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## Jeyaraj Scholarship Receives International Recognition



Dr. Daniel Jeyaraj, Judson-DeFreitas Associate Professor of World Christianity at Andover Newton, was an honored speaker on July 3, 2006 at the inauguration of the 300th Anniversary Celebration of the first Protestant mission in India at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute in Chennai, India. The underlying purpose and promise of the Tercentenary Celebration is to address the false impressions, conclusions, and exclusions of the primary role played by German scholar and missionary, Bartholomaus Ziegenbalg, to the civil society of India. His arrival in Tranquebar in July 9, 1706 marked the beginning of this Protestant presence in India.

Dr. Jeyaraj was commissioned by the organizers to correct history and tell the accurate story of Bartholomaus Ziegenbalg's true place in Indian and Lutheran church history from an Indian perspective. His initial work began in 1991 and culminated at this event in the presentation of the first copy of his new book entitled, *Bartholomaus Ziegenbalg: the Father of Modern Protestant Mission, An Indian Assessment*. A copy of the book was presented to The Rt. Rev. Margot Kassman, Bishop of Hannover. Jeyaraj spoke in his customary gracious manner, offering thanks to colleagues, both German and Indian, his family, and the members of the workshop-seminar from the Boston area, BTI director Rodney Petersen, and ANTS president, Nick Carter.



Dignitaries from Germany, Denmark, England and throughout India gathered in Chennai to honor Dr. Jeyaraj. Participants included the Ambassador from Germany and the President of the Lutheran World Federation, Mark Hansen. The inaugural address was offered by Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

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