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Sr. Metti Amirtham, SCC hails from Tamilnadu, India. She is a religious by profession belonging to the congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (SCC). She has completed her doctorate in Systematic Theology in 2008. She was an International visiting fellow at Woodstock theological centre, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. She is currently working on her post-doctoral papers on “Female Body and Sacred Space.” She teaches theological subjects at various colleges in India. Her special areas of interest are Ecology, gender studies and body-centred spirituality. She also works at the grass root level especially among the movements and NGOs that work for women’s empowerment. She frequently presents papers at the national and the international conferences and regularly publishes articles on theological and social issues both in English and Tamil. She regularly conducts retreats, organizes and animates formation programmes for the young men and women, both lay and religious. Since 2010, she is a regular columnist in the National Catholic magazine New Leader.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT VARIOUS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

- > Theological Anthropology
- > Pauline Letters
- > Theology of Grace
- > Mariology
- > Feminist Theology and Hermeneutics
- > Feminist Ethics
- > Feminist Philosophy
- > Eco-Theology and Spirituality
- > Theology of Leadership
- > Liberation Theology

SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT VARIOUS FACULTIES

- Jnana Deep Vidyapeeth, PUNE
- Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras, CHENNAI.
- FRANCESCO, Capuchin Theological College, TRICHY, TAMIL NADU.
- St. Paul's Theological College, TRICHY, TAMIL NADU.
- Arut Kadal, Jesuit Theologate, CHENNAI
- Jesuits Regional Theology Centre, PATNA
- Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, CHENNAI
- Becchi, Salesian Theologate, Kavarpet, CHENNAI
- St. Paul's Bible Institute, CHENNAI
- Jeevan Jyothi, HYDERABAD
- St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, BANGALORE
- St. Joseph's Major Seminary, KAMMAM, ANDHRA PRADESH.
- Centre for Ignatian Spirituality, Beschi College, DINDIGUL, TAMIL NADU.
- LUMEN INSTITUTE, Tindivanam, TAMIL NADU
- Sanyaasa Institute, Carmelaram, BANGALORE.
- BECCHI, Salesian Theologate, Kavarpet, CHENNAI.
- > VIDYA DEEP, CRI Brothers' Institute of Theology, BANGALORE

ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

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2. "New Models of Religious Communities for the Third Millennium," *In Christo*, Vol. 38, No. 01, (2000), 15-20.
3. "Creative Ministries of Religious in Today's Context," *In Christo*, Vol. 38, No. 02, (2000), 90-98.
4. "Women's Movements in India: An Appraisal," *Vaiharai*, Vol.7, Nos. 2&3, (June & Sept. 2002), 43-63.
5. "Indian Feminist Hermeneutics," *Vaiharai*, Vol.8, No.4, (Dec.2003), 54-69.
6. "The Female Body in Hebrew Scriptures: A Critique," *VJTR*, Vol. 68, No.3 (March 2004), 177-195.
7. "Dalit Women's Education and Empowerment," in S. Lourdasamy ed., *Education for Empowerment of Dalits: Perspective and Priorities* (New Delhi: Centre For Dalit / Subaltern Studies, 2004).
8. "Ecology and Women: Current Challenges," in Thomas D'Sa ed., *The Church in India in the Emerging Third Millennium* (Bangalore: NBCLC, 2005).

9. "Bodily Representations of Hindu Goddesses: A Feminist Perspective," in Agnes M. Brazil, eds., *BODY and SEXUALITY: Theological – Pastoral Perspectives of Women in Asia* (Manila: Ateneo De Manila University Press, 2007): 252-272.
10. "Women Confronting Stigma in Tamil Nadu," in Mary Jo Iozzio, eds., *Calling for Justice throughout the World: Catholic Women Theologians on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic* (New York: Continuum, 2008): 174-182.
11. "'In Joys and Sorrows.....': Ethical issues raised by HIV and AIDS within Catholic Families' in Sharon Bang and Pushpa ed., *Re-imagining Marriage and Family in Asia: Asian Christian Women's Perspectives* (Malaysia: strategic Information and Research Development centre, 2008):87-107.
12. "Female Body – A Site of Knowledge," *Jeevadhara*, Vol. XXXIX, No.229 (Feb. 2009): 45-59.
13. "Crossing the Borders and Redefining Identity: Gender, Body and Space," *Woodstock Report*, Washington D.C, No. 96 (March 2010), 12-3.
14. "Girl child: a gift, or a curse?" *The New Leader*, (September 1-15, 2010), 10-13.
15. "Gender, Body and Morality: From an Indian Feminist Perspective," *Vaiharai*, Vol. 15, No.1&2 (Jan-Dec. 2010): 51-70.
16. "Empowering Catholic Women: A Pastoral Imperative and a Social Need Today," *The New Leader*, (March 1-15, 2011), 45-47.
17. "Re-constructing Power-Knowledge Structures: A Feminist Bang," *SatyaNilayam-Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy*, No. 19, and (March, 2011): 52-66.
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20. "A Re-reading of Mary from an Indian Feminist Perspective," *Vaiharai*, Vol. 16, No. 2, (Jul-Dec 2011): 43-67.
21. "Gender Perspectives in Contemporary Eco-Theology," *Budhi: a Journal of Ideas and Culture*, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, 16.1 (2012): 76-102.
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26. "Spirituality of Women," in *Paaraiyai Pilakkum Vergal* ed. X. D. Selva Raj, (St. Paul's Publications: St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy, 1994).
27. "Word Analysis – Sabbath Day," (Tamil) *Vivilia Virunthu*, 1/3 (June 1994): 12-14.
28. "Liberating the Bible," (Tamil) *Vivilia Virunthu*, 1/5(Oct 1994): 18
29. "Introducing the Gospel of Mark," (Tamil) *Vivilia Virunthu*, 2/2 (April 1995): 2-9.
30. "Reading the Bible from the Street corners," (Tamil) *Vivilia Virunthu*, 3/3(June 1996): 21-23.
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35. "The Role of Women Religious towards Women Liberation," *Marai Aruvi*, Vol. 24, No. 4, (Nov. Dec. 2000), 308-319.
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38. "Emerging Women in the Church of Tamil Nadu," *Marai Aruvi* (A Tamil Theological Quarterly), Vol. 25, Nos. 3& 4, (July-Dec.2001), 130-142.
39. "Lamentations of Job – A Feminist Reading," (Tamil) *Vivilia Virunthu* 2/2(April 2002): 7-10.
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44. "Body Politics: Feminist Perspectives and Debates," in Patrick, Gnana Prakasam ed. *Thalirkkum Iraiyyalgal* (Emerging Theologies) (Chennai: Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras, 2009): 160-171.

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2. **IGNITING THE FIRE** (CHENNAI: New Leader Publications, 2015).
3. **Co – editor, THE 21ST CENTURY WOMAN STILL CLAIMING HER SPACE: ASIAN FEMINIST THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**, Co, ed. (Media House: Noida, UP, 2017).
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5. **SPARKS** (Chennai – in the Press)

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1. **THAGAVAL (Message)** (Dindigul: Vaiharai Publications, 2006).
2. **THE WONDER OF MY BODY** (Chennai - In the Press).

TEXT BOOK WRITINGS – FOR UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

3. Two lessons in the text-books for the Institute of Correspondence Education, Christian Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, under the title “**Contextual Theologies**” in **Leading Thinkers, Movements and Issues** for M.A. degree course, 2nd year, paper VII, pp. 153-196.
4. Two lessons on **CREATION AND REDEMPTION** for BA degree course, 3rd Year.

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REGULAR COLUMNIST IN THE LEADING CATHOLIC MAGAZINE IN INDIA (SINCE 2010)

Under the title, “**Life Challenges**” – The New Leader (National Catholic Magazine, Chennai).

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Tamil Thiraipadangalil Pengal (Women in Tamil films), *Silambam* (Online magazine), LENS, Madurai, November and December, 2017.

AWARDS RECEIVED – By the Government of Tamilnadu

Thagaval (Message) Vaiharai Publications: Dindigul, 2006. *Thagaval* was one of the books selected by Tamilnadu Library Association in 2008 to be placed in all the Government libraries of Tamilnadu.

LECTURES AND PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. “**Bodily Representations of Hindu Goddesses: A Feminist Perspective**” at Ecclesia Women in Asia (EWA), Yogyakarta, INDONESIA, 2004.
2. “**Patriarchy and Bodily Constructions of Femininity**” at the Indian Women Theologians Forum (IWTF), BANGALORE, 2005.
3. “**Beauty and its Paradox: A Case study among Women of Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu**” at the National Seminar, University of Madras, CHENNAI, 2005.
4. “**Ecology and Women: Current Challenges**” at the Research seminar organised by NBCLC, Bangalore, 2005.
5. “**In Joys and Sorrows.....**” Ethical issues raised by HIV/AIDS within Catholic

Families,” at Ecclesia Women in Asia, SRILANKA, 2007.

6. **“Retrieving Motherhood: As Agents of Peace and Resolving Conflicts”** at EWA 2009, Bangkok, THAILAND (August 2009).
7. **Crossing the Borders and Redefining Identity: Gender, Body and Space,”** Georgetown University, WASHINGTON DC, USA, 2010.
8. **Discriminating Health Care and Dehumanizing Women: Concrete Evidences from India,”** Paper presented at Barry University, SOUTH FLORIDA, USA, 2010.
9. **“Contemporary Gender Perspectives on Eco-Theology,”** Paper presented at CIWA, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, AFRICA, 2011.
10. **“The 21st Century Woman Still Claiming Her Space: Asian Feminist Theological Perspectives,”** Manila, PHILIPPINES, 21st -25th of January 2016.
11. **“Dalits’ Struggle for Negotiation of Autonomy and Reconstruction of Identity in India,”** Asian Conference on Spirituality, Knowledge and Justice, Atheno de Naga University, Naga City, PHILIPPINES, 5th -9th 2016.
12. **“Foodscapes: Gastronomy, Theologies and Spiritualities, Catholic Asian Feminist Theological Orientation.”** VIETNAM, from 18th – 21st of January 2018.
13. **“A Critical Time for Bridge-Building: Catholic Theological Ethics Today,”** Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, at Sarajevo, BOSNIA, from July 26 - 29, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 June onwards – Superior, Holy Cross Convent, VELLORE.

2015 June -2018May - Superior, Holy Cross Convent, TRICHY

2013 June -2015May - Superior, Holy Cross Convent, CHENNAI

2010 June- 2013 May - Superior, Holy Cross Convent, Puthur, TRICHY.

2005 June -2008 May- Superior, Holy Cross Convent, YERCAUD, TAMILNADU.

2000 June-2003 May - Superior, Holy Cross Convent, Puthur, TRICHY, TAMIL NADU.

2005 - 2008 On-going Formation Co-ordinator, The Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod

2006 onwards Vice-president of *Tamil Systematic Theologians Association*

2006 - 2008 Secretary of *Indian Women Theologian Forum*

2002 onwards Member of *Ecclesia Women in Asia*

