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## Interfaith Round Table on Disability

**Interfaith Round Table on "Disability"**

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
August 2017

P.A.C  
Nagpur

**Theme: Faith Journey Together Towards Inclusive Communities**

The banner features a central illustration of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair, holding hands. Below the illustration are logos for participating organizations: Oikoumene, Spalding Trust, World Vision, IDEA (Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment), EDAN, Christian Service Agency (TCSA), and the NCCI logo.

National Council of Churches in India Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment Interfaith Round Table on Disability August 7 - 9, 2017, Pallottine Animation Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra Press Note The NCCI - Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment (IDEA) is organizing an 'Interfaith Round Table on Disability from 7 - 9 August 2017 at Pallottine Animation Centre, Nagpur. It [...]

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## NCCI invites Churches to Engage in Advocacy on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30th July

**IN YOUR FRONT YARD  
SLAVERY EXISTS !!!**



**LET'S TOGETHER END  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SEXUAL SLAVERY**

**Women's Concerns Ministry  
National Council of Churches in India**

Slavery exists in your front yard . Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery . How equipped are your churches , congregations , pastors, and missionaries to end Human Trafficking ? A pastor from one of the member churches of NCCI in Delhi shared that his congregation members comprises mainly

migrant workers from Jharkhand [...]

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## **NCCI Congratulates Church of South India for its Endeavors to Formulate Gender Justice Policy to Build Just Inclusive Communities**



The Consultative Group for Church of South India (CSI) Gender Justice Policy met at CSI Centre under the leadership of Rev. Dr. D.Rathnakara Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI and Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director, CSI-SEVA on 26th July 2017 to deliberate on the formulation of a Gender Policy for CSI. 11 core group members attended this [...]

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## **Consultation on “Prophetic Role of Church Leaders in the midst of Injustices” held from 4-6 July 2017 at Durgapur.**



National Council of Churches in India – Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns in partnership with EMW-Germany, Christian Service Agency and Diocese of Durgapur-CNI Consultation on “Prophetic Role of Church Leaders in the midst of Injustices”  
Date: 4th – 6th July 2017 Venue: Diocesan Bhavan, Aldrin Path, Bidhan Nagar, Durgapur (W/B) The Church has been in solidarity with the [...]

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## **NCCI Interns’ orientation 2017**



A two-day orientation programme for the interns of National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) was held on 15th -16th June

2017. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary, along with the Executive Secretaries and the interns attended the programme. Six sessions were conducted all together where the Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad took up the first [...]

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## **WCRC joins declaration to overcome Reformation divisions**



The World Communion of Reformed Churches has formally joined an ecumenical statement with Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists aiming to overcome divisions between Protestants and Roman Catholics from the time of the Protestant Reformation. "Today is a historic day," said Jerry Pillay, president of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), at a ceremony on [...]

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## **NEICC letter to the Ministry of Law and Justice with reference to report no. 267 of the Law Commission of India.**

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To  
Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad  
Hon'ble Cabinet Minister  
Ministry of Law and Justice  
Government of India

Date 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Subject: **Request not to bring amendments to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973 as per proposal made by the Law Commission of India, namely, The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2017**

Reference: **Report No. 267 of the Law Commission of India, Dated March 2017**

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the North East India Christian Council, we would like to inform you that as Christians who are citizens of this Country, we are against any kind of Hate Speech that would disintegrate the social fabric of our diverse and pluralistic society. Over the years, our vision and mission too have been to promote social and communal harmony in the country.

But as indicated in the subject matter above, we wish to submit before you, your Ministry and Government that it is not necessary to introduce/bring amendments to the Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as proposed by the Law Commission of India in the name and form of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2017 owing to the following facts:

1. That in the seventy years of India's independence from British Rule (1947-2017), it has not been found necessary to bring such a law termed as "Hate Speech" though we are very much aware that there are nations/countries having such a provision incorporated in their respective national laws and/ constitutions. If as a country, we have been managing all these years, and if such provocations have been contained within the gambit of the existing laws, we do not see the need of legislating new laws pertaining to hate speech.
2. That in case of breaches of peace, law and order, as mentioned above, there are provisions in the Constitution, namely, Article 19 (2) (a) (iv), (v), (vii), (viii) in that it is understood that Freedom of Speech and Expression in Article 19 (1) (a) are to be within the parameters set by Article 19 (2).
3. That it is feared that such proposed amendments to both IPC and CrPC may provide leeway for misuse and abuse as it will obviously rely on subjective and relative interpretation and could be used or abused due to personal/communal/racist/racial animosity against someone and/ second/third party. Instead of stopping so

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North East India Christian Council (NEICC), a regional council of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) has written a letter (see below) to Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Cabinet minister, Ministry of Law and Justice of the Government of India requesting not to bring amendments to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Code of [...]

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## Chief Minister of West Bengal State Receives UN Highest Public Service Award for Girl Child Project 'Kanyashree'



The National Council of Churches in India congratulates Ms Mamata Banarjee, Honorable Chief Minister of West Bengal State, for receiving the prestigious award by the United Nations for 'Revolutionizing Girls Education and Women's Empowerment' through the 'Kanyashree Project'. 'Kanyashree' was ranked the best among 552 such social sector schemes from across 62 countries that were nominated for [...]

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