The expected outcomes of the seminar are:

- More people know how to help to prevent the spread of violence at the time of communal disturbances and understand the actual role of religion towards making of peace in the community as well;
- Will create better understanding between different religious communities and communicate this message of what life is like for people affected with communal violence and life without violence; and
- The deliberations and discussions will deliver the message on the issue and look at the different implications regarding different religions and their importance in the diverse societies of the country.

**DELEGATE PROFILE**

- Religious representatives from different faiths and scholars from various Universities, Colleges and other Institutions;
- Agencies those who are working on promotion of Communal Harmony and Peace, Social Professionals, Civil Society representatives, Academics and Bureaucrats;
- Government Officials and representatives of various NGOs, etc.

**VENUE**

Room No. 911, 9th Floor, Central Block, Christ University Campus, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560029 Karnataka

**INVITED SPECIAL SPEAKERS**

Eminent scholars, Academics, writers and thinkers who have made significant contributions in promoting peace & harmony and strengthening national integration, through their lectures and orientations. They will deliver their view on specific themes and subthemes, also interact with other delegates. The thematic sessions will be handled by the invited speakers who have specialized in the areas concerned.

Proposals are invited for special speakers as well. These sessions would be expected to address the technical issues of the subject/theme. Proposals should include name(s), affiliation of author(s) and abstracts of their papers. The abstract and the full length papers maybe sent in an MS word attachment on or before 27th January 2015 by email to: cedbec@christuniversity.in / kennedy.andrew@christuniversity.in.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Papers on the above mentioned broad themes and sub themes of the seminar are invited from scholars across the country. Prospective authors should submit the abstract/full length paper with the essential details i.e. the title, author(s) name, affiliation, email/mailing address, telephone/fax numbers etc. The last date for receiving of the abstract/full length papers is 27 January 2015. Abstracts/full length papers should be sent via email in MS Word format to cedbec@christuniversity.in or kennedy.andrew@christuniversity.in. The authors will be informed of the accepted abstracts/full length papers for presentation in due course.

**REGISTRATION**

Last Date for Registration: 27th January 2015

Accommodation for outstation delegates will be provided at the Centre for Academic Excellence, Christ University Campus. It would be appreciated, please inform to organizers about participation in the seminar at least 15 days in advance for making convenient arrangements.

Paper Presentation is not mandatory for participating in the seminar.

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**THE ROLE OF RELIGIONS IN PROMOTING PEACE AND COMMUNAL HARMONY:**

**CONTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIANITY**

19-20 February 2015
The overarching goal of the seminar, while deliberating on the impact of different religions particularly that of Christianity in community context. This is a humble initiative to deliberate on the changing nature of religion, the aim of the seminar would be to understand and disseminate the contribution of Christianity in promoting peace and harmony.

In the backdrop of much contention and contestation regarding the role of religion in promoting social cohesion, integration and mutual respect, these seminars would seek to capture emergent issues in respective communities. Another important aspect of these seminars is to look at the role of religion in promoting social cohesion, integration and mutual understanding. The engagement of participants will be on the democratic governance in the context of promoting active citizenship.

In the backdrop of much contention and contestation regarding the changing nature of religion, the aim of the seminar would be to look at how to mainstream religion and take it in the larger public discourse. Moving away from the narrow perception of religion, it is important to look at it from a broader political, sociological and community context. This is a humble initiative to deliberate on the impact of different religions particularly that of Christianity in promoting peace and communal harmony.

The overarching goal of the seminar, while deliberating on the above perspectives, would be to showcase the multiple religious traditions in India. It would also deliver the altruistic content of religion through the expression of free spirit of human being and spirituality of love.

GOAL OF THE SEMINAR
To deliberate and strategize the Contribution of Christianity in Promoting Peace and Communal Harmony that aims to comprehensively fulfill the set objectives (given below) as envisaged in the proposed series of seminars on the Role of Religion in Promoting Peace and Harmony.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES
- To create an environment where people will know more about preventing the spread of violence at the time of communal disturbances, and create understanding about role of common man to promote peace at the time of disturbances;
- To ensure active participation of local community with a view to realize their duties towards propagating communal harmony;
- To strengthen the sense of unity in diversity amongst citizens of the country and to promote active participation in Communal Harmony activities;
- To understand and disseminate the contribution of Christianity in promoting peace and communal harmony; and
- To gain a better understanding of factors involved in the preparation and training of future leaders to special situations in respect of communal violence in the country.

FOCUS AREAS OF SEMINAR
- To motivate young scholars and researchers;
- Participation in peace building activities;
- To change the overview of present scenario of religion;
- Importance and recognition of Christianity in promoting peace and communal harmony

THEMES/SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR
1. Broad Theme
   - Challenges and Opportunities of Religion
   - Subtheme
     - Challenges and Opportunities of Christianity in Promoting Peace and Communal Harmony

2. Broad Theme
   - Religion as important for good governance
   - Subtheme
     - Role of Christianity as important for good governance

3. Broad Theme
   - Importance of Religious Traditions in contemporary Indian societies
   - Subtheme
     - Importance of Christian Traditions in contemporary Indian societies

4. Broad Theme
   - Promoting leadership in creating religious traditions
   - Subtheme
     - Role of Christian leadership in creating religious traditions

5. Broad Theme
   - Active participation of Youth in promoting communal harmony: Inclusively and Innovatively
   - Subtheme
     - Active participation of Christian Youth in promoting communal harmony: Inclusively and Innovatively

CONCLUDING SESSION
Future prospects of Communal Harmony in India