaboration, resilience, and sustainable development at a community level. It highlights the importance of collective action, engagement, and cooperation to create a better future. The Conference emphasizes the need to balance the present generation's requirements without compromising future generations' subsistence. By empowering communities and strengthening connections, the conference aims to break down barriers to accessibility and promotes inclusivity, cooperation, and mutual support. It provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to come together, exchange ideas, and develop strategies to work towards a sustainable future through communities both at the local and global levels.

COUNTING DREAMS, COUNTING SUCCESS: A LOOK AT OUR CONFERENCE NUMBER STATS

64+
**Conference
Chairs**

45+
**Keynote
Speakers**

USA
Louisiana
New York

295+
**Panel
Members**

INDIA
Hyderabad
Chennai
Bangalore
Trivandrum

12+
**Host
Colleges**

295+
**Panel
Members**

180+
**Local
Community
Volunteers**

3500+
Registrations

550+
**Student
Volunteers**

FACILITIES OFFERED

CHRIST University takes pride in its eco-friendly, serene and peaceful environment, along with being deeply committed to upholding its values. The Central campus of CHRIST University, nestled in the vibrant city of Bangalore, offers an array of exceptional facilities that foster a truly enriching educational experience. One of the standout features of this campus is its unwavering commitment to nurturing strong networks. With state-of-the-art facilities and a diverse student community, the Central campus provides a platform for students to connect and collaborate, forming lifelong friendships and professional associations. The campus facilitates numerous networking events, seminars, and conferences that bring together industry experts, alumni, and students, providing invaluable opportunities to forge meaningful connections and explore new horizons. This vibrant network empowers students to broaden their horizons, discover new perspectives, and lay the foundation for a successful future.

In addition to fostering strong networks, the Central campus of CHRIST University is renowned for its world-class education. The institution boasts a distinguished faculty comprising experts in their respective fields who are deeply committed to imparting knowledge and nurturing intellectual growth. The campus is equipped with modern teaching aids, research laboratories, and cutting-edge technology that facilitate innovative and immersive learning experiences.

CHRIST University truly stands as a testament to the institution's commitment to providing students with world-class facilities and opportunities. Through its emphasis on networking, exceptional education, and modern equipment, the campus creates an environment that empowers students to explore their passions, grow academically and professionally, and become responsible global citizens.

HOST UNIVERSITY

The Let Us Dream Triennial International Conference is being hosted by five universities:

- CHRIST University (Central Campus), Bangalore, India;
- Binghamton University, New York, USA;
- Louisiana Tech University, Louisiana, USA;
- Grambling State University, Louisiana, USA; and
- KatHo University, North Rhine-Westphalia.

The Conference will be held in Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

CHRIST University was born out of the educational vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, an educationist and social reformer of the nineteenth century in South India. He founded the first Catholic indigenous congregation, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), in 1831 which administers CHRIST University. The multi-disciplinary University which focuses on teaching, research and service offers Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes in humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, engineering, architecture, education, and law to about 30000 students. The University offers its programmes at four campus locations in Bangalore in Karnataka, at Lavasa in Pune in Maharashtra, and Ghaziabad in Delhi NCR. The campus offers a wide range of facilities for both the students and faculties in the vicinity of the institution. The university has published six peer-reviewed research journals and more than 300 books in Kannada and English. A proponent of sports, music and literary activities, it is a nurturing ground for creative excellence and holistic development.





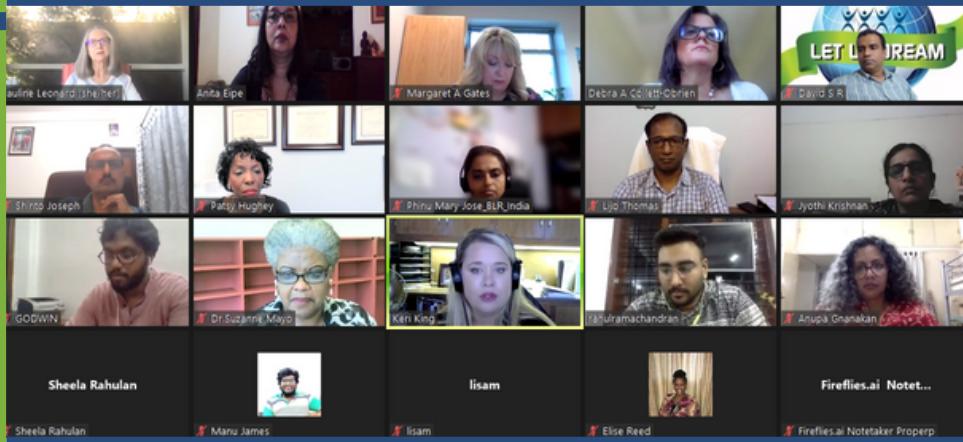
The Let Us Dream Triennial International Conference 2023 holds special significance as this year marks the silver jubilee of Let Us Dream's commitment, dedication and collaborative effort.

The theme of this conference, "Empowered Communities: Strengthening Connections for a Sustainable Future," encapsulates LUD's unwavering commitment to fostering inclusivity, empathy, and collaboration. It serves as a clarion call for us to come together, strengthen the bonds formed, as well as forge new alliances, ensuring that no community is left behind in our pursuit of a better future.

Let Us Dream looks forward to your presence for this grand jubilee celebration at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore from November 03 to 05, 2023.

All those who have attended any of the one-day local community conferences are eligible for free registration and accommodation at the Triennial International Conference.

All are welcome!



HOW TO REACH CHRIST UNIVERSITY?

Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Central Campus is located approximately 10 km from Central (Majestic) Railway Station and Kempegowda Bus Stand. The university is well-connected with the public transport system. It takes 1.30Hrs by BIAS-7 of Vayu Vajra Volvo Bus Service from the airport to get down at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) bus stop. The A/C bus service shuttle from the airport will depart every 30 mins.

Bangalore is the capital city of the southern state of Karnataka and has many places to visit like Vidhana Soudha, Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bangalore Palace, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Indian Music Experience, etc.

Register Here for Free: <https://letusdream.org/triennial-conference-2023>