Greetings from Christ University, Bengaluru! We are pleased to invite you to a three day Conference on Catholic Higher Education in India: Rethinking Purpose and Context on 10-12 May 2016 organized by Christ University, Bengaluru to be held in our campus.

Background
Consequent to the golden jubilee celebrations of Vatican II and the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Apostolic Constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Education Today And Tomorrow: A Renewing Passion*, Rome 2016 and extending the same dynamism to the church-related Catholic higher education institutions in India, Christ University, Bengaluru is organizing a three-day national conference on Catholic Higher Education in India: Rethinking Purpose and Context. The Conference will enable Catholic higher education institutions (HEI) to refocus their aims, nature and purpose of being Catholic by considering the emerging trends and increasing challenges within the higher educational scenario in India. Besides the conference will create new pathways, to chart out the role of Catholic HEIs merging both the historical traditions and the current trends to shape the purpose of Catholic higher education in the context of the changing role of Colleges and Universities.

The University
Christ University, formerly Christ College (Autonomous), was born out of the educational vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, an educationalist and a social reformer of the nineteenth century. Christ University was established as Christ College in 1969. It became an autonomous College in 2005 and a deemed to be university in 2008. The University with its focus on teaching, research and service offers bachelor, masters and doctoral programmes in Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce and Management, Engineering, Law, and Education. The University currently has around 16,000 students and 750 faculty members.

Objectives of the Conference
- To rethink Catholic higher Education in India
- To understand empowerment through access, equality, relevance and quality from Catholic perspectives
- To chart contexts for new visions of academic community in Catholic higher education institutions
- To respond to regional, national and global trends and to negotiate challenges to Catholic higher education institutions
To evaluate the impact of the practices of Catholic higher education institutions on society/community
To develop a framework for Catholic higher education institution

**Call for Papers and Presentations**
Papers are invited on the following themes:

**Themes**
- Characteristics of a Catholic university/college/higher education institutions
- Challenges to leadership, governance and management
- Strategic resourcing (financial management, ICT)
- Physical environment of higher education institutions for nurturing Catholic values
- Catholic identity in curricular transactions
- Teaching and pedagogic accountability
- Skill-focused higher education in a Catholic context
- Research and societal development
- Student care in Catholic higher education Institution
- Catholic basis for holistic formation
- Building a value-conscious campus through extension and services

**Methodology**
The Conference will have presentations, discussions, panel discussions and interactive sessions from Christ University and delegates from other Catholic higher education institutions from across the country. There will also be panel discussions.

**Delegate Profile:**
This conference is only for Catholics working in Higher Education Institutions. Hence, only Catholics, Principals, Deans, Heads of Departments, Managers and other administrators from Catholic higher education institutions are invited for Conference. We request the Head of Institutions to give preference to lay Catholic leaders from their institutions.

**Registration for the Conference and Submission of Abstracts**
A participant intending to present a paper in the conference should send an abstract of about 100 words. The abstract along with the registration should reach the Office of Registrar, Christ University, Hosur Road, Bengaluru- 560 029 on or before 10 April 2016.

**Submission of full-length paper**
The full-length paper should not exceed 3000 words and should be typed in a single column, with 1.5 line spacing, in Times New Roman 12 font. The first page should include the paper title, author’s name, postal address with Pin Code, telephone number and email id on the right top corner of the page. Please do not add a cover page for the paper. The paper must be presented by the author or co-author. The full-length paper with the abstract should be forwarded to office.registrar@christuniversity.in on or before 28 April 2016.

Paper presentation is not mandatory for participation in the Conference. You can also register as a delegate.
**Important Dates**

- Last date for submission of abstract: 20 April 2016
- Communication on selected papers: 25 April 2016
- Last date for submission of full length paper: 30 April 2016

**Registration Details**

No registration fee is charged for attending/presenting papers in the conference.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation is provided in the campus to all the out station participants.

**Venue of the Programme:** Seminar Hall, IV Floor, Chirst Junior College Block, Christ University, Bengaluru.

**Sd/Registrar**

Christ University  
Hosur Road, Bengaluru 560029

**For further details contact:** 080-40129454
Christ University, Bengaluru

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Registration Form
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University /College with address________________________________________

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Signature of Vice Chancellor/Registrar/Principal __________________________

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University/Institution Seal

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I will / will not present a paper (Please tick)

Food preference: Vegetarian/ □ Non Vegetarian(Ple□e tick)

Accommodation: Yes □ No (Please ti□)