

Rev. Dr h.c. Chandran Paul Martin
Deputy General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation
[The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church]

Date of birth: 22 January 1959

Civil status: Married, two children

Education:

- 2004 Research scholar for PhD (registered) in the Acharaya Nagarjuna University in the Department of History and Archeology, Andhra Pradesh, India (to complete dissertation).
- 1999 Master of Theology, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, Chennai, Serampore University.
- 1987 Diploma in Christian Communication, Trinity and All Saints College, University of Leeds, United Kingdom
- 1985 Bachelor of Divinity, United Theological College, Bangalore, Serampore University
- 1980 Bachelor of Arts, St Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Bangalore University

Work Experience:

- 2002 – 2006 Executive Secretary of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India (UELCI)
- 1998 – 2003 Communications Secretary, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI)
- 1990 – 1998 Mission Secretary of the UELCI
- 1988 – 1992 Project Officer and Emergency Secretary, UELCI
- 1984 – 1998 Editor of the Indian Lutheran, UELCI
- 1984 – 1986 Coordinator Campus Ministry, UELCI

Titles bestowed:

- 2004 Honorary title of "Doctor of Divinity" *Honoris Causa* accorded by the Academy of Ecumenical Indian Theology and Church Administration, Chennai

Other positions held:

- 2006 Co-Convenor, the Tranquebar Tercentenary Celebrations Committee
- 2005 – Member, Senate of Serampore College, Board for Theological Education
- 2005 – Governing Board member of the Henry Martin Institute of Islamic Studies, Hyderabad, India
- 2005 – Executive Committee member of the Students Christian Movement of India
- 2005 – Honorary Editor, *The Drum*, the official Dalit newsletter of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI)
- 2005 – Member of the Governing Board, Gossner College, Ranchi
- 2004 – Steering Committee member, Asian Lutheran International Conference
- 2004 – Editorial Board member of Asia Lutheran News/(The Lutheran World Federation – LWF)
- 2004 – Chairperson, North Tamil Nadu Unit, Student Christian Movement of India

- 2003 – 2006 LWF Council Member
- 2003 – Board member, Community Service Centre, Chennai
- 2003 – NCCI Executive Committee member
- 2003 – Member of the Dalit Task Force, NCCI
- 2002 Member of the UELCI team for the Action by Churches Together (ACT International) Evaluation of the UELCI Gujarat Earthquake relief operation
- 2002 – Member of the Governing Council of the Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute
- 2000 – 2002 Steering Committee member of "Project 21," the worldwide study project of the Association of World Council of Churches Related Development Organisations in Europe (APRODEV)
- 1992 Coordinator, LWF Council meeting, Chennai (Madras)
- 1989 – 1992 Board member of the Asia Lutheran Press Services/LWF
- 1988 Coordinator, Lutheran World Service Commission meeting at Chennai (Madras)