

**Report on the Webinar conducted by the Department of Value Education,  
Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai**

Title: Confronting Challenges with Faith and Compassion: Christian Leadership in  
A Time of Global Crisis

Date: 25. June. 2020

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Resource Person: Prof. Bart McGettrick OBE, Emeritus Professor of Education,  
University of Glasgow

Total No of Participants: 79

Prof. McGettrick, spoke on how the world today is caught unawares in the present Coronavirus situation and this brings to the forefront the values present in our education system. He said that the context of our education system today is success and market driven. Education he said is not about degrees and jobs and not about imparting market values. These values of the world are marked by gross inequality and unjust structures, leaving the youth with a feeling of hopelessness and caught up in a dead end knowing not what to do.

Christian education today is about taking up the challenge of showing the way and imparting the message of hope. The hope that is Jesus. Prof. McGettrick, also said that at the level of Higher Education, it is the educator who is called to “Incarnate” Christ in the minds and hearts of young adults. The system should prepare young people to not only be the best professionals, but our challenge should be to turn out professionals who would be leaders grounded in the faith of a living God with values of love, hope and compassion for the betterment of society.