



CENTRE FOR VALUE EDUCATION AND ETHICS

The genesis of The Centre for Value Education and Ethics (CVEE), formerly known as Religious Life Committee, dates back to the establishment of the institution since Bishop Heber College strongly believes that everyone who walks into this institution should walk out as a complete, transformed individual ready to face the world with confidence and courage both at the personal, spiritual and professional level. This basic tenet of the institution is fostered and augmented by various courses and programmes offered, of which Value and Life Oriented Education (VLO) is the lynchpin that has successfully transformed the lives of so many individuals who remember it fondly and gratefully. The courses and programmes offered by this Centre are well received by the student community for their uniqueness and variety and also for the heuristic approach which makes these programmes interesting and rewarding. This Committee effects a series of changes in the emotional and mental stability creating a huge impact in the lives of students and staff, helping them to keep their hopes, dreams and sanity afloat during the thick of things and helps them to walk the line amidst plethora of uncertainties that grip the world.

Religious Life Committee

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“Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a cleverer devil”

— C.S. LEWIS

VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

VISION

The Religious Life Committee and Value and Life Oriented Education Division caters to the moral and spiritual needs of the students. It provides a platform for the students to be grounded in the Word of God and trained and equipped to be a witness to the world. Moral values are also imparted and imbibed in the learners to enable them to be bonded by the love of Christ. It aims to help the learners to make a positive difference to the world by putting their beliefs and values in action.

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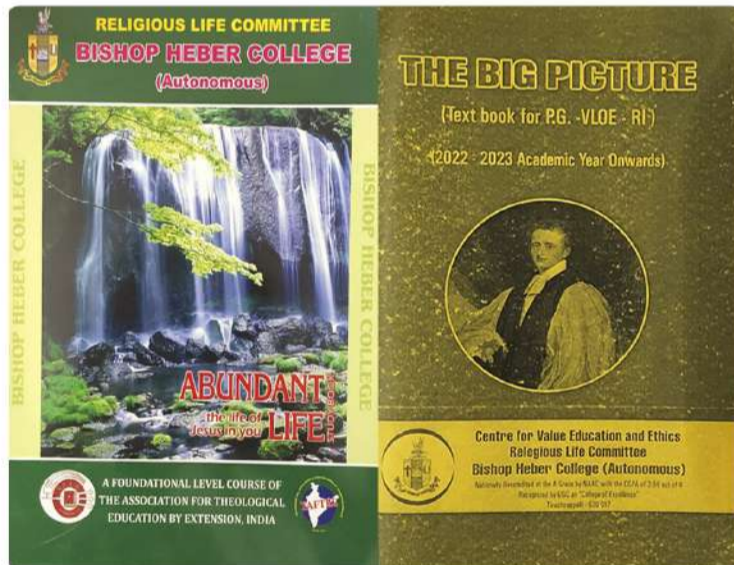
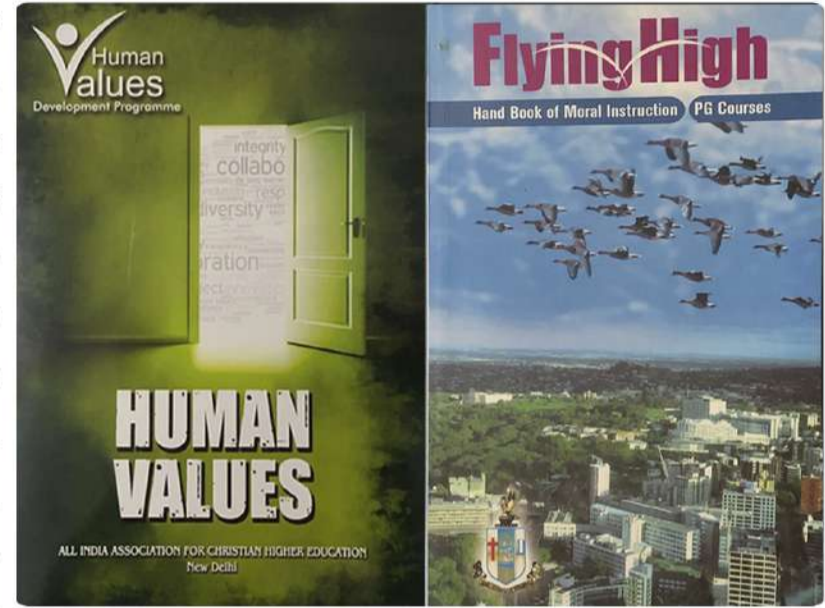
- To guide students in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake
- To help students in the spiritual formation process
- To connect with the community through outreach and evangelism
- To explore and establish values such as wisdom, justice, compassion and integrity.
- To establish a practice of daily reflection of their spiritual and moral values.

CENTRE FOR VALUE EDUCATION AND ETHICS (CVEE)

Value and Life Oriented Education (VLO)

Centre For Value Education And Ethics of Bishop Heber College supports the students through its motivational and developmental programmes to keep their career and personal life balanced and rewarding. The rationale for including the course Value and Life Oriented Education (VLO) into Curriculum as a mandatory programme than being an optional subject is to make sure that education in BHC should cater not only to knowledge accumulation but also to build a strong mind and character that would help build a strong and healthy nation making the world a more peaceful and better place to live. The crux of the course VLO is to bring in a spiritual, social and personal change in the individual since we believe that any educational enterprise devoid of behavioural modification is wasted academic practice. The Centre activities are inculcated into academics where trained teachers handle classes to students twice a week during the

Second semester for PG programmes, where they will be taught important values and belief systems that sustain life and sanity. The textbooks prescribed are Human Values, Flying High and the Big Picture. Human Values is a textbook published by the All-India Association for Christian Higher Education. To ensure knowledge transfer and to gauge the reception of the ideas, Cumulative Internal tests and End Semester Examination are conducted on the texts prescribed for the course. Exclusive texts for UG and PG as Regional and Moral Instructions that have been prepared by a dedicate team of Faculty which in turn is subjected to scrutiny by experts and then offered to the students. It covers a wide area of subjects and ideas that are pertinent to the well-being of mind, body and soul



besides etiquettes and social skills. The texts were scrutinized to permit inclusiveness without compromising quality and thus the texts have been rechristened several times marking the addition and improvisation of activities and ideas included to foster better outcome and reception. The texts cover a wide array of values and concepts like different belief systems, Religions, Self, Sexuality and Gender sensitivity, social concerns and relationships which are most often than never forgotten in the race of academic excellence. The efforts taken to improve the syllabus on par with any other academic course (Revised Blooms Taxonomy) reflect the importance and seriousness attached to the teaching and dissemination of values and ethics in BHC.

The Value Education classes are aimed at Personality Development, Understanding roles and responsibilities, respect for all forms of life, value judgements and social awareness. The

Moral instruction Course (P15VL2:1) for the PG programme focuses on thrust areas like Spirituality, Social Responsibility, Socialization, Social Deviancy and Social Transformation. The UG Moral Instruction course (U15VL:1) centres on concepts like Values to Begin With, India and Me, Transformation of Self, Life Enrichment Skills, Dynamics of Inter-personal Relationships, Life Values, Sexuality and Gender, Marriage and Contentment, Societal Concerns and Challenges and Valuable Quotes on Values. These courses are offered in the first year of both UG and PG for a semester. The courses are designed to enlighten, enrich and educate the students on existing moral and ethical values. The teachers interact and counsel the students in the classes. The centre for Value Education upholds the principles of Fairness and Affection and inculcates Tolerance and Perseverance in the young minds.

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ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY

COORDINATORS

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Bishop Heber College has a long association with the Christian Endeavour Union of India which was a Christian youth Movement and part of a world-wide union with Headquarters in the United States of America. Christian Endeavour Union wanted to establish an affiliation with the College for the purpose of providing Christian Leadership training to its Christian Students and also prepare them for taking up positions in the ministry of the church later. All Christian students together are an integral part of the CE Society. Two Christian Endeavour Hostels for the economically needy Christians are functional in the campus one for Men and one for Women.



PRAYER WALKATHON

CE Society organizes walkathon once in a month for the Hostelites and students initiated by the CE society to embrace their strong faith in Christ Jesus and establish a bond with the institution, praying for its needs. Prayer Walkathon fulfils not only the requisite of the institution but also the Individuals.

FETTERS FREE

When teens accept and reflect the doctrines of Jesus Christ in their life, love and service gets instilled in their hearts. Fetters free program a One-day Retreat organized by the CE Society swaps distress with peace and strength.



A Special fasting prayer is organized by the CE society on Thursdays of every week to restore or strengthen one's intimacy with God. Voluntary fasting prayer enables students offer a sacrifice to God that delights Him. The prayer is collaborated by other hostelites and students enduring covenants with God.

FASTING PRAYER

NORTH INDIAN FELLOWSHIP

Students of other regions especially North East frontiers unite as one in prayer and praise once in two months for prayer support, encouragement and strength. The Fellowship ensures students sustenance and strengthens each one in Christian way of life.



KNEEL DOWN PRAYER

Kneel Down Prayer is conducted every weekend to the students of CE Society collaborated by the prayer warriors seeking inward humility, supplication and gratitude. Kneel down prayer conceptualizes awesomeness of God. Students participate in large numbers and pray together reducing anxiety and experience heavenly peace.





ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY

REJOICE

Christian Endeavour Society organizes a mega event every year especially in the Even semester, a day of retreat and complete submission before the Lord. Rejoicing and opening the doors for God's visitation. Prayer, Praise and Worship, Choreography, skit and various events are organized for the students showing great happiness because of the redemption of man through His only begotten Son. The program is open for the entire student community.



WORSHIP EVENING

CE society brings together students and hostellers yearly once, a time exclusively dedicated to worship through music; it's a time to gather together to sing, glorify and honour almighty Lord. Worship evening also leads to exhibition of talents in praising the Triune God of grace and his people.



GOSPEL EVENING

CE society conducts gospel evening held once in a year for the students were children of God share the gospel confidently with their peers and formulate their testimony. Gospel evening brings together students to understand the principles of Christ. And walk in faith and culture.



OFFICE BEARERS MEET

Once in a fortnight office bearers meet is conducted to promote love and noble works. It is a time spent and to be an encouragement to one another. It also has scope for further plans to build each other for the execution of tabulated mission.

HEBER HIVE

A prayerful evening by all the hostellers is held every Sunday to praise and adore the almighty lord. Special invites quench the spiritual thirst of the students. Heber Hive a gathering of Gods children which brings about transformation through Prayer and demonstrating faith in their hearts. The inmates of CE Girls Hostel lead this program and they performed choreography and singing sessions.



GROUND BREAKERS

CE Society set the tone to provide a sense of purpose for the children of God be welcomed for their ministry. The gathering is held every Wednesday to set goals connecting people to the value-added mission. It also opens doors to release a vision into their lives with spiritual growth. Prayer Warriors kneel down with zeal and pray for the betterment of the institution.



RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE (RLC)

ACTIVITIES AND DIARY OF EVENTS RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Religious Life Committee of Bishop Heber College organises several programs to impart value education that would help the young minds to strive and work strong towards achieving their goals without compromising the essential values against the daunting challenges, failures and stress that put a brake on their emotional stability, hampering their personal and professional growth.



HEBER HARMONY

Heber Harmony is conducted on Third Sunday of every month by Religious Life Committee in harmony with various departments of our college. Each department takes turns in conducting this programme in the evening of third Sunday in the College Chapel. The speakers are arranged by respective departments and students and staff involve themselves to conduct this in their own style. Singing, skits, choreography, thought provoking messages are part of this programme. The Hostel inmates of our college and the department students participate in this event and get benefitted out of this. This programme will be

for a duration of one and half hours

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

The Religious Life Committee organised a divine service on Ash Wednesday, being the beginning of the Lenten season, the College Chapel for the benefit of staff and students offers service for the students and staff. The Message delivered gives a clear picture of what is true fasting and how one should observe Lenten days in a very holy and sacrificial manner. The service came to an end with a song from the Christian Hymn and benediction was offered by the Rector



HEBER HARP

The Religious Life Committee and Christian Endeavour Society of Bishop Heber College organise HEBER HARP during Lenten season. Both Christian and non-Christian students from various Boys and Girls hostels of the college participated in large numbers Praise and worship session also is led by the hostel inmates that evokes the presence of God. The HEBER HARP brings about a spiritual enlightening in the young minds.

ACTIVITIES AND DIARY OF EVENTS

RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE



CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Christmas Carols witness massive participation from the inmates of various boys and girls hostels, who enthusiastically render Christmas messages through their songs. The faculty of both Shift I and II also enthralled the audience by their numbers. Instruments (Violin, Mouth organ, Keyboard), played by Dr. Sathiyaseelan, Mr. Kubera Sampath and Mr. Sam also proclaimed the good news of the birth of Christ. Dr. Henry Amirtharaj, Asst. Prof in Mathematics, the retiring faculty of that academic year, delivered God's message. As candles were lit from the altar and passed on to the congregation, the Carols concluded by the rendition of the song "Silent Night". The Heber Christmas Celebration took place on December 08, 2018, which was presided by Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran, Bishop-CSI Trichy - Tanjore Diocese and the program was honoured by the presence of the Governing Board members. Mrs. Rosalind Chandrasekaran, Biskopina, was the Guest of Honour. The programme prior to Christmas celebration is conducting games for children and spouses of our faculty. Games were conducted according to the age of the children and prizes were distributed at the end of the Christmas programme. This year Christmas Celebration was attended by the faculty of our college along with their family. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Franklin, Rector of our college. Principal, Dr. Paul Dhayabaran welcomed and thanked all those who were present in the hall and were instrumental in the conduct of this programme. The teaching staff of both Shift I & II sang Christmas songs and the non-teaching staff too gave a number. Instrumental playing was rendered by Dr. Sathiyaseelan and his team. The children of our staff were given an opportunity to exhibit their talents and as a result many of the faculty's children sang songs, played musical instruments or choreographed an incident or danced for a song. The nativity play was enacted by involving teaching and non-teaching staff. The Bishop and Chairman of our college, Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran delivered Christmas sermon and offered the closing prayer and benediction.

MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS

The Religious Life Committee celebrated Christmas with the villagers of Karuppu Kilar Village, Mannargudi, on 19th February, 2019 under the aegis of Meaningful Christmas. The Village had been devastated by the Cyclone Gaja and many of the rescue operations had not properly reached this village. Through the generous donations of our faculty necessary household things were distributed to the villagers including wet grinders.



ACTIVITIES AND DIARY OF EVENTS

RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE



TEACHING STAFF RETREAT

Every academic year began with a Communion Service to the staff and students. The communion service was followed by a retreat for the staff on the same day to inculcate the values of dedication and commitments in teaching and in their personal life. The retreat witnessed active participation of the faculties in the form of singing, action song and games. The retreat emphasised the commitment of staff members for the effective functioning all through the upcoming academic year.

NON-TEACHING STAFF RETREAT

The retreat for the non-teaching staff members was led by the choir of non-teaching staff and praise and worship session was also conducted. The main theme of the retreat was “WORKING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD”. Each non-teaching staff was made to understand the importance of being loyal to God and to the superiors that God had appointed for them. They were instructed to do their work diligently without any compromise and made to think about the commitment and rethink about the new commitment that they had to decide upon. The RLC team conducted games in order to make the participants relaxed and to have a cordial atmosphere. The retreat concluded with a prayer and benediction.



FASTING PRAYER

The Religious Life Committee under the guidance of Dr. Violet Dhayabaran, conducted fasting and prayer virtually for every month during the pandemic time. Separate schedule was prepared for each department and the prayer coordinators of each department was responsible for the conduct of the prayer. The praising points and prayer points were given to the members of the faculty to enable them to focus and pray. The department staff actively participated in the prayer fellowship that was conducted virtually and prayed effectively for the college, administrators, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, students, nation and the society