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## INVITATION TO WRITE FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR OF THE CENTER FOR WOMEN STUDIES

Dear Madam/Sir,

The centre for Women's Studies at Lady Doak College has completed 25 years of service. Although none of its founding members are currently in the college, several of us have been associated with the centre and its journey to make Women's Studies, an integral part of the educational system in the Lady Doak College.

An introductory course on Women Studies was first offered as an additional or interest course for interested students in 1986. This course was taught by faculty of Social Sciences and History departments. The Center for Women's Studies was instituted as an outcome of a Consultation on Women's Studies sponsored by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia held in August 1989. The Consultation which was a deliberation of representatives of various higher educational institutions engaged in Women Studies identified the need for a Women studies **Center**, which would

1. Aid the planning and shaping an academic course on women studies.
2. Engage faculty from science departments to teach and develop the curriculum for the course.
3. Inspire and train faculty to teach the course.
4. Engage the public on women's issues

Looking back on 25 years we are proud that every one of the above expectations has been adequately met. We now have two mandatory courses for UG and PG students and one PG elective course. Faculty members drawn from different departments teach and plan the course. On-going training programmes on campus, together with faculty going abroad for training has resulted in a dedicated and motivated team of faculty. Today the Center is being supported by the University Grants Commission from 2005 onwards. It has engaged in action research projects that enable us to discover the core issues facing women today and act upon it using our academic expertise.

Our journey is filled with experiences of changes in our own lives that have helped us examine our own selves and know our innate power. We wish to document each of our experiences and understandings to celebrate our growth. It will enrich us to continue with more knowledge and vigor.



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Thus we invite our faculty – past and present, students and alumni, to share your experiences while teaching, or in an advisory capacity or as an avid student of Women Studies in Lady Doak College. It can be in the form of essays, poetry, etc that will high light how the Center for Women Studies is a change catalyst in our lives.

Kindly send in your articles by the middle of May as we would like to release it at a function in June 2015

Thank you

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