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**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between
Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam and
Abhaya Bhavan, Kottayam**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made on this 16-09-2020 by and between:
Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam (hereinafter referred to as "Party 1") and **Abhaya Bhavan**, Charitable Old Age Home located at Keezhukunnu, Kottayam, run by Sisters of Missionaries of Charity (hereinafter referred to as "Party 2").

BACKGROUND

Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam, established in 1953, has a rich tradition of community engagement and service. Since 1978 the college has been organizing visits for student teachers to Abhaya Bhavan. This practice has played a crucial role in nurturing empathy, social responsibility, and community involvement among the student teachers over the years.



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a structured, sustainable, and effective partnership between **Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam** and **Abhaya Bhavan**, Charitable Old Age Home run by Sisters of Missionaries of Charity. Formalizing the collaboration will enhance the quality and impact of the community service initiatives, providing clear guidelines and fostering a productive and ethical partnership.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- **Student Volunteering:** Student teachers will have opportunities to volunteer at the Abhaya Bhavan, providing assistance and companionship to the residents. Abhaya Bhavan will provide a supportive environment for student teachers to grow into individuals who care for others and sensitive to the difficulties others may face. These interactions will offer student teachers valuable experiences beyond the classroom, fostering empathy, social responsibility, and a deeper understanding of the elderly.
- **Recreational Activities:** Student teachers will be planning and conducting recreational activities and games for the residents during their regular visits and also while celebrating days of importance such as Christmas, new year and other cultural events.
- **Community Engagement:** Encouraging student teachers to contribute to community-building activities and to enhance their understanding of aging and elderly care. This will encourage student teachers to explore how they can contribute positively to the well-being of the elderly in their communities, foster intergenerational connections and to create a more compassionate and inclusive society.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

College

- Designate a coordinator to manage the collaboration activities during the regular visit on every Wednesdays and also while celebrating days of importance such as Christmas, new year etc.
- Ensure students are adequately prepared and supervised during their visit at Abhaya Bhavan.
- Collect and provide food items, cloths, toiletries, cleaning products and other necessary items for the inmates
- Respecting the privacy and confidentiality of the residents of Abhaya Bhavan to safeguard their dignity, safety, and well-being.



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Abhaya Bhavan

- Provide necessary resources and support for the planned activities and programmes.
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment for students and faculty.
- Assist in organizing and implementing activities and programmes.

DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MOU will be effective from the date of signing and will remain in effect for **five years**. It may be renewed upon mutual agreement of both parties. Either party may terminate this MOU with three months written notice to the other party.

This MOU is executed by the duly authorized representatives of the College and the Abhaya Bhavan

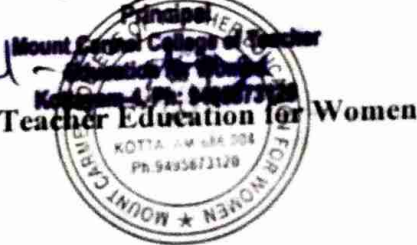
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Designation

Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women
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Date

16/09/2020
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Date



Witnesses:

1.

Sr. Anniletta

2.

Prof. Dr. Suma Joseph

By signing this MOU, both parties agree to the terms and conditions outlined above and commit to working collaboratively for the mutual benefit of the student teachers and the residents of the Abhaya Bhavan