

Fr. Dr. Rosario Gomez

Course

TUL555 Education Centre Development

Education

B.Sc.

B.T.

L.Ph.

L.Th.

Ph.D. (Communication & Pedagogy) - Westphalian Williams University, Muenester, Germany

Specialization: Development Communication

Professional Experience:

Since he returned to India after his studies abroad in 1974, he has served the nation in various capacities. He was Secretary to the Commission on Social Communication of the Tamilnadu Bishops' Conference (1974-1975), First-Director of the State Resource Centre for Non formal Education of the State of Tamilnadu (1977-1985). Founded his own institute called Indian Institute of Non-formal Education in 1986 and while he was struggling hard to develop it, he was invited to Delhi to assist in the Directorate of Adult Education, Government of India, as a Consultant Training in its National Literacy Mission (1988-1991). When he came back to the State after that assignment, he was made Course Co-ordinator for the Two Year Diploma in Rural Development Management run by the Centre for Research on New International Economic Order (CReNIEO), Chennai (1991-1995).

In 1986, he helped Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute at Chennai to develop the curriculum and the course material for a course on the Theology of Human Development. Since then till date he is teaching that subject to Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) students. He was made the Convenor of the 10 days long Summer Institute of Gurukul Theological College in 1997 on the theme of Theology of Human Development. He collected all the papers presented in that institute, edited and put them together in a book *Towards a Theology of Human Development* (1998). In 1995, when Gurukul Theological College started offering Masters degree in Theology (M.Th.) in Communication, he was invited to serve there as of Professor of Communication and was promoted to head, the Department of Communication in the same college from June 2001.

As a Development Educationist, Trainer and Consultant, he goes round the whole country offering his services to the Central and State Governments, NGOs, Overseas Funding Agencies and different churches. During his tenure as Consultant (Training) in the National Literacy Mission of the Government of India, the Principal Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (PROAP) of the UNESCO at Bangkok trained and utilised him as a Resource Person for the Training of Adult Literacy Personnel in its member states of India, Thailand, Nepal and Bangladesh.

In all these years, as a Scholar, he has combined Teaching/Training with Research and Extension. Every year he has been personally taking up one or two evaluation studies. Besides, he has guided others in such studies. Since 1992, he has been guiding at least one student every year in their theses that are required for their PG Diploma or Degree. Since 2001, he is also guiding a candidate for D. Th. in Communication in Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute.