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Dear Readers,

I'm delighted to bring to you a brand-new issue of 'The Spicerian' for the months of March to May 2021. Our highlights this time are the Second Convocation ceremony conducted virtually; and the unanimous re-election of Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud as the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Spicer Adventist University. It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to him and I wish Dr. Arsud God's richest blessings as he steers the university ahead under his leadership/stewardship.

Another feature that all Spicerians (Alumni, Students, Staff, Faculty and Friends) can look forward to is the **Alumni Awards** - October 17, 2021.

"Grow through what you go through." *Tyrese Gibson*

Many parts of the world are still reeling under devastation and downheartedness caused by the Pandemic, the cruelty of it all seems so limitless. Broken promises, connections and hearts with the irreparable loss of loved ones. Some are navigating to establish connections with friends and family whom they haven't seen in a while, this process takes time while being discouraging and frustrating. At such times when we feel alone and disconnected, we must connect with God who will in turn help us reconnect.

2 Timothy 1:7 says Encourage others to receive the spirit of God into their lives as they journey towards healing and recovery.

Let's keep distance from doubt, isolate from the negatives and test positive for Faith.

Irene Moses

Editor-in -chief





Second Convocation – The Class of 2021

Spicer Adventist University's Second Convocation Ceremony for the Class of 2021 was held on 28th March, 2021. A total of 543 students across both levels – undergraduate and post graduate and comprising six Divisions of study successfully graduated with much fanfare and a lasting sense of accomplishment.

Owing to the prevailing pandemic situation the Ceremony was conducted online virtually – an unprecedented feat in its own right! The University Administration complied with all government mandated regulations and norms with regard to the efficient organisation and orderly conduct of an event of this scale. In tandem with government mandated regulations, the Convocation Ceremony was held in two separate sessions - the first from 10 AM to 12 Noon in which students from the Divisions of Arts & Social Sciences, Education and Religious Studies were conferred their degrees. The second session was held from 4 PM to 6 PM which saw students from the Divisions of Business & Commerce, Performing Arts and Sciences being conferred their degrees. Gatherings during the Convocation Ceremony were limited to a total number of 50 people in each session respectively. While online participation of the students was the most preferred and suitable way to attend this ceremony, meritorious students who were awarded with Gold Medals and other students who were desirous of attending the Convocation Ceremony in – person were required to produce a negative RTPCR report for their own safety and the safety of those residing on campus.

Despite COVID related constraints, the Convocation Ceremony was graced by a galaxy of guests, dignitaries and eminent personalities. Dr Sanjeevan Arsud, Vice Chancellor, SAU welcomed everyone and declared the Convocation open. The Aim of the Graduating Class of 2021 was **To Excel...With Thee** and the Motto, **In Thy Strength**.

Dr Nitin Karmalkar, Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University was the Chief Guest and advised the graduates to attain heights of perfection in every sphere of life in his address. He also released Spicer Adventist University's annual pictorial, Oreodoxa; aptly themed – ***Virtually Together – Connected Forever***.

His Excellency Dr Demeke Atnafu Ambulo, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Mumbai was the Guest of Honour. He spoke about the role of education and highlighted the significance of higher education and professional courses of study in today's world.

Dr S.W. Gosavi, HoD, Physics and Environmental Science, SPPU was the Special Guest during this session. Dr R. N. Prabhudas, Director, Department of Education, SUD was also a Guest of Honour and offered the Prayer of Consecration for the young graduates.

The Second Session of the Convocation Ceremony was graced by Dr Eknath B Khedkar, Vice President, Ajeenkya D Y Patil University, Pune as the Chief Guest. Guests of Honour on the dais were Mr Jacob Verghese, Vice President of HR, SKF Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Dr Amarendra Sahoo, Former Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Lucknow & Kolkata and Dr Samidas Johnson, Founder & Director, Hope TV India.

The degrees were conferred virtually by Dr Sanjeevan Arsud and he was assisted by Dr Simon Yesu, Registrar, SAU and Shri A S Varekan, Controller of Examinations, SAU.

Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud in his Charge to the Graduates stressed on being rooted to core values of having faith in God and pursuing excellence in all aspects. He heartily congratulated them and wished them success in all their endeavours. The Convocation Ceremony was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem and Benediction offered by Dr Samidas Johnson.

The Graduation ceremony is one of the most awaited, and exciting programs of the year. Due to the pandemic, we were not sure about the dates. But finally, it was time for the much-anticipated event. The enthusiasm and excitement could be felt in the campus. Seeing everyone busy and preparing for the ceremony made me even more eager for it. The whole campus was decorated elegantly, conveying a celebration.

The Consecration and Baccalaureate services went on gracefully. For the Convocation ceremony on Sunday, there were two separate services held. Though there were very few graduates present, happiness was in the air. I was thrilled to wear my gown and cap. The House of Prayer was decorated so beautifully. I enjoyed every bit of the service, from preparing to march in, the inspiring sermon, watching the others take their certificates, and taking mine, and marching out, as a graduate.

In the past, I have never really imagined how my graduation would be like, but looking back, I can happily say that I am grateful and blessed to have been a part of Convocation 2021. I appreciate the administration, staff and faculty, for their efforts in making this possible. Being a part of this reminded me to be grateful for all those who have helped me come this far, and to give all glory to God for His graciousness.

Delight Kollabathula, B.A. Religious Studies

The long-awaited day was finally here and I was excited, after a lot of uncertainty of the occasion due to the pandemic. I grew up witnessing every graduation ceremony held in Spicer Memorial College, all the way to Spicer Adventist University as a royal jamboree. It had caught my attention so much that I couldn't wait for the day when I would march the aisle wearing that black gown and cap!

Despite the chaos happening around us, the University had successfully managed to organize a memorable convocation for the second batch walking out the pedagogic gates of Spicer Adventist University with wisdom from above, knowledge imparted by our teachers and trained us to serve the world with dignity, commitment and to excel with God, in His strength. It was indeed an arduous journey for the administrators to manage two sessions within the restricted time and to make sure the program functioned well, safe and effective. I appreciate their immense efforts and dedication towards making us feel special, blessed and recognized. They made sure we had a grand convocation!

The celebration of the second convocation of Spicer Adventist University is a whole testimony of God's mighty hand leading us through it all. God has been good, is good and will be good until eternity.

Elvina Chinta, B. Ed.

A graduation ceremony is always a singular event for the students, who gave their best to obtain their diploma during the training, and for the university, which sees its family of graduates growing up. It is in this tradition, therefore, that Spicer Adventist University celebrated the second convocation for its students at the end of their academic career. The ceremony took place within the university campus on March 28, 2021 with the participation of several guests.

It was an unforgettable moment for the graduates and their families that day, because the emotion and the joy were great and immense. The Vice Chancellor urged all graduates to continue working and using all their knowledge acquired at Spicer Adventist University in the service of humanity. The ceremony took place in compliance with barrier measures, physical distancing and the wearing of masks in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jacob Aguimesheo, MA 2nd Year

Amidst the fear of the virus Covid, was the happiness of graduating, with my classmates. Even though there were many restrictions and many guidelines, we were able to graduate following the SOPs. The class of 2021 was divided into three batches, and each batch had a limited number of students that were allowed to enter the campus, for the graduation program, with a Negative RTPCR Report.

With all the negativity around us there was still some positivity filled in the campus during the graduation, the campus was lit up and there was happiness in the air.

With the new norms we had to wear mask and maintain social distance amongst us, even though the masks made us uncomfortable we were happy to wear them and keep each other safe.

All in all we had a wonderful and new experience, and a privilege to graduate in this hard time.

Henei Haokip, B.Ed

Four years of my music studies really did pay off in ways I could never imagine. You could say that I waited quite a while for this. At some point I even gave up dreaming about graduation, because of how the pandemic was affecting the world. I had finished my studies back in 2019 and started working in a music school. A year flew by and then this pandemic hit us unexpectedly. You could imagine the surprise most of us had, when we heard the convocation was going to be conducted on March 28th 2021. Things were obviously not the same compared to the previous convocation programmes. Everyone had to wear masks, and sit almost 5 feet apart, it's always better safe than sorry.

As the news of convocation spread around, the University Chorale director, Miss Mary Davy, started gathering a few students and teachers that were available to join her choir. You could also notice the University had become lively because people had something to look forward to. Decorations were being put up, colourful lights decked the buildings and offices and students from around Pune came in to enquire more about the convocation. Before the day arrived, a lot of students had to go and take graduation gowns. We were fortunate enough to be attending this programme but I also felt bad for those who attended online and couldn't make it because of the travel restrictions.

When the graduation weekend arrived, you could feel all the excitement. It wasn't the grandest or the best as compared to the previous years, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. Considering the circumstances, I am glad I was able to celebrate my graduation along with some of my friends. Marching in wasn't really as nerve-racking as people often mentioned. In fact, it just made me feel really blessed and more proud of myself. As we sat down for the ceremony, we listened to the sermons and the heartfelt speeches given to us by the respected dignitaries. As our names were being called to receive our degrees, you could feel our pride. It was a moment we couldn't replace, a moment we accomplished. As the programme came to a close, we marched out one by one and clicked a few pictures with friends and families.

Studying music isn't hard, and most people would agree. But what's hard is staying committed to it, and that's something I've learnt through time. There were moments where I had my ups and downs, and felt demotivated but I had my friends, family and teachers who helped me get back and stay motivated. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't have graduated. And I know a lot of students can relate to that, relate to almost giving up but still trying their best. So here's to us closing this chapter in our lives and being grateful for the memories and experiences that have made us what we are today. Cheers to Our Future and God Bless!

- Maria Omi Bhaggien

Bachelors in Performing Arts
(BPA in Western Classical Music)



Graduation in 2021?! I had been expecting the graduation ceremony to take place but I did not expect it to actually take place during the pandemic. I half-expected the university to postpone it or officially announce that they were going to cancel it altogether. Given that the situation around Maharashtra was a little dangerous at that time, my friends who had returned back to their native states across India were not able to make it back to the university for the convocation. Nonetheless, for those living in the campus, excitement was building up in the days leading to the special weekend. Everyone was busy making necessary preparations. One could see that people were stressed from having to conform with Coronavirus safety protocols yet having a lot of work on hand. But they didn't seem to mind it, rather, they seemed to enjoy it and take it on as a challenge. The University had posters put up everywhere and special lights were set up at the administrative building, the business department building and the University Auditorium. The Church was decorated with large backdrop posters and special seating was arranged. The university choir group held practices too, in which I participated.

When the weekend finally arrived, I was ready with my gown, hat and tassel. The crowd was minimal and I had never seen such a small crowd at a graduation ceremony ever. Spicer had always been known for its massive and extravagant ceremonies held previously. I had even seen these over the years. But this time, the crowd was limited for the sake of safety. It still did feel special though, as I knew that many had tuned in to watch us online and to congratulate us on our accomplishment. Even with a small crowd however, the decoration was still beautiful with floral decorations beautifully gracing the stage. Photos were clicked left right and centre and people who were allowed in, joined in to make our special occasion feel all the more cherished. At the end of the three days of ceremony, I was left tired yet feeling accomplished. With my friends beside me and teachers before us all, I was reminded that I still had a long road ahead in educating myself but it felt as though I had finally made a firm step towards my goals. I am grateful to God and look forward to the future.

-Jeryl Johnson

Religious Studies

The forgotten date -CONVOCATION-.

The day dawned firm and sure to the earth
The sun made its way gingerly to my
windowpane .

As the sunbeam consumed my face I
remodeled my position and fell asleep again.
Hey, just yesterday I was fantasizing about this
day:

I was walking down the stage ,
looking smart in my graduation gown and
cap

happy and proud to receive my diploma .
Our vice chancellor whispered good wishes
to me as he flipped the tassel from one side
of my cap to the other ,

Turning over a new leaf for me ,
I bit my medal and smelled my degree
certificate deeply in secret -i was contented!
Shook few hands,

Took pictures around the clock ,
A quick glance and I saw my parents nodding
and laughing with my favourite teacher I
always talked about .

Friends , family , teachers and dear ones
came with a hug and left with a flower .

Yes , Like any other normal girl
I've always dreamed about my graduation
day.

I've always wanted it to be special
The silk graduation gown,
The decorated cap ,
The Graduation medal ,
The degree certificate ,

I've always wanted to obtain them in person
And Take them home to my family .
Yet, that day I was dead to the world .
The city should be alive with students
celebrating the best day of their life
But it laid low , shut indoor.

They Remembered they had to wear mask
But they forgot to sign off from their college
life _

The forgotten date ,28th March 2021.

2019 was the year I completed my post graduate in English. Along with my classmates, I was also eagerly waiting for our graduation but due to some reasons the convocation kept postponing and couldn't take place. So when the news regarding the convocation was out this year, I being extremely thrilled was looking forward to it but at the same time, I was concerned whether it would be an online or offline program. I was really excited because convocation also meant that I'd be able to meet my classmates but then again the thought of this pandemic came up and I knew that I wouldn't be able to attend it as there were certain restrictions and protocols to be followed in order for the convocation to take place. Nevertheless, the Second Convocation Commencement did take place successfully on the 28th of March of 2021 at Spicer house of prayer, SAU. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend it in person which made me sad but I'm glad I could make it for the online service like the rest of them. The convocation took place in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Quite a number of students were able to attend it offline and not to forget all the required Covid protocols were strictly followed. I would also like to commend the University administration for having planned and executing it really well!

It sure was a beautiful service! If it wasn't for this pandemic, things would have been different! This pandemic has brought about a lot of change. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to have attended my convocation online but it did happen. A different experience altogether! Hoping and praying for that day when all the students can participate freely and be part of their convocations without thinking about the pandemic.

Nomita Soren
MA English
(2017-2019)



An Interview with

His Excellency

Dr Demeke Atnafu Ambulo,

Consul General, Consulate General of
the Federal Democratic Republic of
Ethiopia, Mumbai

Ivan: Good-afternoon Sir, we are privileged to have you here at Spicer Adventist University today.

Dr Ambulo: Thank you very much. It is my happy privilege to be invited as the Guest of Honour for the Convocation Ceremony of your University.

Ivan: Since when have you been posted in India?

Dr Ambulo: This is my second posting to India. I was first posted to India as the Counsellor for Commercial and Political Affairs, New Delhi.

Ivan: How do you like India?

Dr Ambulo: India is a great country! India and Ethiopia have a lot in common. Our countries share history, culture and traditions like the joint and extended family system. We even share similar physical features. There is a lot Ethiopia can learn from India be it in terms of culture, education, trade and investment. There is a huge potential for Ethiopia – India relations to be broadened and expanded for the mutual benefit of both countries.

Ivan: Indeed, Sir! When did you first hear of Spicer Memorial College and what is your opinion of Spicer Adventist University?

Dr Ambulo: When I was posted at the Ethiopian Embassy, New Delhi during my first stint I used to travel to Pune at least twice a year and there were at least seven to ten thousand Ethiopian students studying in Pune at that time. I didn't know the name Spicer in particular but I very well knew that many of these students were studying at the Adventist College situated in Pune. However, I am well aware of the Ethiopian Adventist College in Shashamane, Ethiopia. When I came to your campus, I never expected it to be such a huge, sprawling campus with the best facilities and teachers for students. I was remarkably surprised by the vast number of trees and greenery on your campus.

Ivan: You have been called a *friend of Spicer*. Could you relate to any incident with Spicer or with Adventists at large?

Dr Ambulo: Adventists, yes! As a Christian myself, I am aware of the Adventists. In fact the Adventist Church and primary

school is barely a kilometre away from my native place back in Ethiopia. Ethiopian Adventist College is the best private school and college in Ethiopia producing some of the best and brightest students of the country. I am connected to the Adventists, not just through the church but through the field of education as well. The Adventists have made a significant contribution towards the educational, cultural and social development of Ethiopia.

When I received an invitation to be a part of your Convocation Ceremony, I agreed immediately even though I had a number of other engagements and appointments.

Ivan: Amazing! We are so privileged to have you in our midst. What are your comments on the Convocation Ceremony? Any special observations?

Dr. Ambulo: It was really well organised and well prepared. The recessionals and marching were perfect. It reminded me of my own graduation ceremony. But the most important aspect was prayer – something not found elsewhere. The fact that this ceremony began and ended with prayer and to see the professors pray for the graduates has touched me emotionally and spiritually.

Ivan: Amen! Last question, what do you wish for Spicer and what would you advise Spicer Adventist University?

Dr Ambulo: I raised this issue with the Honourable Vice Chancellor. The need of the hour is for Spicer to start a PhD program. In the old days, we sent students from Ethiopia to pursue their Masters in India but now there are a number of institutions offering graduate and post graduate courses over there. Spicer has been in existence since decades now and I feel it is well equipped to begin PhD courses. The sooner it begins, the better it will be – not just for Indian students but for students from Ethiopia and other African countries as well.

Ivan: Definitely! It is our endeavour as well. It has truly been a blessing to have you on campus and interact with you, Sir.

Dr Ambulo: It was my honour and privilege to be here. May God bless Spicer Adventist University!

Ivan: Thank you, Sir!



The Contribution Spicerians make in the US

Alumni success Story

Spicerians, whose roots go back to Spicer Memorial College, perform in their careers outstandingly no matter where they find themselves in this multicultural, techno-savvy, competitive world. For Sudhir, it is the early learning at Spicer Memorial College that has embedded in genuine values for the mind, body and spiritual well being.

Mr. Sudhir Chavan is the Son of the late Mr. & Mrs. David Nana Chavan of Pune, Salisbury Park, India. Sudhir moved to the US in 1986 with a bachelor's degree from Spicer Memorial College, India. He completed his second bachelor's degree in 1988 at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland. In

1997, The Bowie State University of Maryland awarded Sudhir his master's degree in Administrative Management and then, he further completed a second master's in Counseling Psychology at Washington Adventist University and the third master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Sudhir was also inducted in the International Honor Society in Psychology (PSI CHI) in 2015. Since then, he has also completed some Doctoral level education at the Southern California University toward his Doctor of Psychology degree.

Mr. Chavan's career in Health Care Management began in 1988, upon completing his bachelor's degree in the US. His initial exposure to Health Care Management began at Washington Adventist Healthcare. He then moved to George Washington University, Medical Faculty Associates and served in their Management Team in various leadership roles. In the year 2001, he was appointed the Administrator of Howard University Medical Faculty Associates, where he managed the Practice of 40 plus Physicians that specialized in Internal Medicine and various other Specialties. Since his work at Howard University, Mr. Chavan has served as the Chief Operating Officer of Advanced Cardiology Center, Rockville, Maryland and the Chief Operating Officer of Capitol Cardiology Associates, Lanham, Maryland. His work career also led him into serving President Obama's healthcare initiative known as the "Obama Care" in their headquarters in Maryland.

As a business entrepreneur in the Health Care industry, Mr. Chavan has helped physician groups, merge with high technology industries to promote unmatched EMR integration. He has also been able to integrate avenues of technology for invasive and non - invasive Cardiologists to eliminate barriers to real time procedural patient data when continuing care in various locations. To maximize efficacy in coding and reimbursement, he has integrated Physician Practices in the US, with skilled technology groups from India and has created a pathway to foster knowledge sharing and business opportunity between the US and Indian businesses, specializing in Health Care related services.

Mr. Chavan was selected as "Who's Who" in Executives & Professional, in 2002. In the year 2006, he received recognition from the County Chief of Prince George's County, Fire &

Emergency Medical Services for "Outstanding Medical Support" as Chief Operating Officer of Capitol Cardiology Associates. The Governor of the State of Maryland also recognized Mr. Chavan in 2004 for "Commitment, Leadership & Outstanding Efforts to Provide Excellent Services & Uncompensated Care". Mr. Chavan was also recognized as the "Dynamic President of Adventist Fellowship International" in the year 1998. On June 9, 2016, at the Maryland India Business Roundtable Conference, Mr. Chavan received an award as an "Outstanding Leader Promoting Obama Health Care" from Maryland Senator Susan Lee & Executive Director Elisha Pulivarti.

Most recently, during the early days of the Covid 19 pandemic, Mr. Chavan was requested by the US Indian Ambassador in Washington DC, to organize a physician coalition to serve Indian students in the US, who were unable to return to their homeland and required the much-needed healthcare. With the influence he has had with Howard University physicians and local Indian doctors in the Metropolitan Area, this was successfully completed.

Mr. Chavan is married to a master's prepared Nurse who serves as a Regional Corporate Director in Healthcare. He also has a daughter who has completed her MBA in Health Care Administration from La Sierra University, California and is pursuing her Medical Degree studies in Southern California. Having just celebrated his 60th birthday, he feels even more younger as he continues his work in Health Care Consulting and Professional Counseling. As an agent of social change, he believes that human empathy and kindness is much needed today as communities all around the world, are confronting Covid19 related issues, homelessness, poverty and loneliness. With experience in guidance related to career, conflict management issue, stress, business investments and relationships, he recommends the values of internal harmony and preparedness for our tomorrows.

He says he owes a gratitude to the lessons learnt at Spicer Memorial College which placed high emphasis on nurturing the mind, body and the spiritual side of humans. For it is, in the balance of all these three aspects, humans find the strength to rise again and again, no matter how deep their fall is, in good times and bad times.



The Office of Research and Innovation strongly believes that a procedural engagement in learning bit by bit will gradually develop the writing and researching community at Spicer Adventist University. Each webinar is organized to help in the holistic development of the faculties and students. From as simple as organizing a file and complex data analysis, the webinars are meant to teach the most basic and complex theories meticulously registering their minds.

The webinars that were conducted from March to May 2021 are:



"Organize Your Life, Starting with Your Files" by Prem Sagar Gomp. (Ph.D. Candidate), Assistant Professor, IT In-charge, and Online Teaching-Learning Coordinator. Mr. Gomp presents how important it is to manage digital files. He showed several methods of organizing files meticulously to avoid the hassle, especially when a researcher is drafting literature reviews, data, findings, etc.



"The Way the Truth and the Life: Research as Part of Our Faithful Journey with God" by Dr. Andrew Tompkins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Andrews University, Michigan, USA. Dr. Tompkins provides how research is divinely approved. He presents academic integrity, challenges, and methods on how to compile the research work correctly.



"Introduction to Review Literature & Citation Style (APA & Turabian)" by Dr. Sheela Chacko, Ph. D., Dean and Associate Professor in the Division of Education and Santosh Kumar (Doctoral Candidate), Assistant Professor, Division of Religious Studies. Dr. Sheela and Santosh briefly presented how to work on the literature review and utilize citation styles such as APA (American Psychological Association) and Turabian.



"Ergonomical Changes: Towards Improving Health and Posture Amongst Researchers" by Dr. Jacqlene Johnson, DPT, New Jersey, USA. Dr. Jacqlene presented an important topic that every research must consider as they engage in reading and writing for several hours. The posture will affect researchers in the longer run.



"Qualitative Research Methodology (Part II): Qualitative Data Collection Methods, Interviews, and Data Analysis" by Dr. Sanita Phawa, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Division of Religious Studies. Dr. Sanita presented an excellent informative session on appropriately doing qualitative research. She presented several aspects that researchers must consider to do honest and authentic qualitative



INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FINDINGS

On April 28 & 29, 2021, Spicer Adventist University organized the "International Virtual Conference on Scientific Research Findings," which invited researchers from around the globe to

participate and present their search findings that are either published or ongoing. Several researchers showed interest, and twelve were approved to present their findings. Six national and six international researchers participated in presenting their papers. The international presenters were from the USA, Caribbean, UK, AIAS, Rwanda, and Canada. We are proud that three of the presenters were from Spicer Adventist University (faculties and students) who participated and presented excellent thought-provoking and enlightening papers. The office of Research and Innovation congratulates the following presenters who set examples for the SAU community to engage in research. Bravo!



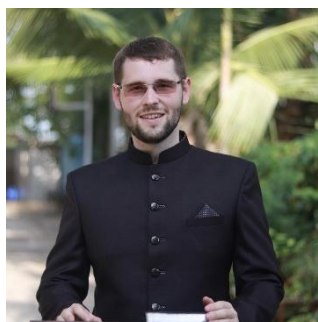
Awungashi Samshokwo Varekan
- RAPPORT AND ATTITUDE OF
ADMINISTRATORS
AND EMPLOYEES TOWARD
STUDENTS CRITICAL FOR
GROWTH AND SUSTENANCE OF
AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.



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GENDER INEQUALITY IN MISSION
AND MINISTRY: IMPACT AMONG
THE FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE
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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations! to Mr. Santosh Kumar, Faculty at Spicer Adventist University, for being selected as the Member of THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI for his academic excellence at Andrews University. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is an honor society established in 1897 to recognize and encourage superior scholarship without restriction on the area of study and promote the "unity and democracy of education." Phi Kappa Phi is much more than an emblem and a line on a resume. It is a global network composed of the best and brightest from all academic disciplines - a community of scholars and professionals building an enduring legacy for future generations. Membership in The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is earned, and admission is by invitation only.

Congratulations! to Mr. Jharendra Bishwakarma and Mr. Awungashi Samshokwo Varekan for publishing their article "*IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEPRIVATION AND COVID-19 ON EDUCATION AND POSSIBLE EMERGENCE OF A NEW KNOWLEDGE DEPRIVED GROUP IN INDIA*" International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (IJCRT), ISSN:2320-2882, Volume.9, Issue 4, pp.536-545, April 2021.
<http://doi.org/10.1729/Journal.26518>.



Congratulations! to Mr. Santosh Kumar for the successful presentation during Andrews Research Conference, 2021 "**Early Career Social Sciences**" on the title, "*CASTE OR CHRIST?: AN EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ON THE EXISTENCE OF CASTEISM IN THE CHURCHES OF INDIA IN THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SDA.*"

Congratulations! to Mr. Santosh Kumar for the successful presentation during AHSRA (Adventist Human Subject Research Association) "**Health, Gospel, Community: Get Involved**" on the title, "*CASTE OR CHRIST?: AN EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ON THE EXISTENCE OF CASTEISM IN THE CHURCHES OF INDIA IN THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SDA.*"

Sabbath Forum

The Division of Religious Studies organised its monthly 'Sabbath Forums', for the month of March, 2021 on the Topic: "Contextualization and the Gospel: How much is too much?" presented by Mr. Santosh Kumar, Faculty, Research Editor, Spicer Adventist University.

For the month of April, 2021 we had a forum on the Topic: "Worldview Transformation in the Context of Ministry among Southern Asians," presented by Dr. Chanchal Gayen, Associate Professor, University of the Southern Caribbean. For the month of May, 2021 on the Topic: "Selected Biblical Paradigms for Divine Communication Modalities," presented by Dr. Melchizedek Ponniah, Retired Professor, Andrews University.

Anish Joseph

Co-ordinator, Monthly Sabbath Forum.

MONTHLY SABBATH FORUM
Spicer Adventist University
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CONTEXTUALIZATION
and the Gospel
How much is too much?

Santosh Kumar
Assistant Professor
Research Editor, SUD

20 March 2021
6:00 PM

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Monthly Sabbath Forum

Worldview
Transformation in the Context
of Ministry among Southern Asians

Dr. Chanchal Gayen
Associate Professor,
University of Southern Caribbean

3:00PM
April 17, 2021

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MONTHLY SABBATH FORUM

"Selected Biblical Paradigms
for Divine Communication Modalities"

May 29, 2021
3PM

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Dr. Melchizedek M. Ponniah,
Retired Professor,
Andrews University



Online worship service

The pandemic has posed substantial challenges for the church members impacting each family differently. The world before Covid-19 is gone, which is now replaced by the "new normal," calling for adaptation and resilience from people.

The surge of cases during the second wave of Covid-19 called for yet another lockdown. Like many churches around India, Spicer Adventist University Church had to temporarily suspend all the in-person gatherings, several church activities, and found new ways of reaching out to congregations. As much as online worship services have created opportunities for creativity and the ability to reach the church congregation, the uncertainty of the pandemic still weighs heavily. Pastoral care for the members continue including telephone calls and the use of social media.

Spicer Adventist University Church celebrated a few special Sabbaths over the months. The Sabbath services of February 12 & 13, 2021 were led out by the Division leaders. The department of Family Ministries led in worship services during the weekend of February 19 & 20, 2021. In the month of March, the first Sabbath was given to the Women's Ministry department who focused on the theme "I WILL GO." The second Sabbath of March 12 & 13, 2021 was celebrated focusing on Digital and Social Media Evangelism."

The Speaker for the Consecration Service held on Friday was Dr Swamidass Johnson, Director, Hope TV India. The Speaker for the Baccalaureate Service held on Saturday was Dr R N Prabhudas, Education Director, SUD.

The Youth of our church led out in our worship services during the weekend of April 2 & 3, 2021 on the theme "I WILL GO." Our Sabbath worship services continue to livestream at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

We give thanks to God because of His steadfast love and His faithfulness. To Him belongs all glory and honor.

Sharon Clinton, Assistant Church Pastor



Name - Alric Fernandes

Years of Study -2017-2020

IMPACT - The course BA Psychology has taught me how our social life has affected our thinking and our behaviour with our peers. The in depth curriculum of Psychology is vast and resourceful.

It has helped me to understand and change my attitude towards the people around me who face difficulties in everyday life.

Unforgettable Memories

I have had great memories with my department teachers like Augustine Sir, Cheryl Ma'am and Dr.Rekha Rao.

I also made wonderful memories with my batch mates Sohoru and Sharon (The golden Trio).

They with time have become very close to my heart as well. The Final year trip was the last Amazing part of my life in Spicer Adventist University.

Present Designation - Graduate



Name: S.Sharon

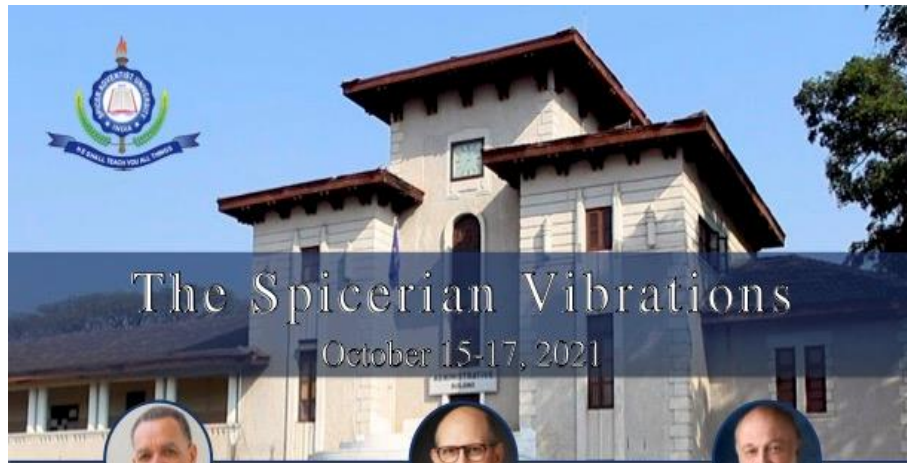
Year/Years of Study at SMC/SAU : 3 Years, BA Psychology (2017-2020)

Impact of Education (SMC/SAU) : Being an empathetic person since childhood, I developed profound interest in psychology which made me explore myself a little more. In my three years of studies, I can proudly say that I have grown better as an individual to deal with myself and with the people around me. From a short-tempered and reactive kid to a relatively calm person who now takes a moment to analyse and understand the meaning and purpose of one's thoughts and actions, I have come a long way in these three years, and I am indeed grateful for that!

Unforgettable moments/Cherished Memories of SMC/SAU: I vividly remember each and every bit of memory that I had created with my beloved teachers, friends, and classmates. My one-on-one interaction with my teachers will always be close to my heart. From doubt clearing sessions to personal talks, they have guided me through every aspect of life, and I stand where I stand today because of their lovely blessings and wishes. The stressful days of exams, the umpteen celebrations and events (the pain in making it happen successfully), the strolls in the beautiful campus with my friends with giggles and cheer and the trip to Mahabaleshwar are some of the instances that would be cherished forever. My teachers and friends that I made here would be my treasure forever.

Present Designation: Pursuing PGDM at Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai (2020-2022)





Guest Speaker
Dr. Weymouth Spence
President,
Washington Adventist University



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Ted N.C. Wilson
President,
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists



Guest Speaker
Dr. Richard Hart
President,
Loma Linda
University Health

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Looking forward to seeing you all at the event.

Elisha Pulivarti
Global Spicer Alumni Initiative
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It Was a Calm Goodbye

The sky so bright, so rich.
 Yet I was hung up with what was passing.
 In repentance, I recall yet again the woeful tale.
 Why was I obsessed with the fading light? Why?
 Was my subconscious already aware?
 Why? Why didn't I realize that fact?
 Why?
 I regret my every action,
 And even more as days pass by.
 Your last moment was my last moment of happiness.
 I was empty.
 It was then. Then -
 When Sunset stepped in, again.
 Even in my sleep, I felt it.
 I can't sort my feelings, still.
 It's woven into knots. It's a mess.
 Your Last Deep Glance at Me.
 That struck me.
 Still, so vividly.
 Never will I forget that look in your eyes.
 And only you and I knew what that meant.
 I still do.
 Why couldn't you tell me? Why?
 You knew it all along.
 You did.
 Everything, you knew it.
 'Twas Summer, but was Wintry.
 I failed to track the right trail.
 As calm as the sea you lamented your way home.
 Adieu.
 I'll never lose the Star you left me.
 Never.
 You loved me, Truly.

Anonymous

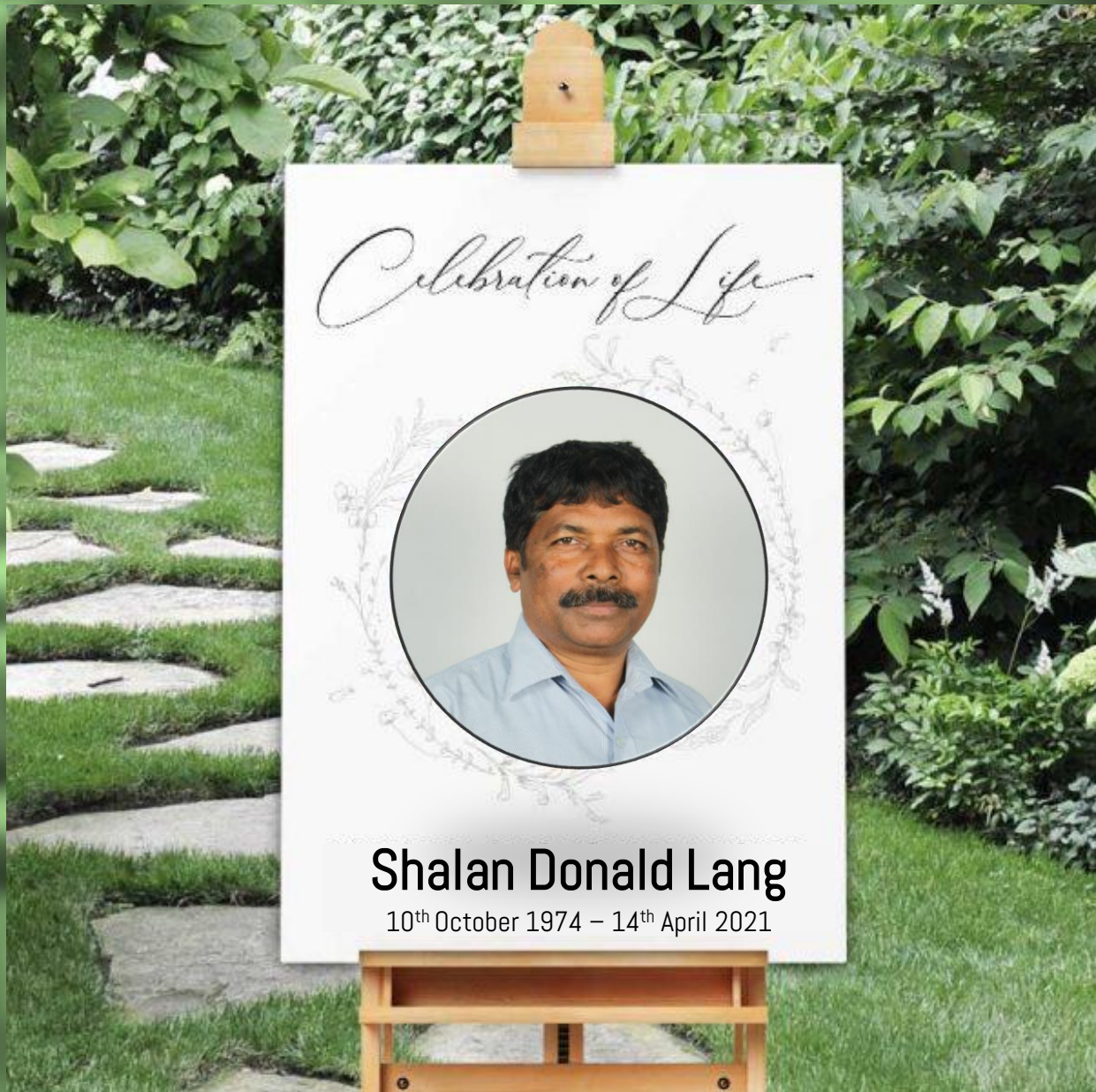
The "WE"



We breath the same air
 Receive the same sunlight
 Drink when thirsty
 Eat when hungry
 Feel the cold and the heat
 The same love and the grief
 Same happiness and the same sadness
 Smile when happy, cry when sad
 Hear the same song
 Keep the same too

We are made from the same dust
 And to it we all will return
 Have the identical organs
 With the identical name
 Bleed when hurt
 Hurt when lonely and sick

We have fingers and toes
 Face and its features
 So beautiful and so colourful
 So we are homo-sapiens
 So we are the miracle
 Like no discrimination
 When it comes to the flora and fauna
 Why does one thing interrupt us
 The one word weapon of destruction
 That one word is the "RACE"



Mr. Donald Lang was born on October 10th 1974 to late Mr. Arjun and late Mrs. Parvati Lang in the village of Bhonda in Jharkhand. He was the eldest of four siblings, Mercy, Beena and Joel. He completed his studies in Karmatar, Khunti and Spicer.

He fell in love with a beautiful nurse, Salomi and was married to her on May 22, 2002. They were blessed with a handsome son Avinash who is now 17 years old.

Donald started to work as a watchman and literature evangelist to pay for his college fees at Spicer Memorial College. After graduating, he stayed on in Spicer working in the Maintenance Department, Cafeteria, College Library and finally as a Farm Manager.

Donald had to travel to Ranchi, Jharkhand with his wife for some important work leaving behind their son as he was having his 12th Board exams. He got sick during this trip and passed away on 14th April 2021. He was buried in his village on 15th April 2021.

He was a caring, hardworking and God fearing man, a devoted father, and a loving husband. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues and all who knew him.

Navratan Minz
Farm Manager



Our day-to-day life is usually a blur of passing lights, blaring sounds, and people's voices. Since the pandemic surfaced along with its restrictions, one thing we miss is going out. Whether it was going for a run in the cold weather, a springtime trip to the beach, or playing in the rain - sunsets, and soothing breezes seem to be very distant. This is the time when connecting with nature helps you find peace even in your busy life while making the world a better place.

People have long been interested in the healing power of nature. Perhaps most famously, Henry David Thoreau spent two years secluded in the woods of Massachusetts while writing *Walden*. And more than a century and a half later, science was ready to back him up with Ecopsychology, a branch of science that explores the relationship between human beings and the natural world. Research has revealed that the healing powers of nature affect all the spheres of our health, improves feelings of well-being and happiness, and balances out your mood.

You can start by opening your windows, blinds, curtains, and even doors to allow sunlight and natural air to flow through your home, giving it a more relaxing and natural atmosphere. Spend some time observing the environment around you; research shows even viewing scenes of nature reduces anger, fear, and stress and increases pleasant feelings. Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally but also contributes to your physical well-being. A thirty-minute walk around your block or house's vicinity can nourish your senses when you're mindful, given you follow the protocols of social distancing. Look at those green trees, get mesmerized by the budding flowers, stargaze the night sky or run behind a parade of white, fluffy clouds – cleanse your spirit and rid them of any stress.

Regardless of our age, culture, or situation, humans have always found nature to be pleasing. With research to back it up, we cannot deny the effects of healing and the natural power that nature holds. Do what you can to stay connected to nature in whatever way you can; it's a beautiful path to our greater wellness.

Inscription of The Mind

What does Writing mean to me?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, writing is "the way that you use written words to express your ideas or opinions." But on the contrary belief, writing can take a very subjective place in someone's life. A gateway to their innermost thoughts, expansion of their imaginative world, or even a simple way to relax, writing becomes a part of you.

Writing, for me, is a limitless canvas to paint the picture of inner peace. With creativity overflowing and brimming from its rim, my words enclose them in a meaningful form. It gives a very delicate yet flexible path for me to trod on as I explore the depths of my emotions and knowledge. More than often, writing becomes a mirror for me – a form of revelation to bring some clarity when I can't grasp a situation. It reveals aspects and spheres of my life which were a bit blur before. I am talking to my own self, jotting down incoherent thoughts in my journal, but I have the assurance of no one judging them because I am growing. I am creating my own path to walk on either with intricate plots for stories, spontaneous bursts of feelings in poetry, or a professional front for an official writing task.

Contrary to popular beliefs, writing does not mean sitting at home and having no contact with people. In fact, it means finding ways to reach out to people with your words and ask ourselves questions about the world we live in. Writing is so much more than the blotch of ink on a white paper or your greasy fingertips on the keyboard – it's a way of living for me, knowing there are no limits to what I can write about. To summarize in a small sentence – writing makes me happy.

So, think about it. What does writing mean to you?

Neelanjana Das

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