

**Resume of
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Date of Birth: 9 May 1949

Present Occupation: Principal
Concordia Theological Seminary

Educational Qualifications: *Ph. D.*, (Communication)
Centre for Mass Communication Research,
Leicester University, UK.
M Th., (Christian Ethics)
United Theological College, Serampore University, India
B D., United Theological College, Serampore University, India
B Ed., Vijaya Teachers College, Bangalore University, India
B Sc., KGF First Grade College, Mysore University, India

Academic Experience:

Teaching

July 2005 – June 2011

Principal
Professor and Head, Department of Communication
Dean, Doctoral Studies
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research
Institute, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.

Guiding D. Th., Students in Communication
Senate of Serampore College (University)
Serampore, West Bengal, INDIA

Guiding Ph.D., Students
Mother Teresa University for Women
Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu, INDIA

Guiding Ph.D., student
Martin Luther Christian University
Shillong, Meghalaya, INDIA

1 – 14 August 2011. Faculty of Summer School on “Communication and Religion” organized at Bossey Ecumenical Institute, Geneva (WCC) with WACC.

August 2001 – December 2004 Served as Professor of Communication at Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois, USA
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, USA and
Harold Washington College, Down Town Chicago, Illinois, USA

June 1995 – June 2001 Professor & HOD
Department of Communication,
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College.

June 1990 – June 1995 Asst. Professor & HOD, Department of Communication,
Gurukul.

December 1982 – June 1987 Lecturer,
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai.

June 1982 – December 1982 Lecturer, Hindustan Bible Institute and College,
Chennai.

Other Academic Experiences:

1995 -- 2001 Visiting Professor
Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication,
University of Madras, Chennai, India

1997 -- 2001 Visiting Professor
Dept. of Communication,
MOP Vaishnov College for Women, Chennai

1997 -- 2001 Visiting Professor
Dept. of Communication,
Women's Christian College, Chennai.

1995 Professor
Asian Institute for Christian Communication,
Chengmai, Thailand.

Examiner: Senate of Serampore College (Christian University)
B. D., and M. Th., Examinations (Communication,
Christian Ethics & Theology)
Supervised Doctoral Students of the Serampore
University and served as Examiner.
Madras University, M. A., and M. Phil., Ph.D.,
Examinations (Comm.) and Christian Studies.
Manonmanium Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli,
Tamilnadu for M.A., (Comm.) M.Phil., and Ph.D.,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi – M. Phil.
(International Studies and Ethics)

Current Professional Responsibilities:

Secretary

World Association for Christian Communication (WACC), Toronto, Canada

Chairperson

Task Force on Continuing Education and Training
WACC, Toronto, Canada.

President

World Association for Christian Communication – Asia Region

Chairperson

Commission on Communication and Public Relations,
National Council of Churches in India.

President, Forum of Christian Communicators in India, membership opens for all Christian Communication scholars in India.

Member of the Content Advisory Committee, GlobeTheoLib based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Member of the Board of Governors

Martin Luther Christian University
Shillong, Meghalaya

Board of Trustees

Inter-Church Service Agency, Chennai

Board of Director

Lady Dock College, Madurai, Tamilnadu

Ministerial Experience:

January, 2004 – June 2005 -- Pastor

First Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA),
Fullerton Ave, Chicago, Illinois, USA and

Calvary Church of South India, (CSI in USA)

Downers Grove Community Church, Illinois, USA.

June 1978 – June 1982 -- Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church &
Bethany Lutheran Church,
Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka, INDIA

January 1983 – September 1987 -- Associate Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (while serving as a fulltime Professor at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College).

1995 – 2000 -- Secretary/ Convener

Board of Literature
India Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Position held:

Board Member

Academic Administrative Council
Senate of Serampore College (University)

Research Committee Member

South Asian Theological Research Institute (SATHRI)
Senate of Serampore College (University)

Member, Executive Committee,
National Council of Churches in India.

Board of Trustee:

Christian Media Centre, Chennai

Advisory Member for Communication Studies of the
MOP Vaishnava College for Women, Chennai, India.

Treasurer

Indian Council for Communication Training and
Research (ICCTR)

Consultant for Communication in Theological Education
for the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Geneva.

Asia Lutheran Theological Institutions Network – in-charge
of developing e-library called Asia Lutheran Theological
Electronic Library.

Member, Asia Region Co-ordination Committee
(Asian Region Co-ordination Committee, LWF)

Vice-President, Lutheran Communications in Asia
(LUCIA)

National Conferences:

Organized several Workshops, Seminars and
Conferences as the person-in-charge of the Non-formal
Education Centre from 1983 in various subjects covering
several issues related to Church and society -- Renewal
of Local Congregations, Luther Studies, Christian
Education, Counseling and ethical issues related to
Human Rights, Women's Rights and Minorities issues,
Development and Communications issues etc.
Presented several papers on various ethical issues in
several seminars, conducted Bible studies on several
themes and occasions.

International Conferences:

Attended several international conferences and
seminars and presented papers on the issues related to
Communication, Ethics and Development.

Served as consultant for Communication in Theological
Education Programs of the Lutheran World Federation,
Geneva, and conducted Workshops in Ethiopia,
Tanzania, Addis Abba and Brazil, and in many

theological colleges and Seminaries in Asia to introduce Communication in Theological Education.

Important Conferences attended and Papers presented:

- 1984 Consultation on Worship for Christian Conference of Asia Assembly, Singapore. (Resource person)
- 1985 Lutheran Communications in Asia, Bangkok
- 1987 Asian Institute of Christian Communication (AICC)
- 1989
- i. Consultation on Development Education, Finland
 - ii. Consultation and Workshop on Festival of Missions, Christian Conference of Asia in Jakarta, Indonesia (Resource Person)
 - iii. Communication in Theological Education, Jointly sponsored by WACC, WCC and LWF in South Korea. (Presented a draft curriculum).
- 1991
- i. Lutheran Communications in Asia, Australia
 - ii. Second Consultation on Communication in Theological Education organized by LWF, WCC and WACC in Bossey, Switzerland (Presented the curriculum for Communication Studies in Theological Education)
- 1992 Lutheran Communications in Latin America at Brazil, South America (Resource person)
- 1993 Conducted 10 days Workshop on Communication in Theological Education for *Mekana Yesus Church*, Ethiopia, sponsored by LWF (Resource person)
- 1994
- i. Asian Church Leaders Conference, Singapore (Presented a Paper on Communication in Theological Education and conducted a workshop for Church Leaders on the significance of Communication in Mission)
 - ii. Attended the South - South Communicators Consultation in Nairobi sponsored by Lutheran World Federation, Geneva.
- 1995 Conducted a Workshop for Asian Theological Education Professors on Communication in Theological Education, in Kola Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 1996 Asia Church Leaders Conference, in Singapore
Attended the LWF Assembly as a Journalist and was responsible for reporting on the Worship programs of the Assembly. Also led the community on Media and Power.
- 1997
- i. Presented the Keynote address at the KALME Assembly on the theme "Communication and Mission" held at Estonia.

- ii. Presented a paper on “Power, Value and Structure from a Communication Perspective” at the LUCIA pre-assembly seminar at Kola Lumpur, Malaysia
 - iii. A Theological Symposium on Contextual Theology for Asia at Bangkok.
 - iv. Attended the Seminar on Developing Communication Policy for the Lutheran Communion at Brazil, South America and presented a paper on ‘Theological basis for Communication Policy for the Lutheran Communion’ (LWF)
- 1998 AR-WACC Assembly in Chengmai, Bangkok.
- 1999
- i. Attended as a consultant on Communication to the Consultation on Development of Policy for Lutheran World Service, Geneva.
 - ii. Attended and presented a paper on Consultation on Communication Policy for LWF, held at Geneva and presented a paper on Theological Perspectives of Communication Policy for Lutheran Communion.
- 2000
- i. Attended the Religious Communication Congress 2000, at Chicago
 - ii. Visited as an Ambassador of Indian Lutheran Churches to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Canada, visiting several churches, development agencies and seminaries.
 - iii. Served as the Coordinator of the Annual Gurukul Summer Institute held at Breklum, Germany in September, 2000
 - iv. Attended as a resource person at the Asian Mission Seminar held at Kotakinabalu, Malaysia and served as the coordinator of the Communication for Mission Workshop.
- 2001 Attended the Joint meeting of the Asia Region Coordination Committee (ARCC) and the Asian Christian Theological Education Association (ACTEAS) held at Seoul, Korea.
- 2002
- i. A resource person at the Seminar on Writers’ Workshop held at Bangkok, Thailand, organized by the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva.
 - ii. A resource person at the Consultation on “Women, Mass Media and Violence” organized by the UELCI Women’s Desk, Chennai, India.
- 2003 Attended the 10th Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation at Winnipeg, Canada and served as the co-opted staff for Communication to serve as a Photo-journalist.

(A period when my wife late Prasanna Kumari fell sick in July 2004, I was taking care of her at Chicago, USA and then after her death in March 2006, a period of mourning and initial attention in administrative responsibilities after taking over as

Principal of Gurukul Lutheran Theological College kept me away from any of the contribution from 2004 – 2006)

- 2007 International Network Association of Theological Education, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2007 “When Urban is Global” A Faculty Development Institute, The Ecologies of Learning Project and the Center for World Christianity, New York Theological Seminary, USA.
- 2008 WACC – Asia Triennial Assembly at Chiangmai, Thailand, where I was elected as the President of WACC-Asia.
- 2008 The World Association for Christian Communication’s Congress, held at Cape Town, South Africa.
- Presented a Response on Communication Rights – Asian Perspectives at the Communication Congress 2008
- 2009 Conducted two Workshops on “Mission with the Marginalized” at the American Asian Lutheran Conference held at Bangkok in February 2009.
- Chaired the WACC – Asia, Executive committee Meeting held at Manila, Philippines.
- Presented a Paper on ‘Communication Challenges for Christian Mission in Asia’ in a conference organized by the National Council of Churches in Philippines.
- Conducting Series of Workshops on “**Poverty Reporting Standards for the Media**” for WACC in India. So far three workshops were conducted:
- At Chennai, Tamilnadu for the Southern Region
 - At Bhubaneshwar, Orissa for the Northern Region
 - At Shillong, Meghalaya for North Eastern Region.
- All the presentation will be edited and published after the final national workshop in Delhi due in the month of October, 2009
- Conducted a Critical Pedagogy on New Frontiers of Theology for the Southern Seminaries/Theological Colleges affiliated to Senate of Serampore College at Gurukul.
- WACC Executive Committee Meeting at Toronto, Canada.
- 2010 Asia Lutheran Theological Networking Workshop at Bangkok, Thailand.
- WACC –Asia Regional Executive Committee meeting and Workshop at Myanmar.
- 4/14 Window Global Initiative held at New York, USA
- WACC Directors Executive meeting.

Organised Two Workshops for Theological Professors on “Critical Pedagogy in Theological Education” for Senate of Serampore (University) in November, 2010 and January 2011.

2011

Webinar organized by WACC-North America on “Bridging the Gap: Can a Theology of Communication and Journalism Transform Communications in the Churches?” (450 participants all over the world for this online seminar)

Organised an International Consultation on “Child Rights: A Theological Exploration” in collaboration with the Theological School in Hermansburg, Germany.

WACC – Asia Triennial Assembly at Indonesia and got re-elected as the President of WACC-Asia.

Bossey Summer School on “Communication and Religion” as Professor.

WACC Board of Directors meeting and got elected as the Secretary of the Global Board (one of the four officers of WACC)

2012

Luther Symposium

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

WACC – Asia Region REC and Leadership Training @ Taipei, Taiwan.

WCC and WACC Consultation on 10th Assembly of WCC Assembly, Busan, South Korea.

Conference on Asia Pacific Conference on Alternative Radio Journalism and the Advancement of Migrants’ Rights and Welfare and the Interfaith Solidarity Conference on the Conditions of Migrants in Jail organised by Asia Pacific Migrant Mission and the Chinese University of Polytechnic and presented a paper on, “The importance of advancing communication rights of marginalized people”.

Visit Concordia Theological Seminary at Edmonton, Canada.

WACC Global officers meeting and the Executive Committee meeting at Toronto.

Lutheran Leadership Conference organised by Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at Atlanta, USA.

2013

Joint meeting of the “World Association for Christian Communication” and “the Roman Catholic Communication Association” at Rome, Italy.

Publications: Authored books:

- Communication in Voluntary Action, Gurukul Publication 2000.
- Communication Manual for the Churches, Lutheran Communications in Asia: Lutheran World Federation Publication.

- A Curriculum for Communication in Theological Education, Madras: Gurukul Publication, 1992.
- Worship Resources for the NCCI National Youth Assembly, 1994.
- Worship Resources for the Asian Lutheran Women's Conference, Madras: United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, 1995.

Edited Books

- **Edited:** *Critical Pedagogy in Theological Education* Jointly Published by Christian Higher Education Board and Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai, 2010.
- **Edited:** *Dalit Women's Experiences: A Theological Imperative for Indian Feminist Theology – Contributions of Prasanna Kumari Samuel*, Chennai: Gurukul, 2009.
- **Edited:** *Mission with the Marginalized: In Celebration of the Life and Witness of Dr. Prasanna K. Samuel*, CSS Publication, Tiruvalla, India, 2007.
- **Edited:** *Communication of the Gospel: In the Context of Globalization, Religious Fundamentalism and Nationalism*, Gurukul Summer Institute, Madras: Gurukul Publications, 2002.
- **Edited:** Senate/BTE Annual 2000, Serampore: Senate of Serampore College, 2000.
- **Edited:** Senate/BTE Annual 1999, Serampore: Senate of Serampore College, 1999.
- **Edited:** *Building God's Kingdom in Honor of Dr. D.W. Jesudoss*, Madras: Gurukul Publications, 1999.
- **Edited:** *Challenges to Poverty Reporting in Media*, Published by Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute for WACC-Asia, 2011.
- **Edited:** *Christian Communication: Challenges to 21st Century Ecumenism and Theological Education*, published by Kanisius Publishing, Indonesia for WACC – Asia. Released during the Triennial Assembly of WACC – Asia in May 2011.
- **Edited** Asia Communication Sunday Resource Booklet of 2010, 2011, 2012.
- Currently working on a book on “A Reader in Christian Communication”

Articles in certain books include

- “A Theological and Ethical Reflection on Women's Rights”, *Women's Rights*, LWF Publications, 1984.
- ‘A Response to the presentation on ‘Ecumenism and Theological Education’, *A Report on the International Consultation on Theological Education in India*, UELCI, Chennai, 1986.

- 'Communication in Theological Education' in *Empowering the Church*, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute, Chennai, 1995.
- 'Communication and Human Development', *Towards a Theology of Human Development*, Gurukul Summer Institute, Chennai, 1998.
- 'Mission and Media: new answers for old questions'. In *New Horizons in Christian Mission: A Theological Exploration*, Gurukul Summer Institute 1999.
- 'Communication is Prophetic: A Theological and Ethical explorations', *Communication of the Gospel in the context of Globalisation, Religious Fundamentalism, and Nationalism*. Gurukul Summer Institute, Chennai: Gurukul Publications, 2002.
- 'Communication, Ecumenism and Theological Education.' In *Communication of the Gospel in context of Globalisation, Religious Fundamentalism and Nationalism*, Gurukul Summer Institute. Chennai: Gurukul Publications. 2002.
- 'Is Leadership a Social or Spiritual Practice?', *Mission with the Marginalized: A Celebration of the Life and Witness of Dr. Prasanna K. Samuel*, CSS Publication, Tiruvella, India, 2007.
- "Church Structures are a Hindrance for Poverty Alleviation in India" *Lutheran World Information*, 2007.
- "Communication Rights – Asian Perspectives, WACC Congress 2008.
- Critical Pedagogy – A New Frontier in Theological Education Introductory paper in *Critical Pedagogy*, 2010.
- Challenges to Media on Poverty Reporting, WACC-Asia Publication, 2011.
- "Trends in Communication Research", *Methodological Issues in Theological Research: An Exploration* Edited by H. Vanlalauva, Dept. of Research/SATHRI. Faculty of Theology, Serampore College (University), West Bengal, 2013.
- "Significance of Communication in Marital Life" in *Courage to Live* edited by Gnana Robinson, (Tamilnadu: The Kanya Justice & Peace Publications), 2013.