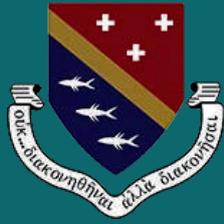




*De'thri Foundation with United Theological College* invites you to



# Fr. Dr. V C Samuel Memorial International Seminar 2025

Theme: Rise of Regional Churches: The Indian Church



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2025

 United Theological College, | Zoom  
Ecumenical Resource Center [ERC],  
63, Miller's Road, Benson Town  
Bangalore- 560 006, Karnataka, India.

For Registration





# Program Schedule

22nd November 2025

09:00 am

Session 1 - Inauguration

60 min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202501-01

10:00 am

Session 2 - Theology

150 min | ERC - 1st Floor Hall VC202501-02A

ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202501-02B

12:45 pm

Lunch - ERC Dining Hall

Dr VC Samuel Exhibition - UTC Library

02:00 pm

Session 3 - History of Christianity

110 min | ERC - 1st Floor Hall VC202501-03A

ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202501-03B

04:05 pm

Session 4 - Indigenization

85 min | ERC - 1st Floor Hall VC202501-04A

ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202501-04B

05:30 pm

Session 5 - Panel Discussion

90 min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202501-05

07:00 pm

Dinner



# Inauguration



**VC202501-01**

- 1 Prayer Song** 9:00 am to 09:05 am  
Bhajan Team, UTC
- 2 Prayer** 09:05 am to 09:08 am
- 3 Welcome Address** 09:10 am to 09:15 am  
Rev. Dr. A. Israel David, Principal, UTC
- 4 Lighting of Lamp** 9:15 am to 9:20 am
- 5 Plenary Address** 9:20 am to 9:25 am  
**His Eminence Dr. Alexios Mar Eusebius**  
Metropolitan of Calcutta Diocese, MOSC
- 6 Plenary Address** 9:25 am to 9:30 am  
**His Eminence Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos**  
Asst. Metropolitan of Bangalore Diocese,  
MOSC
- 7 Plenary Address** 9:30 am to 9:35 am  
**His Excellency Vinod K Jacob**, Ambassador  
of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain
- 8 Keynote Address** 9:35 am to 9:55 am  
**His Eminence Dr. Yuhanon Mar Meletius**  
Metropolitan of Thrissur Diocese, MOSC
- 9 Vote of Thanks** 9:50 am to 9:55 am  
**DETHRI Foundation**



# EVENT RUNDOWN

**November 22nd, 2025**

Session 1 - Two locations

[UTC, Bangalore](#)

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Center

## **Theology | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall** **VC202501-02B**

Introduction to the Session 10.00 - 10.10 am

**Moderator: Fr. Dr. Paulachen Kochappilly, CMI**, Dean - Theology  
& the President at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore

**Theology as Ascesis: An Orthodox Christian  
Witness to the Experience of the Mystical Life** 10.15 - 10.40 am

*in Christ, Fr. Dr. Abey George, Priest, Malankara  
Orthodox Syrian Church (MOSC), USA (via zoom)*

**Tea Break** 10.50 - 11.00 am

**Mind of Fr. Dr. V. C. Samuel, His Eminence** 11.00 - 11.25 am

*Yakoob Mar Irenaios Metropolitan, MOSC, Kochi,  
Kerala (via zoom)*

**The Truth of Scripture Vs Historical Jesus: A** 11.35 - 12.00 pm

**study of VCS's book, Who is Jesus Christ?,**  
*Fr. Dr. Renish Geevarghese, St. Stephen's College, Delhi  
(University of Delhi), MOSC*

**The Influence of Evagrius on Syrian** 12.10 - 12.35 pm

**Christianity and its importance, Dr. Karl**  
*Pinngera, Philipps University of Marburg,  
Germany (via zoom)*

**Lunch and Exhibition | Central Library**

12.45 - 02.00 pm



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## **Theology | ERC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall**      **VC202501-02A**

Introduction to the Session 10.00 - 10.10 am

**Moderator: Rev. Dr. Giri Krishnan**, Professor and HOD of Religions at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai.

**Atraita Eco-theology : A Discourse between Eastern Christian Creation Theology and Advaita Cosmology**, Rev. Dr. Alexander Isaac, UTC, Bangalore 10.15 - 10.40 am

**Tea Break** 10.50 - 11.00 am

**Embodied Grace and Relational Being: Towards a Communitarian Christian Anthropology**, Rev. Dr. Wilson Paluri, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai. 11.00 - 11.25 am

**The Indian Church / Christianity: Taking stock of Jean-Luc Nancy's Deconstructing Christianity**, Rev. Dr. Y T Vinayaraj, CISRS, Bangalore 11.35 - 12.00 pm

**Re-visiting Christian Theology Through the Lens of Advaita Vedanta : Challenges and Prospects** Dr. John V Mathew, UTC, Bangalore 12.10 - 12.35 pm

**Lunch and Exhibition**

12.45 - 02.00 pm



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Session 2 - Two locations

**UTC, Bangalore**

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## **History of Christianity | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall**

**VC202501-03B**

Introduction to the Session

02.00 - 02.10 pm

**Moderator: Fr. Dr. M O John**, MOSC, Kottayam

**Study of Karshon MS from Synod of**

02.10 - 02.35 pm

**Diamper**, *Mr. Josekutty Abraham, SEERI, Kottayam*

**Fr. Dr. V. C. Samuel and Orthodox**

02.45 - 03.10 pm

**Christianity in India**, Fr. Dr. Jose John,  
*Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam.*

**From Vision to Legacy: The Historical**

03.20 - 03.45 pm

**Journey of Fr. Dr. VC Samuel in Bangalore,**  
*Fr. Nitin V Rajan, MOSC, Bangalore*

**Tea Break**

03.55 - 04.05 pm



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## **History of Christianity | ERC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall**

**VC202501-03A**

Introduction to the Session

02.00 - 02.10 pm

**Moderator: Rev. Dr. Lalfakawma Ralte, UTC, Bangalore**

**Reinforcing the Fourfold Dialogue and Collaboration in India: Processes, Paradigms, and Possibilities**, Fr. Dr. Robin Seelan SJ, *Loyola, Chennai*

02.10 - 02.35 pm

**God the Creator as the First Teacher: The Syriac Idea of Divine Pedagogy in Creation and Its Relevance for Ecclesiastical Education in India.**, Fr. Dr. Sibi Kuriakose CMI, *Dharmaram Vidyapeth, Bangalore.*

02.45 - 03.10 pm

**The role of Laity in the Indian Orthodox Church**, Mr. Sujith Varghese George, *Dethri Foundation, Navi Mumbai*

03.20 - 03.45 pm

**Tea Break**

03.55 - 04.05 pm



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Session 3 - Two locations

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## Indigenisation | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall

**VC202501-04B**

Introduction to the Session

04.05 - 04.15 pm

**Moderator: Prof. Rev. Dr. Roland Spliesgart**, Faculty,  
LM University, Munich, Germany (online)

**From Mesopotamia to India, Mār Beḥnam  
iconography as an example of transcultural  
and artistic exchanges in early Modern Era**

04.15 - 04.40 pm

**Kerala**, Dr. Alexandre Varela, *University of  
Fribourg, Switzerland (via zoom)*

**The Cosmic Cross**, Dr. Jyoti Sahi, *Artist,  
Bangalore.*

04.55 - 05.20 pm

## Indigenisation | ERC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall

**VC202501-04A**

Introduction to the Session

04.05 - 04.15 pm

**Moderator: His Eminence Dr. Alexios Mar Eusebius**,  
MOSC, Calcutta

**The Artistic and Architectural Heritage of  
the Indigenous Naga People: A  
Commitment to Inculturation within the  
Church Context**, Dr. Asai Soror, *Bangalore*

04.15 - 04.40 pm

**Examples of Interreligious Dialogue in the  
Art with Christian Themes in India**, Indian  
*Art Historian, Germany (via zoom)*

04.55 - 05.20 pm



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## **Panel Discussion | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall**

05.30 - 07.00 pm

**Theme: The rise of Regional Churches: The  
Indian Church**

**VC202501-05**

**Moderator: Metropolitan Dr. Yuhanon Mar Meletius,  
MOSC, Thrissur**

### **Panel members**

**Metropolitan Dr. Alexios Mar Eusebius, MOSC, Calcutta**

**Fr. Dr. K. M. George, MOSC, Kottayam (on zoom)**

**Rev. Dr. P. T. George, UTC, Bangalore**

**Rev. Dr. Y. T. Vinayaraj, CISRS, Bangalore**

**Fr. Dr. Robin Seelan SJ, Loyola, Chennai**

**Indian Art Historian, Germany (on zoom)**

**Dinner**

**07.15 - 08.15 pm**



# Program Schedule

23rd November 2025

08:30 am

Divine Liturgy  
120 min | St. Gregorios  
Orthodox Cathedral



11:30 am

Prayer at Fr Dr V C Samuels' Tomb  
45 min | Christian Cemetery,  
Bethel Layout



01:00 pm

Lunch - ERC Dining Hall  
Dr VC Samuel Exhibition - UTC Library  
75 min

02:20 pm

Session 6- Theology 2  
80 min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202502-06

03:50 pm

Session 7 - Ecumenism  
105min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202502-07

05:45pm

Session 8 - Conclusion  
30 min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall VC202502-07

06:30pm

Community Prayer  
60 min | ERC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall

07:30 pm

Dinner



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Session 5

**UTC, Bangalore**

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## **Theology | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall**

**VC202502-06**

Introduction to the Session

02.20 - 02.30 pm

**Moderator: Fr. Dr. Philip Kuruvilla**, Gregorian Community, Roha, Maharashtra

**Orthodox Theology and Cultural transition in Diaspora**, Fr. Simon Joy, MOSC, Bangalore

02.30 - 02.55 pm

**Orthodox Worship in Indian soil: Fr. Dr. VCS's vision of Indigenous Liturgical Theology**, Fr. Dr. Koshy Vaidyan, Orthodox Theological Seminary, *Kottayam*.

03.05 - 03.30 pm

**Tea Break**

03.40 - 03.50 pm



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Session 6

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## Ecumenism | ERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall

**VC202502-07 & 08**

Introduction to the Session

03.50 - 04.00 pm

**Moderator: Rev. Dr. P. T. George**, UTC, Bangalore

**Local and Universal Church**, Fr. Dr. K. M. George, MOSC, Kottayam (on zoom)

04.00 - 04.25 pm

**Towards a nuanced understanding of religions in India**, Prof. Dr. M. H. Ilyas, Mahatma Gandhi University, *Kottayam*.

04.35 - 05.00 pm

**Sambandha as the Spirit of Dialogue: Re-envisioning a Theology of Communion for Christian-Hindu Engagement**, Rev. Dr. Wilson Paluri, Gurukul, *Chennai*.

05.10 - 05.35 pm

**Conclusion**

05.45 - 06.15 pm

**Common Worship**

06.30 - 07.30 pm

**Dinner**

07.30 - 08.30 pm