

### **United Board for Christian Higher Education (UBCHEA)**

The United Board is committed to education that develops the whole person intellectually, spiritually and ethically. It draws strength from Christian identity and values and collaborate with Asian Colleges and Universities. Together, it prepares individuals for professional and personal fulfillment and meaningful service to community with others. The United Board is a non governmental organization and registered as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization in the United States and as a public charity in Hong Kong.

### **The American College**

The American College, a higher educational institution, is known for its on academic excellence and social relevance. Its pioneering role in the development of college autonomy in India in 1978, successful early implementation of the Choice Based Credit System under autonomy and its completion of the 138 years of service bear testimony to the position that the college currently enjoys. Originally founded by the American Missionaries in 1841, the American College grew into collegiate department in 1881 at Pasumalai by the initiatives taken by the Rev. G.T. Washburn, the Founder Principal of the College. In the year 1906, the college was shifted to the present campus during the time of the second Principal Rev.W.M.Zumbro. It became independent of the mission in 1934 when an autonomous Governing council was formed to manage its own affairs. Earlier it was affiliated to the University of Madras and later, it came under the jurisdiction of Madurai Kamaraj University.

### **Service Learning Programme**

The American College has successfully introduced Service Learning Programme for the past four years and more than 2000 students have enrolled themselves for the Programme every year. The main motto of the Service Learning Programme is to impart Outcome Based education and train students to serve the unreached and the marginalized in the community. It also helps to develop students' potentials to acquire value - based knowledge and extend the academia to the community through multidisciplinary approaches to community problems.

### **Faculty Development Programme (FDP) - 2020**

It is high time that the academic institutions of this country realized that knowledge gained from classroom exercises and experiences should be transformed in to effective skills to face real life situations. Service learning is not only different from community service in several key ways but also very much suitable for the young learners as it includes student leadership, reflective and academic components, and chances for celebration once the service activity has been successfully completed. The FDP aims to inculcate and enhance the research skills among the faculty to understand the issues of the community around them. The institution strongly believes that the faculty training programme will act as a catalyst between the faculty and student community as it enhances the necessary skills to bring about changes in society.

### **Objectives of FDP - 2020**

- To guide the faculty to revisit the curricula and explore opportunities to accommodate exploration of ethics and service as well as knowledge to direct students attention beyond the classroom to the needs of the surrounding community.
- To enhance the skills of the faculty to support their students as multifaceted and multidimensional human beings.
- To refresh the faculty by igniting and infusing an academic life with a new purpose by offering the training on whole person education.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Dr. MAHER SPURGEON**  
Director- South Asia Programs  
United Board

**Dr. M. DAVAMANI CHRISTOBER**  
Principal & Secretary  
The American College

**Prof. JEYAKAR CHELLARAJ**  
Retd Principal  
Bishop Heber College

**Dr. MERCY PUSHPALATHA**  
Program Consultant  
South Asia Programs  
United board

**Dr. C. DOROTHY SHEELA**  
Bursar  
The American College

**Dr. J. PRISCILLA**  
Coordinator of Life Frontier  
Lady Doak College

**Dr. TONY SAM GEORGE**  
Dean - Social Sciences  
Christ University

**Dr. T. SHARMILA**  
Coordinator of SKY Programme  
Madras Christian College

### **General Instructions**

- Participants from UBCHEA member Institutions need not pay Registration Fee and accommodation charges. However, travel support cannot be provided.
- Participants are expected to attend the FDP on all four days. Certificates will not be issued for those who miss the sessions.
- A maximum of three faculty members can participate from each institution.
- Registration must be made through Google form along with the No Objection Certificate obtained from the Head of the Institution.

Note: Participants should register and upload the supportive documents only through gmail account