## **SMART (Stella Maris College Association of Retired Teachers)**

## **Activity Report 2020-2021**

Members of SMART or Stella Maris Association of Retired Teachers have actively participated in various events, which helped them to come together and celebrate their friendship.

The felicitation of Octogenarians and Nonagenarians among the members on 14 March was a landmark event of 2020, with the theme 'Celebrating Togetherness'. Sixteen of our retired faculty are above 80 and many attended the felicitation with so much excitement, to revisit the space where they had spent the prime of their life.

After the lockdown, members met on Google Meet. Dr. Mrs. Prema Bhat and a few others shared their lockdown experiences, on 17 September 2020.

Dr. V. Chokalingham, a leading cardiologist, delivered a lecture on "Mind your Heart" on 12 October 2020, followed by an interactive session.

Christmas Celebration was on 12, December 2020, and Dr. Sr. Colleen North delivered the Christmas message about the sharing of Love, Joy and Peace. Many members brought in the spirit of Christmas by singing carols.

Members held a memorial service for Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm on 9 January 2021 and many faculty members shared their fond memories.

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 March 2021. Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph shared a few thoughts on The Role of Language in Constructing Gender Stereotypes.

These events helped us to be connected and share our thoughts with a sense of togetherness.

Dr. Ulaganayki Palani and Dr. Rajini Rabindranath are the new appointed office bearers.