INDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (IELC)
SCHOOL SYSTEM

VISION:
To produce intellectually enlightened, spiritually inspired, emotionally balanced, morally upright, socially committed, accomplished – in a word – integrally formed young men and women who will be agents of social transformation in today’s India and world.

MISSION:
Support development of excellent student learning experience through quality education, instructional materials and safe school facilities with Christian ethics.

BRIEF HISTORY
• India mission was established by Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the year 1895.
• The first missionary landed at Krishnagiri was Theodore Naether.
• The first Concordia High School at Ambur in the year 1924 (upgraded from primary school).
• The missionaries were teaching in the schools – established contacts with the community – developed mission work – blossomed as congregations
• Missionaries trained the locals to become teachers, catechists and evangelists in the early stages.
• The schools served as basic nurturing centers imparting education spiritually as well as morally.

SCHOOL SYSTEM (free education for all)

SCHOOLS:
• Lutheran Primary Schools (1-5 grades)
• Lutheran Upper Primary Schools (1 – 8 grades)
• Concordia High Schools (6 – 10 grades)
• Concordia Higher Secondary Schools (6 – 12 grades)
• IELC Schools for Physically Challenged
  o Deaf
  o Blind
  o Deaf-Blind
  o Mentally Retarded
  o Orthopaedically handicapped

• Boarding Homes
  o Boys
  o Girls
  o Physically Challenged

• Teacher Training Institute
FUNDING

• Regular Schools
  o Primary
  o Upper Primary
  o High Schools
  o Higher Secondary Schools
  o Fully funded by state governments

• Schools for Physically Challenged
  o State
  o Central
  o Kindernothelfe (KNH) (Germany)
  o Christoffel Blinden Mission (CMB) (Germany)

• Boarding Homes, Homes for Physically Challenged
  o Kindernothelfe
  o Compassion Inc (USA)
  o World Vision
  o Lutheran Partners for Global Mission (LPGM-USA)

• Infrastructure Facilities – Development
  o Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) BFMS/World Mission

MISSION WORK IN LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

• Religious education
  o Teach Bible and Catechism every day through prepared curriculum
  o Daily devotions by staff and students
  o Prayer cells formed by students – meet daily during breaks and evenings

• Establishing contacts with community
  o Meeting with parents monthly
  o Forming youth groups
  o Teach Bible to non-Christians
  o Involve Christian youth in mission outreach

• Teachers in Mission Work
  o Assist local pastors in congregational activities - outreach
  o Establishing new mission centers
  o Training alumnus to be Sunday school teachers
  o Fund raising for construction of church building in new mission centers
  o Conducting retreats for students, youth
PARTICULARS OF STUDENTS, STAFF

Number of Lutheran Primary Schools 63
Number of Upper Primary Schools 09
Number of Concordia High Schools 03
Number of Concordia Higher Sec Schools 08

Schools for Physically Challenged:
- Deaf 03
- Blind 01
- Mentally Retarded 03

Boarding Homes:
- Boys 02
- Girls 02
- Physically Handicapped 07
- Teacher Training Institute 01

Students Strength:
- Hindus: 21,610
- Muslims: 3,800
- Christians: 3,650
- Total: **29,060**
  (98% from oppressed and marginalized strata)

Teachers:
- Christians: 896
- Hindus: 32
- Total: **928**

FUTURE VISION/DEVELOPENT

- College/University
- Professional Colleges
  - Engineering
  - Medical (attached to Bethesda Hospital, Ambur)
- Concordia International School at Madras
  (Serving growing international community and NRIs)