

Ecumenical Programmes



1.Consultation for CE Leaders: One day consultation was held on at the Tamilnad Christian Council Campus. Rt. Rev. Paul Aruldoss, Convener TCC-ELC delivered Lord's message.



2.One day Retreat at Guindy, Chennai.

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Abidhanandar John, Presbyter, CSI Urapakkam delivered Lord's Message.



3.Christmas Carol Service

was held at Gumidi

poondi. Rev. Anand Antony, Presbyter, CSI Gumidipoondi Church, delivered Lord's Message.



4.Christmas Programme at BOWDA Polytechnic College, Nagercoil

Christmas Programme was conducted for the college students at BOWDA Polytechnic College at Nagercoil The Lord's message was delivered by Dr.Ms. Esther Kathirolu. More than 250 students both Christian and students of other faith, attended the programme and some of them committed themselves to the Lord.



5) Ecumenical Meeting

Tamilnad Christian Council and Christian Endeavours of Madras organized a Thanks giving service at at the CSI Jesus Saviour Church, Chennai -15.

About 75 persons participated in the programme. Rev. Samuel Jacob, the presbyter of the CSI Jesus Saviour Church delivered Lord's message. Participants from different churches came forward and exhibited their talents through music and songs.



6. Ecumenical Spiritual Conference: It is a programme organized especially for Independent Church Pastors and church elders. The main aim and objective of the programme is to help the Pastors to interpret the Word of God relevantly; to understand the Mission of God in to-days context; to meaningfully organize the ministry of the people of God. And with this theological orientation, the participants were expected to have their attitude transformed towards the physically disabled persons, transgender and people affected with diseases such as HIV/AIDS and especially towards the victims. We as Christians are expected to show the love of Christ with more concern. Two Programmes were conducted – at Pudukottai and Gumidipoondi.



7. One day retreat for Christian Endeavourers: One day consultation for Christian Endeavourers held at Advent Christian Conference of India Church, Vellachery. Bishop Barnabas was the main speaker and many Pastors of Advent Churches and Christian Endeavourers from various parts of Chennai participated.



8. Ecumenical Thanks giving-Covenant Service – The Thanks giving-Covenant Service is being conducted every year on the first or second Saturday or Sunday of January. This year it was held at the Advent Christian Church, Saidapet. Bishop Francis Thangadurai, President Advent Christian Conference of India presided over the service. Rev. S.R. Paul Aruldoss offered prayers. Rev. V. Paul Pragasam delivered the Lord's message. Pastors from Advent Churches, Telugu Baptist Church and Christian Endeavourers from various parts of Chennai

Christian Endeavour Convention:



Our Council organizes Spiritual programmes jointly with Member Churches and Church Related Organisations. The Christian Endeavour in India is an Ecumenical, Spiritual Organisation affiliated with the National Council of Churches in India. The Tamilnad Christian Council is associated with the programmes of Christian Endeavour from the inception of Economic Life Committee that is from the

year 1967. My predecessor late Dr. Mithra Ebenezer was actively involved in Christian Endeavour.



Some of our Member Churches are also involved in Christian Endeavour programmes. During this year, Christian Endeavour Convention was held. Our Council actively participated in it. The Convention was held at the Advent Christian Cathedral, Vellachery.

The Theme for the Convention was "God of Life: Lead us to Justice and Peace". The Rt. Rev. Dr. James Srinivasan, former Bishop of the CSI Trichy-Tanjore Diocese delivered the Presidential Address. The Rt.Rev.Dr. V. Devasahayam, Bishop, CSI Madras Diocese delivered the Inaugural Address. Rev.V.S. Paul Pragasam, Director, Community Service Centre conducted the Bible Study for two days. The Rev. Andreas Rudolf, the General Secretary of the World Christian Endeavour greeted



the participants on behalf of the WCE.



"Thirukoothu" Cultural Programme based on Bible was presented by Mr. D. Alfred Devanesan and team. Rt. Rev. M. Barnabas, President of the Advent Christian Conference of India, Rev. Surendra Kumar Sahu, President, CE in

India greeted the participants. Dr. John Solomon, Director, Miracle Ministry delivered Lord's Message.



Dr. Jayakaran Isaac, former Principal, Vohrees College, Executive Committee Member TNCC released the Convention Souvenir. (A copy is enclosed herewith). Students from Bishop Heber College, Trichy and Youth from Nagercoil performed skit.

