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ABOUT ME

Director, Chavara Cultural Centre, Delhi

NGO Representative at the United Nations

Secretary General - World Fellowship of Inter-Religious Councils (WFIRC)

Parish: Holy Family Church, Kiliyarkandam
Diocese: Idukki, Kerala

Province: Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha,

Ordination: 1998 with twin priest Fr. Roy Kannamchirayil CMI

At present as the Director of Chavara Cultural Centre Delhi, organising National and State Level Inter-Religious gatherings and celebrations to promote peace and harmony through Dialogue, Art, Literature and Cultural Interactions.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/01/2013 – 13/05/2022 India

PhD BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY

Subject: A study on the Therapeutic Potential of Nature with reference to Psalms and Gitanjali

01/08/2013 – 31/05/2015 Coimbatore, India

M.Phil in English Bharathiar University

Address Maruthamalai Road, 641 046, Coimbatore, India | **Website** <https://b-u.ac.in/>

01/05/2006 – 31/08/2008 Madura, India

M A in Gandhian Thought Madurai Kamaraj University

Address Palkalai Nagar, 625021, Madura, India | **Website** <https://mkuniversity.ac.in/new/>

01/05/1999 – 31/05/2000

B.Ed in English St. Joseph's Training College Mannanam

01/03/1995 – 31/12/1998

B.Th (Bachelor in Theology) Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore

01/06/1991 – 31/05/1994

B A in English U C College Aluva

01/06/1989 – 06/1991

B.Ph. (Bachelor in Philosophy) Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Malayalam

OTHER LANGUAGE(S): English | Hindi

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honours and awards

2018 URI (United Religions Initiatives) New York

URI Asia - Pacific Region LifeTime Achievement Award URI Asia - Pacific Region Lifetime Achievement Award for promoting peace and Harmony in society through inter-religious dialogue, Art, Literature and Cultural interaction.

09/2019 World Yoga Community, New York

Vishwa Shanti Padmam (Lotus of World Peace) Recipient of Vishwa Shanti Padmam (Lotus of World Peace) by World Yoga Community at 30th World Peace Festival held at New York, September 2019

2008 Stallience International

Stallience International Award

EXPERIENCE AND INITIATIVES OF IN THE FIELD OF INTER RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

1999 - CURRENT

ORGANISED NATIONAL SEMINARS, INTER RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION AND FESTIVALS

Started Celebrating National and Religious festivals together with the representatives of all religions and people from different walks of life from 1999 onwards. Celebration of Christmas, Easter, the Month of Ramayana, Eid al-Fitr, Diwali, Gurunanak Jayanthi, Onam and other religious and cultural festivals created an ambience of mutual respect, acceptance and togetherness in society.

Following these celebrations, Muslims started celebrating Christmas at Al Ameen schools in Edappally, Kochi and other places in Kerala. Believers of Satya Sai Bava also started celebrating Christmas after attending the programs at Chavara Cultural Centre Kochi.

Organised all these programs based on the following principles :

"I am here to "CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH" without losing mine.

I am here to "UPHOLD MY RELIGION" without hurting yours.

I am here to "APPRECIATE OUR DIFFERENCES" without giving up our uniqueness."

Papers Presented on Inter-Religious topics in the international conferences held at Oxford, Birmingham, Horsham UK, George Washington University, Washington DC, USA, Austria, Doha-Qatar, Sri Lanka, UAE, Germany and Rome.

2019 - CURRENT

WORKING AS THE NGO REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

As an NGO representative (Chavara Cultural Centre Kochi) of the United Nations, associated with international agencies to organise Side Events at the UN on Inter-Religious topics and attended Inter-Religious prayers and celebrations.

2008 - CURRENT

ORGANISED WORLD ASSEMBLY OF RELIGIONS

Being the Secretary General of WFIRC (World Fellowship of Inter-Religious Councils) organised six World Assembly of Religions in different parts of the world for promoting Peace and Harmony and to foster mutual respect and acceptance among religions.

2011 - 2017

HARMONY (SOUHARDHAM) CLUBS IN SCHOOLS IN KERALA

Being the Secretary to the KCBC Dialogue and Ecumenism commission, organised HARMONY (SOUHARDHAM) CLUBS in association with Deepika Children's League (DCL), and Kannur Peace Foundation to promote peace and harmony and mutual respect and acceptance among students of different religions in Schools and colleges in Kerala. The further objectives were to educate children To BE FAITHFUL to their own religions and RESPECT other Religions, ACCEPT friends of all faiths and APPRECIATE and CELEBRATE the differences without losing their own identity, uniqueness and Faith.

2008 - 2015

Chavara Fest - A Cultural festival of traditional art forms and cuisines irrespective of cast religion and language

Initiated Chavara Fest – a unique 7 days cultural fiesta for immortalising traditional art forms set in rustic ambience, bringing together families irrespective of cast, creed and religion to savour traditional tastes and enjoy ethnic folklore in Kerala for the first time.

2000 – 2004

KARMODAYA - an initiative to empower the auto/ taxi drivers in Munnar, Kerala

Initiated a movement for the promotion of Peace and Harmony and for the Sustainable development of auto/ taxi drivers in Munnar, Kerala.

Drivers were given regular training in Spoken English, Grooming and Etiquette. Nature preservation, cleanliness, Legal awareness classes, HIV/AIDS awareness campaign, and traffic rules and regulations have also been given. This, in turn, helped auto and taxi drivers adopt a positive attitude towards passengers, especially tourists, and enhance their earnings as well. Then later the village Korandakad Munnar, Kerala, became a liquor-free village – through theatre, art and awareness campaigns. Celebrated festivals of all religions together with everyone.

2011 – CURRENT

CHAVARA INSPIRE CHARITABLE SOCIETY - For inborn HIV/ AIDS children

*Initiated a charitable society working for the benefit of the Socially Ostracised, especially **children living with HIV and Visually Challenged**. Chavara Inspire has supported 300 children living with HIV by providing them with scholarships, mental support by way of personality & motivational training, support for their medical needs, construction houses, providing finance for the repair of houses, providing employment and much more.*

*The **Visually challenged** community was well taken care of by providing ways for livelihood to them. They are given life skills and employability training and provided with employment.*

1991 – 1994

A MOVEMENT AGAINST CAMPUS POLITICS IN KERALA

Fought against Campus Politics while studying at Union Christian College, Aluva, Kerala 1991-1994 and established the first Anti-Campus Politics organisation. This movement won the court verdict against campus politics in schools in 1996 and later in colleges.

*(Anti-Strick Movement started at UC College Aluva and was later merged with **Vidyabhyasa Suraksha Samithi** initiated by Guru Nitya Chaithanya Yathi, Prof. S Gupthan Nair and Satyavan Kottarakkara).*

2005 – CURRENT

Helped in building more than 150000 families through Chavara Family Welfare and Counselling centre / chavaramatrimony.com while holding office as Director of Chavara Cultural Centre and family welfare centre Kochi

2013

SAY NO TO HARTAL

Associated with the movement "SAY NO TO HARTAL" with likeminded people in Cochin

RISTY FOUNDATION

Initiated a foundation to spread awareness in schools and communities against drug abuse and organised awareness campaigns through seminars, street play and flash mobs.

ORGANISATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH

CURRENT

URI- UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVES, NEW YORK

CURRENT

IION - INTERNATIONAL INTER -FAITH ORGANISATIONAL NETWORK,UK

CURRENT

DICID – DOHA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTER FAITH DIALOGUE,QATR

2007 – CURRENT

IARF – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, UK

2005 - CURRENT

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, KOCHI

2018 - CURRENT

GOETHE ZENTRUM, KOCHI

2005 - CURRENT

FIAT JUSTICIA(Free Legal Aid Centre for the benefit of the needy)

2007 - CURRENT

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (A A) (International forum for alcohol de-addiction.)

13/08/2023 - 17/08/2023

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS CHICAGO

POSITIONS HELD

2005 - 2021

Director, Chavara Cultural Centre, Kochi

2011 - 2017

Secretary, Dialogue & Ecumenism Commission, KCBC (Kerala Catholic Bishop's Council)

2019 - CURRENT

NGO Representative at the United Nations

2014 - CURRENT

Secretary General, World Fellowship of Inter Religious Councils (WFIRC)

2008 - 2021

General Secretary, M K Sanoo Foundation, A cultural Organisation

2005 - 2021

Director, Chavara Institute of Management and Media Studies (CIMAMS), Kochi

2004 - 2005

Principal, Sanjo CMI Public School, Koduveli, Thodupuzha, Kerala

1999 - 2004

Vice Principal and Boarding Rector at Carmelagiri CMI Public School, Munnar, Kerala

Vision

ACCEPT, RESPECT & CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Mission

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To create a more secular world, respecting and accepting its cultural, religious and ethnic diversity as such and to foster communion among people by, i) Promoting a culture of love, truth, justice and equality. ii) Celebrating, Upholding and appreciating the faith and differences of each one without losing and diluting one's own, iii) Achieving Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) by associating with United Nations, UN Agencies, NGOs and other allied organisations. iv) Reaching out to the younger generation to spread the message of peace and harmony through music, art and culture to embrace the entire humanity.

I do hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge

New Delhi, 23/10/2023