

Presenters

Hansa Shah grew up in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She has a Master's Degree in English Literature and Social Work and came to the UK in 1976 at the invitation of the Irish Presbyterian Church, to work as a Church Community Worker in their Birmingham based project, Seva Sadan (House of Friendship) set up to befriend Asian immigrants. In 1979 she joined the West Midlands Probation Service, retiring in 2000 as a Senior Probation Officer. After retirement, Hansa obtained an M.Phil degree from Birmingham University, Pandita Ramabai being her subject of research. She has been a volunteer, monitoring human right violations in the West Bank under the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme. Whilst in Birmingham, Hansa was a regular member of St Mary's Church Moseley. In 2016 she returned to India and lives in Pune. Currently she is involved in writing about aspects of Church history in Gujarat.

Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani Born in Isfahan, Iran, Guli's family was forced to leave the country in the wake of the Iranian Revolution in 1980. She was 14. She attended Nottingham and Bristol Universities and was ordained in 1998, serving in Southwark diocese. Among other positions, Guli has been Chaplain to the Royal Academy of Music in London, led Curate Training and been Adviser for Women's Ministry for the Diocese of Peterborough, a Canon at Peterborough Cathedral, and sat on General Synod. As the first Bishop of Loughborough Guli takes a full role in the work of the Church across Leicester and Leicestershire, with a focus on supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) clergy, lay workers and congregations in the county. A mother of three school aged children, Guli is married to Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani, Team Rector of Oakham in Rutland. Before becoming a priest Guli worked as a religious programmes producer for the BBC.

Canon Dr Mukti Barton is an Indian British. She is an Honorary Research Fellow at The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education and a Lay Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. Formerly Bishop's Adviser for Black and Asian Ministries in the Diocese of Birmingham and Lecturer at The Queen's Foundation. Mukti, a scholar in Biblical Studies, has been teaching, preaching, speaking at conferences and writing for thirty years. She is passionate about scripture, liberation, justice and peace and she is the author of many books and articles.

Revd Dr Jasmine Devadason is currently Learning & Development Officer for the North West Region of the Methodist Church. Previously she was a priest at the Diocese of Manchester and also a Tutor at Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme, Salisbury. Jasmine's academic interests are rooted in biblical studies and biblical interpretation from marginalised perspective. She completed her doctoral research on the book Job from an Indian feminist perspective. Jasmine is committed to women liberation and encouraging the ecclesiastical community to look beyond its traditional boundaries.

Revd Cham Kaur Mann Cham has over 25 years leadership experience, in the church, charity and voluntary sectors, and mentors and supports leaders from a variety of sectors. She is the first (and currently only) Asian woman minister within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. She is co-director of Next Leadership, a certified Stakeholder Centred Coach, and the Trainers' Team Manager for Cinnamon Network. She has a unique and compelling ability to 'story a story', writes blogs and is author of 'Images of Jesus' and 'Are there traditional "women's ministries"?' Cham's passion includes encouraging and developing leaders to reach their full potential, wherever they may serve.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

- 10.30am **Registration**
- 11.00am **Welcome** and Introductions
- 11.15am **Keynote Address on
Pandita Ramabai
Hansa Shah**
- 12.15pm **Worship led by
Guli Francis Dehqani**
- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **Presentations**
- **God: In God's Image?**
Mukti Barton
 - **Bible: Voice for the Voiceless**
Jasmine Devadason
 - **Christian Leadership Today**
Cham Kaur Mann
- 3.00pm **Panel Discussions**
- 3.20pm **What Next?**
- 3.45pm **Closing Prayer**
- 4.00pm **Depart**

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