

10.40am : Tea Break

10.50am : **Paper VII**

**Popular and Non-extremist
Islamic Movements**

Prof. C. A. Babu,
Emeritus Al Ameen College, Edathala,
Aluva

11.40am : **Interfacing Islam and Christianity
Promises and Pastoral Challenges**

Dr Vincent Kundukulam,
President, St. Joseph's Pontifical Institute,
Aluva.

12.30pm : Lunch

2.00pm : Panel Discussion

**Empowering Women A
Collaborative Search**

1. **Adv. Farida Ansari,**
Vice Principal, Ansar Women's College,
Perumpilavu.
2. **Prof. Dr Sara Neena,**
Professor of Sociology and Research
Guide, Vimala College, Trichur

Moderator
Justice P.K. Shamsuddin (Retd.)

3.30pm : Appraisal

Rev. Dr. George Kombara,
Former Rector, Marymatha Major Seminary,
Thrissur.

3.45pm : Vote of Thanks

Rev. Dr. Anto Cheranthuruthy,
Co-ordinator, MEPC-5

4.00pm : Tea, Departure

Live Internet Radio Broadcasting

The Symposium will be live in the Marymatha Internet Radio from Friday, 10th 10am to Saturday 11th 4pm (IST) August 2012. The Internet radio will be available at www.marymatha.in. You can listen to the papers as well as ask questions and clarifications live.

Call for Short Papers

Short papers, to be delivered in a maximum of 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion, are invited from the participants on subjects directly related to the theme of the Symposium. An abstract (about 200 words) of the paper should be sent to: pastoralchallenges@gmail.com before 31st July 2012.

The selected papers will be published together with the Symposium papers. As places are limited, please apply as early as possible.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please inform us of your participation by 31st July 2012 either through

E-mail: pastoralchallenges@gmail.com or by Post

Name :

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I wish to take part in this Symposium.

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Interfacing Islam & Christianity

PROMISES & PASTORAL CHALLENGES

Christians and Muslims together with Jews claim Abrahamic heritage. Both religions admit similarities between them, especially because Islam considers itself as the continuation and completion of Judeo-Christian tradition. However, Christians look at Qur'an and Islamic traditions with their pre-understandings shaped by Bible and the Christian tradition, while Muslims approach Bible and Christian traditions with their pre-understandings shaped by Qur'an and Islamic traditions. Though the similarities between them tempt us to assume that similar criteria can be validly applied to both religions, one finds underlying meaning of each article of faith differing considerably to the extent that one may doubt any possibility for interfacing Islam and Christianity.

The primary task, therefore, is to overcome a certain naivety that exists in each religion in viewing the other. This conference intends to build mutual respect between Islam and Christianity and, therefore, tries to learn and appreciate some of the unique treasures of each religion. A mutual respect on each one's religious sentiments is possible only when we appreciate the way each religion interprets their Scripture. We hope to search for elements that are common to the spiritual journeys of each religion. This conference searches for common grounds admitting at the same time, the different worldviews and religious sensitivities within which one works.

While these religions interface each other, many common concerns will emerge on our way in which mutual collaboration is an urgent need of the day. The issues and challenges of Secularism, modernity, culture, the youth and the women, all call for shouldering together in searching for an adequate response to these issues.

Bearing these concerns in mind, the fifth annual symposium of the seminary-Marymatha Encounters of Pastoral Challenges (MEPC 2012) - proposes to study and discuss the topics related to Islam-Christian interface and the associate promises and pastoral challenges.

Prof. Dr Herman Teule from the Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium and several others will be there to share their expertise and experience in the field.

We are extremely happy to invite you to participate in the Symposium.

Rev. Dr. Anto Cheranthuruthy,
Co-ordinator, MEPC-5

Rev. Dr Babu Panattuparambil,
Rector

Programme

Friday, 10th August 2012

- 9 am : Registration, Tea
- 10 am : Inaugural Session
Welcome
Rev. Dr Babu Panattuparambil,
Rector, Marymatha Major Seminary, Trichur.
- 10.15am : Keynote Address,
***"What Unites Us is Greater than
What Divides Us!" Islam-Christian
Dialogue in the Context of India.***
Dr G. Lazar SVD, Director,
Research & Cultural Centre, Hyderabad
- 11.10 am : Break
- 11.15am : **Paper II**
***Islamic Response to Secularism,
Modernity, Culture, Human
Science***
Prof. Dr. N.P.Hafiz Mohammed,
Former HOD, Sociology, Farooq College,
Kozhikode & Academic Director, GTech
College of Academic Advances, Kozhikode.
- 12.05am : Break

12.30pm : Lunch

2.00pm : **Short Papers**

- 1. Sufism - A. K. Abdul Majeed**
- 2. Islamic Fundamentalism -
Fr Jose Pennaparambil**
- 3. Traditions and Practices of
Islam in Kerala -
Fr Roy Vettikuzhy, CMI**
- 4. Short papers from the
participants**

4.00pm : Tea, Free Time

5.45pm : **Main Paper**

***Middle Eastern Christians in
Interaction with Islam***
Prof. Dr Herman Teule,
Professor of Middle Eastern Christianity,
University of Leuven, Belgium.

6.40pm : **Paper IV**

***Is Trinity Monotheistic? Islamic
and Christian Perspectives.
Implications to the understanding
of the Person of Jesus.***
Dr. Tony Neelankavil,
Dean of Theology, Marymatha Major
Seminary, Thrissur\

7.30pm : Supper

8.00pm : Entertainments

Saturday, 11th August 2012

9.00am : **Paper V**

***Inspiration and Interpretation:
Convergences and Divergences
Islamic Perspectives***
Prof. Dr Abdulla Manham,
Rector, Al Jamia Al Islamiya Institute,
Malappuram.

09.50am : **Paper VI**

***Inspiration and Interpretation:
Convergences and Divergences
Christian Perspectives***
Dr Jacob Prasad,
Rector, St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary,
Carmelgiri, Aluva