



The Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College

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Rev. Dr. Elungkiebe Zeliang
Secretary

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To
Principals
Senate-Affiliated Colleges/Seminaries
South India

Subject: Invitation to Nominate Two Faculty Members for the Integrated Symposium

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings from BTESSC, Kolkata!

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College (BTESSC), in collaboration with the Association of Theological Teachers in India (ATTI), is organizing an Integrated Symposium on the theme “*Rooted in God’s Creation: Theology, Eco-Care, Organic Agriculture, and Healthy Living*” at the Malankara Syrian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Udayagiri, Ernakulam District, Kerala, from **12 May to 14 May 2026**.

This regional integrated symposium is specially designed for Senate-affiliated colleges and seminaries across the South Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. The programme seeks to provide an interactive and interdisciplinary platform where theologians, religious educators, health practitioners, farmers, and community leaders can explore the interconnections between faith, sustainable food systems, and holistic human well-being. It aims to equip participants—particularly those from seminaries and academic institutions—with practical tools to integrate organic food practices and healthy lifestyles within institutional and community contexts, thereby fostering broader engagement among students and church communities.

We kindly request you to **nominate two faculty members** (preferably one male and one female) who are interested in this theme on or before **31 March 2026**. Please send the names of the nominated faculty members along with their **email addresses** and **contact numbers** for further communication. Participants are expected to attend the entire symposium.



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The organisers will reimburse a Non-AC Sleeper or 65% of AC 3-Tier train fare for the nominated participants. Additionally, the participants are also invited to join the local tour (optional) programme on **15 May 2026** for interested participants without extra cost. The concept note for the Integrated Symposium is attached to this email for your ready reference.

We sincerely look forward to your positive response and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(Elungkiebe Zeliang)