### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGbetween THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR MISSION STUDIES

St Philip and St James Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HR, UK and MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, Tambaram, Chennai, 600059

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is hereby made and entered into by and between THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR MISSION STUDIES (hereinafter referred to as 'OCMS') and MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, INDIA (hereinafter referred to as 'MCC') to develop and facilitate collaboration between the institutions (hereinafter referred to as 'The Parties').

#### 1. Purpose

The Parties seek to establish a partnership to provide higher education leading to academic collaboration to encourage and facilitate the academic development of MCC students and faculty.

# 2. Objective

In signing this MoU, the Parties commit themselves to work together to facilitate students and faculty enrolled in MCC to obtain higher education through OCMS, Middlesex University.

## **Principles**

In order to fulfil the collaborative purpose, the Parties are expected to take on various responsibilities, which include:

- 3.1. MCC recruits quality students who will be encouraged and supported to undertake Ph.D. research at OCMS;
- 3.2. MCC through its preparatory programmes will offer training to ensure that its students/faculty fulfil a set of criteria required to make them eligible for their application and will recommend students/faculty for admission to OCMS;
- 3.3. MCC will raise sufficient financial resource towards the travel and living expenses and fees for students/faculty and OCMS will offer a preferred tuition scholarship up to 50% of tuition fees, subject to negotiation, for successfully admitted students/faculty;
- 3.4. OCMS conducts its admission evaluation according to its established criteria, and the result is communicated
- 3.5. The continuation of the study under this agreement is subject to an annual review by OCMS and MCC.

#### 4. Other Areas of Possible Collaboration

The following areas only serve as examples:

- 4.1. Collaboration on the Research Preparatory Programme conducted by MCC in Madras
- 4.2. Research projects, conferences and publication of titles on relevant themes
- 4.3. Developing a network of scholars
- 4.4. Sharing of academic resources such as books/journals/videos.

## 5. Governance and Leadership

The Executive Director of OCMS and the Principal of MCC will provide the senior leadership within their respective organisations to foster the collaboration between the Parties. This MoU shall be reviewed after two years, in the first instance.

Signed and Dated by CEO of both Parties

For Madras Christian College

Dr. R. W. Alexander Jesudasan

For Oxford Centre for Mission Studies

Dr. Wonsuk Ma **Executive Director** 

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