

COMMISSION ON YOUTH

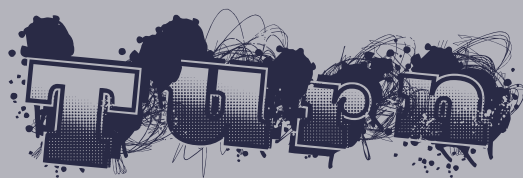
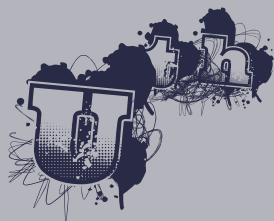
A JOURNEY OF
NAVIGATING YOUTH
TO THE ECUMENICAL
MOVEMENT

PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH

- Encouraging young people to be part of the National Ecumenical Movement.
- Networking with the Local and International Ecumenical partners for sponsorship and partnership.
- Connecting member churches and local youth movements with the Commission on Youth through organizing programmes both at regional and national levels.
- Strengthening direct partnerships with youth fellowships of the member churches and Commission on Youth, and encouraging them to create ecumenical platforms for young people to promote grassroots ecumenism.
- Identifying young people to engage in a process of articulating their faith and understanding about God.

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REFLECTION

Many of us understand Bible as inspired word of God hence it has a magical power. Some of us even keep the Bible under our pillows thinking by doing so no evil spirit can come to us and we will have a sound sleep. This is really a false perception about the Bible. Bible is the powerful religious source for human community whosoever believes in it. At the same time making it as only a believers' book is parochial. Bible can be considered even beyond believe it is studied with due respect to its context.

There are two ways to approach the Bible

1. Enforce the Bible ideas on issues about life society and ethics in our time
2. Understand the Bible from the issues of our time

When Jesus was asked to answer what Judgment to be given for the women who had said is sinned Jesus politely responded that one who is not sinned can punish her. Here we see both approaches, those Pharisee were also right from the point of the Law of Moses and other hand Jesus found that old law does not reflect newer issues in a newer society. He made Pharisee to understand the intension of the Law from the perspective of the issues. Hence reading the Bible as proof text for all our present issues will lead us to dangerous consequences. We must understand the Bible is not written for us. It is written for the first century Christians and was finalized only when the church got institutionalized. All the issues dealt and expounded in New Testament were allied to first century issues. And one should not tend to implement the first century context to our time.

The information we receive from the bible cherishes knowledge. Only thing is that it should be studied in its context. Ever single passage has a reason. One should study what made this verse to be written. What are the immediate contexts for writing so should be investigated. Bible is the source for Liberation. But I regret to notice in most cases in our churches it is used to dominate or to oppress persons and communities. For example Paul's writing on women specially that forbade her to speak in the church perfectly used in our churches to keep them outside the altar. In other words bible is used for the construe views of patriarchal, dominant, and able bodied. What are achieved in reading the bible from the perspective of the bible are corruption, domination, institutionalization and imagination. But what is needed now is to make the bible meaningful and relevant to our issues. This is the time for young people to turn in order to change their parochial perception on reading the bible, to create new hermeneutics of the word of God and to connect all groups of people in to main streams of life and society. For next one week we are going to read the bible from the point of Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWD). How the bible could be meaningfully studied from their point of view will be our focus.

Deva Jyothi

PRAYER POINTS

- ⇒ We pray for the flood affected people in Chennai
- ⇒ We pray for the climate refugees
- ⇒ We pray for the commitment of youth for world peace
- ⇒ We pray for the sexual minority youth
- ⇒ We pray for the differently abled people

"Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."
— Franz Kafka

SCMI Fellowship Programme



The inaugural programme for the SCMI fellowship programme was held on the 31st October of 2015 in NCCI Campus. The SCMI General Secretary, Mr. Inbaraj Jayakumar graced the occasion and highlighted about the SCMI Fellowship Programme in detail. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad gave the welcome Address and also expressed his appreciation for such programme initiatives. Dr. V. J.

Aparajit, Principal Dharampeth Science College expressed her gratitude in her speech for allowing the students to be a part of this programme. Dr. Rayalu, who took active interest and initiative to help students participate in this programme encouraged the students to be sincere. Dr. Kullkarni, Officer for Placement, Dharampeth college also spoke on the occasion. Mrs. Pushpa Waghmare, who will be teaching the students English language shared her vision of seeing the hope of the students come true. The students also spoke in this occasion about their expectations from the programme.

Youth Empowerment for Peace Peace Education Training



A Peace Education Training for youth under the theme "Youth Empowerment for Peace" was organized in association with NCCI-Commission on Youth, India Peace Centre (IPC), Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC), Church of North India (CNI) and Church of South India (CSI) at Caritas Holiday Home, Panjim, Goa from 11th to 13th November 2015.

Various sessions like Perspectives of Peace and Understanding, Knitting Neighbourhood, Youth Dealing with Conflicts, Symbiotic Living were led by Mr. Kasta Dip, Director, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, Rev. Solomon Paul, Youth Director, CSI Synod and Mr. Michael Angelious, Youth Coordinator, JELC respectively. Various activity oriented sessions were steered in understanding the concept of peace and how it can be initiating peace in a conflict-torn society. There were about 34 participants participated the programme representing different churches.



Feedbacks of Theological Students' Ecumenical Exposure

The NCCI-Commission on Youth conducted an Ecumenical Exposure to Theological Students for II Bachelor of Divinity students, Bishop's College, Kolkata from 18th November to 4th December. They were allotted in three different places namely, Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre (DBRC), Guntur; Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM) and National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), Nagpur. Here are some of the feedbacks from the students.

DALIT BAHUJAN RESOURCE CENTRE (DBRC), GUNTUR

We are deeply moved by DBRC works and deeds for the poor and the needy, speaking and standing on behalf of the voiceless and become a voice for the voiceless. We really appreciate DBRC's hard works, love and sacrifices bringing up the people living beyond the lines of discrimination and poverty. While whole India discriminate Dalit people then DBRC has taken a great initiative to uphold this Dalit community in the main society. It gives a pressure on the Govt. to understand that Dalit are not animal but they are human being and they have full right to live in this world without discrimination. One more time we really appreciate DBRC and their members for their hard work to uphold the Dalit community from discrimination.

MAHARASHTRA VILLAGE MINISTRIES (MVM)

Understanding the realities of society in villages without losing its essence was our gain through this exposure by NCCI and MVM. Being from entirely different cultural background, we learned a different culture and practices which is almost unknown for the majority. Sometimes we felt that it is better to be in these kinds of villages because they taught us what hospitality is, love for one another and how to respect different religions. God created human in His own image but we experienced the discrimination among this same human kind.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA (NCCI), NAGPUR

Through the visits of different institutions, different kind of gospel ministries and participation in different programmes like AIDS day. We were lighted with new areas in ecumenism.

1. Church of North India-Social Service Institute (CNI-SSI)

We observed women empowerment programme courses like painting, tailoring and embroidery, beautician course etc. We visited slums and villages there we understand the life struggles of the people.

2. Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM)

Along with missionaries we visited villages and schools. It was a good time for us to be in evangelization through singing songs, sharing the good news, praying for the needs of the people. We were much inspired with the work of the MVM as well as the responds of the villagers.

3. Inspired Sports Ministries

It was new for us to inspire the young people through sports reaching to the children, young and their homes. Every day around one hundred and fifty children and youngsters gathered in the ground for practice. We got opportunity to share the word of God.

From the theoretical study from the class rooms, we got opportunity to be with the reality of the marginalized, oppressed people of slums. This inter-semester practical exposure surely will help us in our future ministry.



"Is not the commission of our Lord still binding upon us? Can we not do more than now we are doing?" — William Carey

EXIT REPORT OF REV. CH. SWEETY HELEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, COMMISSION ON YOUTH MAY 2012– DECEMBER 2015

PREFACE: I thank the President Late Rt. Rev. Dr. Taranath S. Sagar, the office bearers of NCCI, the General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, distinguished Executive members and colleagues for the support throughout my work in NCCI.

INTRODUCTION

Commission on Youth- NCCI since its inception journeyed together with the young women and men of its member bodies and has inspired, guided and motivated them towards the ecumenical movement and in bringing social consciousness. The activities of Commission on Youth were threefold, leadership programmes, internships and scholarships. Each year focused on various thrusts but the underlining theme remained youth leadership. Commission on Youth aimed at building second line leadership through the various programmes, activities and by offering resource materials envisions training young people as ambassadors to address social issues and form a chain of activists working within the church and society envisioning transformation.

PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

April 2012- Quadrennial Assembly – 30 Stewards

Quadrennial Assembly provided an opportunity for 30 young people to be part of the Assembly and by offering stewardship to the assembly and played a crucial role in the functioning of the assembly.

Youth Assembly Workshop

On the occasion of the XXVII Quadrennial assembly of NCCI, conducting workshop was a successful exercise in bringing young men and women together from various denominations and various linguistic backgrounds to interact, reflect and to set priorities for the next Quadrennium.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY, August 11, 12, 2012, Nagpur

On the occasion of International youth day on August 12, painting competition, Debate and Bible quiz competitions were conducted for the youth of the churches in Nagpur. On August 12, International Youth day Worship was organized in NCCI Campus, Nagpur.

Ecological Crisis- An Indian Christian Response, August 31- September 1, Jabalpur

Along with the Commission on Justice, Peace, Creation and Leonard Theological College and SCMI-Mid India region a seminar was organised by CoY on the theme "Ecological Crisis- An Indian Christian Response" from August 31 to September 1, 2012. The two day seminar has focused on Ecological crisis as a present reality and ecological crisis is the truth and we all have sinned ecologically.

EMERGING KERALA, October 20, 2012, Kerala

To conscientise the Youth of Kerala about the pros and cons of 'Emerging Kerala' and CoY tried to measure the pulse of the Youth on the same and to elaborate to them the stakeholders of the development and to articulate a youth response and facilitate a debate to speak up openly. In this regard Commission on youth has organized a one day programme in Manganam, Kottayam in Kerala which was hosted by the Kerala Council of Churches which is headed by Very Rev. K. S. Matthew.

Peace Conclave, December 3-5, Bangalore

CoY along with the Ecumenical Christian Centre organized a two day consultation on Peace on December 3, 4, 2012 in Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield, Bangalore. The theme of the programme is "Joining pieces: Establishing Peace". The programme focused on the biblical perspectives of Justice and peace, Disability, Sexuality, Youth and their relationships and so on.

Youth Leadership Development in Churches, March 23, 2013, Pune

CoY along with the CNI Youth of the Diocese of Pune under the leadership of the member of the Commission on Youth Mr. Rohan Gaikwad organized a one day programme on the theme "Youth Leadership development in Churches" on 23rd March, 2013 at United Theological Seminary of Maharashtra, Pune.

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Consultation on Gender, June 12-14, 2013, Chennai

CoY in partnership with the CSI- Department of the Pastoral Concerns organized a 3 day consultation on the theme '**Towards a liberative morality and culture in the context of enforced morality and shrinking place of women**', from June 12-14, 2013 in the CSI Synod Centre, Chennai. The thoughtful and timely coming together was to discuss about the issues of morality, moral codes and about the shrinking place of women resulted in fruitful discussions in throwing light upon how the Church in general and Youth in particular need to respond to the crisis of Rape Culture within India.

Change Makers: Let us initiate Change, July, 4-6, 2013, Panchagani

CoY organized a programme for the young women and men from its member churches from July 4-6, 2013 on the theme "Change Makers: Let us initiate Change" Panchagani, Maharashtra. The programme focused on the various areas in which young people can be change makers and the need to be change initiators.

Workshop on Feminist Hermeneutics, July 13, 2013, Kolkata

CoY organized one day workshop on Feminist Hermeneutics in Bishops College on July 13, 2013 in Kolkata. The Workshop was led by the Executive Secretary of the Commission on Youth. The three sessions of the workshop highlighted about 'Reading the Bible with new eyes using the lens of Feminism', 'Routing the map of Feminism within the Bible' and 'Gender and Sexuality'.

International Youth Day, August 12, 2013, Bangalore

Joining the global youth fraternity in observing the United Nation's call for International Youth Day, and taking cognizance of the our own context where young people's migration to the urban cities for education and livelihood has been on a phenomenal rise, National Council of Churches of India-Commission on Youth in partnership with SCM Karnataka Region organized a seminar for the college students on 12th of August 2013.

International Youth Day, Nagpur, August 12, 2013, Nagpur

CoY in partnership with the Student Christian Movement of India- Mid India Region and Youth for Christ Band organized a concert in Hislop College, Nagpur on August 12, 2013 in observance of International Youth Day. The Concert served the purpose of bringing around 200 young people to think about change and theme chosen for the concert was the theme of the National Ecumenical Youth Assembly 2014 "Uth Turn". The observance served as a platform to promote NEYA 2014.

National Church Leaders Consultation, August 16-18, 2013, Bangalore

NCCI organized a Joint Commission Programme in partnership with CISRS from August 16-18, 2013 in Palanna Bhavan, Arch Bishop House, Bangalore. The Church leaders Consultation brought together Church leaders and official delegates of WCC Assembly to deliberate on "Life- Justice- Peace". The Commission on Youth has used this platform to discuss about the theme "Youth's quest for Life-Justice-Peace".

NEYA poster release

The 6th National Ecumenical Youth Assembly that is going to be organized from January 28 to February 1, 2014. The NEYA theme for 2014 is Uth Turn and the NEYA poster was released by Late Bishop Rev. Dr. Taranath S. Sagar the president of NCCI.

Connecting with partners: Building up Networks, November 18-19, 2013, Goa

NCCI-CoY is scheduled to organise National Ecumenical Youth Assembly from January 28- February 1, 2014 on the theme "Uth Turn: Connect, Create, Change" hosted by CNI, Durgapur diocese, Durgapur. In this regard, Commission on Youth has organised a NEYA preparatory meeting from November 18-19, 2013 in the CSI Centre, Ponda, Goa on the theme "Connecting with partners: Building up networks". Around 30 youth secretaries from the member churches were part of the preparatory meeting.

National Ecumenical Youth Assembly, January 28- February 1, 2014

CoY organizes NEYA once in every 4 years and in 2014 it was organized in Durgapur. This is an ecumenical platform for the churches and youth of all the bodies of NCCI to gather together to reflect, articulate and affirm their faith and commitment. This gathered around 600 young people for reflection.

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Young Theologians Conclave, July 24-25, 2014

NCCI has organized a Young Theologians Conclave in partnership with the support from The Church of Finland and promoters and partners from Church of Ireland and Church of England in ERC, UTC, Bangalore, from June 26-27, 2014. The theme of the Programme was "Ecclesiology in Cyber Age". The aim of the Programme was successful as it gathered Young Theologians who are techno savvy and cyber oriented to come together to device plans and ideas to respond to the changing definition of Church in the Cyber Age.

International Youth day August 12, 2014

The International youth day was observed by CoY by preparing a order of worship and encouraging the member bodies to observe the same. Unlike other years, 2014 marked a new record by receiving positive response of churches observing IYD in their churches. And an Essay writing competition was organized on the centenary theme with special focus on youth.

NCCI Telugu Youth Regional Assembly from October 1-3, 2014, Guntur

CoY in partnership with the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, organized a Youth leadership Training programme which was the first NCCI Telugu Youth Regional Assembly from October 1-3, 2014 in Andhra Christian College, Guntur with the theme "Uth Turn: Rise Reflect Re-Pair". The leadership Training programme gathered around 300 young people from all denomination from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Workshop on Youth in A Globalised world in Centenary Celebrations, November 7, 2014

The workshop organized in the centenary celebrations has enabled the commission on youth to set the priorities of the next year programme activities of the CoY with the interventions and contributions of the participants

Dalit Youth Leadership Training Programme from November 23-25, 2014, Bangalore

The National Dalit Youth leadership training Programme was organized by the NCCI-CoY, CoD, SCMI and the WSCF from November 23-25, 2014. The theme of the programme was "Youth and Students for a Casteless World". 50 participants from all over India and also from the Asia pacific region of the World were present for the Programme.

Youth Ecumenical Formation and Stewardship Programme, Kochi, January 29, 2015

Youth Ecumenical Formation and Stewardship Programme was organized by the CoY in partnership with the CoD, IPC and AICCW on January 29, 2014 in Kochi, Kerala. This programme was organized as a pre-assembly workshop of the XI quadrennial assembly of AICCW. The workshop was an opportunity for young people to learn skills of drama, theatre, awareness of the social issues, its relevance to the Biblical texts.

One day Conclave on Youth and Water, SCMI, Bangalore, January 31, 2015

CoY- NCCI in partnership with SCMI organized a one day consultation on Water is Right – Water is Life with the theme 'Conclave on Youth and Water' in SCM Programme centre, Bangalore on 31st of January 2015. The Conclave was organized as an observance of the Unity octave prayer week reflecting on the theme of Water from youth perspective. This was call from NCCI to observe the water is Life campaign.

One day Seminar on Smart Church: Youth Initiatives For A Communicating Church, NCCI Campus, Nagpur, February 17, 2015

NCCI's Commission on Youth and Commission on Communications and Relations organized a Seminar entitled Smart Church: Youth Initiatives for a Communicating Church on February 17, 2015 in NCCI Campus, Nagpur. The objective was to benefit the participants in terms of the cross-learning and networking opportunity.

One day Seminar on Ecumenical Formation for Theological Education in Bishops College, Kolkata, July 11, 2015

Ecumenical Formation is the ethos of CoY and to achieve this, CoY has organized first one day Seminar on July 11, 2015 in Kolkata to encourage young people into the Ecumenical Movement.

Youth Camp on Youth for Social Justice in Visthar, Bangalore from August 3-7, 2015

The NCCI-Commission on Youth successfully organized the Youth for Social Justice Camp at Visthar, Bangalore from 3rd – 7th August in partnership with NCCI-Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation, International Justice Mission and Visthar. The five days camp was allocated with different social problems – Trafficking, Sexual Minorities, Child Rights and Disability.

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ALL India Radio Panel Presentation broadcasted on August 12, 2015

As part of the International Youth week celebrations organized by the Commission on Youth, we have organized a panel discussion In All India Radio on the theme “Youth Civic Engagement”. This was recorded on July 30 and broadcasted on August 12, 2015.

Debate on Should Capital Punishment be abolished in India on **International Youth Day**, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, August 12, 2015

Given the scenario of continuous capital punishments, CoY in partnership with IPC organized the debate competition on should capital punishment be abolished?

Street Theatre on Youth Civic Engagement, Nagpur, August 12, 2015

The Street theatre on youth civic engagement focused on analysis the challenges faced by young people and the ways and means to address that.

Friendly Volley Ball Match, August 15, 2015

A friendly match was organized with the local church youth for building fellowship and promoting unity through sports.

Youth Sunday with North East Fellowship, Nagpur, August 16, 2015

CoY observed youth Sunday with the North East fellowship on august 16, 2015 in Nagpur.

Short Film Contest on Youth Civic Engagement from Dalit/ Tribal Perspectives

CoY realized the stories of young women who have contributed extensively to the lives of the dalit and tribal women have gone unrecorded it was in this contest that the CoY planned to organize a short film contest that portays the contributions of young women to the vulnerable communities.

National Consultation on relevant Grassroot Ecumenical Diakonia, August 24-25, 2015, Bangalore

A joint commission programme was organized in partnership with CASA on relevant grassroot ecumenical diakonia. This was attended by Church leaders who were able to internalize the need for grassroot ecumenical diakonia.

Peace Education Training Programme, November 11-13, 2015, Goa

A Peace Education Training for the youth under the theme “Youth Empowerment for Peace” was organized by NCCI-Commission on Youth, in partnership with India Peace Centre at Caritas Holiday Home, Panjim, Goa from 11th to 13th November 2015. A group of 36 youth participated in the program from various parts of India.

Ecumenical Exposure to Theological students, November 18- December 4, 2015

Ecumenical Formation is the ethos of CoY and to achieve this, and to encourage young people into the Ecumenical Movement, CoY has initiated a new Programme which is called Ecumenical Exposure for theological students. There were 11 students altogether who were part of this exposure. 5 students were sent to the Dalit Communities in Guntur from November 17-December 4, 2015. Another set have gone to the tribal communities and other have been with NCCI and got an opportunity to know about the various works of different NGOs in Nagpur.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMMES ATTENDED

Conference on Theology of Diakonia – WCC June 1-7, 2012, Sri Lanka

Ecumenical Youth Leadership Development on Justice and Peace Building, July 17-21, 2012, Bangladesh

SCMI Centenary Programme December 4, 5, 2012

YWCA Women' Policy December 8-9, 2012

Human Rights Day, December 10, 2012

NCCI Strategic Planning Process Meeting, December 13-14, 2012, HMI, Hyderabad

Public Lecture organized by India Peace Centre and CJPC, January 18, 2013

SPP Meeting at HMI, Hyderabad, February 21-22, 2013

Consultation of Theological Students, pastors and educators, August 10-11, 2013, SCMI, Bangalore

EASY NET, Asia Pacific gathering, August 30-September 5, 2013, Manila, Phillipines

Interfaith Roundtable on Human Sexuality and Homophobia, May 30-31, 2014

Church of Sweden Partners Meet, November 17-19, 2014, Chennai

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RESOURCE PERSON

National Theological Students Conference, BTESSC – May 5-8, 2012
 Young Women Theologians Workshop- May 14-16, 2012
 Golden Jubilee Celebrations- Youth Meet- May 25-27, 2012
 Youth Convention, Phulbani diocese, June 19-21
 SCMI Bible Study Workshop September 5-8, 2012
 National Workshop, September 20-22, 2012
 Youth Programme, October 21, 2012
 Bible Study Cell, October 22, 2012
 WSCF Regional Programme, October 31, 2012
 National Ecumenical Consultation, SCMI, November 1-3, 2012
 NCCI- Unity Prayer Week, January 18-25, 2012
 All India Progressive Forum, January 28, 29, 2013
 Christian Medical Association of India programme, February 9, 2013
 Christian Medical Association of India consultation On, March 2-3, 2013
 The Social and Theological Forum of GLTC- March 7
 One day Seminar by AICCW March 8
 ACTC and NCCI, State women's Programme, March 9
 ECC Golden Jubilee, April 16-17, 2013
 UELCI Hindi Regional Programme May 17-19, 2013
 SCMI General Committee meeting, May 27-30, 2013
 CNI diocesan youth leaders Programme, June, 7-9, 2013
 NECTAR, NCCI-CoP, June 10-11, 2013
 Workshop on Youth, Gender and Development, January 20, 2013, Jalgaon
 CSI Women's fellowship Training programme, June 24-26, 2013
 Climate Training programme, May 8-11, 2014
 WCC Interfaith Programme, October 3-5, 2014
 UTC Alumni Refreshers Meet, October 21-23, 2014
 International Conference on Minjung Theology and Contextual Theologies, October 23-26, 2014, Korea
 South Asian Christian Youth Network, November 24-29, 2014

INTERNSHIPS

Ecumenical Formation

The Commission on Youth has been training young people through its internship programme. The internship programme accommodates 4 interns every year to offer them opportunities, to encourage them and to offer training and exposure. The interns from the Year 2012-2015 are as follows.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Nayak currently working with NGO

Mr. Saroj Kumar Saha- Secretary in SCMI

Mr. Daniel Das- Working with NGO

Ms. Mary Stephen Iyer- presently in Tamil Nadu

Ms. Rajathy Gerlyn Henry, Studying M.Div

Ms. Akani Sumi, Studying in Taiwan

CoY also facilitated practical field work exposure for theological students from Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Arasaradi and Bishop's College, Kolkata. Individuals such as Ms. Akumla had a brief stint of one month in NCCI.

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LOCAL ECUMENICAL NETWORKING**January 6, 2012-** All Saints Cathedral, CNI church, Nagpur**June, 2012-** Methodist Church**February 10, 2013-** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in MP**March, 2013-** Telugu Fellowship**August 28, 2013-** Meeting with the Youth Movements**January 2014-** North East Fellowship

PARTNERED WITH – CCA, EMW, EWN, UNITED METHODIST, UELCI, LWSIT, CWM, IPC, CJPC, COD, COCR, AICCW, Church of Sweden, WSCF, SCMI, CSI, JELC, Bishops College, AELC, New Apostolic Church, GSELC, CNI- Diocese of Durgapur, ELC in MP, HMI, YMCA, YWCA, IJM, ECC, CIM, FPA India, Sangama, AWRC,

INITIATIVES: CD with songs written by and for Young people, Recording Dalit/Tribal Young Women Stories, E Newsletter, Bi- Annual Printed Newsletter

Programmes Planned for the upcoming year:

South Asian Gender Workshop – January 23-28, 2016

Interfaith Yatra – February, 2016

I thank God almighty for the opportunity given to me to be with NCCI and work with the Commission on Youth. The experiences gained here, I am sure will enable me in my future ministry. I thank all friends and family who have upheld me in prayer both in my ups and downs.

With sincere Thanks**Submitted by***Ch. Sweety Helen***Rev. Ch. Sweety Helen****Executive Secretary****Commission on Youth NCCI****INVITATION TO WRITE**

Commission on Youth—NCCI invites reports of youth activities, articles, Bible studies from the youth of the member bodies of NCCI for wider circulation through its E-Newsletter.

