



HINDU SEMINAR DRAWS INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES



Bronxville, NY—The “Seminar on Hinduism and Praxiology of Community Outreach to the Hindu Community” was held last month at Concordia College-New York. Sponsored by the Concordia Institute for World Religions and Evangelism, this meeting brought 46 participants and presenters from as far away as California, Oregon, Washington, Nebraska, Illinois, and Missouri—there was also a visitor-participant from Kazakhstan.

All the presenters were top-notch mission scholars who are also engaged in mission outreaches locally, regionally, and globally. Participants equally represented clergy, laity, seminarians, and students.

Daily topics included: “Indigenous Christianity—South Asian Perspective”, “Churchless Christianity and Yeshu Baktha (Jesus Devotees) Movement”, “Yeshu Samaj—Reaching the Diaspora South Asians & Personal Testimony”, “Indian Christian Ashram (Monastic) Movements”, and “Text and Context of Indian Christian Theology”. Each session started with devotions, followed by the presentations and field visits to different neighborhoods, and concluded with dinner at an ethnic restaurant. The Rev. Dr. David Benke, President/Bishop, Atlantic District LCMS and Dr. Viji George, President, Concordia College, brought greetings and wishes respectively during the seminar.

The June, 2009 Seminar is scheduled to learn about Eastern Religions.



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Feed back from the Hinduism Seminar participants

"Seminar gave me everything I came for. Excellent! Thanks so much!!"

" this was an outstanding seminar on evangelism and church outreach that would be useful information to many parishes".

"Best coordination, coordinator and host"



" my only criticism is that seminar was too short"

" fellowship at dinner time is great"

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