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Inter-faith meeting

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As part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Stella Maris College, Chennai, will hold an 'Inter-faith Meeting' on January 11, Saturday, at 5 p.m. Presentations will be made on Hinduism, Islam and Christianity and representatives from Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism will participate in the meeting.

'Inter-faith unity need of the hour'

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Presentations on the essence of different religions marked the inter-faith meeting organised at the Stella Maris college as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of the institution here today.

In his presentation on Islam, Mr. Faizur Rehman Sayeed, advocate, Madras High Court, said that inter-faith unity was not a mere academic notion; it was the need of the hour.

Historically, Islam has received a bad press, he said. Instances of verses being taken and quoted out of context were aplenty. "There may have been instances where some may have acted in an intolerant manner. But actions of some people should not be the basis of judging the entire community," he added.

Dr. Helen Vincent, former principal, Stella Maris College, said that the magnanimity of Christ did not allow one to develop negative feelings towards anyone.

Speaking on Hinduism, Prof. S. Swaminathan, highlighted the uniqueness of the religion. Representatives from Jainism and Buddhism, Mr. Kailash Mull Dugar and Mr. Anban, spoke on the occasion. Mr. H. M. Balgamwalla, a representative, of Zoroastrianism, lighted the traditional lamp. Dr. Lalitha Kameswaran, member, State Planning Commission, presided.

Dr. Annamma Philip, principal of the college, who welcomed the gathering, said the meet was

organised as part of the golden jubilee celebrations. A sound and light programme on the essential unity of religions was organised on the occasion.