

Curriculum Vitae
Revd Dr Naveen Rao

AGE: 64 Years (Date of birth 20 August 1961)

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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Theology-OT (D.Th.) – 2007;
Master of Theology-OT(M.Th.) - 1995;
Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) - 1985;
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) – 1981.

EXPERIENCE:

Ordained Ministry: Since 1985, The Methodist Church in India (MCI)

- Pastoral Ministry (Ordained) - **9 Years** pulpit ministry in The Methodist Church in India (MCI), May 1985-1993, & June 2001 to August 2002.

Teaching Ministry: Theological Teaching Since 1995...

- **Professorship** (Hebrew Bible/OT), since Sept' 2014 till now
- **Associate Professor** (Hebrew Bible/OT), June 2006 – 2014
- Lecturer (Biblical Studies/OT), June 1995-2006

Administration: Since 2007...

- **Principal** of Leonard Theological College since 20 April 2015 till now...,
- **Senator** of the Senate of Serampore College (University), 2016-2019
- **Registrar & Dean** of Theology of LTC since 2007
- **Chairperson:** Academic Council of Senate of Serampore College (University) 2019-2022.
- **Co-Chair of Asia:** 2018- 2024 & 2024-2030 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Institute, UK
- **President** of Hindi Theological Literature Committee (HTLC) printing and publishing theological text books.

Ministry in Sattal Christian Ashram: 40 Years

Secretary & Board Member of the Sattal Christian Ashram Society since 2022

Resource Person:

Evangelist & Bible Teacher (since 1995...) to lead in the sharing on topic
"Kingdom of God," Bible-Study of the Book of Acts, Christian-Yoga: theory &
practice, Indigenization, life and ministry of the Church in India.

Missionary : 2 Years, 1999 to 2001, Nepal,

Establishing churches and a Bible School for Pastors' & missionaries' training.

Youth Director (Regional) : 3 Years, 1990 – 93.

Audio & Video of Ministry:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Da6S5gJyLU> (English in CA, USA, Jan-Feb, 2013)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLiPMishHBg> (English Methodist Church, Jabalpur, 30/6/19)
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCccNDNd-CaPo8qGBOahasIQ> (Hindi-Convention Speaker)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- 2nd June to 26 June 2025 participated and presented paper in Wesleyan Summer Study Seminar (WSSS) at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Delivered Key Note Address on “Market-Economy in Wesleyan Understanding of the World is My Parish”, in the Plenary session of Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS), in its 15th session going to be held from 04th to 11th Aug’ 2024 at Oxford, England,
- Presented a paper on “AI, Crypto & Pride Community in Theological Education Curriculum,” in 15th OIMTS from 04th to 11th Aug’ 2024 at Oxford, England,
- Participated in a seminar “Postcolonial Studies of Wesleyan Heritage” from 19th to 21 Aug’ 2019 at Cambridge, England.
- Elected as Co-Chair of Asia, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS), in its 14th session held from 11th to 19th Aug’ 2019 at Oxford England, presented a paper on “Theological Education: A Postcolonial Vision of “Revival & Reformation” and participated in institute sessions.
- Sabbatical: August 2012 – March 2013 Exchange scholar for Global Research Institute (GRI), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, USA to write a text book on “Life & Faith of the people of God in the Hebrew Bible”, for theological course in the branch of Old Testament for Indian Theological University (Senate of Serampore College, University).
- 31st Oct’- 4th Nov’ 2010, attended International Conference on Building Communities of Peace at Seoul, South Korea, and presented a paper “A Laid-Out Table: A Biblical-Dalit Vision of Peace.”
- 8th Oct’- 15th Oct’ 2010, attended International Conference ALUTA CONTINUA: CONNECTING PROPHETIC VOICES, at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and presented a paper “New Agenda of Rebuilding Community: Isa 11:1-9”
- 10th Oct’-10th Nov’2008 attended Key Stone Discipleship Seminar at Rapid City, South Dakota, USA
- In 2005, from Aug’ to Oct’, under International Network for Advance Theological Education (INATE) exchange programme studied at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
- In 2001, nominated as “Wesley Scholar 2001” by Charles Wesley Heritage Centre, Bristol, England and was invited to do a research in Wesleyan Studies at CWHC, Bristol, England, stayed there April & May 2001. Worked on a research project-‘Wesleyan Spirituality and Yoga.
- In 1997, from 9th to 22nd August, participated in 10th OXFORD INSTITUTE OF THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, at Somerville College, Oxford, England, Presented a paper on – “Doctrine of God in Exodus 6:2-9, A challenge of Hermeneutical Task in a Religiously Pluralistic Community
- In 1997, from 20th May to 15th June participated in a study-tour of Israel to study historical-Geography and archaeology.

WORK PUBLISHED IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS & BOOKS

- “Building Emerging India: Friendship of Jones and Mahatma Gandhi”, in *E. Stanley Jones: An International Influencer & Legacy*. CHRISTIAN HISTORY INSTITUTE, Vol. 136, A Series on the World Influencers (CHRISTIAN HISTORY INSTITUTE: August 2020, Worcester, PA) pp. 24-28.

- “Indian Commentary on the Book of Job”, *The South Asian Bible Commentary* (SABC) One Volume, Gen. ed. Brian Wintle (Langham: UK) Oct’, 2015.
- “Decolonizing the Formulation of Scripture: A Post-Colonial Reading of Genesis 12, 20 & 26.” *Decolonizing The Body Of Christ: Theology & Theory After Empire*. Ed. Joseph Duggan & Joy David, (Palgrave Macmillan: USA) spring 2012.
- “Reading Other-Wise”, in *Reading Other-Wise: Socially Engaged Biblical Scholars Reading With Their Local Communities*, SEMEIA, No. 62 (Society of Biblical Literature: Atlanta, 2007): 141-146.

AUTHORED FOUR BOOKS

- *Forgotten Hero of Freedom Struggle of India: Eli Stanley Jones Missionary-Statesman* (Leonard Theological College Publications: Jabalpur, 2023)
- *Life & Faith of The People of God In Hebrew Bible* (SCEPTRE: Kolkata, 2013).
- *The Formulation of Scripture: Liberative Hebrew Paradigm For Dalit Scripture* (ISPCK / LTC: New Delhi, 2010). This book is given a catalogue number and is accepted by Library of Congress, Washington DC as a resource for research in the field of Asian studies.
- *John Wesley & Yoga: A Cross-Cultural Study In Wesleyan Spirituality And Yoga* (Ben-Cohen Publications: Jabalpur, 2003).

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- *Prophet-Prophecy & Empires in Ancient Israel: A Postcolonial Study*,
- *Ancient Israel: Life & Faith*,

EDITORIAL WORK:

- *Sower*, A Journal of Council of Education and Christian Nurture, Methodist Church in India, editorial board member since 2012.
- *Sanskriti*; A Journal of the School of Research of LTC, editor since 2013 till 2016.
- “Editorial Note” in Bishop & Mrs. Parmar Lecture Series on *Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology* by Samuel Richmond Saxena (ISPCK/LTC: Delhi/Jabalpur, 2018). This book is given a catalogue number accepted by Library of Congress, Washington DC as a resource for research in the field of Asian studies.

PUBLISHED WORK IN BIBLICAL FIELD

- “Church And Change: Word, Worship, & Witness in a World of AI, Crypto, & Pride,” *Sanskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 22, 2024 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83
- “Worship in the Lockdown: Constants & Variables”, *Sanskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 20, 2020 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83.
- “Women in the Kitchen A Location of Servitude to the Seat of Politics: A Postmodern Study of Genesis 27” *Sandeshharika: Prophetess’ Voice* Vol 6, April 2019 (LTC: Jabalpur, 2019): 2-5.
- “Postcolonial Reading ‘Discipleship as Mission’: Resurrecting Invisible Miriam And the Boy with the Tiffin Box”, *Sanskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 19, 2019 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83.
- “Mid-Wife in Exodus 2: A Postcolonial Model of Partnering with God”, *Sanskriti* (LTC: Jabalpur, 2018).
- “Marriage: Traditions, Changes and Challenges -Key-Note Address” in *Sandeshharika* (A Women’s Journal ISPCK/LTC: Delhi/Jabalpur, 2018)
- “Partnership in God’s Mission: Challenge of Interpreting Human Sexuality from the Biblical Texts”, *Sanskriti* (LTC: Jabalpur, 2017).
- “Margins”, *Clark Theological College Journal* (Pub. by Clark Theological College: Nagaland, 2016).

- “Spirituality From Old Testament Perspective”, *Spirituality: Towards a Comprehensive Perspective*. Eds. P.Mohan Larbeer & Santanu K. Patro (BTESSC Pub: Bangalore, 2016).
- “Postcolonial Critique of Enlightenment Methodology for Ministry & Mission: A Proposal of Hebrew Epistemology for the Study of Hebrew Bible”, *Bible and Mission: Biblical Perspectives for Doing Mission in Contemporary India*. Eds. P. Joseph Titus & Dexter S. Maben. (SBSI & CSS: Bangalore & Thiruvalla, 2015): 134-151.
- “Postcolonial Reading of the Bible”, *Journal of Tribal Studies*. Vol. XVIII, No.1, Tribal Study Centre, ETC, Jorhat (Jan-June, 2013): 61-74.
- “Formulation of a Liberative Hebrew Scripture: A Paradigm for Dalit Scripture”, *Christian Theologizing And Social Thinking In India: Discernment, Interconnection, Transition And New Direction*. Ed. Vincent Rajkumar, (Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society: Bangalore, 2010)
- “The Book of Ruth as a Clandestine Scripture to Sabotage Persian Colonial Agenda: A Paradigm for a Liberative Dalit Scripture”, *BANGALORE THEOLOGICAL FORUM* (BTF), Vol. XLI, No.1 (United Theological College: Bangalore, June 2009):114-134
- “A Bible Study on : Leadership-In-Relationship”, *The Sower* (CECN, Jabalpur: 2008)
- “A Contextual Bible Study: Our land and Our Freedom” *Sanskriti*, Vol 13, No.1,(LTC : Jabalpur, Jan-June 2008):73-79
- “Dalit Liberation in the Age of Globalization: Towards a Pragmatic Approach”, *Sanskriti*, Vol 12 (LTC : Jabalpur, Jan-June 2007):1-17.
- “Healing *rafqa*: A Hebrew Understanding,” *Gurukul Jyoti* (Chennai: GLTC & RI, 2004).
- “Doctrine of God in Exodus 6:2-9, A Challenge of Hermeneutical Task in a religiously Pluralistic Community”, *Bible Bhashyam*, (March '98).
- “The OT vis-à-vis NT”, *Indian Witness* (MCI Official magazine) (Nov. '92)

PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON MINISTRY

- “Burn Out in Ministry,” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House)
- “Original Goodness: Not Original Sin”, AIMS (Evangelical Fellowship of India: May: 2024)
- “Methodist (Wesleyan) Tradition & Its Response to Poverty and Poor in India” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: May, 2021):10-13.
- “A Report: Wesleyan Theological Consultation” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Nov’ 2016):12-14
- “Sexual Morality and the Response of the Church: Amendments in Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 377 & 497” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Feb’ 2019):12-14.
- “Ashram Session UCA & Healing Prayer Meeting At Leonard Theological College” (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Nov’ 2018): 5-6.
- “E. Stanley Jones (Birth Anniversary 3 Jan’ 1884)”, *The Sower*, Vol 29/3(CECN, Jabalpur: 2017):3-6.
- “Migrating God with Migrating Human” *The Sower*, Vol 28/3(CECN, Jabalpur:2015): 3-6.
- “Christian Mission & Women Empowerment”, *The Sower* Vol.27/ 2 (CECN, Jabalpur: 2014): 2-7.
- “Sermon Outline: Ash Wednesday”, *The Sower*, Vol 25/3(CECN, Jabalpur:2013): 11-12
- “A Blue Christmas”, *The Sower*, Vol 24/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’, 2012): 11-12.
- “Earth-Centred Passion and Resurrection From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday: A Paradigm from Groaning to Greening” *National Council Of Churches In India NCCI Review*, Vol. CXXXII, No.03 (April 2012):145-150.
- “A Salute to Cooperative Society”, *The Sower* Vol 24/1(CECN, Jabalpur: Apr’ 2012): 8-13.
- “Maundy Thursday: A Dinner where Confrontation, Betrayal & Bonding Took Place” *Lenten Lantern 2012*, ed. Sunil Raj Philip (Commission on Dalits, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA) (March, 2012): 23-26.
- “Church Property: Come Let Us Reason Together”, *Indian Witness*, No. 233 (Feb’, 2012):6-8.

- “General Conference & Episcopal Election” *Indian Witness*, No. 230, (Oct’-Nov’, 2011): 1-2.
- “Church Property, Account & Auditing: My Spirituality”, *Indian Witness*, No. 229, (Sept’, 2011): 4-5.
- “Call For Nation-Building-Our Mission Agenda”, *National Council Of Churches In India (NCCI) Review*, Vol. CXXXI, No.7(Aug’ 2011): 4-15.
- “Foundation of the Church: Confession & Mission- A Rocky Ground?” *Sandeshharika*, Vol. 1No.2 (LTC: Jabalpur, July 2011): 2-9.
- “Let Us Pass-Over on This Easter”, *The Sower* Vol. 23/1 (CECN, Jabalpur: Apr’ 2011): 3-7.
- “Afro-American Spirituals: Religious Hymns of Rebellion Against Slavery”, *Bangalore Theological Forum(BTF)* Vol. XLII, No.3 (United Theological College: Bangalore, Dec’ 2010):140-154
- “The Crypto Christians”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/1(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2010):4-12.
- “Healing Memories: Peace on Earth”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2010):9-13
- “Communication & Religion”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/2(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2010):9-13
- “Changing Context & Sunday School Curriculum”, *The Sower*, Vol.21/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2009):3-8.
- “*Maa Tujhe Salaam*: Tribute to Motherhood on Mothers’ Day”, *The Sower* Vol 21/1 (CECN, Jabalpur:2009)
- “A History of 150 Years of Methodism in India: Whose History Is It Anyway?”*Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Oct’ 2006)
- A Series of Seven Meditations on the Theme of “Science & Religion,” *Gurukul Devotion-2006*(Chennai: GLTC &RI, 2005).
- A Series of Seven Meditations on the Theme of “Youth: Identity Crises & Its Resolution,” *Gurukul Devotion- 2005*.(Chennai: GLTC &RI, 2004).
- “Meet John Wesley in The Oldest Methodist Chapel”, *Indian Witness*, (Sept’ 2003).
- “General Conference & Episcopal Election,” *Indian Witness*, (Jan’ 2003).
- “Vision of John Wesley & its Relevance for the Church,” *Indian Witness*, (May, 2002) 8-10.
- “Nuclear-Bomb and the Cross”, *Indian Witness*, (Sept.’98).
- “Commonality of Plurality”, *National Council Of Churches Review*, (Feb’97).
- “Empowerment for Transformation”, *Indian Witness (IW)*, (Oct. ’96).
- “Faith and Culture: My Reflection”, *Archway* (Annual College magazine):1995-96.
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- Forthcoming Publication:
 - Prophets-Prophecy in Israel: A Postcolonial Study,
 - Community & Scriptures: Issues of Origin, Identity, Ethics, and Future Hope

Forth Coming Publications:

- **M. Th. Thesis** - *An Analysis of the Qumran Text 4Q252 Genesis Florilegium*. UTC: Bangalore, 1995.
- **BD Thesis** - *The Relevance of the Eighth Century Prophets’ concern for Social Justice for a Reappraisal of the Social Action Programme of the MCSA/MCI and some Guidelines for Future Action*. LTC: Jabalpur, 1985.
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Family

Wife We got married on 7 Nov 1990, now reached 34th year.

- **Esther Rao**, (Date of Birth 1st April 1963), Qualifications: MA (Pol. Sc); MA (Sanskrit); M.Ed.; Post-Graduate Diploma In Yoga Education 2005-06 (RDVV, Jabalpur);Diploma of Proficiency in Counselling,1995, UTC, Bangalore. Taught 1996-99 & 2010-2024 at Christ Church S.S.School, Jabalpur

Children:

- **Gershom Ben Rao** (16-09-91), BFA (Appl. Arts) Lucknow Univ. 2010-14, Professional Dip. In Game Making AIGA 2014-15, worked in SONY Studio-Play Station, Malaysia, now working at Barcelona Spain.
- **Cohen Rao** (12-10-92), B. Tech.(Electronics & Comm.); PG Diploma in Audio Engineering; MSc Audio Production (2024), University of Salford, Manchester, UK, lives in Manchester UK.

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