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Christ Church Girls Senior Secondary School, North Civil Lines, Jabalpur

27th April 2016 (Wednesday)

I. ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION:

The NCCI Secretaries and Staff along with the Stewards and Host Volunteers welcomed the delegates. They were duly registered. Most of them were as signed accommodation in different hotels in the city while some were accom modated in Leonard Theological College and in the Methodist Centre for Christian Education.

II. TEA AT CNI JABALPUR DIOCESAN OFFICE:

The delegates were welcomed at the Diocesan office with tea at 4:00 p.m. During the tea, Most.Rev. P.K.Samantaroy, Moderator CNI Synod, along with other office bearers of the CNI Synod, in particular with Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C. Singh, Dy.Moderator and chief host of the quadrennial assembly, accompanied by Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary NCCI and Office Bearers of the NCCI, unveiled a plaque commemorating the historic event of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI happening in Jabalpur and being hosted by Jabalpur Diocese of the Church of North India.

II. INAUGURAL WORSHIP:

The worship began at 5:00 p.m. with a procession from Jabalpur Diocesan Office to Christ Church Cathedral. Singing a hymn in Hindi and holding banners highlighting the theme of the assembly as well as flags commemorating previous NCCI Assemblies, the delegates joyfully entered Christ Church Cathedral.

A very meaningful inaugural worship focusing on the theme of the assembly, "Towards Just and Inclusive Communities' was conducted. Rev.Dr. Chang Sang, President WCC Asia Region, delivered a thought provoking keynote address. The Ecumenical Jabalpur Choir rendered uplifting songs in Hindi as well as the theme song in English. The Leprosy Mission Choir from Mizoram also edified the people with their rousing presentation of the Hallelujah Chorus.

III. WELCOME ADDRESS:

Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C. Singh, Dy.Moderator of CNI Synod and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese, CNI delivered a welcome address to all the delegates at 6:30 p.m. In his address he highlighted the history of Jabalpur Diocese CNI as well as the significance of Jabalpur as Sanskaar Dhani, the cultural capital of the region.

IV. BUSINESS SESSION I - Wednesday, 27th April 2016 (06.45 to 08.00 p.m.)

The first business session was conducted from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. It was chaired by Rev. Dr. Mar Atsongchanger, President, NCCI.

1. ROLL CALL

The General Secretary Rev Dr. Roger Gaikwad announced that 170 out of 298 delegates were present at the time of reporting and therefore the required quorum of one-third delegates for constituting the Assembly was fulfilled. (see APPENDIX I for the final list of registered delegates)

2. CONSTITUTING THE ASSEMBLY

President Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger announced that since the quorum requirement was fulfilled, the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI was duly constituted, and declared the same open.

3. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARIES

Dr. Patta Deva Raju of Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ms. Shaila John Wesley of Methodist Church in India, Dr.Ms. Esther Kathiroli of the Tamilnad Christian Council and Mrs.Ekta Peters of Madhya Pradesh Christian Council were unanimously appointed as Recording Secretaries.

4. WELCOME

Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary NCCI and Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C. Singh, Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese welcomed the delegates.

The following persons were each welcomed at the assembly with a shawl, a memento, and a coconut as per the cultural practice:

- Rev. Dr.Chang Sang, President Asia Region, World Council of Churches
- Dr. Mathews George Chunakara, General Secretary, Christian Conference of Asia
- Mr. Dinesh Suna, Coordinator, Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) World Council of Churches
- Rev. Peniel Rufus Rajkumar, Programme Executive, Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation, World Council of Churches,
- Rev. Vinod Victor, Priest in Charge, St. Matthews Anglican Church of Ashburton and the Melbourne CSI Church
- Rev. Peter Hancock, Methodist Church in Britain
- Rev. Shan Weixiang, Vice President, China Christian Council
- Ms. Wang Jiawei, China Christian Council
- Ms. Karin Bodin, Programme Officer, International Department, Church of Sweden
- Ms. Hanna Eklund, International Department, Church of Sweden
- Rev. Kim Sang Soo, Presbyterian Church of Korea (stationed in Aizawl)
- Rev. Sunghak Joo, Presbyterian Church of Korea, (stationed in Chennai)
- Mrs. Susan Jacob, Christian Conference of Asia
- Rev. Jim M.R. Paul, CMS representative (Chaplain, Christian Medical College, Vellore)
- Mr. Gladstone R. Rajesh Kumar, Coordinator-Asia Base, Normisjon
- Dr. Sushant Agrawal, Director, CASA & Moderator ACT Alliance
- Rev. Sam Abraham, Director, Inspired Sports India

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- Prof. Dr. Jegadish Gandhi, General Secretary, Association of Christian Institutes for Social Concern in Asia (ACISCA)
- Rt.Rev.Dular Lakra, North West Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted unanimously.

6. OBITUARIES

The following eminent leaders of the Church who passed away during the quadrennial, and whose names had already been noted in the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Body, were remembered:

2012

- Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Azariah, 17th May 2012, former Bishop of CSI Madras Diocese (1990-1999).
- Rev. M.T Tharian, 25th May 2012, Regional Secretary, Kerala Region CMAI
- Rev. (Mrs). Christina, 27th May 2012, W/o C.S.I Dornakal Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. B. S. Devamony's (Formerly Chairperson of NCCI-Commission on Dalit).
- Mrs.Nirmala Wati, 29th May 2012, W/o Dr. Ben Wati
- Dr. I Ben Wati, 15th June 2012, a well-known Church leader from Nagaland.
- H.G.Paulose Mar Pachomios, 1st August 2012, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
- Rev.Cornelius Tudu, 12th October 2012, Principal of Santal Theological College, Benagaria, Jharkhand
- Dr. Annamma George(Mrs. K. K. George) from Mar Thoma Church, one of the first theologically trained women in India.
- Rt.Rev. P.M.Dhotekar, 25th November 2012, Former Bishop of CNI Nagpur Diocese
- Prof.M.Abel, 27th November 2012 the founder Vice Chancellor of the Sri Krishna Devaraya University.
- Dr. Mathai Zachariah, 18th December 2012, former General Secretary of National Council of Churches (NCCI) which he had served for three decades.

2013

- Emilio Castro, 6th April 2013, Methodist Pastor and theologian from Uruguay
- Dr.Geevarghese Mar Evanios, 12th April 2013, Bishop of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Kottayam Diocese
- Rt Revd Dr Bachu Satyanandam Devamani, 20th April 2013, former bishop of Dornakal Diocese of the Church South India and the former Chairperson of Commission on Dalits.
- Rt. Rev. S. R. Cutting, 8th May 2013, Bishop of the Agra diocese of the Church of North India
- The Most Rev.I Jesudasan, 17th June 2013, of Church of South India
- Rev.Dr.Jonathan H.Thumra (1923-2013), 16th November 2013, Former Principal of Eastern Theological College, Jorhat and the First Asian to receive the D.Th. degree of the Senate of Serampore College.

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2014

- Rev. Dr. Victor Gollapalli, 2nd January 2014, Secretary, Bombay Auxiliary of the Bible Society of India.
- Bishop M. A. Z. Rolston, 13th January, former General Secretary of NCCI.
- Bishop Dr. S.K. Parmar, 26th January 2014 former Bishop of the Methodist Church in India.
- Bishop Elia Peter, 20th March 2014, of Methodist Church in India.
- H.H. Moran Mar Ignatius Zakka-I, 21st March 2014, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East and Supreme Head of the Syrian Orthodox Church
- Mr.D.S.Chinna Dorai, 22nd April 2014, former NGS of the National Council of YMCAs of India
- Fr. Thomas Kocherry, 3rd May 2014, a revolutionary priest of India
- Rev. Munshi M. Tudu, 26th May 2014, Former Moderator of NELC
- H.H.Baselios Marthoma Didymus , 26th May 2014, the former Catholicose of Malankaraa Orthodox Syrian church
- Mr. D. K. Chetsingh, 31st May 2014, President - Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India
- Rt. Rev. Dr. C.S.R. Topno, 7th June 2014, former Bishop - South West Diocese,Odisha - & first Moderator of GELC
- Mrs.Sharada Israel, 12th July 2014, former General Secretary of the YWCA of Secunderabad & earlier General Secretary of YWCA of Mumbai
- Mr. Aiyaurai C Augustine, 2nd August 2014, former Treasurer of CMAI
- Mr. Samuel M Isaac, 22nd August 2014, former CCA Executive Secretary for Inter-church Aid and Development
- Mr. Purna Chandra Jena, 31st August 2014, former Coordinator for NCCI-URM (Urban Rural Mission) from 2000 to 2006.

2015

- Rev. Dr. Habil James Massey, 2nd March 2015, the Director of CDSS
- Prof. Dr. Ninan Koshy, 4th March 2015, a noted political thinker, foreign affairs expert, theologian and social analyst.
- Rev. R.P. Lyngdoh, 21st March 2015, Ex.Admn Secretary, PCI
- Rev. Dr Philip Potter, 31st March 2015, the third General Secretary of the WCC
- Rev. Dr. Somen Das, 5th May 2015, from the Church of North India.
- Prof Dr.Siga Arles, 6th June 2015, a renowned Indian missiologist, | scholar and writer.
- Bishop Dr. A. George Ninan, 21st June 2015, former Associate General Secretary, and Executive Secretary for URM of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and former Bishop of Nasik Diocese of the Church of North India.
- Bishop Dr. Taranath S. Sagar, 19th October 2015, President of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) from 2008 to 2015, and Bishop of the Methodist Church in India.
- Rt.Rev.M.C.Mani, 20th October 2015, former Bishop of Church of South India (CSI) Madhya Kerala Diocese.
- Rev. Dr. Bastiaan Wielenga, 23rd December 2015, a renowned Indian Liberation theologian and biblical scholar.

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- Rt.Rev.Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus, 27th December 2015, Suffragan Metropolitan of the Kerala-based Mar Thoma Syrian Church.
- H.G.Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinose, 30th December 2015, Metropolitan of Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

2016

- Rev Samuel Sunder Singh, 9th January 2016, Retired Bishop of Delhi Methodist Church
- Mr. Amar Thomas, 13th January 2016, the Secretary of JELC
- Rev.Dr.Luther Paul, 15th April 2016, Executive Secretary of A.P.Council of
- Rt.Rev.Dr. Sam Mathew, 16th April 2016, former Bishop of Madhya Kerala Diocese of the Church of South India

The President requested the assembly to stand and observe a minute of silence, after which Rev.Dr.Ipe Joseph offered prayer.

A special remembrance was made of Bishop Dr.Taranath S.Sagar. The General Secretary read out an obituary recalling the contribution of Bishop Sagar to the Methodist Church in India and to the ecumenical movement at large (World Council of Churches, and Christian Conference of Asia) as well as to the National Council of Churches in India, having served as its President from 2008 to 2015.

The President asked the assembly to stand as a mark of respect to Bishop Dr. Taranath S.Sagar. He then requested Rt.Rev.Thomas K.Oommen, Dy.Moderator Church of South India to offer a word of prayer.

7. INTRODUCTION TO THE ASSEMBLY

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, the General Secretary gave a brief introduction of the history of the NCCI, its aims and objectives, and an overview of the daily program and information about Reports and Documents in the Assembly kit.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

a. Credentials Committee

The General Secretary proposed the following names for the Credential Committee

1. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose (CSC of the East)- Convener
2. Rev. Dr. Ipe Joseph (AISSA)
3. Dr. Moses Manohar (ICSA)
4. Ms. Shaila John Wesley, (Methodist CI)
5. Rev.K.Sardar (Bengal CC)

This was unanimously approved.

b. Public Issues Resolutions Committee

The following names proposed for the Public Issues Committee were approved unanimously.

1. Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda (CSI)- Convener
2. Most Rev. Dr. K.F. Paradesi Babu (AELC)
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G. (ALC) - Absent
4. Mr. D. Hrini Zho (CBCNEI)
5. Dr. Soosamma Mathew (MTSC) - Absent
6. Rev. Dr. I. Christina Asheervadam (MBC) - Absent
7. Rev. Dr. B. Jyothi Swarna Latha (STBC)
8. Mr. Stanley William (ECODAWM)
9. Mrs. Anna Eric Brown (NWICC)
10. Mr. Raiston Prakash (Kerala CC)
11. Ms. Ella Sonawane (ISPCK)
12. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar (CISRS)

Rev.Christopher Rajkumar, Executive Secretary, Commissions on Justice Peace Creation and Unity Mission & Evangelism, was assigned to facilitate the Public Issues Resolutions Committee.

c. Message Committee

The following names proposed for the Messages Committee were approved unanimously.

1. Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandes (MOSC)- Convener
2. Mrs. Vidhupriya Chakravarty (CNI) - Absent
3. Rev. Sandhya Kiran Sanga (GELC) - Absent
4. Rev. Dr. Kuriakose Moolayil Corepiscopa(MJSOC)
5. Deacon Vikal Pravin Rao (Mennonite CI)
6. Ms. Elina B. Soren(NELC)
7. Bishop Fred C. Marihal (NONAC)
8. Rev. Hemlatha John (Kar. CC)
9. Lt. Col. Lalhmingliana (SA)
10. Mr. Inbaraj Jayakumar(SCMI)
11. Mr. K. Sandeep (SALC)
12. Ms. Krutika Priyadarshni Mohanty(JELC) - Absent

Mr.Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness, was assigned to facilitate the Message Committee.

d. Nominations Committee

The General Secretary read out the constitutional provisions for nominating representatives to the Nomination Committee.

The General Secretary asked the member churches to submit the names of the persons representing the churches to him by the morning of 28th April 2016.

Regarding the election of Representatives of RAs, RCs, and AICOs on the Nominations Committee, it was decided that the General Secretary would convene separate meetings of Related Agencies, All India Christian Organizations, and Regional Councils to elect one rep

resentative each from these organizations to the Nomination Committee.

The General Secretary informed that the NCCI Constitution was avail able at pages 673-701 of the Proceedings of the XXVII Quadrennial Assembly and Minutes of Meetings for the period 2012 - 2015.

Accordingly the Nomination Committee was constituted on 28th April 2016. (see APPENDIX II)

9. RECEIVING:

The Assembly received the following proceedings, minutes and, reports for the period 2012-2015:

1. Proceedings of the Assembly of the 2012
2. Minutes of the Office Bearer's Meetings
3. Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting
4. Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings
5. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meetings
6. Minutes of the Executive Committee
7. Minutes of the General Body
8. Reports : Bangalore to Jabalpur

Since time was running out, reports from Related Agencies were not taken for discussion. It was suggested that these reports could be received at a convenient time during the assembly.

The session concluded with prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C. Singh.

28th April 2016 (Thursday)

V. WORSHIP:

The day began at 8:00 am with a time of singing led by the Ecumenical Jabalpur Choir and the Leprosy Mission Choir, Mizoram. This was followed by a brief worship service led by the women focusing mainly on celebrating the colours of creation and colours of life.

VI. BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION:

At 9:00 am, Rt.Rev.Dr.Daniel Thiagarajah led the delegates in an insightful biblical theological reflection on 'thirsting for life and truth in an unjust and exclusivist nation' based on John 4:5-12, highlighting Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman by Jacob's well.

VII. PLENARY 1 ON "CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO INCLUSIVITY":

During this session which started at 10:30 am, being moderated by Most. Rev. P. K. Samantaroy, Moderator of Church of North India, the delegates listened to a presentation by Dr. Mathews George Chunakkara, General Secretary of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) on ""Challenges to just and inclusive communities: Emerging global trends". He started off by stating that human dignity is the basis of just and inclusive community, and it is the central part of

human identity. Every human being has intrinsic value. He observed that the emerging global system is a hindrance to justice and inclusivity. The emerging trends of global cooperation are biased towards the rich and the powerful. The marginalized communities especially women and children face the worst kind of exclusion. Therefore the struggle for inclusion is also the struggle to establish the right to equality. Responses were made to Dr.Mathews George Chunakkara by Rt.Rev.Dr.Matthews Mar Makarios Episcopa from an ecclesial perspective, Rev.Dr.Rohan Gandhi from a theological perspective, Rev. Mrs. S. Angela Veronica from a women's perspective and Ms.Shina Philip from a youth perspective.

VIII. ECUMENICAL SHARING AND GREETINGS

This session was chaired by Issac Mor Osthathios, Metropolitan, Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church.

Rev. Shan Weixiang, Vice-President, China Christian Council shared about the life and work of China Christian Council and brought greetings on their behalf to the assembly. Ms. Wang Jiawei, Theological Educator, interpreted the message of Rev.Shan Weixiang.

The following persons brought greetings to the assembly:

- Ms. Karin Bodin, and Ms. Hanna Eklund, from Church of Sweden
- Rev. Kim Sang Soo, Presbyterian Church of Korea
- Mr. Gladstone R. Rajesh Kumar, on behalf of Normisjon

IX. BUSINESS SESSION II: (Thursday, 28th April 2016 (02.30 to 04.30 p.m.)

This session which started at 02:30 pm was chaired by Mrs. Pearly Jos, Vice President NCCI.

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, President of the NCCI, in his address said, that NCCI works not only with Churches but is concerned with the society at large. “NCCI joins hands with the struggling communities for their life, livelihood and future through registering our solidarity, and accompanying them physically, morally and spiritually, and by advocating their cause and campaigning for them with the states and other appropriate bodies nationally and internationally”. He concluded by saying, “The quadrennial (2016-2020) calls us to journey towards 'Just and Inclusive Communities'; this is not a theme for the NCCI Secretariat only, but it is for all of us”. (see APPENDIX- III)

2. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The General Secretary gave a detailed report of the work of NCCI in the past four years. He started by saying, “These four years have been significant because the life and work of the NCCI revolved around two leitmotifs: the quadrennial theme, 'The Gospel in a Groaning World' and the NCCI centenary theme, 'Towards Integral Mission and Grassroots Ecumenism.'”

He highlighted the activities of the NCCI as addressing the four strategic objectives of the NCCI, drawn out of the evaluation and strategic plan of the NCCI for 2014-2020:

SO 1 : Unity : Be a common platform for wider Christian communities.

SO 2 : Witness : Facilitate expressions of wider ecumenism.

SO 3 : Service : Promote just and inclusive communities with good governance.

SO 4 : Practice : Actualizing a just and inclusive church for all.

The General Secretary thus presented an impressive range of concerns addressed by the NCCI through its Commissions, special projects and autonomous bodies.

The General Secretary's report was received with great appreciation and it was resolved to refer it to the Message Committee. (see APPENDIX- IV)

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Rev.Dr.A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar, presented the report along with audited statements of accounts for the period 2012-2016. He highlighted some of the achievements during the quadrennial: settlement of P.F. arrears, payment of tax to New Delhi Municipal Corporation, major repairs in Mythri House, New Delhi, payment of gratuity to two staff, development of lawn in Church House Property, renovation of Oliver House and NCCI Centenary celebrations. The report was received and passed with great appreciation. (see APPENDIX- V)

Furthermore the assembly voted to enhance the annual membership fees of the NCCI by 100%. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION:

The annual membership fees of the NCCI for all its constituent members be increased by 100% from the financial year 2016-17 onwards.

4. STATEMENTS OF THE PRE-ASSEMBLIES

The assembly received statements from the pre-assemblies of the following commissions, special projects, autonomous bodies and related agencies (see APPENDIX-VI):

a. Inclusive Mission: A Disability Perspective
b. Just and Inclusive Communities: Children Can Make a Difference
c. Communication for Life Enablement and Growth
d. Civil Society Joint Action to strengthen the Pluralistic Society
e. Greater Inclusivity in Churches and in Theological Education
f. Towards Just and Inclusive Communities : Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Perspectives
g. Towards Youthopia – a JI-FI Community
h. Our Pilgrimage Towards Just and Inclusive Communities
i. Inclusive Economy of Life: Indian Missional Reading

j. Inclusive Theologies of Lives from Land, Forest, Water and Agriculture Perspectives
k. Inclusive Household of God : An Interfaith Affirmation
l. Peoples' Diakonia for Just and Inclusive Communities
m. Towards Inclusive Rainbow Church

All the statements were received with great appreciation and forwarded to the Message Committee.

5. RELEASE OF POSTER

Rev.Dr.Chang Sang, President, WCC Asia Region released a poster of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (of which NCCI is a member) on The Ten Commandments of Food.

6. RELEASE OF BOOKS

The following two booklets were released by Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, President NCCI:

- Indian Churches' Commitment to all Generations: Social Security and Common Good (Social Security Policy Guidelines for the NCCI Member Churches)- developed by Commission on Justice Peace and Creation,NCCI and accompanied by the Church of Sweden
- Towards an Evangelical Openness with Justice Courtesy and Love: Missional Guidelines for Christians in India – published by Commis sion on Unity Mission and Evangelism, NCCI

X. PLENARY 2: INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS ON 'TOWARDS JUST AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES':

This session was moderated by Rt.Rev.Dr.Isaac Mar Philoxenos of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. The following persons from different faith communities presented their perspectives on the theme of the assembly.

Dr.H.K.T. Raza: Islam – 'Islam is inclusive towards all; it is democratic and there is the concept of equality'.

Dr.Daljit Singh Uppal: Sikhism – 'The Golden Temple exemplifies the acceptance of all different view points – acceptance and inclusion of all that is good.'

Dr.Jeetender Jandar: Hinduism – 'The Hindu religion believes in diversity; it respects diverse perspectives of everyone and respects even nature'.

Dr.Prabha Jain: Jainism – 'If we follow non absoluteness and non-possessiveness, we can move towards justice and inclusiveness... if there is injustice in one place, then there is injustice everywhere'.

XI. ECUMENICAL CULTURAL EVENING (6:30 pm)

The youth of Jabalpur churches and Christian institutions entertained the delegates with an impressive cultural show.

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29th April 2016 (Friday)

XII. WORSHIP

The day began at 8:00 am with a time of singing led by the Ecumenical Jabalpur Choir and the Leprosy Mission Choir, Mizoram. This was followed by a brief worship service led by children and youth. It was a very energetic service with well laid out sections to highlight the issues faced by children and youth and seeking God's strength and guidance in addressing the same.

XIII. BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION:

At 9:00 am, Rt.Rev.Dr.Daniel Thiagarajah led the delegates in a second reflection which focused on solidarity and healing in fractured and conflict-stricken communities. He used the story of the man born blind from birth (John 9:1-7). It was an emotional experience for many worshippers to feel the burden of being judged a sinner and be excluded from the community because the 'powers that be' say that one is morally inferior and a threat to their security and well-being. A new form of solidarity was explained as arising out of the weakness and vulnerability of disclosing the truth of our life in our fractured and conflict-stricken society.

XIV. GREETINGS

Rev. Peter Hancock, on behalf of Methodist Church, UK brought greetings to the assembly.

XV. PLENARY 3: FASCISM, CULTURAL NATIONALISM AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

This session which was a panel discussion, was moderated by Rt.Rev.Dr.Philip Masih, Bishop Methodist Church in India. Adv.Irfan Engineer presented his thoughts on religious fundamentalism. He spoke about the different aspects of fundamentalism and pointed out to some of the negative fall outs such as restrictions imposed on women, exclusion such as in the form of caste based discrimination, hierarchical structures and so on.

Ms.Geeta Menon, speaking on gender based violence stated that while Hindu fundamentalists say, 'Bharat mata ki jai', women continue to be harassed. She condemned the evils of patriarchy which lead to several crimes against women such as female genital mutation, personnel laws against women, crimes against the reproductive rights of women etc. She also highlighted how communal riots adversely affected women through instances of 'love jihad', Durga vahini etc.

Dr.Sundara Babu stated that in spite of constitutional rights for freedom of religion there have been issues of religious tensions especially against religious minorities. Neither is action taken, nor does media cover the atrocities against minorities. It is observed that violence is increasingly becoming structural and systematic.

In his comments as Moderator of the session, Bishop Dr.Philip Masih empha sized that the church has a prophetic role to play, to stand up and speak for justice in the context of anti-secular activities propagated by different groups.

XVI. FELICITATION

Jabalpur diocese CNI and the NCCI felicitated Rev. Markus Lesinski, EKD, who arrived in Jabalpur on 28th April 2016.

XVII.ECUMENICAL SHARING

This session was moderated by Dr.Saramma Varghese. It began with Rev. Dr.Chang Sang reading the greetings sent by Rev.Dr.Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, WCC. Mr. Dinesh Suna, Coordinator, Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) WCC, and Rev. Peniel Rufus Rajkumar, Programme Executive, Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation, WCC, shared important ecumenical ministries of the WCC with the assembly. Mr.Dinesh Suna emphasized water as a gift from God which is absolutely essential for life. He gave examples of programmes initiated by WCC related to various aspects of water. He also made reference to the sixth goal of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which is to "ensure access to water and sanitation for all." Rev.Dr.Peniel Rajkumar brought greetings from WCC and explained WCCs work for justice and inclusion. His work and focus make him a bridge between member churches and Eastern Religions, in particular the Hindu and Buddhist religious traditions. He spoke about the tripod of hospitality, honesty and humility to engage in interfaith dialogue.

XVII.BUSINESS SESSION III: (Friday, 29th April 2016 (02.30 to 04.30)

This session which started at 2:30 pm was chaired by Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, President NCCI.

1. DECLARATION OF THE NAMES OF THE OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE NEW QUADRENNIUM

The General Secretary suggested that as some of the delegates were planning to return home, and since the nomination committee had already decided on the names of the Office Bearers for the new quadrennium, it would be good to announce the names of the same. Seeking the approval of the assembly the President called upon Mr.Suresh C.Jacob, Secretary of the Nomination Committee to present the names of the Office Bearers for the new quadrennium (2016-2020).

Mr.Suresh Jacob read the list of the Office Bearers as proposed by the Nomination Committee:

President	–	Rt.Rev. Dr.P.C.Singh
Vice-Presidents	–	Rev.Dr.Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda
		Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas
		Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose
Treasurer	–	Rev.Dr.A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar

The assembly approved of the recommendation of the Nomination Committee. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION:

The following persons be approved as Office Bearers of the National Council of Churches in India for the quadrennium 2016-2020:

President	–	*Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C.Singh*
Vice-Presidents	–	*Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda*
		Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
		Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
Treasurer	–	*Rev.Dr.A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar*

They shall assume office from the end of the present assembly.

The President called all the Office Bearers of the new quadrennium to the stage. The General Secretary of NCCI was also asked to join them. The President requested Metropolitan Issac Mor Osthathios to offer a word of prayer for them.

2. CONSTITUTION MATTERS

The General Secretary presented the following recommendation of the General Body regarding a minor addition to Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution:

Res. No. 08/GB/2016

(i) To approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution
"The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

(ii) To forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.
The assembly received the proposal and approved of the same.

RESOLUTION: *Resolved to approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution "The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".*

3. STRUCTURE RE-ORGANIZATION

The General Secretary presented the NCCI General Body proposal on NCCI Structure Re-organization to the assembly. (see Appendix-VII)

The salient features of the proposal are:

a. To constitute one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee.
b. The focus of the National Programme Committee would be to work towards implementing the four strategic objectives of the NCCI for 2014-2020
c. Commissions would be done away with. Executive Secretaries will be given specific programme portfolios; however they will all be expected to work in an integrated manner.
d. AICCW could be integrated with the NCCI Secretariat if the assembly approves of the same.
e. Each Executive Secretary to be assisted by at least one Intern/ Programme Assistant.
f. Each member church of the NCCI would be expected to host at least one national ecumenical programme.
g. There would be closer coordination of programmes between the NCCI Secretariat and the Regional Christian Councils. Each Executive Secretary would be given specific responsibility for three to four Regional Christian Councils.
h. The NCCI General Secretary or his/her nominee to be invited to the General Body/Executive Committee meetings of Related Agencies.
i. The NCCI General Secretary or his/her nominee to be invited to the General Body meetings of All India Christian Organizations.

In the discussions that followed it was suggested that since Commissions are mentioned in the bye laws of the NCCI Constitution, appropriate measures would have to be taken for bringing in amendments. So also the assembly was in favour of integrating the AICCW with the NCCI Secretariat. Accordingly it was resolved

RESOLUTION:

(i) Resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI. Necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change.

(ii) Resolved to approve of integrating AICCW with the NCCI Secretariat. The modalities of the integration would have to be worked out.

4. REVISION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

The General Secretary reported that the NCCI General Body in its meeting on 17th March 2016 had recommended enhancement of the annual membership fees, and that during the current assembly, following the Treasurer's report, it was already resolved:

RESOLUTION: *The annual membership fees of the NCCI for all its constituent members be increased by 100% from the financial year 2016-17 onwards.*

The assembly reiterated the resolution.

5. MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

a. Believers Church: The General Secretary presented the application of the Believers Church for membership in the NCCI. He stated that as resolved by the NCCI General Body, he had asked churches to send their official resolutions stating whether they endorsed or did not endorse the application of Believers Church for membership in the NCCI. He further reported that he had received positive endorsements from the following churches in the Kerala region: Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Malankara Jacobite Orthodox Syrian Church, The Chaldean Syrian Church of the East, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Malabar Independent Syrian Church and from Kerala Council of Churches.

In the discussion during the assembly there was a difference of opinion regarding admitting Believers Church in the NCCI. Issues about past history, faith and order etc. were raised. After much discussion it was recommended to forward the matter to the NCCI General Body which would appoint a committee to look into the matter. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The matter of the membership of Believers Church in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.*

b. Church of the Nazarene: The General Secretary presented the application of the Church of the Nazarene for membership in the NCCI. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION: *The matter of the membership of the Church of the Nazarene in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.*

c. Evangelical Church in India: The General Secretary presented the application of the Evangelical Church in India for membership in the NCCI. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The matter of the membership of the Evangelical Church in India in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a com mittee to look into the matter.*

d. Vishwa Vani Church: The General Secretary presented the application of the Vishwa Vani Church for membership in the NCCI. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The matter of the membership of the Vishwa Vani Church in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.*

e. Seva Bharat and Inter Serve India: The General Secretary mentioned that Christian organizations such as Seva Bharat and Inter Serve India had applied for membership in the NCCI. He reported that the NCCI Membership Committee had discussed this matter of giving some recognition/space to Christian organizations which are rendering commendable service to the church and society, but which do not have officially authorized representation of different churches/ ecumenical bodies on their governing boards. Therefore the Membership Committee had proposed that a position paper be placed before the assembly. The NCCI General Body had accordingly resolved.

Res.No.13/GB/2016
The General Secretary be asked to initiate a discussion on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.

Since the assembly did not have time to discuss the position paper at length, it decided to refer this matter to the General Body. It was resolved;

RESOLUTION: *The General Body be authorized to look into the proposal on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.*

f. Lutheran World Service India Trust: The General Secretary reported that since 2009 when Lutheran World Service India Trust was formed, the NCCI is officially on the board of LWSIT. The General Secretary of the NCCI usually serves as the Vice-President of LWSIT, however in the present context the General Secretary is serving as the President of LWSIT. Along with the General Secretary, NCCI is represented by two members on the LWSIT board. The LWSIT had now applied for membership in the NCCI, and the same application was being recommended by the General Body to the assembly for approval.

The assembly gladly accepted the application of LWSIT for membership in the NCCI. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The Lutheran World Service India Trust be admitted into the membership of the National Council of Churches in India, as an All India Christian Organization, from the new quadrennium beginning in 2016.*

6. FORMATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

The General Secretary reported that with the formation of the new state of Telangana, the issue of carving out the Telangana Council of Churches from the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches had proved to be a matter of great concern. In this connection the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC met from October 23-25, 2015 at Canaan, Hyderabad. The 43rd Biennial Conference of APCC had already mandated that the AP Council of Churches be bifurcated into the Telangana Council of Churches with the jurisdiction of the new state of Telangana and the residuary AP Council of Churches with the jurisdiction of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC bifurcated itself into the Telangana Council of Churches and the AP Council of Churches. Official notification about the formation of the two councils has been received by the NCCI Secretariat. The Telangana Council of Churches framed its constitution and has also registered itself with the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad, Government of Telangana. However churches which rejected the authority of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches have refused to accept the procedures followed by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and the two councils that the latter had formed. These churches had constituted their respective Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Councils of Churches. The NCCI General Body had taken cognizance of the situation and had recommended that the matter be resolved amicably.

The General Secretary reported that it was difficult to resolve the problem. Therefore the Office Bearers of the NCCI in consultation with Bishop Dr.P.C.Singh and Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda (both of whom had been asked by the General Body to address the matter) decided to propose to the assembly that the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches be dissolved and that the NCCI General Body appoints a commission to call all the churches in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to constitute Regional Councils in each of the states.

In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that NCCI cannot dissolve the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. It would be the prerogative of the erstwhile APCC to take a decision on that matter. How ever the assembly was in favour of authorizing the new NCCI General Body to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The NCCI General Body be authorized to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.*

XIX. PUBLIC RECEPTION: (Friday, 29th April 2016 (6.30 pm)

The Jabalpur Diocese of the Church of North India organized a grant public reception in honour of the delegates of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly. A very impressive cultural programme was presented to the gathering. Local church leaders as well as civil and political dignitaries also attended the programme.

30th April 2016 (Friday)

XX. WORSHIP

The day began at 8:00 am with a time of singing led by the Ecumenical Jabalpur Choir and the Leprosy Mission Choir, Mizoram. This was followed by a brief worship service led by disabled and sexually diverse persons. It was conducted from the aisle of the hall to symbolically challenge the society to build disabled-friendly structures in public places such as worship places. The worship affirmed that all are created in the image of God and that nothing should be a cause for discrimination, if we have to build just and inclusive communities.

XXI. BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

At 9:00 am, Rt.Rev.Dr.Daniel Thiagarajah led the delegates in a third reflection which focused on the theme "In the darkness of death, life", based on the text John 11:1-39 related to the death of Lazarus. The extent to which feelings of and attitudes to grief and death can be a barrier or an aid to one's capacity to include in the community those who are dying, grieving or suffering injustice was probed through interactive sessions in this study.

XXII. ECUMENICAL CONVERSATION: CHRISTIANITY IN SOUTH ASIA

Rev.Vinod Victor, Vicar of St.Matthews Anglican Church of Ashburton and the Melbourne CSI Church highlighted the needs and issues that India's neighbouring countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Maldives and Pakistan, and suggested to the NCCI assembly to take serious note of it, as its counterparts and fellow Christians are expecting much from India. The NCCI has vast potential inherent in its mission and enterprise. If churches in India accompany the council sufficiently well, NCCI could play a very important ecumenically relevant role in South Asia.

XXIII. PLENARY 4: TOWARDS JUST AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

This plenary session focused on several urgent issues requiring affirmative actions in the commitment of the NCCI towards just and inclusive communities. Ms.Shakti Devi presented views from the perspective of sexually diverse people. She pointed out that transgender communities in India live in harmony despite differences in caste, religion, linguistic background and so on. She was glad that the church is affirming inclusivity and equality of all people including those with different orientations and identities.

Speaking on the issue of children, Mr.Khristi Gershombhai from World Vision observed that while the church does have some programme and space for children, the opinions and voices of children are not generally accommodated. The church must proactively acknowledge and articulate the faith, hope and aspirations of children, who are active agents for promoting fullness of life in the church and society.

Taking up the cause of youth, Dr.Alana Gonmei observed that there is a lot of stereotyping of youth with many negative dimensions, especially of young

women. She highlighted some of the problems faced by youth such as racial profiling, human trafficking, discrimination at the work place etc. She challenged the churches to address such concerns of youth, provide legal assistance to them when needed, and to develop programmes that engaged the youth in positive activities.

Rev.Samuel Mall highlighted dalit concerns. He asserted that any church that does not take into serious consideration the concerns of dalits, cannot be an effective church. In fact some churches are also guilty of caste discrimination. He observed that the churches have not been able to successfully attend to the issue of reservations for Christian and Muslim dalits in the country. The commitment to the cause of dalits should be a strong movement both socially and politically.

Ms.Ruby Hembrom presented a perspective on behalf of tribals and adivasis. She highlighted the situation of exclusion faced by tribals/adivasis and urged greater attention especially from the Supreme Court to ensure that justice is done to tribals/adivasis. She also spoke about land, colonialism and expansion, because of which, despite the wealth of cultural traditions and re sources, many tribes are deprived people.

Speaking on behalf of the disabled Mr.George Abraham argued that people with disabilities are not in need of being provided for, but rather being invested in and nurtured so that the different potentials and talents can be come the energy to contribute to society. The injustice of exclusion of the disabled should be overcome, stereotypes about disabled should be done away with and respectful place should be given to them in the society.

XXIV. RELEASE OF BOOKS:

The following three books, published by NCCI Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation were released by the President Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger

- Life Giving Agriculture: A Missional Intervention
- Economy of Life
- Family and Human Sexuality: A Theological Reader

XXV. BUSINESS SESSION IV: (Saturday, 30th April 2016 (12.00 noon to 01.00 p.m.))

During this session which was chaired by the NCCI President, Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, Dr.Sushant Agrawal, Director CASA and Moderator ACT Alliance facilitated the reflection on 'Setting Priorities for the Quadrennium 2016-2020.' He presented his reflections in two parts (a) insights from general discussions and (b) recommendations from pre-assemblies.

In the insights from the general discussions Dr.Agrawal presented the following 11 reflections:

i. **The call to be faithful:** As people committed to the mission of working for just and inclusive communities, what is important is that we remain faithful to this calling. In a world where emphasis is laid on success and

achievements, and where the mission of working for just and inclusive communities is an overwhelmingly difficult task, let us be reminded that God has called us not to be successful but to be faithful.

ii. The SPP of NCCI: We have to keep in mind the strategic planning process of the NCCI for the period 2014-2020, focusing on its vision, mission and strategic objectives.

Vision:
NCCI envisions just and inclusive communities which enable the full realisation of the human potential individually and collectively, and live together in harmony, justice and peace.

Mission:
NCCI is called to facilitate and strengthen ecumenical bonds of unity among the churches, as a visible expression of being members of the one body of Christ. Through such ecumenical togetherness, it is committed to serve all of creation by giving expression to the various implications of the gospel. Through such unity and service, NCCI continues to bear witness to Jesus, the gospel and the movement for the realisation of the 'reign of God'.

Strategic Objectives:

SO 1 : Unity : Be a common platform for wider Christian communities. It is in the pursuit of and commitment to this vision that the churches are called to play a responsible role being united together (Jn.17:21) loving one another (cf. Jn.15:12), facing all the challenges that may come in their way (Jn.15:18-27).

SO 2 : Witness : Facilitate expressions of wider ecumenism. The vision of God's involvement is one of all embracing ecumenism in which there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female (cf. Gal.3:28), where there is an innumerable multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and culture (cf. Rev. 7:9), indeed all of creation experiencing fulfilment (cf. Rom. 8:21).

SO 3 : Service : Promote just and inclusive communities with good governance.
Jesus Christ started his ministry laying emphasis on the reign of God (Mk.1:14-15), calling upon people to direct their views and ways of life to the purposes of God in all of creation, as exemplified in the Nazareth Manifesto (Lk.4:18-19).

SO 4 : Practice : Actualizing a just and inclusive church for all. Thus churches are required to so structure and administer themselves that they serve as bearers of the gospel of justice, love, fellowship, peace, and fulfilling life (cf.Phil.2:1-8).

The vision, mission and four strategic objectives are still valid till 2020. The priorities and programmes of the NCCI for the new quadrennial (2016-2020) should be within the framework of the vision mission and four strategic objectives.

iii. **The changed challenging context:** Since the previous Quadrennial assembly, the context has changed There is a new government at the Centre. We are faced with issues of exclusion, religious intolerance, atrocities against minorities, human rights violations. Women, children, dalits, tribals/adivasis have become more vulnerable. Economic priorities are undergoing changes which are pro-corporate. The political situation reveals deficit of governance and shrinking space for civil society movements. Our actions must explore new opportunities and possibilities in diaconal work towards just and inclusive communities.

iv. **Make denominational diakonia ecumenical:** Denominational Diakonia must contribute to ecumenical diakonia and action. Ecclesial diversity should not be an obstacle for action, when we work together for justice and inclusivity. Already we have heard in various presentations about our outreach to global churches and ecumenical networks on dialogue/ad vocacy/solidarity. It is time to emphasize the message that we need to come out of our own fraternity and join others who also work for inclusiveness and justice. NCCI should enlarge its outreach through RAs, AICOs, RCCs, etc. as per their mandates rather than taking on all responsibility. Let us also work along with Catholics and Evangelicals.

v. **Diakonia should be rendered in the pluralistic context:** Different faith perspectives on just and inclusive communities are also significant. We need to respect diversity. We have to engage in deliberations on just and inclusive communities. We should have dialogues with the dominant group on atrocities against minorities. The Dalit Christian issue must continue to be a priority.

vi. **New programme structure and the strategic objectives:** Since the assembly has approved in principle the new programme structure of NCCI, the National Programme Committee will have to work out programmes keeping in mind the four strategic objectives. Let the programmes be practical. Classify them as immediate, short term and long term. We need to have a strategy as to how we will work in a phased manner to implement all the actions in a 4-year framework

vii. **The monitoring role of NCCI:** NCCI must play an active role in monitoring our country's commitment on COP21, SDGs, Social Protection, Dalits, Tribals, Adivasis, Women, Children, people with disabilities, and sexual diversities, etc.

viii. **Commitment to peace building:** The NCCI should engage in peace pro cesses. Conflicts are going to increase in the future, because of the struggle for water and other natural resources. Member churches must be engaged in peace building through their respective diaconal ministries.

ix. **Facilitating capacity building:** Capacity building is an urgent priority. We should invest on youth, boys and girls. In developing leadership, it would be best to start from children. We in India should also realize that financial and other resources will dry up in the next 8-10 years from abroad.

x. **Involvement in civil society:** Churches and ecumenical bodies must become part of civil society and contribute actively to work against exclusion, inequality, etc., and engage in promoting the restoration of human dignity and protect human rights.

xi. **Close cooperation between churches and specialized ministries:** In the light of the Malawi Consultation, we need to facilitate closer relationship between churches and specialized ministries. NCCI has been made an invitee member of ACT Alliance India Forum. NCCI and CASA are already committed to such cooperation through a pilot project to be started in 4 local congregations. The focus will be on transformational mission in the local context, including concerns of climate justice.

Part II

The National Programme Committee would have to meticulously go through recommendations of Pre-Assemblies and articulate what could be taken upin next four years based on capacity and resource availability.

Briefly speaking, we need to address the pluralist context of our times. We need to re-visit our doctrines, liturgies, rituals etc. We have to take up the concerns of children, youth, women, young parents, dalits, tribals/ adivasis, the disabled, sexually diverse persons, and earth care.

XXVI. BUSINESS SESSION V: (Saturday, 30th April 2016 (02.30 noon to 04.00 p.m.))
This session was chaired by Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, the NCCI President.

1. **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ISSUES RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
The draft report of the Public Issues Resolutions Committee of the XXVIII General Assembly of the NCCI was presented. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION: *The draft report of the Public Issues Resolutions Committee be approved in principle and the NCCI Secretariat be authorized to finalize the same. (see APPENDIX-VIII for the final version)*

2. REPORT OF THE MESSAGE COMMITTEE

The draft statement of the Message Committee was presented. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION: *The draft statement of the Message Committee be approved in principle and the NCCI Secretariat be authorized to finalize the same. (see APPENDIX-IX for the final version)*

3. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Secretary of the Nominations Committee, Mr.Suresh Jacob (CNI) presented the Report of the Nominations Committee.

He once again announced the nominations of the Office Bearers which were already declared in Business Session III of 29th April 2016, and which were approved by the assembly:

a. Elected Office Bearers for 2016-2020:

President	–	Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh (CNI)
Vice – President/ Clergy	–	Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda (CSI)
Vice – President/ Woman	–	Ms. Aleyamma Thomas (Mar Thoma Syrian Church)
Vice – President/ Youth	–	Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose (MJSOC)
Treasurer	–	Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar (UELCI)

The Secretary also announced the names of the members of the Executive Committee as received by him from the constituent members:

b. Members of the Executive Committee
Member Churches

1.	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church:	i. Dr.Patta Devarajuii. ii. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi
2.	Arcot Lutheran Church:	-
3.	Baptist Church of Mizoram:	Rev. R. Zohmingliana
4.	Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention:	-
5.	Chaldean Syrian Church of the East:	Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose
6.	Church of North India:	i. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob ii. Mrs. Rachana Singh

7.	Church of South India	i. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupaii. ii Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
8.	Convention of Baptist Churches of Northern Circars:	i. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao
9.	Council of Baptist Churches in N.E. India:	i. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi ii. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen
10.	Council of Baptist Churches of North India:	Mr. Ajoy Saha (pending clearance from Credentials Committee)
11.	Evangelical Lutheran Church in MP:	-
12.	Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church:	Mr. K. Abraham
13.	Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chhotanagpur:	Rt.Rev.Johan Dang
14.	Hindustani Covenant Church:	Rev.Yesunath D. Kalekar
15.	Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church	-
16.	Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church:	Mr. Angelious Michael (endorsement letter needed from church authority)
17.	Malabar Independent Syrian Church:	-
18.	Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church:	i. H.G.Issac Mor Osthathios ii. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
19.	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church:	i. Fr. Aswin Fernandis ii. Dr. Mrs. Saramma Varghese
20.	Mar Thoma Syrian Church:	i. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios ii. Ms. Ani Koshy
21.	Mennonite Brethren Church:	Rev. Dr. I.P. Asheervadam
22.	Mennonite Church In India:	Deacon Vikal Pravin Rao
23.	Methodist Church in India:	i. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal ii. Mrs. Basanti Biswas
24.	Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church:	Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu

25.	Presbyterian Church of India:	i. Rev. G.S. Lyttan ii. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
26.	Salvation Army:	Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari
27.	Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches:	Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula
28.	South Andhra Lutheran Church:	Mr. K. Jaya Rao
29.	Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church:	-
30.	National Organisation of New Apostolic Church:	Bishop Fred C. Marihal

Related Agencies

1.	ECLOF India:	To be officially appointed by ECLOF Executive Committee
2.	Henry Martyn Institute:	To be officially appointed by HMI Executive Committee

Regional Christian Councils

1.	Kerala Council of Churches	*To be officially appointed by KCC Executive Committee*
2.	Tamil Nadu Christian Council	*To be officially appointed by TNCC Executive Committee*
3.	North West India Council of Churches	*Bishop Collin C.Theodore (official letter of appointment received from NWICC)*

All Christian Organisations

1.	Student Christian Movement of India:	Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar (official letter of appointment to be received from SCMI)
2.	All India Association for Christian Higher Education:	Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu (official letter of appointment to be received from AIACHE)

c. Co-opted Members for XXIX NCCI Assembly

1. Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari
2. Lal Thanhawla, C.M. of Mizoram
3. Mrs. Vijala Sathyanand, Rajya Sabha, Tirunelveli
4. Rev. Madhukant Masih, Director Mennonite CFS of India
5. Dr. Mini Thomas, New Delhi
6. Dr. David Udhay Kumar, Principal Gurukul, Chennai
7. Dr. Monodeep Daniel, Brotherhood Society, New Delhi

8. Dr. Sunil Chandy, Director, CMC Vellore
9. Rev. Anupama Hial, JELC
10. Mr. Saroj Chand Jha, NELC

4. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Dr. Patta Deva Raju, the senior most Recording Secretary presented the highlights of the proceedings of the XXVII assembly of the NCCI, in particular the resolutions of the business sessions. The assembly approved of the same. It was resolved:

RESOLUTION:

The highlights of the proceedings of the XXVII assembly of the NCCI, in particular the resolutions of the business sessions, be approved.

5. VOTE OF THANKS

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary, NCCI proposed the Vote of Thanks. He thanked:

- The Hosts, the Church of North India, particularly the Diocese of Jabalpur, and especially Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C. Singh, (Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese and Deputy Moderator of CNI) and the whole team of organizers, for their cheerful willingness and generosity to host the Assembly.

- Accommodation Committee, Transportation Committee, Food Committee, Registration Committee, Conference Secretariat Committee, Assembly Hall Committee, Discussion Groups Committee, Publicity and Media Committee, Choir Music Committee, Exhibition Committee, Medical First Aid Committee, Special Gift/Souvenir Committee, Public Reception Programme Committee, Local Volunteers/Stewards Committee, Youth Pre Assembly Committee, and Sunday Worship Committee.

- Recording Secretaries; Members of the various committees like the Credentials Committee, Nominations Committee, Message Committee, Public Issues Resolutions Committee; all resource persons (particularly the keynote address speaker, Rev.Dr.Chang Sang, the biblical theologicalreflections leader, Rt.Rev. Dr. Daniel Thiagarajah, and the CCA General Secretary, Dr.Mathews Chunakkara), fraternal delegates and special invitees; all the delegates who participated in the assembly particularly the disabled and sexually diverse persons; women, children, youth, the disabled and sexually diverse persons who led the worship services; the Ecumenical Jabalpur Choir and the Leprosy Mission Choir from Mizoram; the volunteers and stewards; the Executive Secretaries and Staff of the NCCI; and the outgoing Office Bearers.

XXVII. CONCLUDING WORSHIP:

The quadrennial assembly concluded with a worship service at 5:00 p.m. led by the General Secretary. Representatives of the church leaders, clergy, laity, women, youth, children and the Secretariat drawn from different ecclesial traditions and regions of the country participated in the service. The Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, President and Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President were installed during the service on behalf of all the elected Office Bearers. Bishop Dr.P.C.Singh briefly addressed the gathering.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Dr.Patta Deva Raju
Recording Secretary

Dr.Esther Kathiroli
Recording Secretary

Mrs.Ekta Peters
Recording Secretary

Ms.Shaila John Wesley
Recording Secretary

National Council of Churches in India
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Programme Schedule

27th April 2016 (Wednesday)

09.00 - onwards	-	Registration
10.30	-	Tea
13.00	-	Lunch
16:00 – 16.30	-	Tea
16.30 – 17.00	-	Procession
17.00 – 18.30		Inaugural Worship Keynote address : Rev.Chang Sang
18.30 – 18.45	-	Welcome Address (Bishop P.C. Singh)
18.45 – 20.00	-	BUSINESS SESSION – I (Constituting the Assembly)
20.30 - 21.30	-	Dinner

28th April 2016 (Thursday)

07.00 – 08.00	-	Breakfast
08.00 – 09.00	-	Worship led by Women (Beginning with Singing by the choirs for half an hour)
09.00 – 10.00	-	Biblical Theological Reflection by Rt. Rev. Dr. Daniel Thiagarajah
10.00 – 10.30	-	Tea (Inauguration of Exhibition)
10.30 – 12.00	-	**Plenary 1:** Contemporarychallenges to Inclusivity • Global Perspective (Dr. Matthews George Chunakara) • Churches' Response
12.00 – 13.00	-	Ecumenical Sharing and Greetings
13.00 – 14.00	-	Lunch
14.30 – 16.30	-	BUSINESS SESSION – II (President's Address/ General Secretary's Report/ Treasurer's Report/ Statements of the Pre Assemblies)
16.30 - 17:00	-	Tea
17.00 – 18.30	-	**Plenary 2:** Interfaith conversations on "Towards Just and Inclusive Communities"
18:30 – 20:00	-	Ecumenical Cultural Evening
20.00 – 21.00	-	Dinner

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29th April 2016 (Friday)

07.00 – 08.00	-	Breakfast
08.00 – 09.00	-	Worship led by children and youth (Beginning with Singing by the choirs for half an hour)
09.00 – 10.00	-	Biblical Theological Reflection by Rt. Rev. Dr. Daniel Thiagarajah
10.00 – 10.30	-	Tea
10.30 – 12:00	-	**Plenary 3:** Fascism, Cultural Nationalism and Gender-based Violence (Panel Presentation) • Religious Fundamentalism (Adv. Irfan Engineer) • Challenges to Freedom of Religion or Belief (Dr. Sundara Babu) • Gender-based violence (Ms. Geeta Menon) • Churches' Response
12.00 – 12.30	-	Felicitation
12.30 – 13.00	-	Ecumenical Sharing
13.00 – 14.00	-	Lunch
14.30 – 17.30	-	BUSINESS SESSION – III (Declaration of the names of the Office Bearers for the New Quadrennium, Constitution Matters, Structure re-organization, Revision of Membership fees, Membership Concerns, Formation of Regional Councils)
18.30 – 20.30	-	Public Reception
20:30 – 21:30	-	Dinner

30th April 2016 (Saturday)

07.00 - 08.00	-	Breakfast
08.00 – 09.00	-	Worship led by Disabled & Sexually Diverse Persons (Beginning with Singing by the choirs for half an hour)
09.00 – 10.00	-	Biblical Theological Reflection by Rt. Rev. Dr. Daniel Thiagarajah
10.00 – 10.30	-	Tea
10:30 – 11:00	-	Ecumenical Conversation: Christianity in South Asia Rev. Vinod Victor
11.00 – 12:00	-	**Plenary 4:** Towards Just andInclusive Communities: • Sexual diversities (Ms.Shakti Devi) • Children (Mr. Khristi Gershombhai) • Youth (Dr. Alana Golmei) • Dalits (Rev. Samuel Mall)

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- Tribals & Adivasis (Ms. Ruby Hembrom)
- Disabilities (Mr. George Abraham)
- Release of Books

12:00 – 13:00	-	BUSINESS SESSION IV: Setting Priorities (Including inputs from Group discussions and Message Committee members) Facilitator: Dr. Sushant Agrawal
13.00 – 14.00	-	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	-	BUSINESS SESSION – V : (Report of the Public Issues Resolutions, Message, Nomination Committees)
	-	Approval of the Proceedings
16.00 – 16.30	-	Tea
17.00 – 18.00	-	Installation of the Newly Elected Office Bearers
18.00 – 19.00	-	1st Executive Committee Meeting
20:30 – 21:30	-	Dinner & Departure

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AGENDA

BUSINESS SESSION I : Wednesday, 27th April 2016
(06.45 to 08. 00 p.m.)

01. Roll Call
02. Constituting the Assembly
03. Appointment of Recording Secretaries
04. Welcome
05. Adoption of the Agenda
06. Obituaries
07. Introduction to the Assembly
08. Appointment of:
    a) Credentials Committee
    b) Public Issues Resolutions Committee
    c) Message Committee
    d) Nomination Committee
09. Receiving:
    a) Proceedings of the Assembly 2012
    b) Minutes of the Office Bearers' Meetings
    c) Minutes of the Personnel Committee
    d) Minutes of the Working Committee
    e) Minutes of the Finance Committee
    f) Minutes of the Executive Committee
    g) Minutes of the General Body
    h) Reports: Bangalore to Jabalpur
    i) Reports from the Related Agencies

BUSINESS SESSION II : Thursday, 298th April 2016
(02.30 to 04.30 p.m.)

10. Presidential Address
11. General Secretary's Report
12. Treasurer's Report
13. Statements of the Pre-Assemblies

BUSINESS SESSION III : Friday, 29th April 2016
(02.30 to 04.30)

14. Constitution Matters
15. Structure Re-organization
16. Revision of Membership Fees
17. Membership Concerns
18. Formation of Regional Councils

BUSINESS SESSION IV : Saturday, 30th April 2016
(12.00 noon to 01.00 p.m.)

19. Setting Priorities for the Quadrennium
(Including inputs from Group discussions and members of Message Committee)

BUSINESS SESSION V : Saturday, 30th April 2016
(02.30 noon to 04.00 p.m.)

20. Reports of the Public Issues Committee
21. Reports of the Message Committee
22. Reports from the Nomination Committee
23. Approval of the Proceedings
24. Vote of thanks

Installation of the Newly Elected Officers : Saturday 30th April 2016
(05.00 to 06.00 p.m.)

First Executive Committee of the Assembly : Saturday, 30th April 2016
(06.00 – to 07.00 p.m.)

Note:
***Fraternal Delegates and Special Guests will be asked to bring Greetings in different sessions.**

Proceedings of the Day could be suitably included in the Programme.

APPENDIX I
Proceedings of the XXVII Quadrennial Assembly of National Council of Churches in India April 27-30, 2016, Christ Church Girls Senor Secondary School, North Civil Lines, Jabalpur

Roll Call

(Names marked with an asterix * did not attend the Assembly)

OFFICE BEARERS

1.	Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, President, NCCI	2.	Ms.Pearly Jos, Vice President, NCCI
3.	Mr.Suman Biswas, Vice President, NCCI	4.	Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI
5.	Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary		

SCHEDULE 'A'

Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church

1.	Most Rev. Dr. K.F. Paradesi Babu	2.	Mr. Chinnam Kishore Babu
3.	Dr.Deva Raju Patta	4.	Prof. D. Virghese Daniel
5.	Prof. Lam Prakasara Rao	6.	Mr. K. Milton Sastry
7.	Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu	8.	Mrs. K. Shoba Rani
9.	Mrs. M. Sunitha	10.	Mrs. Indira Deva Raju Patta
11.	Rev. Mrs. S. Angela Veronica	12.	Mrs. Ezbella Nixon
*	Mr. K.Ravi Tej	*	Mr. K. Shalem Raju
15.	Rev. J. Nelson Francis Wesley	*	Ms. Gunti Mary Swapna Sophia
*	Mr. K. Syam Kumar	*	Ms. P. Dwaraka Prameela Rani

Arcot Lutheran Church

*	Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.	*	Ms. Dora Santhakumari
*	Rev. C.J. Karunaikannan		

Baptist Church of Mizoram

*	Rev. Lalhmunsanga	2.	Rev. R. Zohmingliana
3.	Rev. C. Lalbiaksanga		

Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention

Chaldean Syrian Church of the East

1.	Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose	2.	Mrs. Pearly Jos
*	Deacon Nimson Varghese		

Church of North India

1.	The Most Rev. P.K. Samantaroy	2.	Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
3.	Mr.Alwan Masih	4.	Mr. Prem Masih
5.	Mr. Suresh C. Jacob	6.	Rev. Manoj Charan
7.	Mrs. Prabhjot Primrose Masih	8.	Mrs. Poornima Lall
9.	Mrs. Rachana Singh	*	Mrs. Vidhupriya Chakravarty
11.	Mrs. Kiran Jeremiah	*	Mrs. Nisha Hembrom
13.	Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh	14.	Mr. Piyush Paul Singh
15.	Miss Oshin Philip	16.	Ms. Edith Karishma
17.	Mr. Daniel De'Gruyther	*	Martin Ms. Priya Dhanson

Church of South India

1.	The Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen	2.	Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda
3.	Rev. Sunil Raj Philip	4.	Rev. A. C. Solomon
5.	Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa	6.	Rev. Mrs. Sharath Sowseelya
*	Mrs. A. Miriam Roseline	8.	Mrs. Renjini. J. S. Singh
9.	Ms. M. Rosema	10.	Mr. P. Prakash Bettan
11.	Mr. Dialin J. Dev	12.	Mr. P. Jacob Prashant
13.	Ms. Karunya Kamaleeswari	14.	Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
15.	Mr. John Samadhanam	16.	Mr. Solomon Devakumar

Convention of Baptist Churches of the Northern Circars

1.	Mr.M.Rajakara Rao	2.	Mr. P. Sabha Rao
*	Smt. M Rameema		

Council of Baptist Churches in North East India

*	Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi	2.	Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen
3.	Mr. D. Hriini Zho	4.	Mr. Rabindra Basumatary

Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India

*	Mr. Ajoy SahaRev. Santosh Makhal	2.	Mrs. Reeta Saha
3.	Rev. Santosh Makhal		

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh

1.	Rev. Surendra Kumar Sukka	2.	Rev.Mrs. Elizabeth Prasad
3.	Mr. Shalem Vishal Peter		

Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church

1.	Mr. K. Abraham	2.	Rev. K. Radha Manjari
3.	Pastor M.Aseervadam		

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur

1.	Rt. Rev. Johan Dang	2.	Mr. Eliazer Topno
3.	Mrs. Hanna Minz	4.	Mrs.Sunita Baraiud
5.	Mr. Benson Kachhap	6.	Ms. Golden Bilung

Hindustani Covenant Church

1.	Rev. Yesunath D. Kalekar	2.	Ashish R. Shedge

India Evangelical Lutheran Church

Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church

1.	Rt.Rev.Julias Sontosh	2.	Mr. Angelious Michael
3.	Ms.Ramani Khosla	4.	Ms.Lalita Huika
5.	Ms.Krutika Priyadarshni Mohanty	6.	Mr. Amiya Jyoti Nayak

Malabar Independent Syrian Church

Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church

*	Metropolitan Mor Aphrem	2.	Metropolitan Issac Mor Osthathios
3.	Dr. Kuriakose Moolayil Corepiscopa	*	Fr. Rojan Rajan
5.	Fr. Jinu Kuruvila	6.	Fr. Jiji Thomas
7.	Dr. Roja Princy	8.	Ms. Sheena Lalu Cherian
*	Mrs. Chinnamma Paulose	*	Mrs. Gracy Abraham
*	Mrs. Sherly Jacob	12.	Mr. Liju Kuriakose
13.	Mr. Eldho Thomas	14.	Mr. Didish Eashow
15.	Mr. Philips Benny	16.	Mr. Arnold Benny
*	Miss Sinju S. Paul	*	Miss Elizabeth T.E.

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

1.	Ms. Susan Jacob	2.	Fr. Dr. Reji Mathews
3.	Fr. Dr. John Karingattil	4.	Fr. George Varghese
5.	Dr. KFr. Aswin Fernandis	6.	Dr. Saramma Varghese
*	Mrs. Jessy Varghese	8.	Ms. Mercy John
*	Ms. Jiji Johnson	*	Ms. Salamma James
11.	Dn. Sajan C. Mathew	12.	Mr. Jerry Varghese
13.	Miss. Ruth Mathen	*	Mr. Austin G. James
15.	Ms. Elizabeth Mathew		

Mar Thoma Syrian Church

1.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios	*	Rev. Lal Cherian
	Rev. Dr. Prakash K. George	4.	Rev. Dr. Koshy P. Varghese
*	Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew	*	Adv. Prakash P. Thomas
5.	Ms. Ani Koshy	*	Adv. Prakash P. Thomas
*	Ms. Aleyamma Thomas	10.	Ms. Leah Susan John
9.	Ms. Ahana Mariam Sunny	12.	Ms. Charlene Miriam Samuel
11.	Rev. Merin Mathew	*	Rev. Reti John Skaria

13.	Adv. Surin George Ipe	*	Mr. Jibu T. John
15.	Mr. Ajin K. John	18.	Mr. Naveen Thomas

Mennonite Brethren Church

1.	Rev. R.S. Lemuel	2.	Rev. Dr. I.P. Asheervadam
3.	Mr. V. Prakash	4.	Mrs. G.Naomi Ross
5.	Rev. E.A. Lydia Abshalom	6.	Rev. K.Daniel Sudhir

Mennonite Church in India

1.	Deacon Vikal Pravin Rao	2.	Mrs. Varsha Franklin
3.	Mr. Ashish Yusuf		

Methodist Church in India

1.	Bishop N. L. Karkare	*	Bishop Dr. Anilkumar Servand
3.	Bishop Subodh C. Mondal	4.	Bishop Phillip Silas Masih
*	Rev. M. A. Daniel	6.	Dr. John N. Hanchinmani
7.	Mrs. Basanti Biswas	*	Mrs. Sushila George
9.	Ms. Sheela John Wesley	*	Mr. Vineeth Methuselah
*	Mr. Darry Ragland	*	Mrs. Kiran Jagtap

Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church

1.	Rev. Bajel Murmu	2.	Ms. Elina B. Soren
3.	Mr. Charles Soren		

Presbyterian Church of India

*	Rev. G. S. Lyttan	*	Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
*	Joseph Lalsangzuala		

Salvation Army

1.	Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari	2.	Lieut. Colonel Lalhmingliana
3.	Major Rajkumar	4.	Lieut Colonel Rachel Mathangi
5.	Major Jashiben Daud Khristi	6.	Major Sunitha Kumari Mikkilli
7.	Lieut. Lalrinmawia	8.	Mr. G,. Arokya Dhas

Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches

1.	Dr. Devaraj Voola	2.	Mr. P. Krupa Rao
3.	Mr. P.S. Davidson	4.	Mr. T. Jagath Kumar
5.	Rev. Dr. R.R.D. Sajeeva Raju	6.	Rev. N. Emmanuel
7.	Rev. R. Dasu	8.	Rev. G. Moses
9.	Rev. Dr. M. Roja Sharon	10.	Mrs. M. Sugunamma Sajeeva Raju
11.	Mrs. B. Jyothi Ramesh	12.	Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula
*	Mr. Amuluri Vijaya Paul	*	Mr. V. David Sundar
*	Ms. V. Rupa Kalpana		

South Andhra Lutheran Church

1.	Mr. Jaya Rao Kasimala	2.	Mr. Buela Mycan
3.	Mr. Sandeep Kumar		

Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

The National Organisation of the New Apostolic Church

1.	Mr. S. Madhu	2.	Bishop Fred C. Marihal
3.	Mrs. Sumana Sunder		

SCHEDULE 'B'

	Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches		**Bengal Christian Council**
1.	Bishop Dr. John SDR Nakka	1.	Rev. Kamalaksha Sardar
2.	Mr. Jetti A.Oliver	2.	Mrs. Bijaya Das
3.	Ms. K. Ruth Vijaya Priyanka	*	Ms. Esther Sinha
	Bihar Council of Churches Gujarat Council of Churches Karnataka Christian Council		**Chhattisgarh Christian Council Jharkhand Council of Churches Kerala Council of Churches**
*	Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson	1.	Mr. Raiston Prakash
2.	Rev. Hemalatha John	2.	Ms Jancy Peter
3.	Ms. Gracy Christina Mary	3.	Mr. Joel Thomas Mathew
	Madhya Pradesh Christian Council		**Maharashtra Council of Churches**
1.	Rev.Vinay Peter		
2.	Mrs. Ekta Peters		
*	Mr. Brian Masih		
	North East India Christian Council		**North West Frontier Christian Council**
1.	Rev. Dr. J. Huoplien Neitham	1.	Rev. Sohan Lal
		2.	Mrs. Parvesh Mattu
		3.	Miss Raman
	North West India Council of Churches		**Santalia Council of Churches**
1.	Bishop Collin C. Theodore		
2.	Mrs. Anna Eric Brown		
	Tamilnad Christian Council		**Utkal Christian Council**
1.	Rev. Jared Arul Jebareuben	1.	Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro
2.	Dr.Ms. V. Esther Kathiroli	2.	Rev. Samresh Nayak
3.	Rev. J. Vedamuthu	3.	Mr. Abhinit Patro
	Uttar Pradesh Council of Churches		

SCHEDULE 'C'

	All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE)		**ATTWI**
1.	Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu	*	Rev.Dr.P.Syamala Sukumar
	Bible Society of India (BSI)		**Board of Theological Education of Senate of Serampore College (BTESSC)**
1.	Rev.Dr. M.Mani Chacko	1.	Rt.Rev.Dr.Isaac Mar Philoxenos
	Christian Association for Radio and Audio Visual Services (CARAVS)		**Christian Endeavour in India (CEI)**
1.	Mrs. Janet Peter		
	Christian Union of India (CUI)		**Ecumenical Council for Drought Action ad Water Management (ECODAWM)**
		1.	Mr. Stanley William
	Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (ISPCK)		**Inter-Church Service Association (ICSA)**
1.	Mrs.Ella Sonawane	1.	Dr. Moses P. Manohar
	The Leprosy Mission (TLM)		**Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India (LCBMI)**
		1.	Mr. Shabu Thomas
	National Council of YMCA's of India (YMCA)		**National Missionary Society of India (NMSI)**
1.	Mr. Ch. R.P. Manikumar	1.	Mr. Garret Devadasan
	Student Christian Movement of India (SCMI)		**United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)**
1.	Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar	1.	Rev. Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
	Young Women's Christian Association of India (YWCA)		

SCHEDULE 'D'

	All India Sunday School Association (AISSA)		**Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS)**
1.	Rev. Dr. Ipe Joseph	1.	Rev.Dr.Vincent Rajkumar
	Christian Literature Society (CLS)		**Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI)**
		1.	Dr. Bimal Charles
	Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)		**Ecumenical Church Loan Fund - India (ECLOF)**
1.	Dr. Sushant Agrawal	1.	Ms. Lidwina Cedric
	Henry Martyn Institute (HMI)		
1.	Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel		
	CO-OPTED MEMBERS		
1. 2. 3.	Adv. Suresh Koshy Rev. Thathapudi Matthews Emmanuel Rev. A. Joshua Peter		
	OBSERVERS		
	Pre-Assemblies		
	Peoples Forum: "Peoples' Diakonia for just and inclusive Communities"		**Youth: "Towards Youthopia a JI-FI Community"**
1. 2. 3. 4.	Ms.Joycia Thorat Ms.Pranita Sandela Mr.Sandesh Ramteke Mr.Sam Sibloon	1. 2. 3. 4.	Mr. Zuchonthung Ovung Mr. D. Godwin Prasannakumar Ms. Ruth Mathen Ms.Edith Karishma Martin
	Women and Gender Justice Forum: "Our Pilgrimage Towards Just and Inclusive Communities"		**Interfaith Conversations: "Inclusive Household of God: An Interfaith Affirmation"**
		1. 2. 3. 4.	Prof.Dr.Yugal Rayalu Mr.Shine N.Jacob Mr.Jerry Jacob John Rev.Dr.Peters

	Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis: "Towards Just and Inclusive Communities: Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Perspectives"		**Policy Governance and Public Witness: "Challenges for the Freedom of Religion or Belief in India"**
1.	Rev. Immanuel Paul Vivekanadh	1.	Rev.James Ponraj
2.	Mr.R.Ranganathan	2.	Dr.Sundara Babu
3.	Ms.Sukanya Marandi	3.	Ms.Victoria Gyan
4.	Ms.Esther Ao	4.	Dr.Manmasih Ekka
	Communications: "Communication for Life, Enablement and Growth"		**Children: "Just and Inclusive Communities: Children Can Make a Difference"**
1.	Rev.Abraham Varghese	*	Bishop Naresh Samuel Ambala
2.	Ms.I. Lanusenla	2.	Rev.Cecil James Victor
3.	Rev.Sunil Raj Philip	3.	Mrs.Beela Mary Ipe
*	Ms.Sushma Ramaswami		
	Ecumenical Solidarity for HIV and AIDS		**Sexual Minorities: "Towards Inclusive Rainbow Church"**
1.	Fr.Thomas Ninan	1.	Ms.Dhanam
2.	Mr.John Lalnunthainga	2.	Ms.Shakthi Devi
		3.	Dr.Jayachitra
	Economy of life: "Inclusive Economy of Life: Indian Missional Reading"		**Theologies of Life: "Inclusive Theologies of Lives from Land, Forest, Water and Agriculture Perspectives"**
1.	Rev.Dinesh Angolkar	1.	Mr.Sam Sibloon
2.	Mr.Francis Bala Daniel	2.	Rev.Dr.Satish Gyan
	Disability Forum: "Inclusive Mission: A Disability Perspective"		
1.	Mr. Vikas		
2.	Mr. Rakesh		
3.	Mr.Kalyan Jadhav		
4.	Mr.Amos Tshering		
5.	Ms.Nisha Das		
6.	Mr.Manoj Das		
7.	Ms.Ruchi		
8.	Mr.Sharuk Khan		
9.	Mr.Aush Khan		
10.	Mr.Ajay Mota Maji		

	FRATERNAL DELEGATES		RESOURCE PERSONS
1.	Rev.Peter Hancock	1.	Rev.Chang Sang
2.	Rev.Shan Weixiang	2.	Rt.Rev.Dr.Daniel S.Thiagarajah
3.	Ms.Wang Jiawei	3.	Dr. Mathews George Chunakara
4.	Ms.Karin Bodin	4.	Mr.Dinesh Suna
5.	Ms.Hanna Eklund	5.	Rev.Peniel Rufus Rajkumar
6.	Rev. Kim Sang Soo	6.	Dr.Alana Golmei
7.	Rev.Sunghak Joo	7.	Rev.Vinod Victor
8.	Rev.Markus Lesinski	8.	Ms.Ruby Hembrom
9.	Mrs.Susan Jacob	9.	Rev.Samuel Mall
10.	Rev.Jim M.R.Paul	10.	Dr.Sushant Agrawal
11.	Dr.Christopher Baskeran	11.	Dr.Irfan Engineer
12.	Rev.Khristi Gershom	12.	Ms.Geeta Menon
13.	Mr.Gladstone R.Rajesh Kumar	13.	Mr.George Abraham
	VISITORS		**INVITEES**
1.	Mr. Johnson, GSELC	1.	Mr.R.ShettianVer.
2.	Mr.Ashirwadam	2.	Rev.Dr.Cherian Thomas
3.	Rev.G.Ross, MBC	3.	Rev.Sam Abraham
4.	Rev. Lalit Solomon, CNI	4.	Prof.Dr.P.Jegadish Gandhi
5.	Mr. Michael Charles	5.	Rt.Rev.Dular Lakra
	MEDIA		**ASSEMBLY OBSERVERS**
1.	Prof. Mammen Varkey	1.	Bishop Juria Bardhan
		2.	Bishop Samuel Mathew
		3.	Rev.Sunil R.Dandge
		4.	Mr.Shaju V.Joseph
		5.	Bishop B.D.Prasada Rao
		6.	Bishop Vadapalle Prasada Rao
		7.	Rev.M.Christudas
	AUTONOMOUS BODIES		**NCCI EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES/ COORDINATORS**
1.	Dr.Saramma Varghese	1.	Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar
2.	Mr.Anil Tharayathu Varghese	2.	Mr. A. Samuel Jayakumar
3.	Mr.Kasta Dip	3.	Rev. Caesar David
		4.	Mr.Pradip Bansrior
		5.	Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei
		6.	Fr.Philip Kuruvilla
		7.	Ms.Moumita Biswas

Appendix -II

XXVIII QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA

April 27-30, 2016, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

MEMBERS FROM CONSTITUENT UNITS ON NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Schedule	Name	Eligible Members	Names
A -1	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	2	1. Most Rev.Dr.K.F.Paradesi Babu 2. Dr. Patta Deva Raju
A-2	Arcot Lutheran Church	1	
A-3	Baptist Church of Mizoram	1	Rev. Lalhmunsanga
A-4	Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention		
A-5	Chaldean Syrian Church of the East	1	Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose
A-6	Church of North India	2	1. Mr.Suresh Jacob 2. Mrs.Rachna Singh
A-7	Church of South India	2	1. Bishop Thomas K. Oommen 2. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
A-8	Convention of Baptist Churches of Northern Circars	1	Mr. M. Rajakara Rao
A-9	Council of Baptist Churches in N.E. India	2	1. Mr. D. Hriini Zho 2. Mr. Rabindra Basumatary
A-10	Council of Baptist Churches of North India	1	1. Mr. Ajoy Saha
A-11	Evangelical Lutheran Church in MP	1	Rev. S.K.Sukka
A-12	Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church	1	1. Dr. K. Abraham
A-13	Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chhota Nagpur	1	Mr. Eliazer Topno
A-14	Hindustani Covenant Church	1	Rev. Yeshunath Kalekar

A-15	Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church		
A-16	Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church	1	Mr. Angelious Michael
A-17	Malabar Independent Syrian Church		
A-18	Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	2	1. Rev. Fr. Jiji Thomas 2. Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose
A-19	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church	2	1. Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandis 2. Dr. Saramma Varghese
A-20	Mar Thoma Syrian Church	2	1. Rev. Koshy P.Varghese 2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
A-21	Mennonite Bretheren Church	1	Rev.Dr. I.P.Asheervadam
A-22	Mennonite Church In India	1	Mrs. Varsha Franklin
A-23	Methodist Church in India	2	1. Dr. John N. Hanchinmani 2. Mrs.Basanti Biswas
A-24	Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church	1	Ms.Elina B.Soren
A-25	Presbyterian Church of India		
A-26	Salvation Army	1	Major Jeshu D.Khristi
A-27	Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches	1	Mr. G.Judson Mathew
A-28	South Andhra Lutheran Church	1	Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
A-29	Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church		
A-30	National Organisation of New Apostolic Church	1	Bishop Fred C.Marihal
B	Regional Christian Councils	1	Bishop Collin C.Theodore, NWICC
C	All India Christian Organisations	1	Mrs.Janet Peter, CARAVS
D	Related Agencies	1	Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel, HMI
	TOTAL	**36**	

APPENDIX-III

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen...

I stand with great joy and pleasure, and also with humility and honour, before this august body, filled with this celestial galaxy of Church Leaders, Institutional Heads, Fraternal Delegates, Resource Persons, and all my dear friends.

I thank our God Almighty for His will to bring us together, not only for our business but also for greater ecumenical fellowship with one another and to celebrate the God-intended Unity for communities of different ecclesial confessions.

I fondly remember Late Bishop Dr. Taranath Sargunam Sagar, and thank God for his Life, Ministry, Witness, Contribution and his Commendable Leadership to the NCCI for the past seven and a half years as President. Indeed, his leadership was remarkable and scripted several new pages in the mission, ministry, witness and history of NCCI. Most of the missional interventions that are referred to here are his contributions, and happened during his tenure as the President.

If we turn back the pages in the history of the Indian Ecumenical Movement, the NCCI, since its inception in 1914, has stood as an “Icon of Unity”. NCCI is one body of thirty ecclesial confessions and 43 organizations. These have never been seen as separate entities in NCCI, rather they are seen as ONE, and that is NCCI! It is not only, 'Many as One' - but also 'Many are ONE'! This is theological too. So, the nature of NCCI is theological.

Every Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI is an 'Ecumenical Festival'. This Ecumenical Festival brings together people from across genders, generations, identities, abilities, faiths, regions and nations to celebrate and affirm the God-intended UNITY.

We, the Indian Churches with our Ecumenical initiatives, inspired and motivated the global ecumenical movements to become a reality. Ecumenical initiatives originally were intended for 'Unity of Churches' (ecclesial confessions), but in its journey, the ecumenical movement through its mission and diaconal agenda has become more justice-oriented addressing issues of caste colour, creed, ideologies and care for creation, and more inclusive in terms of travelling with neighbours of different faiths.

NCCI is known for its commitment not only to 'unite' the churches, but to accompany and facilitate them to 'experience ecumenism' through theological deliberations and spiritual fellowships, collective contemplation on scriptural truths and collaborative action, thereby boldly preaching and witnessing to the Gospel of Christ.

The NCCI facilitates reciprocal learning experiences among different member ecclesial confessions. Most of the Indian missional and diaconal interventions by the Member Churches have been inspired and initiated by the NCCI. These mission activities like, affirming the Rights of dalits, tribals, adivasis, women, girl children and people with different gender identities, Ecological Concerns, Inter-faith and inter-ideological relations, Human Rights, Peace and Human Security... and much more have been introduced by the NCCI, thereby facilitating theological and missiological discussions and commitments to the propagation of the liberative Gospel of Christ.

Though the NCCI is a Council of Christian Churches, it is not only working among the Churches but also in the society at large. The NCCI joins hands with the struggling communities for their life, livelihood and future through registering our solidarity, and accompanying them physically, morally and spiritually, and by advocating their cause and campaigning for them with the States and other appropriate bodies nationally and internationally.

Our previous assembly held in Bengaluru from 25th to 29th April 2012 had a theme 'Gospel in a Groaning World'. It stands unique because of its several positive notes which cannot be unnoticed. NCCI opened up a new page in history during the Bangalore assembly. It is for the first time that Children were a part of the council even leading the worship. So also the participation of Transgender Representatives and Persons with Disabilities during the assembly is significant because it is not only a symbolic action to 'include', but a symbol of 'inclusivity'.

I am happy to note that, there are churches who have taken such initiatives seriously. Churches have launched girl child campaigns, developed child-protection policies for themselves and for their institutions, and started dedicated departments to affirm the respect and dignity of Persons with Disabilities and different gender identities. The World Council of Churches General Secretary has expressed in his thanks note after attending the Bangalore Assembly, "I personally thank NCCI for keeping the Ecumenical Hope Alive". The General Secretary of the Christian Conference of Asia described our Assembly as "a unique experience and powerful". I would like to underline that, the NCCI is still inspiring all our member churches and global ecumenical bodies.

During this quadrennial (2012 - 2016) there are a few visible historical milestones.

- We celebrated our ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF UNITY IN PRAXIS.
- Since 1950 NCCI as a united family has been campaigning for the inclusion of Christian and Muslim Dalits in the Government Gazette so that they become eligible to avail the Government's special provisions for dalits of other religious traditions. In this regard, we are impleading the Supreme Court of India take up the long-pending case claiming equal rights for all Dalits.
- We have inaugurated the National Ecumenical Forum for Gender and Sexual Diversities and the Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment, so as to set a model in our journey towards 'Just and Inclusive Communities'.
- We initiated an evaluation process to introspect ourselves and make our existence relevant and have come up with a strategic plan for NCCI's mission in the period 2014 – 2020.

Respected Church Leaders, Sisters and Brothers, we have come together again after four years at a very crucial time in our Indian history when, our Nation is threatened by communal divisive forces, inappropriate economic models of development related to globalization and its foreign direct investments and their negative impact on people and earth, such as the Look East Policy, invasion of extractive industries leading to unequal distribution of resources, health and food insecurity, migration and homelessness, Climate Change and climate refugees, Cross border terrorism, Militarization and Weaponization, Special Power Security Laws, malnutrition, drought, unemployment, farmers suicide and promotion of 'Life-killing' Agriculture, Caste and Ethnic Conflicts.... How are we going to build a 'Just and Inclusive' nation? Since the Church is a 'theological symbol of unity' that believes in and propagates the Gospel of Justice and Inclusivity, we need to strive towards realizing the Reign of God on earth through our missional and diaconal interventions.

In recent days, we witness that almost every week some church is attacked, and the church workers are physically manhandled, even assassinated, by religious fundamentalists and cultural nationalist groups. How long will we continue to dissociate from such churches saying that they do not belong to our ecclesial confessions? After all, we should recognize that the different ecclesial traditions belong to 'Christ's Movement', some aggressive and some passive, and that we should take care to see that we all preach the gospel responsibly. Therefore, let us work towards integral mission through our different initiatives.

We as Church belong to the prophetic tradition, but we are not able to bear prophetic witness to Christ in society. Public space is shrinking for the prophetic communities. There are laws that silence prophetic communities including Churches. But the prophetic edge of the Gospel cannot be made silent. So, let us boldly preach the Gospel that has a prophetic edge and bear prophetic witness publically by leaving our minority phobia, by 'being' and 'becoming' members of Jesus' movement.

This quadrennial (2016 - 2020) calls us to journey towards 'Just and Inclusive Communities'. This is not a theme for the NCCI Secretariat only, but it is for all of us. Each and every member of the NCCI is encouraged to adopt this theme for our ministries. We, the community belonging to Jesus, are mandated to address the above issues as 'God-loving' and 'care-giving' communities. It is the plan of God for us to be together today to pledge to work towards Just and Inclusive Communities. Let us forget our theological and ecclesial differences and get united in the Spirit of God for the sake of the Indian Ecumenical Movement and build our nation following the model of Prophet Nehemiah. God bless all of us in the ecumenical pilgrimage towards Just and Inclusive Communities!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Mar Atsongchanger
President, NCCI

XXVIII QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2012-2016

Dear People of God,

I greet you all in the name of Jesus, our Saviour-Liberator, Servant-Lord, and Accompanier-Hope Giver, as we assemble for the XXVIIIth Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India. Four years have passed by since we last met in Bangalore in 2012. These four years have been significant because the life and work of the NCCI revolved around two leitmotifs: the quadrennial theme, "The Gospel in a Groaning World" and the NCCI centenary theme, "Towards Integral Mission and Grassroots Ecumenism."

The Groaning World

Groaning has two important implications: The first implication of groaning is suffering, thereby signifying the injustices and violence in the world. This has been quite evident in the world around us. The second implication of groaning is the pangs of giving birth, thereby signifying hope. The movements of individuals and people groups for justice and peace are evidence of the same.

The Message of the 27th Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI to the churches in 2012 began with the urgent call:

> Hear the Groans!
> We exhort the churches to sensitively listen to the groans of all creation on account of poverty, hunger, lack of clothing, homelessness, and ill-health: groaning over socio-economic injustices caused by patriarchy, casteism, globalization, rising costs of living, unhealthy competition, corruption, oppression and exploitation of tribals and adivasis, eviction of people from their home lands for the sake of so-called development projects, induced migrations, human trafficking, the evils of tourism industry, discrimination of the disabled, people living with HIV and AIDS, LGBTQs, and others who suffer from different kinds of stigma and discrimination; groaning over political-militant injustices caused by communalism and fundamentalism, conflicts, insurgences, terrorist attacks, nuclear arms race and wars for possession of resources; and groaning over technological-consumerist-ecological injustices caused by different pollutants, deforestation, dams, extraction and consumption of non-renewable resources, use of non-bio-degradable materials, causing climate change and other human made disasters.

The situation in 2016 highlights the increasing agony of the people and all creation. The people of the country, in particular those on the margins, have been experiencing various challenges. The country has been undergoing a regressive attack in different aspects of life. Apart from the political undermining of secularism, pluralism and Indian nationalism, cultural pluralism and valued syncretic traditions

have also been subject to severe attacks and their intensity is increasing. The murders of dissenting rationalists (Narendra Dabholkar, Govind Pansare and M M Kalburgi), the bans on food (e.g. the Dadri lynching of 52 year old Mohammad Akhlaq Saifi and his son, 22-year-old Daanish), attacks on the autonomy of universities and on free thinking in a democracy (e.g. the death of Rohith Vemula in Hyderabad Central University, one of the most prestigious universities in the country, and the Kanhaiya Kumar episode in Jawaharlal Nehru University), the never ending atrocities on Dalits, Tribals/Adivasis, and women, the capitalist globalizers reaping advantages of government offers in the name of development, the criminal neglect of agriculture leading to an epidemic of farmer suicides; the theft of natural resources; attacks on livelihoods and workers' rights; the neglect of persons with disabilities; and, the persecution of people marginalized on the basis of their gender identity and sexual orientations or identities are stark expressions of the malaise that has set in. At the same time many regions in the country are gripped with the problems of recurring drought, floods, earthquakes and rise in the cost of living.

On the international scene, the Syrian Civil War has taken on a serious dimension (Moscow wants Assad to stay; Washington and its allies want him to go); the ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) challenge has spread to Paris (France) , Suruc and Ankara(Turkey), San Bernardino, (California, USA) and Brussels (Belgium); Europe continues to face the heart-rending influx of refugees (many seeking to or instability and violence elsewhere, some others seeking better job opportunities); corruption continues in high places, be it Volkswagen emissions cheating or the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) scandal; and the Zika virus has threatened to become pandemic (more than 2.2 billion people live in 'at risk' areas in the world). While the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) in Paris, attended by leaders from 147 nations has raised hopes of reducing carbon emissions, the success of the Paris Climate Accord ultimately depends on national governments taking, and enforcing, steps to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, in which domestic politics could be a major hurdle on that front.

In the neighborhood of India, we see a new Myanmar gradually emerging with the first free election in 25 years held last November in which Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) bagged 86% of the seats open for contest across the two houses of parliament, comfortably ahead of the 329 needed for an absolute majority. NLD's landmark win means an effective end to absolute domination of the country by the military. However, the country's transition from military rule to representative democracy is complicated by entrenched political and economic interests, religious and ethnic cleavages, and difficult negotiations with an array of armed groups to settle decades-long internal conflicts. Myanmar also faces the imperative to address communal (particularly Buddhist/Muslim) violence; hundreds of thousands of Muslims, or Rohingya, are being driven off ancestral lands and confined to camps in half a dozen countries without medical care, education, the right to work or other basic human rights.

Nepal, though struggling with challenges of reconstruction in the aftermath of the

devastating earthquake, adopted a new Constitution on September 20, 2015. However this gave rise to a protest led by the Madhesi Front which is claiming that the Constitution does not guarantee enough rights and representation to the Madhesi and Tharu communities residing in Terai region of southern Nepal. The blockade hampered the supply of essential goods, including petroleum products and medicines in Nepal. Nepali politicians said that such a blockade was not possible without the approval of the Indian government. Only recently, the ethnic minority groups have called a halt to the blockade in the interests of relieving severe shortages in the Himalayan nation, even as they promised to continue their opposition to the new constitution.

In Bangladesh, one observes the rise of religious fundamentalism, intolerance, and extremist violence. Tensions between secular and religious forces have redoubled and violence against dissenting voices has increased, with many perpetrators still at large. Political divides between the incumbent secular party Awami League, the rightwing Bangladesh Nationalist Party, and the Islamist Jamaat-e-Islami party have widened. Nationwide protests by fundamentalist Islamist groups have called for the execution of atheist bloggers and the creation of an anti-blasphemy law. At the same time, challenges to economic development still abound. Even three years after the Rana Plaza building collapse which killed 1100 garment workers and injured many others, labour laws are yet to be reformed.

In the post war context, the strength of Sri Lankan democracy is such that it has removed Mahinda Rajapaksa from the President's chair. As Sri Lanka's government begins a path towards reconciliation, its biggest challenge comes from “nationalists” on all sides of the divide. Although the nationalistic fervor appeared to be on a downward trajectory following the January 2015 presidential election in which Maithripala Sirisena won campaigning on an anti-corruption platform, the growing dis-enchantment in the Sinhala-Buddhist community on many fronts, their burgeoning economic woes in particular, at least in part has made it easier for nationalistic political posturing to re-capture its lost appeal, according to a report by the Centre for Policy Alternatives. It is heartening to note that Sri Lanka's unicameral parliament has recently approved the proposal to change the Parliament to a Constitutional assembly for the purpose of formulating a new Constitution for Sri Lanka.

Despite some progress toward democratic consolidation over the last ten years, Pakistan's military still asserts power over the country's elected government. Pakistan's western regions remain largely ungoverned and home to the remnants of al-Qaeda's original leadership as well as multiple militant groups that have declared war on the Pakistani state. Then again Pakistan is faced with the problem of religious fanaticsm. One hears of heinous religiously-motivated atrocities that Pakistanis continue to face on a regular basis. Certain sections of the society believe that they have a right to judge others based on their faith and therefore those, who are said to be religiously deviant (as in the case of other sects or religions) or religiously wanting (as in the case of the majority sect), should be finished off. At the same time, the country's economy is struggling, and continuing

tensions with India endanger efforts to bring a durable peace to a region haunted by the distant threat of nuclear war.

Hence, the importance for us to discern the gospel in a groaning world and to be committed to it by cooperating and partnering with all towards just and inclusive communities.

The Gospel in a Groaning World

The Message of the 27th Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI to the churches in 2012 therefore called upon all to discern how God is addressing the groans of creation:

> Discern God's Responses to the Groaning!
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> The Bible asserts that groaning indicates the presence of deep rooted sin and injustice in the social fabric. As Christians we believe that God hears with an 'extra ear' the groaning of the vulnerable. Nothing can block God from hearing those cries, be it barbed wires, prison or constitution. God thus comes to the people as a dalit, a tribal, a woman, a climate refugee and through several other forms and experiences, identifying with the suffering, expressing solidarity with them, accompanying and encouraging them in their struggles going against injustice and their endeavours to transform the society. The Jesus of the Cross and the Resurrection moves with the people. As disciples of Jesus, we reiterate with Paul: We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies (2 Cor.4:8-10).
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> Therefore the Church needs to heed and experience that groaning as a vibrant symbolical expression of labour pains leading to birth in a new world. We see this new world arising through several movements standing in solidarity with the victims of injustice and oppression, and actively engaged in bringing about change. We discern this new world through numerous civil society movements, which are prophetically advocating reformation and transformation. We are re-discovering alternatives in time-tested traditional knowledge and systems, and in innovations that have evolved through experience and the needs of particular societies at different times. A number of common principles inspire the several movements for another world: respect for local cultures and knowledge systems, genuine harmony with nature, quality outcomes of real benefit to local communities and countries, and equity and democratic in volvement. Thus the movement for another world is on!

India has been experiencing these groans of reformation, revolution and transformation since the past 50 years. Since the mid-1970s India has experienced women's movements, environmental movements like Chipko (hugging the tree), Save Silent Valley Movement, Jungle Bachao Andolan ('Save the Forests' Movement), movements against big dams (Narmada Bachaao Andolon), regional autonomy (separate statehood within Indian Union) movements like the Telangana, Vidarbha, Gorkhaland, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, Bodoland movements, movements for the assertions of caste identity like the Dalit Panther Party , Namantar Andolan, Bahujan

Samaj Party, Pro-Mandal Commission Movements (movements in favor of reservations for the socially and economically backward classes in government jobs and in education), and the radical Maoist movements since mid-1980s in the agriculturally backwards parts of the country. In recent years, movements against big hydro and thermal projects and dams, movements against nuclear and defence projects (e.g. Anti-Missiles Base movement in Baliapal Bhograi, Odisha, Anti-Nuclear Power Project in Haripur, West Bengal, movement against Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project in Maharashtra. POSCO project in Odisha, etc.), Anna Hazare's movement against corruption, Movement for Right to Information, Movements of agriculturalists against land acquisition, for civil liberty and human rights, gay rights, children's rights, and numerous localized social movements for employment, livelihood security of the poor, safety and dignity of women, tribes, dalits, low castes, religious minority groups, and movements for ensuring the secular democratic character of the country, have surfaced in many parts of the country.

Had Jesus lived in India and initiated a movement for reformation and transformation in the country, his "Nazareth Manifesto" as found in Luke 4:18-19 have been articulated thus:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and I have been anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, afflicted by globalization-financialization; release to prisoners, falsely implicated as "anti-national"; recovery of health and dignity to the disabled, persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS, and the sexually stigmatized; to set at liberty those who are oppressed: the dalits, the tribals, women, youth and children; to proclaim God's jubilee year of justice, love and inclusivity.

The Call to Action: Addressing, and Being Engaged with, the Groans of Creation

The Message of the 27th Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI to the churches in 2012 exhorted the churches to repent, to come out of their self-centred pursuits and problems, and to partner with God in addressing the groans of creation:

> Respond to the Kairos Hour for the Church and Ecumenism!
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> As a human institution, the Church has most often yielded to dominant pressures and influences to the extent that it has contributed to feeding the exploitative growling minority and has shunned the groaning masses. As constituent members of the NCCI, we humbly confess before God of Justice and Love that there is a gap between the ideal and actual within the life of all our ecclesial traditions. Very often we fail to vindicate the claims that we make for ourselves due to internal rivalry, corruption and litigation within the churches. Hence all of us stand in dire need of introspection about our Church life and public witness. But God always works through a 'remnant' community of the concerned and the committed. However this remnant community should not consider itself to be an exclusive body. Indeed ecumenism in the 21st century demands that we go beyond the confines of institutional ecumenism and embrace the whole of humanity. We as the Church must play a pro-active role along with all committed people, agencies and movements in shaping a new world of justice, integrity and peace.

The Ministries of NCCI: The Gospel of Engaging with the Groans - Towards Integral Mission and Just and Inclusive Grassroots Communities

The NCCI along with its constituent members was thus inspired and challenged to give expression to the gospel in a world of groaning, to bring in God's new creation. The commitment to this vision gave shape to the centenary theme: Towards Integral Mission and Grassroots Ecumenism.

As part of the centenary celebrations the NCCI underwent an evaluation and came up with a strategic plan for the period 2014-2020. The preamble to the plan asserts:

> Today's India faces challenges of growing poverty, migration, displacement, ecological degradation, climate change, high rates of crimes, corruption, ultra-right-wing fundamentalism, right-wing ideologies such as cultural nationalism, moral policing, rebel and resistant ideologies, communalism, attacks on minorities, caste, race and gender based violence, and the dangers connected with the IT boom. On the other hand governments are moving from a welfare state model to a market-led model, resulting in increased privatization of education and health care, withdrawal of subsidies and welfare programmes for the poor, and rise in the cost of living. The people who are kept on the margins of society are the worst sufferers: the poor, women, children, Dalits, Adivasis, Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs), PLWH, LGBTQs, migrants, refu gees, religious and linguistic minorities.
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> Therefore
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> > NCCI envisions just and inclusive communities which enable the full realisation of the human potential individually and collectively, and live together in harmony, justice and peace.
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> And so
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> > The mission of NCCI is to participate in efforts towards realising just and inclusive communities through collaborative programmes with the churches at local, national and international levels, people's movements, grassroots communities, community-based organisations, faith communities, and governments.
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> > Affirming solidarity with the social, economic and political initiatives of the communities such as Dalit, tribal, women, children, youth, migrants, persons with disabilities, different sexual orientations, religious and linguistic minorities, and PLWHA who have been historically disadvantaged and excluded, NCCI will facilitate and accompany the churches through joint action simultaneously reforming church and society

To actualise the vision and mission in the period 2014—2020, NCCI has taken on four strategic objectives (SOs). These four strategic objectives embody and express the essence of the gospel.

SO 1 : Unity : **Be a common platform for wider Christian communities.**
It is in the pursuit of and commitment to this vision that the churches are called to play a responsible role being united together (Jn.17:21) loving one another (cf.Jn.15:12), facing all the challenges that may come in their way (Jn.15:18-27).

SO 2 : Witness : **Facilitate expressions of wider ecumenism.**
The vision of God's involvement is one of all embracing ecumenism in which there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female (cf. Gal.3:28), where there is an innumerable multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and culture (cf. Rev. 7:9), indeed all of creation experiencing fulfilment (cf. Rom. 8:21).

SO 3 : Service : **Promote just and inclusive communities with good governance.**
Jesus Christ started his ministry laying emphasis on the reign of God (Mk.1:14-15), calling upon people to direct their views and ways of life to the purposes of God in all of creation, as exemplified in the Nazareth Manifesto (Lk.4:18-19).

SO 4 : Practice : **Actualizing a just and inclusive church for all.**
Thus churches are required to so structure and administer themselves that they serve as bearers of the gospel of justice, love, fellowship, peace, and fulfilling life (cf.Phil.2:1-8).

Following are the highlights of our ministries during the 2012-2016 quadrennial. Details of the work of the commissions, special projects, and autonomous bodies are available in our publication, From Bangalore to Jabalpur.

The programmes of the NCCI are meant to fulfil the four strategic objectives of the NCCI for the period 2014-2020:

SO 1 : Unity : **Be a common platform for wider Christian communities.**
NCCI will be a polycentric platform, providing space and opportunity for dialogue and discussion of inter and intra church issues and to widen and deepen inter and intra church fellowships.

The prayer of Jesus, "that they may all be one"(Jn.17:21) continues to be an undergirding aspiration in all the ecumenical endeavours of the NCCI. Starting with an Executive Secretarial team drawn from different church traditions, the NCCI seeks to get representatives of different church traditions together for addressing important issues in the life of the Church and society.

Participation in one another's liturgies or worship expressions to sharing of theological perspectives from one's respective traditions to acting together in the society - all provide space and opportunity for dialogue and discussion and for widening and deepening intra and inter church fellowships.

The observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Unity Octave) from January 18-25 every year, facilitated by the Commission on Unity Mission and Evangelism (CUME), has been serving the purpose of bringing churches and Christian bodies together. In addition to times of ecumenical community prayers, the unity octave celebrations provide opportunities for reflection and action. For instance in 2015, through the initiative of CUME, and with the participation of other Commission Executive Secretaries and the support of regional Christian councils, seminars on "Water is right- Water is Life" were held in some parts of the country in conjunction with the Unity Octave. This year, NCCI Sunday was observed in many churches, theological institutions and organizations on 22nd January 2016 on the theme 'Unity in Praxis: The Will of God', remembering the victims of the Chennai Flood and Manipur Earthquake. Congregations were invited to collect a special offertory for the victims of natural disasters. A special feature of the Unity Octave celebrations in Nagpur was the Ecumenical Open-air Prayer for National Integrity and Societal Harmony at Samvidhan (Constitution) Square in which more than 250 Christians from different Church Traditions, Mission Agencies and Christian Institutions participated.

In order to facilitate the spirit of unity and togetherness, the Commission on Communications and Relations (COCR) has been engaged in regular publication of NCC Review, highlighting the concerns of the different commissions; facilitating NCCI Online Communications system (Website, Blog, Facebook Page, YouTube Channel, Twitter, Mobile App. and NCCI SMS Alert System – Bulk SMS setup) maintaining the same and updating it regularly; publishing NCCI Newsletters, Wall Calendars, NCCI Diaries, Christmas Cards/e-cards, Information Brochures, and Posters. The Commission has also started to relate and use Hindi media (print and television) for NCCI information outflow. Then again books at the library, named Mathia Zachariah People's Library, many of them rare and valuable, were professionally organized. Furthermore Library software is

being developed. The first phase has been completed, with the library having its own server which will enable searching, indexing and other standard library functionality towards promoting research and scholarship aided by quicker processing. All these means of communication are instruments of building a larger ecumenical family.

Getting youth to appreciate and imbibe the ecumenical spirit has been an important concern of the Commission on youth. For instance, the Commission on Youth (COY) on August 28, 2013 organized a meeting for young leaders involved in various youth organizations and movements such as Evangelical Union, Youth for Christ, Leads Ministries, Path, etc. of Nagpur to build up the net work of youth movements in Nagpur. The National Ecumenical Youth Assembly, held during January 28- February 1, 2014 was another important occasion of facilitating and strengthening ecumenical togetherness. Then again, during October 1-3, 2014 a Telugu Youth Regional Assembly on Uth Turn: Rise Reflect Re-pair was organized (along with Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre and Andhra Christian College). The principle of this assembly was to encourage grassroots ecumenism. COY also organized a Youth Ecumenical Formation and Stewardship Programme as a kind of AICCW Youth Pre Assembly, at Kochi, January 29, 2015. Similarly a seminar was organized on Ecumenical Formation for Theological Education in Bishops College, Kolkata, on July 11, 2015.

In promoting unity, the Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness has played an important role in the capital city, Delhi. It facilitated the fresh formation of the North West India Council of Churches (NWICC). It coordinated the visit of the China Christian Council delegation (supported by the Foundation for Theological Education in South East India) to Delhi from 20th to 24th August 2014 along with the NWICC. It was a time of mutual edification for our Chinese friends and for churches and organizations in Delhi. Similarly a discussion was organized with the Bishop Ralf Meister, and the delegation from Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanovar, Germany along with Rev. Markus Lesinski, Pastor for the German speaking Protestant Congregations of India, Nepal and Bangladesh at the NCCI Delhi office on 28th January, 2016. An interaction of Church Leaders with Bishop Dr. Margot Käßmann, Special Envoy of the Reformation

Anniversary 2017, Evangelical Church in German (EKD) followed on 19th February, 2016 at YMCA's National Council office, and a public lecture at the German Embassy in Delhi on "Reformation and Education".

Other commissions and bodies of the NCCI have also been facilitating togetherness. For instance, the Quadrennial Assembly of All India Council of Christian Women (AICCW) in Kerala during January 30-February 1, 2015 was an occasion to celebrate ecumenism. All the Commissions of NCCI are committed to the ecumenical formation of interns. The commissions are now engaged in nurturing youth interns, thereby sowing the seeds of ecumenism which would germinate, sprout, grow and bear fruit in the society.

The Centenary Celebrations in 2014 have proved to be another important channel of bringing many of the Member Churches, Related Agencies, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organizations and Autonomous Bodies together at Kolkata, Aizawl, Delhi, Hyderabad-Secunderabad-Shamshabad, Madurai, Kottayam-Tiruvalla and Nagpur. All the Commissions of NCCI contributed to these celebrations of unity. In particular the Commission on Tribals/Adivasis and the Commission on Unity Mission and Evangelism (CUME) played important roles in Aizawl and Madurai respectively. What is significant is that is that churches beyond the membership of NCCI also participated in the centenary celebrations. Moreover with the facilitation of the CUME and the support of other Commission Executive Secretaries, the Nagpur Kristi Seva Sangati, a body of all churches and fellowships is being formed in Nagpur. In a realistic sense, true to the theme of the centenary, "Towards Integral Mission and Grassroots Ecumenism," we see the encouragement given to unity among churches at the grassroots.

Efforts are being made to strengthen some of the Regional Christian Councils. During the last four years efforts were made to revive the Chattisgarh Christian Council, the Gujarat Council of Churches, Maharashtra Christian Council, and the North West India Council of Churches. While the NWICC has become active, the committees in the other regional councils are still to become actively engaged in strengthening ecumenism and addressing the needs and challenges of their respective contexts. The NCCI Secretaries have also participated in and even partnered

in the programmes of some of the regional council such as Tamilnadu Christian Council, Kerala Council of Churches, Santalia Council of Churches, and Karnataka Christian Council.

In terms of enhancing the ecumenical togetherness of Churches in the country, the National United Christian Forum (NUCF) performs an important ministry. This forum that unites NCCI with the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) and the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI), has continued to meet periodically to exchange information and to deliberate on matters of common concern. So also the Christian Coalition for Health (representing CHAI, CMAI and evangelical bodies) is invited to share its concerns in the forum. The NUCF has been organizing occasional Ecumenical Faith Journey Meetings. In 2013-14 three important dialogues were conducted on 'differences among' and 'uniquenesses of' different church traditions. So also a study of different Freedom of Religions Bills and Acts as well as the situation of harassment and/or persecution of Christians is going on. Efforts are also on to publish a book highlighting the contribution of Christian leaders to nation building.

In the spirit of the NUCF, efforts are also made by the General Secretary and the Executive Secretaries to develop meaningful relationships with bodies such as Interserve, World Vision, India Missions Association and Christian Evangelistic Assemblies. One indication of greater and wider togetherness would be receiving newer bodies within the family of NCCI. The Membership Committee has been processing applications from interested churches and organizations. As the NCCI, we need to re think our ecumenical openness, especially as we talk about just and inclusive communities. When we shut doors on entrants, we are encouraging newer churches and organizations to form their inter-denominational bodies running parallel to NCCI. At the same time we need to look carefully at the life of some of the existing members of NCCI. A few are almost defunct while some are dormant, but they continue to bear the NCCI membership label.

During this quadrennial the Constitution Committee, the Organizational Restructuring Committee, and leaders of the Arbitration Committee have also been active in addressing important concerns of the NCCI. The

Constitution is being amended to better facilitate the participation of Office Bearers of constituent units in the Executive Committee and General Body of the NCCI. The proposed structural reorganization seeks to enable the NCCI to focus on its four strategic objectives and to have a national programme committee which would facilitate effective ministries. The reorganization calls for increased collaboration of constituent members of NCCI through structural linkages for greater sharing, mutual strengthening and positive image-building, for an impact bearing service and collective witness in the country. As new states are being carved out in the country and as churches in some states (which are presently within wide geographical area regional councils) are growing, new state-based regional councils need to be formed. The Secretary of each regional council should work in close coordination with the NCCI Secretariat, particularly with the NCCI Executive Secretary assigned to the particular regional council. Likewise the relationship between the NCCI and Related Agencies and All India Christian Organizations needs to be strengthened.

The leaders of the Arbitration Committee have been engaged in bringing about an amicable settlement of issues between the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and the North West Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Churches for which we grateful to the leadership of Most Rev. Joseph Marthoma, Metropolitan, Mar Thoma Syrian Church. So also a preliminary dialogue was initiated between select leaders of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and the Malankara Jacobite Orthodox Syrian church.

Efforts are on to make the ministry of the All India Sunday School Association (AISSA), a related agency of the National Council of Churches in India, more effective. Longstanding partners of the AISSA particularly Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland (EMW) had expressed their desire to have a closer understanding of the complex activities of AISSA in order to strengthen and deepen the partnership and possibly assist in taking these experiences to other countries in South Asia. Thus with the accompanying support of EMW, the NCCI facilitated the evaluation process of AISSA. Consequently, the AISSA office is being moved to the NCCI campus in Nagpur to further strengthen its ministry.

So 2 : Witness : Facilitate Expressions of Wider Ecumenism

NCCI will work with the state and other institutions to

further the rule of law, secularism and human rights and strive to become the prophetic voice of the Christian community to the nation.

The NCCI has also been engaged in interpreting ecumenism in terms of ethnic, socio-economic, gender and other issues in line with Gal.3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Ecclesial togetherness is inadequate if it does not break the barriers of stigma, discrimination and exclusion in society related to caste, patriarchy, class, religion, etc., and this has to be done not only among churches but with all bodies, including government agencies in the country. In deed the concern for unity should make us go beyond the boundaries of Christianity.

In this spirit, the different Commissions, Secretariat and Autonomous Bodies of NCCI have engaged in various programmes, some of which are mentioned below to illustrate our commitment to the above mentioned objective:

Commission on Unity, Mission and Evangelism (CUME)

1. A Mission Consultation on "Towards New Mission Paradigm for the Dalits in India Today" in Vijayawada from 15-17 March 2013. (Jointly organized by CUME and Commission on Dalits in partnership with CSI, Krishna-Godavari Diocese)

2. A Candle Light Vigil Service was organized at St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore on 18th August 2013 jointly with Christian Capsule in memory of the Tibetans who have self immolated themselves and the North East Indian people who were attacked and killed in mega cities in India

3. An interfaith evening on 8th Oct 2013 at the Chatterton Hall of the All Saints Cathedral, Nagpur on Responding in Faith in Christian Muslim Dialogue was initiated by a world renowned dialogist Dr Ian Rex Fry, Australia. (Jointly hosted by the Church of North India, Nagpur Diocese, India Peace Centre, Trinity Living Light Fellowship and Nagpur Pastors' Fellowship)

4. A National Consultation on 'Towards a Common Ideology of Dalits from Different Faith Communities in Combating Casteism' was organized under the auspices of the Commission on Dalits and the Commission on Unity, Mission and Evangelism with the partnership of the Henry Martyn Institute on 20thand 21st March, 2014, at the Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad

5. The Board of Diaconal Ministries of the Church of South India Synod invited CUME to jointly plan and facilitate the entire discussion on “Inter faith Discussions on 'Girl Child'” on 22nd May 2015 in Chennai.

6. CUME invited the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India to organize an Inter-faith response to Child Labour and how the faiths could work towards the abolition of Child Labor. It was held in Nagpur on 12th June 2015.

7. As a first step to understand the theology of marriages in different faiths, the commission initiated an interfaith roundtable on marriage at the Church Women's Centre, UELCI Campus in Chennai on the 3 October 2015.

8. The Commission, joining the CSI Chennai Diocese, organized workshops for 1,600 lay preachers and missionaries on “Relevant Mission Today” from 20th to 27th February 2016. A one day module was developed for these workshops.

Commission on Justice Peace and Creation (CJPC)

1. The Commission has been facilitating the observance of Disability Advocacy Sunday(DAS) on the first Sunday of December every year, thereby sensitizing and encouraging the Churches to become disabled-friendly congregations, and to adopt 'Church of All and Church for All' as their motto.

2. The World Council of Churches in India organized a Consultation on Green Church on the concept developed by the CJPC and invited the NCCI to be the Co-sponsor of the consultation in Bossey, Geneva

3. A Children at Risk Programme of the Commission held at CSI Guest House. 45 CEOs of the Indian Christian Education and Children Ministries participated in the same.

4. An Inter-faith Roundtable was organized on Homophobia joining with the Aneka and BTESSC.

5. International Peace Day is celebrated every year. On 21st September 2015 a celebration was organized in Ranchi, Jharkhand to affirm the Rights of the Tribals and Adivasis on the theme 'Peace and Dignity on Earth'. (Jointly organized with SCM Jharkhand, CNI DBSS of the CNI Diocese of Chota Nagpur and the Christian Service Agency). 150 Youth, Church Leaders and Activists participated.

6. The Commission along with World Council of Churches - Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance had a national level consultation on 'Right to Food' on 1st October 2015 at Bangalore. This was a part of the WCC initiative towards 'The Churches Week of Action on Food' (CWAoF).

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7. The WCC - EAA nominated the Executive Secretary of CUME as the Chair person of the Food Strategy Group to participate in the UN's COP 21 (Climate Negotiations of the Countries). This representation involved in joining the ACT Alliance, Lutheran World Federation and Church Leaders and Faith Groups demanding attention to the climate crisis taking place and to demonstrate the Christian call and commitment on ecological stewardship to combat the climate change.

8. The commission on behalf of the National Ecumenical Forum of Gender and Sexual Minorities organized two discussions on the Government of India's Transgender Bill 2014 and sent its comments to the government.

Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness (COP)

1. When around 140 Dalit houses were burnt in Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu in caste violence, the NCCI and Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) staff along with leaders from Tamil Nadu met the Union Home Minister Mr. Sushil Kumar Shendy, and Mr. J.D. Seelam MP on 30th November 2012 and demanded justice to the victims.

2. In response to the brutal gang rape of a young woman in Delhi on 16th December 2012, the COP circulated the Justice Verma Committee Report and the President's Ordinance to the member Churches. The commission also had a meeting with various Church and Women groups on this issue on 17th January 2013 and 31st January 2013 and prepared our response on this issue.

3. The COP has specially taken up issues of injustice perpetrated on minorities, particularly Christians:

   a) Coordinating a national consultation of the National United Christian Forum (NUCF) on " Upholding Constitutional Rights of Minorities, with Special Reference to Christians" on 17th March 2015;

   b) Participating in protests against recurring attacks on churches;

   c) Along with the Commission on Dalits, taking up the cause of Christian Dalits and Muslims who are denied the rights and privileges granted to Dalits of other religious affiliations, in particular observing Black Day on 10th August every year all over the country and urging the Supreme Court to speed the issue of justice to Dalit Christians and Muslims ;

   d) Meeting with Prof. Heiner Bielefeldt, UN Special Rapporteur on Religious Freedom and Belief, on 20th February 2014 highlighting the issue of Dalit Christians / Dalit Muslim's freedom of religion;

e) A National Consultation on 29th May, 2014 to analyze the present political situation with the new Government at the center and the possibilities of getting the Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims;

f) Meeting the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee along with church leaders raising concerns about the attacks on Christians in the different parts of the country as well as about conducting of Government functions on 25th December 2014 which is a public holiday (Christmas);

g) Similarly meeting Kabil Sibal, when he was Minister of Law and Justice, and meeting Dr. Manmohan Singh when he was Prime Minister of India; meeting Shri Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister, Government of India, to highlight the concerns of minorities particularly Christians; Letter sent to the present Prime Minister on matters of concern for Christians; and meeting with Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, to share the concerns of Christians; and

h) Enabling Churches to face difficult situations. COP organized a capacity building programme on Freedom of Religion.

4. The concern of COP has been not only for issues in India, but also for concerns of people elsewhere:
   a) A Consultation on "The Plight of Christians in Middle East: Challenges to the Global Christians" was organized along with Chetanalaya in which Christian leaders from Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical Churches participated in this consultation. They emphasized that Christians should dialogue with the Muslim community in Middle East, and urged Indian Christians for their prayers and solidarity.

   b) Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel was also observed in the Palestinian Embassy in Delhi last year.

Commission on Dalits (COD)

1. Dappu', a newletter from the commission was again revived in electronic format on 1st December 2012.

2. A Book Dalit Christians – a Saga of Faith and Pathos, written by Rev Dr Godwin Shiri, was released.

3. National Seminar on "The lives and challenges of Dalit women": Held at Samanvaya Study & Dialogue (Orthodox) Centre, Ernakulam, from October 1st to 3rd, 2013, this conference was attended by male and female scholars from Dalit and non- Dalit backgrounds.

4. Regional Seminar on "Mission and Dalit Liberation": Held on 5th and 6th of October 2013, this regional seminar identified issues that need to be addressed: the discreet and subtle form of casteist practices, the intensified struggle of Dalits and Tribals in Kerala for the land rights, and the right of education in the educational institutions, predominantly governed by Keralite churches.

5. Highlighting Dalit concerns in the WCC 10th Assembly: At Busan, South Korea from 30th October 2013 to 8th November 2013, with the strong support of The Programme for Just and Inclusive Communities (JIC) of the World Council of Churches, the Commission on Dalits set up a stall in the 'Madang' (exhibition) space in the Assembly.

6. Dalit Liberation Sunday is celebrated every year focussing on different themes such as "Break the barriers; build a world of equality," "Celebrating faith by witnessing," "Climate, Caste and Care of the Earth," etc.

7. Likewise observing Black Day is observed at the national level on 10th August every year to protest against the discriminatory Presidential Order of 1950.

8. A National Consultation on "Towards a Common Ideology of Dalits from Different Faith Communities in Combating Casteism": Held in partnership with Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad, on 20th and 21st March, 2014, this conference aimed at mapping the common areas of convergence of ideologies of Dalits from different faith communities.

Commission on Tribals/Adivasis (COT)

1. A three day Seminar on "Advocacy for the Tribals and Adivasis on Legal Rights and Acts" was organized during September 27-29, 2012 in partnership with the Madhya Pradesh Christian Council, Church of North India - Jabalpur Diocese and Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur at Leonard Theological College at Jabalpur.

2. A Regional Seminar on "Advocacy for Tribal and Adivasi on Legal Rights and Acts" was organized during November 26-28, 2012 in partnership with the CBCNI at Adivasi Recreation Centre, Balurghat, South Dinajpur District, West Bengal.

3. Lectures on issues of 'Tribal Hermeneutics' and 'Feminist Hermeneutics' were given at the Centre for Contemporary Christianity in Bangalore during a two-week residential camp in February 2013.

4. A Talk on "Rights of the Adivasi and Benefits of Solidarity" was given at the South India Zonal Adivasi Solidarity Meeting at Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu on April 11, 2013.

5. A three day programme, during August 8-10, 2013 was organized in partnership with the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church at Human Resource Development Centre, Ranchi, Jharkhand, focusing on NCCI National Policy Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples in India.

6. A one-day Seminar on "Roles of Naga Women in the Church and the Society" was organized in partnership with Dimapur Sumi Baptist Akukuhou, Dimapur, Nagaland and SCM-Nagaland at Dimapur Sumi Baptist Akukuhou, Dimapur, Nagaland on August 31, 2013.

7. During October 28-29, 2013 there was a very fruitful Busan Pre-Assembly of the Indigenous Peoples across the world, where more than 40 Indigenous leaders from different part of the world had an intense meeting.

8. Publication: The book entitled The Unheard Tribals and Adivasis "a joint publication with the ISPCK, was officially released during the NCCI Assembly in Bangalore in 2012. However, after substantial editing, the book was republished under the title, Hearing the Voices of Tribals and Adivasis

9. A Regional Consultation was held in Shillong on March 21-22, 2014 on "Rights, Acts and UN Declarations for the Tribal and Adivasi Community in India: Mission Perspective."

10. A "Consultation on Human Sexuality from the Tribal Perspective" from 18th -21st November 2015 was organized at Eastern Theological College, Jorhat.

11. Release of Aspects of Tribal Culture- Volume II (a joint publication of Durgapur Diocese of CNI and NCCI) on 6th February 2016 in the St. Michael's School, Durgapur, West Bengal

12. Tribal and Adivasi Sunday has been regularly celebrated on the first Sunday of August every year. The Commission sends out posters, a liturgy and an appeal to constituent members of the NCCI to observe Tribal and Adivasi Sunday.

13. Periodic publication of an e-newsletter of the Commission on Tribals/ Adivasis, entitled "Streams." highlighting important concerns and news is also being done.

Commission on Youth (COY)

1. COY participated in the "Ecumenical Leadership Development of Justice and Peace Building" programme from July 17-21, 2012 organized by the Christian Conference of Asia in Dhaka, Bangladesh with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches of Bangladesh, based on the theme " Justice Now: Sowing the grains of Peace"

2. Two day consultation was organized on December 3, 4, 2012 at Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield, Bangalore on the theme "Joining pieces: Establishing Peace", in partnership with ECC.

3. A 3 day consultation on the theme 'Towards a liberative morality and culture in the context of enforced morality and shrinking place of women', was held from June 12-14, 2013 in the CSI Synod Centre, Chennai, in partnership with the Church of South India- Department of the Pastoral Concerns.

4. A 3-day programme on the theme "Change Makers: Let us initiate Change" for young women and men of NCCI's member churches was organized from July 4-6, 2013 at Panchgani, Maharashtra.

5. To celebrate International Youth Day, a seminar was organized on 12th August 2012 in partnership with SCM Karnataka Region. So also a concert was organized in Hislop College, Nagpur in partnership with the Student Christian Movement of India- Mid India Region and Youth for Christ Band.

6. Youth Assembly organized by Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church from October 10-13, 2013 in Sunabeda on the theme "Youth for Ecological and Social Justice"

7. Youth Regional Programme organized by UELCI on Climate Change, May 17, 2014

8. Young Theologians Workshop with the help of various partners from June 26-27, 2014.

Commission on Communications and Church Relations (COCR)

1. A one day seminar on Peace-building Communications along with India Peace Centre, on March 14, 2014 in Nagpur city.

2. A young theologians conclave, “Ecclesiology in the Cyber Age”, jointly organized with the Commission on Youth, and Commission on Dalits, with the support of overseas partners was held in ERC-UTC, Bangalore between June 26 and 27, 2014.

ESHA (Ecumenical Solidarity for HIV and AIDS)

1. ESHA'S film on HIV and AIDS awareness, Did you know? Love, sex and stigma beyond AIDS was completed in 2013. It was distributed in Durgapur and Ahmedabad Youth conferences as part of a Kit. The film has been placed on U-Tube, under the link: http://youtu.be/FKBXddgvg_g.

2. A national level Consultation was held from 9th to 11th October, 2013, in Bangalore at the UTC campus, to help participants from Christian Churches to come abreast with the latest developments in the field of AIDS and

also update themselves with issues around it. A Theological Reader for the Senate of Serampore College, entitled HIV and AIDS- Towards Inclusive Communities was published

3. Church Leaders and Key Affected Populations [KAPs]: Since the issues of LGTB are quite sensitive, ESHA felt that it was its bounden duty to em power faith leaders and change mindsets. Negotiations with several leaders were held and Regional Programmes were conducted to bring awareness of issues of these KAPs to faith leaders.

4. A seminar on Human Sexuality and Reproductive Health was conducted in Haflong, Assam, in conjunction with Presbyterian Women's Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of India on 28-29 October, 2015.

5. On 1st December 2015, Worlds AIDS Day, ESHA arranged for some theological exchange students from NCCI to join with EFICOR and participate in World AIDS Day Rally in Nagpur.

6. From 14-16 January, 2016, Fr. Philip Kuruvilla, as Secretary, organized an AINA [Asian Interfaith Network on AIDS] Steering Committee meeting at Chiang Mai, Thailand. There were over 20 interfaith delegates from Asia and a few from the LGBT communities and UNAIDS. This was facilitated by WCC-EAA's Dr Manoj Kurian.

7. Fr. Philip Kuruvilla and the NCCI General Secretary participated from 17th to 19th January, 2016 in a planning meeting called by CCA to finalize its strategy on HIV and AIDS for 2016-2020.

Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment (IDEA)

1. Disability Advocacy Sunday: NCCI-IDEA drafted a Sermon Outline for the occasion based on the UN theme “Inclusive and Accessible Church” and circulated the same to all its member churches and Para Church Organizations across India. The Sunday was observed in several churches all over India.

2. On the 10th December 2015, the Engage Disability Reference Group consisting of official representatives from World Vision India, CHAI, EHA, CHAI, Provision Asia, Equip India, Eye Way, TLM, CBM met and reviewed their one year journey and decided to form a new reference group.

3. In commemoration of the International Disability Day on 15th December 2015, IDEA and Christian Service Agency along with Engage Disability Net work, St. Ursula Girls School and Junior College, and World Vision- Nagpur jointly organized a Walkathon for Inclusion. Over 500 School Children along with their Teachers participated. This Walkathon aimed to inculcate commitment towards “Just and Inclusive Society” and to invite the public to be engaged in building an inclusive society OF ?all” and FOR? all.”

4. NCCI-IDEA along with World Vision India, Engage Disability, Nagpur Kristi Seva Sangati and Christian Service Agency organized a Disability Conclave in Nagpur from 23 to 24 March 2016 on the theme "Towards Inclusive and Accessible Church".

National Ecumenical Forum for Sexual and Gender Minorities (NEFSGM)

1. The Forum has continued to influence the Members through various missional interventions in the Churches and Society at large. The Forum joined the UELCI, ONDEDE, BRAVO, Nirangal, Aneka, BTESSC, UTC and TTS in initiating programmes on 'Inclusive Society', 'Rights of the Transgender Persons', 'Faiths and Homophobia', and 'Theologies of Human Sexuality.'

2. The Forum developed a BD Course Outline and Curriculum for the Senate of Serampore College and forwarded the same to the Registrar of the Senate.

3. Papers presented at the Interfaith Round Table on 'Faiths and Homophobia' were published as an edited volume and released at the NCCI General Body on the 17th March 2016. The Forum, through the CJPC is planning to publish an edited volume on 'Theologies of Human Sexuality' scheduled to be released at the Assembly.

All India Council of Christian Women (AICCW).

1. AICCW in partnership with the CSI Synod organized a programmme on the 8th of March 2013, International Women's Day, at the CSI Synod Center Chennai where 120 women from different Churches in Chennai came together for the programme.

2. Campaign against Trafficking of Women was taken up in several places, e.g. The Eastern Himalaya Diocese, CNI at Jaigon on 10 – 14 July 2013; in Coochbehar, West Bengal on 7 – 8 of August 2013; and in Mahakalguri, West Bengal during 7-13 September 2013.

3. AICCW in partnership with the Orthodox Church in Mumbai, having the gracious blessings and support of H.G. Mar Coorilos, organized a 2-day program on the theme "Towards Integral Mission and Grassroot Ecumenism". The program was held at IIBM, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai from 30th May to 1st June 2014. Around 50 women from different member Churches participated in it. This celebration marked 40 years of the life of AICCW.

4. Churches and women fellowships were encouraged to commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Violence on Women on 25 November 2015 and engage in 16 Days of Activism to end the culture of gender based violence (25th November to 10th December).

5. In Nagpur on 4th Dec 2015 AICCW organized a program focusing on the need to end child abuse and form a Child Abuse Prevention Network. The theme was "Welcoming Baby Jesus among Us". 60 church leaders, male and female, attended this program.

6. In partnership with CNI – Kolkata Diocese and Scottish Episcopal Church, a 16-Day Activism programme was inaugurated on 10th December 2015, at Bishops College, Kolkata. The Programme was entitled "Children, Girls and Women's Rights are Human Rights 365 Days."

7. A National Consultation on "Ecumenical Advocacy to End Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery" was organized by AICCW in partnership with Lutheran World Service India Trust on 10th January 2016 in Kolkata.

8. The AICCW invited Churches, Women's Fellowships and ecumenical organizations to observe the World Day of Prayer on 4th March 2016 focusing on the theme, Promote Child Rights to Life and Dignity and Take a Stand Against Child Abuse. The WDP 2016 Resource Material was contextualized by AICCW.

9. On 8th March 2016, women and men were also encouraged to celebrate Women's International Day on the theme, Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it up for Gender Equality. An Open Letter was addressed to the Prime Minister of India demanding 'Maternity Entitlement in all Sectors and Immediate Implementation of National Food Security Act 2013.'

Thus, in addressing this strategic objective, the spirit of our work is well spelt out in the recommendations made at the COP-facilitated NUCF Consultation:

a) To bear witness to Christ by demonstrating the values of justice, equality, fraternity and liberty in all our work and words.
b) Our service to all people and in particular our affirmative action for the poor and vulnerable, especially women
c) To work towards strengthening civil society in India,
d) To cultivate responsible relationships with all communities,
e) To pray for the nation, its political leadership and institutions

So3 : Service : Promote Just and Inclusive Communities with Good Governance

NCCI will work with communities to enable them to access justice, good governance and be included in national development and progress through the creation of inclusive, equitable communities and institutions. Good (transparent, accountable, inclusive and participatory) governance shall be promoted at all levels.

In working with communities to enable them to access

justice, good governance and inclusion in national development and progress, the NCCI through its different commissions, projects and autonomous bodies have rendered different ministries some of which are highlighted below:

CUME

1. A Consultation on "In Solidarity for Justice and Peace in Assam" was held on September 22, 2013 at YWCA Centre, Delhi and jointly organized by CUME and COP in collaboration with All India Mili Council (AIMC).

2. An International Seminar on "Commercial Tourism and Marginal Communities" was jointly organized in Kolkata together with Chang Jung Christian University (CJCU), Program for Theology and Culture in Asia (PTCA), and Senate Centre for Ecumenical Pastoral Training and Research (SCEPTRE) in Kolkata from 6-8 December 2012.

3. Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue for BTAD (Bodo Territorial Autonomous District) was jointly organized with ICP at Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati from 21-23 March 2013.

4. Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue for Dima Hasao District in Assam was jointly organized by NCCI and ICP in collaboration with Joint Peace Mission Team, Presbyterian Church on India, North East India Christian Council, North East India Committee on Relief and Development at Siloam, Shillong, Meghalaya from 27-29 August 2013.

5. CUME has been entrusted with coordinating the Indo-Sri Lanka Ecumenical Support Group; the programme includes attending to persons in refugee camps in India, and accompanying Post-War churches in Sri Lanka.

CJPC

1. A three day "National Workshop on Companions of Peace" was held in partnership with UELCI at the Convention Hall of the NCCI head quarters in Nagpur from 20th to 22nd Sept 2012. A panel discussion on "Moral Policing and Peace in the Community" was also organized commemorating the International Peace Day 2012 (21st September 2012).

2. In the context of the call of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance to observe the Churches' Week of Action for Food from 14th to 21st October 2012, the NCCI launched a one year National Campaign in partnership with NCCI-URM on "Food-Justice for Life" on the 15th Oct 2012 here in Nagpur. Representatives from the UELCI, ELC –MP, CNI, NCCI –URM, India Peace Centre were part of the launch

3. In its commitment for "a World without Nuclear Power Plants" the NCCI – CJPC expressed its prayerful solidarity with the communities who are struggling against the Nuclear Power Plants in Kudankulam in Tamilnadu and Jaitapur in Maharashtra, along with member Churches, Regional Councils and All India Christian Organizations such as the Church of South India, Tamilnadu Christian Council and Student Christian Movement of India.

4. Youth for Justice' Programme (13th and 14th April 2013) was initiated in Airoli Slum, Mumbai.

5. The NCCI – CJPC joined Christian Institute for Study of Religion and Society and the Church of South India Synod in organizing an interfaith Roundtable on Capital Punishment at the CSI Synod from 26th and 27th July 2013.

6. A WCC Theological Consultation on Economy of Life was jointly hosted by the Church of South India Synod from 27- 30 Oct 2014.

7. Consultation on ' Life Giving Agriculture' was organized from 2 - 6 Feb 2015 joining hands with the Korean Life Giving Agriculture Forum, CISRS and ECC in Bangalore.

8. CJPC organized a meeting for the Karnataka Christian Council on Caste Base Census and Ghar wapsi from Human Rights Perspective on the 27 March 2015.

9. The Commission organized a 'Farmers National Meet on Soil: Seed: Agriculture-A way of Life', from the 24th-26th Oct 2015 in Semiliguda, Odisha, in partnership with WCC- Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Oiko-Tree, Korean Life Giving Agriculture Forum, IRDWSI, FCFC, Christian Farmers' Fellowship, RCDRC and Christian Service Agency. There were 65 farmers, agri-activists and Church and Community leaders from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamilnadu and Telangana States.

COP

1. In addressing the issue of the constitutional status of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims especially with reference to paragraph 3 of the Presidential Order 1950, the Commission on Policy, Governance and Public Witness of NCCI has been working with Catholic Bishops Conference of India and National Council of Dalit Christians. This campaign has been pursued through lobbying with the Government of India, One Million Post Card Campaign to protest against the continuing discrimination of Christian Dalits, observing Black Day in August, forming alliances with Muslim groups on the issue, lobbying with foreign embassies on the matter, and 'impleading' the Supreme Court on the particular case pending with the court.

2. A "Consultation on Minority Communities and Electoral Politics: Agenda for the next General Election" was held on 14th November, 2012 at YWCA India office, New Delhi. Likewise a National Consultation on Political participation of Dalit Christians in the Lok Sabha Elections was jointly organized with NCCI Commission on Dalits and Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) on 29th and 30th June 2013 at CNI Bhavan, New Delhi.

3. Informing constituent members about the agenda for the different sessions of Parliament every year, along with analysis of Government budgets, information about various Schemes / Projects of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, issuing Press releases on Supreme Court Judgment on Right to Education Act (RTE), on violence in Assam, etc.

4. The NCCI along with fellow ecumenical bodies has been addressing the problems faced by Palestinians (both Muslims and Christians) in Palestine. Efforts are being made to make churches and Christians to re think their traditional Zionist Theology from the perspective of justice and peace, to make them express their solidarity with the Kairos Palestine Movement of Churches and Christians in Jerusalem, to encourage volunteers from India to be engaged in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) and Olive Tree Campaign, to actively support and participate Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaign, to shun Tourism packages to Israel in favour of alter native tourism programmes to Palestine, to develop a Palestinian-Dalit/ Indigenous Peoples' solidarity movement, and to pray that the peace of Jerusalem is never separated from biblical justice. As per the authorization of Executive Committee, the NCCI has joined EAPPI programmme in 2014. The Commission has observed the World Week for Peace in Palestine in cooperation with the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Delhi on 1st October, 2015 on "God has broken down the dividing Wall".

5. The NCCI (through the initiative of COP and the partnership of COD and COT), Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) and National Council | of Dalit Christians (NCDC) organized a protest meeting at Jantar Mantar, Delhi on 10th March, 2016.

6. The COP is working on the concern of Freedom of Religion or Belief and Joint Action of Civil Society on matters related to this issue. It is also engaged in contributing to the report of United Nations Universal Periodical Review on Human Rights in 2016, through gathering data from various sources and consultations on freedom of religion in four regions of the country.

COD

1. Screening of films from Dalit perspectives and discussion to make a film on the plight of Dalit Christians was done on 18th December 2012 at CDC

Centre, Trivandrum in partnership with Christian Dalit Council, Trivandrum & Dr MM Thomas Study Centre, Thiruvalla, Kerala.

2. A 'One Million Post Cards' campaign was launched on 18th February 2013 in partnership with CBCI demanding justice of Dalit Muslims and Dalits Christians. One million post cards are targeted to be posted to the Prime Minister of India and the chairperson of UPA.

3. Symposium on 'Contextualizing Ambedkar' was arranged in partnership with the India Peace Centre and Institute for Core Studies at the India Peace Centre conference hall in Nagpur, on 13th April 2013 (the eve of his 122nd birthday)

4. A National Leaders meet on the Dalit Christian Reservation issue was called at CNI Bhavan, New Delhi on 29th June 2013, in partnership with Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness, Catholic Bishops Conference of India, and National Council of Dalit Christians.

5. A Joint Meeting of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslim leaders was facilitated on 30th June 2013 at India International Centre, in partnership with the Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness, Catholic Bishops Conference of India, National Council of Dalit Christians and Interfaith Coalition for Peace

6. Black Day was observed on 10th August 2013, by participating in a Protest Rally and Public Meeting at Marumalai Nagar, Chennai, under the auspices of the National Council of Dalit Christians with the support of Catholic and Protestant churches (Salvation Army, CSI Chennai Diocese).

7. The Commission on Dalits actively engaged in the advocacy work on issues, such as the Ilavarasan Case (The 'killing' of Ilavarasan, a young Dalit boy who married a dominant caste girl), and Pre-Matric Scholarship Issue in Kerala (Advocating that Dalit Christian students should not be denied their right to minority scholarship)

8. On 11th December 2013, a National Protest Rally was organized in Delhi by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India(CBCI), National Council of Churches of India (NCCI) and National Council of Dalit Christians(NCDC). The protestors courted arrest. The Prime Minister assured the delegation representaing the protesters that he would place the matter of justice to Dalit Christians and Muslims before the Cabinet.

9. An International consultation was convened in 2014 on “Caste and Indian Church: Retrospection, Challenges, Way Forward” (in partnership with EMW, Germany and CNI- SBSS and Christian Aid)

10. Using creative art to defend the rights of Dalit and Adivasi Women:

Workshop in AICCW Quadrennial Assembly in 2014.

11. An Art Camp called 'Dalit-Tribal Brush Strokes' (in partnership with the Commission on Communication and Relations and Commission on Tribals and Adivasis (National Council of Churches in India) and Synod Diaconal Concerns- the Church of South India was organized in 2014.

12. Thousands of Nagpurians with black ribbons strapped around their mouths to march on the street on 30th of January 2016 were organized to protest against the death of Rohith Vemula, a Dalit research scholar from Hyderabad University.

13. COD partnered in organizing of Churches from all over India, to participate in the Protest in New Delhi on 10th March 2016 demanding the Scheduled Caste status for the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims.

COT

1. "National Consultation on Legal Rights, Acts and UN Declarations for the Tribals & Adivasis in India: A Theological Perspective", was organized in partnership with the Durgapur Diocese, Church of North India on July 11-13, 2013.

2. Meeting in New Delhi on October 20–23, 2013 for the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan Meeting: The Government of India initiated the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) as special measures to eliminate development inequalities and bridge the development gaps between Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and General community. The focus of the meeting was on the problem of non-implementation of the plan.

3. A solidarity visit programme of the Tribal populated areas in Karnataka such as Jodgatte Village in Ramanagara District, villages such as Anaji Hundi, Hadina Kanive, Deshipura Colony, Guddekeri in Chamarajnagar District and Koppalur in Mysore District was organized on March 11-12, 2014. These tribal communities are victims of atrocities.

COY

COY has also been engaged in challenging youth to address the issues of justice and peace in contemporary times.

1. A radio broadcast was done on the subject of Youth and Civic Engagement.
2. A Street Theatre was also organized in Nagpur on the same subject.
3. Furthermore, a short film contest on Youth Civic Engagement from Dalit/ Tribal Perspectives has been organized.
4. So also a camp entitled "Youth for Social Justice" was organized with In ternational Justice Mission and other partners to equip youth on justice issues.

COCR

1. COCR has through Online Communications system (Website, Blog, Facebook Page, YouTube Channel, Twitter, Mobile App. and NCCI SMS Alert System – Bulk SMS setup) facilitated:
   a) the publication of reports on programmes for justice, inclusivity and growth,
   b) public statements and press releases on important issues of the day, and
   c) giving creative expression to our liberative concerns through Information Brochures, and Posters, NCCI Newsletters, Wall Calendars, NCCI Diaries, and Christmas Cards/e-cards.

2. COCR participated in a Global Media Monitoring Program "Violence against women: violation of communication rights" (CISRS & WACC | Bangalore | September 31 – October 1, 2016)

Vidarbha Centre for Labour Concerns (VCLC)

1. A two- day programme was held at Yavatmal during November 6-7, 2012 for people of the region, focusing on the need for modifying Labour Reforms and making them relevant to the times.

2. A two- day consultation for unorganized labour was held in Chandrapur on 3rd and 4th December 2012 focusing on the effects of Neo-liberalization

3. Another two- day consultation was organized in Amravati on 15th-16th December 2012 in the backdrop of the agrarian crisis, the changing crop pattern and farmer suicides.

4. Focusing on the issue of land rights, a one day consultation was organized in Pune on 30th December 2012, discussing the prospects and challenges faced in the context of new assertive land rights movements.

5. Responding to the Delhi gang-rape incident in December 2012, a massive protest rally (having around 4500 participants) was organized. Women activists from 11 districts of Vidarbha were involved.

6. On 1st May, Labour Day, three meetings were conducted in Bangaluru, Ballarsha and Chandrapur. The issue of labour was discussed in depth the participants were able to articulate biblical reflections on labour, Manifesto on labour, and their understanding of May Day.

7. In response to the floods that affected parts of Nagpur and the surrounding region, VCLC coordinated the efforts of the NCCI in getting the churches in Nagpur to respond to the situation. Relief was carried out in Bhandewadi on 15thAugust 2013.

8. On July 2-3, 2014 a consultation was organized on "Child Labour – Socio-Political Analysis by the Church and Society was held at Mahila

Mahavidyalaya in Nagpur.

9. On 7th November 2015 a programme was organized in the farmers' suicide prone district of Wardha, addressing issues of the people in which labourers along with 36 participants from various walks of life from sur rounding regions were present. An audio visual was shown to understand the life and pains of the labourers. The intention of the exercise was that the Labour Reforms need to be modified and made relevant to the call of the times.

10. To commemorate the long historic legacy of organizing people on issues of life by Comrade Gardiaji, PSA, PJC, Delhi Forum, URM and Jan Jagruti Munch and local groups came together on 24-26 January 2016 at Pithora to reflect upon and to redirect the vision of peoples struggle in the era of Neo Liberalization. Stories of human rights being violated, of injustice, of violence as well as stories of liberation from bondage dominated the discussion.

11. On 8th March 2016, Women's International Day was celebrated with women labourers largely from the unorganized sector coming together to share stories, and to encourage one another in their struggles for justice and dignity.

ESHA

1. ESHA conducted regional programmes on Youth Interfaith Scriptural response to HIV and AIDS issues in Delhi, Nagpur, Chennai, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Patna, and Mumbai. The Regional Programmes held early in 2013 led to the National Youth Scriptural Responses to HIV & AIDS Program which was organized at the India Peace Centre, Nagpur from 13-15 September, 2013. An Inter-faith Youth Action Team was constituted which participated in NEYA 2014 in Durgapur and in a Youth Summit in Ahmedabad. As those youth moved on, a new IYAT team was created from among the Social Work Colleges in Nagpur.

2. The Youth Interfaith interaction followed 2 directions. One, ESHA worked with the Trainers of Shanti Ashram in Coimbatore – a 2-day Workshop was taken on 'Zero Discrimination & Zero Stigma'. Around 30 delegates were present for this workshop from 4 different states - and they were apprised of ESHA foci on 'no stigma and no discrimination' as well as their original focus on 'Say No to violence against women'. Secondly, this joint programme led to the formation of small IYAT teams in 4 places – Karnataka/Pondicherry/Tamil Nadu and Kerala - and they continued their work from January till June 2015.

3. IYAT Nagpur Team: On 23rd March 2015 a programme was organized in Tirpude College of Social Work, on greater inclusivity and "Zero discrimination & Zero Stigma" towards sexually marginalized in society.

On the same day in the second half, the same programme, skit and work shop for college delegates was taken forward to Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work. Over 300 students were benefited in all, besides a relationship being maintained with these leading social work colleges of Nagpur. The same program was held in Orange City School of Social Work on 22 August.

4. On 26th August 2016 morning, NCCI [ESHA] and the Dept of Islamic Studies of Jamia Millia Islamia, conducted a joint program called "Youth Against Stigma". The interfaith programme saw speakers like Rev Phumzile Mabizela of INERELA +, Bp Taranath Sagar, and Padmashree Prof Akhtarul Wasey talking against stigma - and the issue was taken up by Ms Amitava, a transgender from AIDS Alliance. The Youth then were divided into 3 workshops: "Say No to Violence against Women and Girls," "Stress-free living," "Stigma kills but AIDS is a only a disease."

5. On 26th August 2016 afternoon at YMCA, a National Roundtable Dialogue: 'Interfaith Communities and Key Affected People [KAP]' was jointly organized by NCCI, ICCO and also by Dr A. Kambodji of CCA. Swami Agnivesh was the chief guest and there was a good mixture of religious leaders and the communities. Under the title of "Church Leaders and Key Affected People". (ESHA had earlier organized 3 Dialogues on Human Sexuality – the first was held in conjunction with CSI Synod in Chennai on 23rd April, the second was conducted in Shillong on 15-16th May, with Presbyterian Church of India and the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, and the third was conducted in Tiruvalla, Kerala on 2nd June 2015, together with the Kerala Council of Churches.)

NEFSGM

1. The Forum organised two discussions on the Government of India's Rights of the Transgender Persons Bill 2014, one on 8-10th January 2016 joining ONDEDE, INSA and SCM Bangalore, and another one in Chennai on 14th January 2016 with BRAVO, NIRANKGAL and UELCI. A letter was sent to the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of India on the 14th January 2016.

2. The Forum was involved in planning, and participated in, the Nagpur Pride March organized by the Sarathi Trust on 5th March 2016. 200 friends from the LGBTQI Communities and around 25 supporting organizations participated in the Pride March. This was aimed to sensitize the communities to become inclusive

All India Council of Christian Women (AICCW)

1. AICCW has been encouraging churches to organize one day programmes on celebration of Human Rights Day specially highlighting "Women's Right 365 Days ; Awareness on Women's Legal Rights; and "Stop Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery"

2. So also it is seeking to initiate advocacy campaigns such as "365 Day Zero Tolerance to Gender Based Violence! Make it Happen Now!" and "Discipleship of Equals!" (a campaign supporting and promoting Women Ordination). These advocacy campaigns include (in partnership with like–minded bodies) programmes such as Candle Light Vigil and Prayer Meeting to Protest against Violence of Women, Atrocities on Missionaries and Rape of Nuns in India.

3. AICCW has also been engaged in Advocacy to Promote Reproductive and Sexual Health of Mothers; Networking with Indian Christian Women's Movement to work towards gender sensitization and gender justice in Church and society; and Advocacy and Solidarity for Healing Brokenness and Violence on Children and Women

India Peace Centre (IPC)

1. IPC got engaged with a national fact-finding team that visited Kandhamal to probe gender violence in the tribal dominated district of Odisha during 23rd to 26th of February 2013.

2. India Peace Centre organized an interfaith prayer for justice and peace on the 25th anniversary of its dedication as a centre for justice and peace initiatives on 3rd March 2013.

3. On 28th of May 2013 IPC organized an evening with poets of peace, called 'Aman Ki Shaam', when noted radical poet of peace Dr. Alok Bhattacharya and others recited soulful poetry on justice, peace and communal harmony.

4. IPC in partnership with Gandhi Peace Foundation and Diocese of Calcutta, Church of North India organized an interface of religious leaders on 'Com bating Abuse, Rape and Killing of Young Girls in India' at La Martiniere for Girls School, Kolkata on 15th of July 2013.

5. India Peace Centre along with NCCI Commission on Communications and Relations organized a one day seminar on Peace-building Communications on March 14, 2014 at India Peace Centre, Nagpur.

6. To express our solidarity with the suffering people in Gaza, India Peace Centre organized a peace vigil on 1st of August 2014 at India Peace Centre, Nagpur.

7. A deliberation on "The Freedom of Expression in a Democratic Nation" was organized on 26th October, 2015. Many notable and distinguished speakers such as editors, senior journalists, journalists, lawyers, and professors came forward to participate in the event.

8. India Peace Centre (IPC) and All India Progressive Forum (AIPF) jointly organized a Principals' Conclave at the IPC on the theme, "Challenges and Opportunities for Youth". About twenty Principals and Teachers participated in the conclave.

9. The India Peace Centre (IPC) has continued its ministries of justpeace through the following programmes: Christian and Hindu Dialogue on Justice and Peace in South Asia in Kathamandu from 8th to 12th of October 2014; consultation on politics of peace and an interfaith response to it at Nagpur on 7th of November 2014; a Peace Conclave on the theme 'Called to be Peacemakers' in partnership with Diaconal Concerns of Church of South India Synod and Global Ministries, USA from 16th to 18th of December 2014 ; and a two-day national conference on 'Hindi Sahitya Me Samaj Chetna Evam Vishwa Shanti' on 17th and 18th of January 2015;

10. Observance of Special Days
    - Savitribai Phule Jayanti on 3rd January has been celebrated annually focusing on the contribution of Savitri Bai Phule's contrlbution to women's liberation and development.
    - Ambedkar Jayanti on 14th April is also celebrated every year with focus on different topics such as 'Contextualizing Ambedkar,' 'The Constitutional Rights of People,' etc
    - International Day of Peace on 21st September is celebrated differently with lectures or poetic compositions on peace, etc.

11. Special Lectures are arranged on important topics such as
    - “Communal harmony – Prospect in India today” by renowned reformist writer and activist Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer on 15th October 2012
    - “Societal Response to Nuke Energy with particular reference to the struggle of people in Kudankulam” by noted activist, Mr. Praful Bidwai ” on 18th January 2013.
    - “Indian Politics and Panorama of Peace” by Swami Agnivesh on 30th June 2013
    - Prospect of Peace in Post-Poll India' by noted social activist and writer Arundhati Roy at Hislop College, Nagpur on 12th of May 2014.
    - “Emerging concepts of nationalism: challenges to Peace” at Nagpur on 11th September 2015

12. Other programs organized include "Towards a Nuclear Free World", "In Solidarity with Irom Sharmila", "Protest Against Indo-Japan Nuclear Deal", "Workshop on Smart City", "Interfaith Reflections on United for Peace", "Peace Vigil", “Capital Punishment “, “Water”, “Science and Religion”, and “ the Empire”.

Urban Rural Mission (URM)

1. On November 27, 2013 the NCCI-URM organized a People's Forum on the theme, "Women, Land, Livelihood and People's Struggle."
2. Urban Rural Mission (URM) likewise conducted a Regional Seminar on Women, Land and Livelihood on 23rd and 24th March 2015 in Chennai, along with CSI Madras Diocese, and Madras Christian Council of Social Service and CSI Synod.

3. A consultation on Human Trafficking in the Context of Bonded Labour was organized in Chennai on 19th August 2015 in partnership with Inter national Justice Mission and CSI Diaconal Ministries department.

4. The Urban Rural Mission along with Vidarbha Centre for Labour Concerns and International Justice Mission organized a regional seminar in Maharashtra. The seminar was themed "Human trafficking in the context of sex trade". It was held on 10th October 2015 at NCCI campus

5. URM participated in the farmers meet from 24th – 26th October 2015 in Semiliguda, Koraput District, Odhisa, organized by the NCCI Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation along with IRDWSI, RCDRC, FCFC, Christian Farmers' Fellowship, Christian Service Agency, WCC – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance and LGA – Korea Forum.

6. The NCCI-URM organized a national conference on "Development in 21st century India: Challenges of Urban-Rural Mission" on 6th November 2015. There were talks on Digital India, Sustainable development Goals and Amendments to SC/ST Acts.

7. URM also participated through its intern in Flood Relief work in Tamilnadu organized by CSI-SEVA and CSI Diocese of Madras – BDM

8. Some of the bodies associated with URM have been taking up different concerns of justice , liberation and development:
   a) Madras Christian Council of Social Service (MCCSS) whose main focus is to ensure basic rights through education and organization, to empower the marginalized, especially the Dalits, women, children and elders. In furtherance of its goal, MCCSS networks with rights oriented community based organisations for advocacy.

   b) Eklavya has been engaged in the struggle of the tribals for their land and livelihood in Puntamba, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra.

   c) AN IDEA, working in Mailaduthurai, Tamilnadu is making efforts to identify panjami land and to organize the people to demand for the land to be distributed among dalit women so that they can go for collective farming. AN IDEA is also engaged with the problem of the adverse effects of Methane extraction in the Delta ares of Tamilnadu.

d) Rural Association for Integrated Development (RAID) has been working with Koraver and Erular communities belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, with broken families, children and commercial sex workers during the past year.

e) Bombay Urban Industrial League for Development (BUILD), which continues to be engaged in Rights Based Community Organization among slum dwellers of Mumbai, working on the rights of the homeless, and also taking up various human rights issues at the national and city level through various city based networks.

f) Programme for Social Action (PSA), whose direction and strategies are based upon the needs, demands and direction given by its core constituents, i.e. the people's movements and mass organizations in the country. PSA's support ranges from fellowship support, research assistance to groups, dialogue facilitation in conflict situations, think-tank facilitation, media support, advocacy & campaign interventions, fact-finding emergency support, etc.

g) CSI-SEVA, whose concern is to transform communities through sustainable development and community empowerment,

h) Board of Diaconal Ministries of CSI Madras Diocese which is committed to socio-economic concerns and urban rural mission.

Through the above mentioned programmatic interventions addressing the third strategic objective, as the CJPC puts it, the following emphases have being given:

* Justice for all - Justice of all
* Church should be a 'Whistle Blower'
* Prophetic Nature of the Church.
* Empowering the power-less and challenging the powerful and empires.
* Participatory democracy
* Inclusive Earth Spirituality

So4 : Practice : Actualizing a Just and Inclusive Church for All

NCCI will embed within itself and its constituents, systems, structures and processes that enable the practice of global standards of good governance, inclusion and equity. It will build the human resource capacity to complement commitment for effectiveness in internal implementation of its core values and objectives.

In order to actualize just and inclusive communities, NCCI through its ministries has been engaged in establishing forums, conducting workshops and bringing in policies for implementation by its constituent bodies.

Commission on Unity Mission and Evangelism (CUME)

1. With the support of the Church of South India Synod, Mission and Evangelism Department over 100 missionaries were given legal training from 6 to 8 Aug 2013 in Chennai.

2. CUME on the request from Indian Missions Association (IMA) organized a 3-day 'Legal Literacy and Training Programme' for the Mission Leaders and Mission Workers in September 2014. There were 35 Mission Leaders and Mission Staff including 3 women from 18 Mission Organization from all over India represented 7 language groups.

3. A Legal Literacy Training was organized from November 5-7, 2015 at Peniel Gardens in Madurai. 90 Pastors, Church and Mission Leaders representing around 60 Churches and Mission Movements, from all over Tamilnadu and Kerala participated in the same.

Commission on Justice Peace and Creation (CJPC)

1. Publication of Peace Manual on 1st May 2013 in partnership with UELCI, the objective of which is to make a reference resource available to churches and Christian organizations in being channels of peace in the society.

2. Workshop for Pastors on Food-Justice for Life, 4 to 6 June 2013, at CSI Synod, Chennai, thereby enabling pastors to bring this important dimension within the ministry of the church in society.

3. The Commission organized a Human Rights Workshop with CCA and initiated a South Asian Level Campaign on 'Peace and Human Security in South Asia' in February 2014.

4. In November 2014, CJPC formed and operationalized two forums, 'Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment (IDEA) and the 'National Ecumenical Forum of Gender and Sexual Minorities (NEFGSM). These are to be forums of, by and for the disabled and persons of sexual diversities. Their ministries seek to give expression to their dignified inclusion in and contribution to the society.

COP

In early 2016, under the NECTAR (National Ecumenical Campaign for Transparency and Accountability) programme, COP has come out with a book, Christian Imperative and Moral Challenges which consists of guidelines for churches on Transparency and Accountability along with a set of accompanying Bible Studies and international standards transparency and accountability.

COD

1. On 6th and 7th of December 2013, an interfaith school of peace was organised by the India Peace Centre with the help of the Commission on Dalits. This programme impressed upon all the participants, including non- Dalit youngsters that casteism in India is a threat to real peace and should be eradicated.
2. COD has been campaigning for the realization of its campaign, "You can not serve Christ and caste" in the life of the churches.
3. Workshops on Dalit Rights to conscientize and empower dalits are being conducted.

COCR

1. COCR conducted a three day workshop from December 3-5, 2012 on "Communicating Eco-Justice," it being jointly organized by the World Association of Christian Communication (WACC), National Council of Churches in India – Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation, and Church of South India – Department of Ecumenical and Theological Concerns at CSI Headquarters at Chennai.

2. A training workshop on "Street Theatre for Social Change" was jointly organized by National Council of Churches in India (Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation, Commission on Dalits, Commission on Youth, and Commission on Communications and Relations), India Peace Centre – IPC, and Bahujan Rang Bhoomi. It was held at IPC in Nagpur between April 21, 2014 and May 1, 2014.

3. COCR has been conducting photo-contests such as "Shots at Hope", workshops on 'photojournalism' for activating Christians to responsible action and on 'smart church' (in partnership with COY) for providing hands-on training for capacity and skill enhancement.

4. A Workshop on Prophetic Writing (joint program of NCCI–COCR, Union Biblical Seminary, and Board of Theological Text Book Program in South Asia - BTTBPSA) called "The Writing on the Wall" was organized in Pune on November 26 – 28, 2015.

5. COCR has through its ministries focused on enabling people to under stand the issue of communication rights of all, challenging the youth along with COY to engage in initiatives for an efficient, vibrant Communicating Church, and training people, especially those involved in various communications tasks to scale up knowledge of communication issues and also practical skills for essential communication functions especially those related to new emerging internet information and communication technology.

COY

1. COY has supervised the internship programme of NCCI thereby cultivating the spirit of ecumenism and training future ecumenical leaders. Since 2014, there has been a modification in the programme by which more interns have been recruited by NCCI to work under every Executive Secretary.

2. A Youth Leadership training Programme of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, was facilitated at Sagar on June 5-8, 2014.

3. During the quadrennial, Ecumenical Exposure for Theological Students has also been facilitated for students of Tamilnadu Theological Seminary and Bishop's College Kolkata.

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

5. SCMI Fellowship Programme for Tribal/Adivasi and Dalit youth was jointly initiated by NCCI Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis and Commission on Youth in the month of November 2015. This programme includes free English and Computer classes for six months each. The commissions have made this facility available for 19 students in Nagpur.

6. A Workshop for Young Women from South Asia on "Body, Sexuality and Power: A Theological Exploration" was held from 23rd-28th January 2016 at Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) Delhi. This workshop was jointly organized by Asian Women Research Centre for Cultural Studies (AWRC), World Student Christian Federation-Asia Pacific (WSCF-AP) and National Council of Churches in India- Commission on Youth (NCCI-COY).

VCLC

1. On September 24-25, 2012 a workshop for Labour Empowerment Training for volunteers of Wardha District was organized addressing concerns, and issue based subjects relevant to the region.

2. A two-day workshop was organized in Union Biblical Seminary, Pune on 13th-14th October 2012.Thirty-five participants from SCM, CNI and other Labour leaders from the working class interacted actively. The theme of the workshop was "Life, Labour And Liberalization."

3. To observe and celebrate International Women's Day, 50 representatives from Vidarbha Region participated in a 2-day workshop on Women's Empowerment in facing soci-political realities of the day. This workshop was conducted in partnership with Bhalerao Public School on 8th – 9th of March 2013 in Ballarsha, Maharastra.

4. A capacity building programme for labour leaders in Surajgadh, Rajasthan was facilitated from 7th – 9th June 2013. More than 100 potential leaders participated in the training.

5. With the implementation of the neo-liberal economic policies the attack on the working class has intensified. Inequalities, discrimination and violence of all forms, including against women, has increased. Therefore VCLC in 2015 has come out with a National Ecumenical Labour Policy that will work as a guiding principle for all NCCI constituent members to reflect and take action on labour policy within their respective bodies.

6. On 14th October 2015, a Labour Empowerment Workshop was organized by VCLC along with workers in the Butibori region to capacitate 100 Wardha District Coordinators and Volunteers on various issues related to labour challenges in the socio-political context and labour legislation.

7. Given the changing context of Butibori where the VCLC centre has been located, and as already discussed during the past quadrennium, VCLC has to emerge afresh as a National Centre for Labour Concerns with its office located in the NCCI Campus in Nagpur. The Executive Committees of both NCCI and URM have approved of this proposal

ESHA

1. ESHA has worked with ISPCK, ICSA, AIACHE, Bible Society and The Leprosy Mission to have, update and implement Work Place Policies giving expression to the principles of justice, gender sensitivity, compassion and care, and inclusivity in society. Even NCCI drafted a Work Place Policy (including Policy against Sexual Harassment) which has been approved by the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body.

2. Keeping the same principles in mind, ESHA has encouraged schools and colleges to implement the NCCI Policy on Education in selected institutions. Even awards have been given to the most inclusive schools.

3. So also ESHA has brought out a Social Inclusion Tool in the light of the data analysis of responses received from 3 focus groups namely the Church Sector, School Sector, and the Theological Colleges Sector. This Social Inclusion Tool will help churches and Christian Institutions and Organizations to assess themselves in terms of their inclusiveness and accordingly make just and edifying changes in their governance. administration and work.

IDEA

1. With the motive of reaching every part of India, NCCI-IDEA along with Engage Disability Network and Christian Service Agency organized a one day Thematic Workshop ?Towards Inclusive Community" at Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 12th October, 2015 at CNI Grace Cathedral, Raipur.

2. On 3rd November 2015, the Church of South India established a new ministry named "Disability Intervention for Solidarity and Holistic Accompaniment (DISHA)" as its diaconal initiative. The CSI DISHA held a Chennai Disability Conclave from 3–5 November 2015 at CSI Synod Secretariat in Chennai. IDEA was invited to inspire all the participants.

IPC

1. Six training programs on Peace Education in association with various Universities, Churches and Institutions were organized across the country from May 2012 to February 2013.

2. India Peace Centre organized an interfaith school of peace at Social Forum, Guwahati from 24th to 28th of September 2013. 36 youth representing Christian, Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist communities participated in the programme.

3. Interfaith School of Peace: 60 students from various colleges in Nagpur.

4. Street Theatre for Social Change: India Peace Centre along with Bahujan Rangbhoomi Theatre Group and various Commissions of NCCI organized a 10-day long training on Street Theatre for Social Change from 21st of April to 1st of May 2014.

5. Summer School on Peace was organized from 17th to 20th of May 2015 in Koraput, Odisha.

6. India Peace Centre in partnership with Henry Martyn Institute and Inter faith Coalition for Peace organized a workshop on Peace and Reconciliation at HMI, Hyderabad from 24 to 26th of June 2014

7. IPC Interfaith School of Peace was again facilitated in Odisha from 17th to 21st September 2014

8. IPC, in partnership with COCR and the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS), and with help from Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (ISPCK) and Amritsar Diocese of the Church of North India (AD-CNI) organized a training workshop on "Communications for Peace and Harmony" in Batala from August 25 – 29, 2014.

9. A Youth Workshop was organized on the occasion of Human Rights Day under the theme 'Violation and Violence' on 10th December 2015. A total of 25-30 youth from different colleges and departments attended the workshop.

And so the NCCI along with its constituent members and partners is making efforts to practice what we preach through providing resources and tools, capacity building, policies and encouragement for the implementation of the same. The Church is thus encouraged and facilitated to be salt and light.

THE STRUCTURE OF NCCI AS A FACILITATOR OF THE COMMITMENT: A THANKFUL APPRECIATION

In order to carry out our commitment to the mandate related to "The Gospel in a Groaning World" and "Towards Integral Mission and Grassroots Ecumenism" within the strategic objectives framework of Unity, Witness, Service and Practice, we have had the General Body, the Executive Committee, the Working Committee, the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, the Constitution Committee, the Arbitration Committee, NCC Review Committee, and the Commissions, who have rendered their time and wisdom for the effective functioning of the NCCI. I express my profound gratitude to them. The NCCI as it is today is the fruit of their services.

A very special word of gratitude to Bishop Dr. Taranath S. Sagar, who found time to attend to all the important concerns of the NCCI in the midst of all his varied busy engagements.We miss the presence and leadership of Bishop Dr. Taranath S. Sagar who passed away at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 19 October 2015. Not only did he give leadership to the NCCI, Bishop Sagar had been actively involved in the ecumenical movement during the past three decades through various ecumenical and ecclesiastical organizations in India, Asia and at the global levels.

I am grateful to the Vice President Ms. Pearly Jos who served as Acting President from November 2015 to March 2016, and to Vice President Rev. Dr. Mar Atsongchanger who was elected President in March 2016 to render his leadership to the NCCI till the end of this Quadrennial Assembly. Along them I thank Mr. Suman Biswas, the third Vice President for their interventions and contributions as Vice Presidents. So also I am grateful to Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer for efficiently guiding the finances of the NCCI; he has been a pillar of great strength and support in all our endeavours.

My thanks go to all the Executive Secretaries, Coordinators and Staff for whatever dedicated service they have offered to keep NCCI vibrant in its commitment:

Secretaries

Finance Secretary	**:**	**Rev. Asir Ebenezer** (till June 2014)
Executive Secretary, Commission on Unity, Mission, and Evangelism	**:**	**Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi**(till May 2014); **Rev. Christopher Rajkumar** from June 2014
Executive Secretary, Commissionon Justice, Peace and Creation	:	**Rev. Christopher Rajkumar**
Executive Secretary, Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness :	**:**	**Mr. Samuel Jayakumar ,** whose term has been extended by one year till March 31, 2017.
Executive Secretary, Commission on Dalits	:	**Rev. Sunil Raj Philip** (till October 2015); **Mr. Pradip Bansrior** from January 2016.

Executive Secretary, Commission on Tribals and Adivasis	:	**Dr. Hrangthan Chhungi,** (till April 2014); **Rev. Sunil Raj Philip** (till October 2015); and **Mr. Pradip Bansrior** from January 2016.
Executive Secretary, Commission on Youth	:	**Rev. Ch. Sweety Helen** (till December2015); **Mr. Jianthaolung Gommei** from January 2016
Executive Secretary, Commission on Communication and Relations	:	**Rev. Sunil Raj Philip** rendered partial assistance till **Rev. Caesar J. David** was appointedfrom March 16, 2013

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General Coordinator	:	**Fr. Philip Kuruvilla,**
Sectoral Coordinator	:	**Mr. Nungsangmongba Jamir,** (till October 31, 2012). **Rev. Deepak Yohan,** (From November 2012 to October 2013)
Programme Assistant	:	**Mr. Moses Gour** (From January 3, 2012 October 31, 2013)
Programme Coordinator/ Office Assistant	:	**Ms. Cathaline Dickson** (from 14th January till 31st Oct, 2014): **Mr Vijayan Pillay** (from 1st Nov 2014 onwards)

Autonomous Bodies

AICCW : Ms.Rachel Pradhan completed her term of service on 31st May 2014. Rev. Shirley Lall, an ordained minister of the Church of North India, served as an Interim Coordinator of AICCW from 16th June to 31st July 2014.Ms. Moumita Biswas was appointed as Executive Secretary from mid-November 2014.

India Peace Centre : After Dr. John Chelladurai has completed three terms as Director of India Peace Centre, Ms. Sadhona Ganguly was appointed as an interim Honorary Coordinator of the Centre. Mr. Kasta Dip was appointed as Director from January 2013.

Urban Rural Mission: Rev. S. Paranjyothy served as Honorary Secretary till August 2013; Rev. George Daniel then served as Honorary Secretary till November 2015; and Mr. Anil Thayarath Varghese was elected Director from November 2015 onwards.

The following are the Office and Support Staff of NCCI:

1. Mr. M.T. Thomas, Dak cum Circulation Assistant
2. Mrs. Usha Herold, Administrative Assistant
3. Mr. Bhimsingh Soni, Mali
4. Mr. Rajendra Motghare, Head Mali
5. Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer
6. Mrs. Namita Korkanti, P.A. to General Secretary
7. Mr. Dinesh Patel, Cook

Following are on the roll of CSA Staff:

1. Mr. Surinder Arora (AC Operator, Mythri House) in Delhi
2. Mr. S. Raju (Admn. Officer) in Delhi
3. Mr. Narendra Sarjare (Peon)
4. Mr. M.A.Mathai (Maintenance Assistant)
5. Ms. Sunita Gaikwad(Secretarial Assistant)
6. Mr. Afsar Sheikh(Driver)
7. Mrs. Ani Gebi (Accountant)
8. Mr. Sanjay Wankhede (General Assistant)
9. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav (Coordinator, VCLC)
10. Ms. Ann Carneiro (on contract)

We also have the following persons helping on contract /daily wage basis:

1. Mr. Samuel Vineeth Singh, Accounts Assistant, Church House Property Supervisor
2. Mr. Moses Gour, Campus Supervisor
3. Mrs. Aarti Jhanzote , Sanitation
4. Mrs. Lalitha, Garden Help
5. Mr. Rocky Demta, Assisting in Azariah House
6. Mr. Prakash Deomanji Meshram, Electrician
7. Mr. Dada Rao, Lawn Maintenance
8. Ms. Vasudha Thakre, Assistant: General Secretary's Office and Accounts Section

Interns

Presently we have the following interns:

1. Ms. Neelam Vaibhav Gaikwad, Commission on Communication and Relations
2. Ms. S. Esther Ao, Commission on Tribals and Adivasis
3. Ms. Glory Cynthia Shinde, Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation - Standing Forum on Disability
4. Mr. Sathia Rabbin Das A., Commission on Unity, Mission and Evangelism
5. Ms. Linta Paul, Programme Coordinator, Commission on Policy, Governance and Public Witness
6. Mr. David Jadhav, Urban Rural Mission
7. Mr. Jeswin Rajan – Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation

However during the quadrennial we have had the following interns as well

1. Ms. Pranita Sandela, from Nagpur, Maharashtra, Urban Rural Mission
2. Mr. S.Jagan Sathiyaseelan, from Chennai, TamilnaduUrban Rural Mission
3. Mr. Susanto Kumar Beero, Commission on Policy Governance and Public Witness
4. Ms. Shalini Abigail Priyanka, from Chennai, Tamilnadu, Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation
5. Ms. Madhuri Rebecca Hembrom , from Sahibganj, Jharkhand, Commission on Youth
6. Ms. Mrinalini Pakhare, from Kolkata, West Bengal, Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis
7. Ms. Sharon Immanuel, from Nagpur, Maharashtra, Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation
8. Mr.Saroj Saha from Bolangir, Odisha, Commission on Youth
9. Mr.Daniel Das, from Kota, Rajasthan, Commission on Youth
10. Ms.Rajathy Gerlyn Henry from Bangalore, Karnataka, Commission on Youth
11. Ms.Akani Sumi from Dimapur, Nagaland, Commission on Youth
12. Mr.Rohit William from Ferozpur, Punjab, Commission on Youth
13. Deepak Kumar Nayak from Kandhamal, Commission on Youth

I am grateful to all the Executive Secretaries, Staff and Interns for the services they have rendered during this quadrennial to the NCCI/CSA and the autonomous bodies. A special word of gratitude to the ecumenical partners and well- wishers both in India and abroad who have jointly engaged with us in ministry through the programs and projects of this quadrennial We acknowledge with grateful thanks the contributions made by the ICCO Cooperation & KIA, Global Ministry Network, World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, General Board of Global Ministries of the Methodist Church, Foundation Pour L'aide Protestant Reform (FAP), United Methodist Women, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, Karibu Foundation, Hong Kong Christian Council, Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland, Alliance Defending Freedom, Christian Mission Society, Council for World Mission, Swedish Mission Council, Church of Sweden, Centre for the Church and Global Aids, World Student Christian Federation. Nathan Soderblom Memorial Fund, Methodist Church Britain, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, Korean Life Giving Agriculture Forum, Lutheran World Service India Trust, CNI Synodical Board of Social Services, Interfaith Coalition for Peace and several others who have partnered with NCCI and CSA in the conduct of our Programs.

Finance and property management constitute an important part of the machinery required to carry on the ministries of the NCCI. A detailed report about the same will be presented by the Treasurer.

OUTCOME

The NCCI/CSA has continued its ministry of trying to facilitate projects and programmes for churches, church-related organizations and for the society at large. We are reaching out to church leaders and organizational heads, women, youth, children, dalits, adivasis/tribals, and even nature. We hope that the sensitization, pro-active spirit, capacity-building, and networking which we are facilitating will make its significant contribution to the ministries of the church and society. In

particular we are happy that the NCCI statements/guidelines/policies on HIV and AIDS, Eco-Justice, Human Sexuality, Indigenous Peoples, etc., Solidarity with and Advocacy for the marginalized, Dalit/Tribal/Adivasi concerns, youth/women commitments, Mission concerns, Public issues, etc. are being pursued by some of our constituent members. Even the world at large has access to them and is using them. We too have gained much from our being together with the Church and Society. The challenge before the councils, churches, Christian institutions and organizations is to play a prophetic, pastoral, and edifying role in today's India in particular. The people are groaning:

May the evil of casteism be rooted out! May all people be given human rights and respectful participation in society! May the structure of patriarchy be transformed into one of justice equality and dignity! May the paradigm of globalization be replaced by the paradigm of the jubilee reign of God! May all people be given due love, respect and justice! May they be embraced as our own family, be they disabled, infected and affected by HIV and AIDS, having sexual diversities and different gender identities! May earth be ravaged no more!

May the following biblical vision come true!

May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars,
cut for the building of a palace.
May our barns be filled,
with produce of every kind;
may our sheep increase by thousands,
by tens of thousands in our fields,
and may our cattle be heavy with young.
May there be no breach in the walls, no exile,
and no cry of distress in our streets.
Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall;
happy are the people whose God is the LORD. (Ps.144:12-15)

May the God of creativity and purpose, of solidarity and accompaniment, of salvation and liberation, of justice, peace and ecumenical togetherness, whom we have understood and experienced through the life and work of Jesus Christ, and who still moves in us and the church and the world – to whom we are ever so grateful - continue to guide and bless us in the days to come as we journey towards just and inclusive communities!

May the Spirit of God fall on all of us afresh - on sons and daughters, on young and old, on authorities and people - that we may be part of the reign of God on earth!

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

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1. Our Pilgrimage towards Just and inclusive Communities: 365 days of Zero Tolerance to Gender Based Violence: Make it Happen Now

14th and 15th March 2016

We the members of the pre-assembly forum for Women and Gender Justice of the NCCI, held on 14th and 15th March 2016 with the theme: "Our Pilgrimage towards Just and inclusive Communities: 365 days of Zero Tolerance to Gender Based Violence: Make it Happen Now" met at the NCCI headquarters, Nagpur. We discussed the challenges involved in addressing the issues of Violence and the need for Gender Justice in the Church and to usher in a just, inclusive and peaceful society.

In the present national political scenario, characterized by a rise in the communal temperature, there is a tendency for implementing policies and programmes unfavourable to the struggles of vulnerable sections including women, children, Dalits, Adivasis, transgenders and religious minorities. Further, the situation of women and girls in the country has suffered due to gender-insensitive statements by those in positions of authority in political and social institutions. As a result of this and due to the fund allocations and priorities being shifted away from the interests of these sections, several autonomous educational institutions and bodies are in ferment due to a suppression of progressive and liberal voices. There is also a fear that the gains in the legal sphere of the Human rights of women, Children, workers, other vulnerable minorities are being abrogated by moves to change the existing legal protections to child labour, workers, and so on.

In such a context, the forum discussed the situation in the church. In the present

changing ecumenical scenario, there are serious concerns in the political, social, and environmental issues and challenges that the ecumenical world needs to address. One of the key issues identified by participants was the unequal distribution of power, responsibility and decision making to women in the church hierarchy, resulting in lack of adequate representation of women in leadership and decision-making at all levels in all constituent bodies of the members of the NCCI. At the same time, there is need for greater awareness among the general church membership on these issues and in the management and distribution of power and resources within the church. [ecumenical and spiritual value-based formation to end gender based violence and ensure a just and peaceful society]

Therefore, we AFFIRM that

- There was general agreement on the need for women and men to continuously engage in dialogue with the power structures in the church, and challenge the hierarchy.

- There needs to be a 'Discipleship of Equals', where women are accepted as Bishops, clergy, priests and pastors.

- Women around the world face domestic violence, are survivors of gender based violence, and face inadequate access to the already low allocations for their health and maternal care facilities during pregnancy and childbirth.

- Women and men need to partner together in all issues of justice and rights for the sexual and reproductive health of women. People living with HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and their families, is a neglected area in India and around the world, including the women whose wombs are exploited to be surrogate mothers, and who need support and services to address their vulnerability to breast cancer.

- That we need to support efforts to raise awareness on the prevention of diabetes and improve access to cheap and affordable treatment.

- We need to work together to end the culture of sexual harassment of women, girls, children and boys in the home, workplace, juvenile homes, orphanages, schools and colleges and elsewhere in society.

- Transgenders who face violence and discrimination need our solidarity and support.

- Our relationship with the Mother earth needs to be healed. Eco refugees, whose lives have been disrupted by forced migration and displacement due to environmental disasters such as earthquake, volcanic eruptions, landslides, tsunamis, cyclones, floods, etc caused by climate change and other 'development' projects.

- We need to work for the restoration of all creation including flora, fauna, insect

and other species which are facing extinction due to the destruction of forests, climate change and environmental degradation.

- We need to be specially concerned about the women, girls, children and men who face severe stress, depression and mental health problems due to abuse, violence, and suppression and those who are suicidal and commit suicide due to unbearable stress.

- We commit to building a world free of gender-based violence, and pray for the victims of human trafficking, whether women, children, girls or men; for those who survive rape and violence; for Dalits and other people groups who face racism, discrimination and violence.

WE RECOMMEND THAT

- Churches and related agencies work together on the campaign "365 days to end Gender based violence: Make it happen now" to end the culture of violence against women and children in India.

- The issues and concerns of Dalit and indigenous women, who are doubly disadvantaged, should find priority in the work of the church bodies.

- The allocations of programme budgets should prioritise [gender budgeting] issues of ending gender- based violence

- The rehabilitation and restoration of trafficked women, girls and boys and their families should be a priority for the church.

- There should be a concerted effort to identify issues and map challenges and strategise together to evolve modern paradigms of mission and evengelisation to spread the Good news and end the culture of gender-based violence, promote gender justice and build inclusive just communities.

- The Women's wing - AICCW of NCCI and all the member churches strategise with women's fellowships for resource sharing and the ownership of the programmes and projects.

- WE recommend that in the present scenario, AICCW needs to be restructured and brought under the umbrella of NCCI.

- WE call upon the churches to pray for the perpetrators of gender-based crimes, for their hearts to be changed and their lives transformed by the Grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

- We call upon the churches to set aside a month every year to celebrate women, while not excluding the existing celebrations of women.

- We call upon the churches to set aside the 2nd Sunday of March as Women's Sunday, as the Women's World Day of Prayer and the 8th of March is International Women's Day.

- WE call upon all member churches of NCCI to commit to the partnership of men and women in the movement to address all forms of gender and social inequality at a national level, so that the values of " A Jesus type of Masculinity" becomes the model for gender relations in the church and family.

2. Towards Just and Inclusive Communities: Dalit & Tribal/ Adivasi Perspectives

29 March-1 April 2016

We, 30 Members, predominantly from the Dalit, Tribal and Adivasi communities, of the Pre- Assembly of the Commissions on Dalits & Tribals / Adivasis of National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), which was held at Bethestha Hall, Church Women Centre, Chennai, in partnership with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCI) from 29 March-1 April 2016 on the theme: **Towards Just and Inclusive Communities: Dalit & Tribal/ Adivasi Perspectives,** reflected on the problems and concerns of the Dalits, Tribal and Adivasi communities and have come up with the following recommendations and suggestion to the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

We realized and condemn:

- The alarming growth in the atrocities, violence, suppression and discrimination, especially in the field of education, based on caste and religion against the Dalits, Tribals and Adivasis.

- The growing tendency of fundamentalist groups to assault democracy and right to live in the present Indian political scenario and the negligence of the government administration for not implementing the constitutional rights, acts and UN international declarations given to the Tribals and Adivasis.

- The development policies are the vested interest of the dominant and the victims are these vulnerable communities.

- There are not much deliberate attempts to tackle casteism within the Indian churches.

- The Constitution of India (Article 17) states the eradication of untouchability and caste- based discrimination and made them criminal offences, but these crimes are still prevalent.

- The women among these Communities are the most vulnerable and discriminated because of their caste/ race and gender status.

- The complexity on interfacing the methodologies in bringing up the Just and Inclusive Communities.

- The enforcement of law on specific motives against the nature and the nature- loving communities.

We Resolved:

- The church has made some inroads into the tackling of castiesm by adapting the campaign "No one can serve Christ and caste" put forward by NCCI.

- The church should be informed about the socio- political scenario, and should be willing to learn and use constitutional rights for the betterment of the lives of these Communities.

- We resolve to reorient the churches' prophetic vocation towards just and inclusive communities.

We Affirm:

- The uniqueness of the culture, philosophy, ethics and values of the Tribal and Adivasi communities which can contribute to the journey towards just and inclusive communities.

- The rights of these Communities on equal opportunities and resources in India.

- The sanctity of the Indian Constitution and the freedom, equality, justice and fraternity it propagates.

- The need of gender equality, especially for these Communities, inside the church as well as in the secular field.

- The Dalit Christian rights should be on the priority on the mission agenda of the Entire Christian community in India and not of Indian Dalit Christians alone.

We Recommend:

- The Church should observe the special Sundays Like Dalit/ Adivasi/ Tribal, and should ask the congregations to share their resources to establish an NCCI corpus fund for the Scholarships of the Dalit and Tribal / Adivasi students.

- The church should more actively advocate with the Right-based approach for justice, equality and peace.The church should work as a redressal mechanism.

- The Laws made for safe guarding these communities should be enforced by Strengthening and widening the "No one can serve Caste and Christ" and confront the discrimination and exclusion in the Christian institutions.

- The church should take up the responsibility to sensitize the communities on the governmental Sub- plan for the economic empowerment.

- The church should have a provision to provide the legal support to the communities which are prone to violence and atrocities.

- The church should empower the communities to be self-sustaining and initiate dialogue between and among the Churches to be Just & Inclusive.

- The church should network, partner and work together with the likeminded organisations and the fellow churches in tackling casteism/racism.

- The member churches of NCCI should demand reservation for Dalits (Christian Dalits and Muslim Dalits too), Adivasis and Tribals in the private sector in India.

3. Inclusive Household of God: An Interfaith Affirmation

4 and 5th April 2016

The NCCI Interfaith Pre-assembly was held from 4 and 5th April 2016, at the Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad with 40 clerics, theologians, scholars, practitioners and comrades from Baha'i, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Christianity, Dalits, Tribal, Adivasi, Dravidian, Gandhian, Ambedkarite, Marxist and Rationalist backgrounds and faiths from all over India and deliberated on the theme 'Inclusive Household of God: An Interfaith Affirmation. This Pre-assembly was jointly organised by Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), Interfaith Coalition for Peace (ICP), India Peace Centre (IPC), Christian Service Agency (CSA) and NCCI- Commission on Unity, Mission and Evangelism.

Affirmations

- The household of God is 'inclusive' and does not discriminate any one on the basis of 'faiths', 'ideologies', 'backgrounds', 'practices', 'Gender' and other 'prejudices' that negate 'inclusiveness', 'societal peace' and 'harmony'.

- Faith communities are called to 'uphold' the God indented' household that promotes and affirms the life, dignity and respect 'of' all and 'for' all.

- We as faith communities observe that, there is 'Scriptural Commonism' about the understanding of creation and its life in fullness.

- Let us all join God in affirming and recognizing plurality and diversity in society.

- Preempting our religious expressions at the 'common', 'public' and 'secular' spaces for peaceful co- existence.

- Let all our faith expressions become 'human-centric' by becoming and remaining human.

- We affirm that discrimination and prejudice are anti-God and anti-human, so let our lives be free from them.

- We realize that, 'save-god' attitude of adherents and FBOs breeds contempt and enmity.

- Societal issue based inter-faith conversations are to be initiated rather on concepts and theologies.

- Inter-faith is not a concept to discuss but a spirituality to practice, it is not a programme or a project to work but a lifestyle to live and interfaith is not a subject to study but a vision to realise.

Suggestions

- facilitate a national level interfaith platform by net-working with Church based and other interfaith initiatives in India.

- work with the existing interfaith initiatives by the constituent members of NCCI to promote interfaith consciousness among other members in NCCI family. We request those initiatives to enrages in facilitating 'interfaith training programmes for the Church leaders and its members to develop an inter-faith introductory level publication for the Sunday School and primary level Children in the Church and Church related educational institutions to encourage the eligible candidates from marginalized communities to pursue their civil service careers and create a platform for the policy makers.

- to responsibly use the media space by censoring and certifying the existing Christian television programmes that are divisive and misrepresentative of Christianity.

- To initiate and include Interfaith component in their mission agenda

- Inclusive Peoples' Language to be used from pulpit and promoted in other forms of communications

- To celebrate Inter-faith festivals with friends from other faiths at the local congregational levels.

- To initiate exposure events including, rallies, camps, conversations and sports for the Children and Youth

- To facilitate the women to have conversations on role of women in faith and their right to worship and participate in the lives of the faiths.

4.Communication for Life, Enablement and Growth

April 8-10, 2016
NCCI Communication pre-assembly, in collaboration with CSI Synod and BTESSC held from April 8-10, 2016 at CSI Synod, Chennai has developed a strategic plan for next four years. This plan will act as a guideline for its member churches/ bodies to plan their programmes and projects. The major emphasis is given on

"COMMUNICATION FOR LIFE, ENABLEMENT AND GROWTH" under NCCI's new quadrennial theme "Towards Just and Inclusive Communities". This planning process helped to examine the new communication and justice challenges that confront us today.

- Electronic and social media have become a powerful democratic tool not only for the upper strata of the society but also to the grassroots mobilisation.

- New forms of communication are giving opportunities and access to all and also creating ethical and moral issues.

- Media literacy is necessary to access the instant informations and global connectivity.

- Communication is a basic human right and it is essential to identity, dignity and community. Communication has to be for life, justice and for sustainable growth.

PLAN OF ACTION

1. **Develop communication departments to reflect the mission of the church.**
   - NCCI communication department's primary mandate is to strengthen the voices of the people in the periphery. Through developing communication departments, the churches /bodies can strengthen the voice of the voice less and give new life.

2. **Advocate communication rights to all for life, enablement and growth.**
   - Communication rights claims spaces and resources in the public sphere for everyone to be able to engage in transparent democratic debate

3. **Network national and international churches, FBO, NGOs, national-international media and Government agencies.**
   - Through networking the churches/ bodies can influence the decision makers to make polices that can promote life, peace, Justice and sustainable growth.

4. **Regular training programmes to increase internal skill and knowledge.**
   - Through training and practical advocacy initiatives, Church/ bodies leaders and the members can update the changing challenges and issues related with ICT. This will help the churches/ bodies to train the secular society to communicate responsibly.

5. **Develop inter and intra-personal relationship**

6. **Encourage churches/bodies to be actively present in the media world for promoting life and dignity to everyone in the society.**

7. **Encourage to produce media savvy programmes to empower youth, women, children, dalits and adivasis and grassroots.**

8. **Support and promote research in media and communication studies and budget scholarships for desiring candidates**

5. Peoples Diakonia for Just and Inclusive Communities

12th -14th April, 2016

We, the fifty concerned citizens who met during the historical occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar at Nagpur from 12 to 14th April 2016 as the NCCI Peoples' Forum Pre-assembly to deliberate on the theme ***'Peoples Diakonia for Just and Inclusive Communities'*** are sending this ***MESSAGE*** to the 28th Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for its appropriate theological, ministerial and societal response.

This Pre-assembly adopted a methodology of 'peoples' conversation' where, the following issues were identified as the issues that are yet to be addressed adequately and collectively by the Churches and Church related developmental organisations. *Including Bishops, Presidents, General Secretaries, Clerics, Social Scientists, Academicians, Activists, Church based developmental workers and Ecumenists representing fifteen member churches, three related organisations, autonomous bodies and Five ecumenical development organisations, people's movements and Community based organisations, alternate farming practitioners including thirteen women twelve youth and three persons with disabilities.*

THE ISSUES:

- Human Rights;
- Security and Dignity of women, young girls and girl child;
- Human Trafficking;
- Peace and Human Security;
- Fascism and Religious Fundamentalism;
- Freedom and Democracy;
- Climate Justice, Climate Refugees and Migration;
- The Right to Higher Education for the marginalised section of the society;
- Urbanisation (smart city), and their negative implications;
- Homeless and Housing
- Agriculture - Farmers' suicide, water, land, mining and forest, etc.

We APPEAL to the NCCI member Churches and other constituent bodies, in our Diakonal and ministerial journey, along with the Charity and developmental approach, to adopt a methodology of 'Doing Gospel' so as to express our liberative solidarity and accompaniment with the communities that are under heavy desperation, repression, oppression and yet struggling for their survival and a better future for all. We gain this inspiration while we read the post-resurrection narrative in Luke 24th Chapter, that Jesus was walking with the fleeing disciples by facilitating them to discuss the issues and problems that they face and to respondon their own, by making 'their hearts glow' through accompanying them without disclosing his identity, but making them to realise on their own the Jesus' accompaniment. (Luke 24)

DIAKONIA: The Church as a 'Peoples' Assembly' of God is called 'to' serve 'not' to be served. 'Diakonia' is the heartbeat of the Church that gives life and strength to the 'called-assembly' to 'go-out' to 'serve' the larger society with love of God as expressed in Christ Jesus. This love filled service (Diakonia) affirms dignity and 'justright' of the lives of the socially, religiously and culturally excluded communities of our societies, and to facilitate a journey towards 'just' and 'inclusive communities'.

This 'diakonia' requires 'service' to others not only as a philanthropic or compassionate act, but also as a preparation of the space 'for' and 'to create' societies of equals with dignity and peace. This is well articulated by Jesus in the Nazareth Manifesto where, diakonia is explained as a life principle to usher in God's vision of earth communities living by the values of Love, Justice and Peace by prophetically reforming, healing, restoring and reconciling creation leading to the fullness of all lives on earth, including the human communities.

Therefore, 'diakonia' is to prepare a 'space to feast' for 'all' to experience and enjoy the 'koinonia' of the resurrected Christ, transformed societies, where there is no form of any discrimination and stigma, and where everyone's identity, equality, uniqueness, dignity, is respected and mutually edifies all in love.

THE CONTEXT: We live in a context where 'mantra' of economic globalizing financializing development is radiated as the panacea for all ills and evils of the society. This mantra has brought about a paradigm shift in political, social and religious arenas and views. Accumulation of wealth through trans-national corporatism and capitalism on the basis of extractive industrialization and stock exchange financial transactions is promoted as the key to development. Such a developmental paradigm is destined to ruin the earth and all that therein. Its ecological exploitation leading to victimization of many earth communities being uprooted from their traditional living and culturally-rooted environments, thus, resulting in large-scale displacement and migration. The principles and policies of such a Development are producing communities that are excluded from the mainstream society; societies that are living by the values of 'consumerism', 'privatization', 'individualism', 'competition' and ' inequality'. On the other hand, the faith communities are fast-driven by the 'prosperity' and 'materialistic' theologies.

Accompanying this phenomenon of development in India is the promotion of the ideology of 'majoritarianism', the rise of 'right-wing fundamentalism', and hate campaigns, which are creating panic and insecurity among the religious 'minority communities',

the 'economically poor' and the 'religiously, historically, socially and culturally excluded', such as Dalits, Adivasis, Tribals, Women, Gender Minorities, Persons with Disabilities and Children. Such forces are vitiating the atmosphere by pitting communities to be against one another with hatred and hostility.

In this context of crisis Churches (as committed faith communities) are called to be prophetic and mandated to work 'on' just and inclusive societies 'of' all and 'for' all. The 2016 Peoples' Forum Preassembly calls upon the churches, ecumenical movements, development agencies and organizations of our times to re- visit and re-articulate our Vision, theologies and ministries, impacted as they are by the growing influence of 'prosperity theologies', 'individualistic eschatology', upholding caste and patriarchy, and becoming mammon worshipers.

PEOPLES' DIAKONIA at the Grass-roots:

The Churches, ecumenical movements and the development agencies should realize that the transformation can be actualized only through service (diakonia) 'to' the grass-roots and 'with' the grassroots. We need to risk ourselves as 'disciples' of Christ for others with self-less love, sharing and sacrifice.

Peoples' diakonia does not purport to be exhaustive, but reflects some of the central elements of the ecumenical debate on development and transformation. Peoples' diakonia facilitates the move from the classical mode to the contextual mode where diakonal stream flows feely with its own congregations beyond boundaries of churches and merges with the like-minded visionaries who believe in liberation and justice.

Peoples' diakonia 'facilitates', 'inspires' and 'accompanies' the local congregations to 'discuss', 'plan' and 'execute' their diakonal activities 'by' themselves and 'for' themselves.

Therefore, Let Us...

- Recognize the importance of Peoples' diakonia for a common commitment, to bear public witness to the liberative Gospel of Jesus Christ and to work towards common and collective diakonal expressions with the entire community being a model.

- Facilitate capacity enhancement activities for the congregations to prepare for and to promote Peoples' Diakonal 'skills' towards collective learning and involvement and to relevant and context 'diakonal' expressions and interventions;

- Consciously nurture and promote 'value based leadership' for future to facilitate the Peoples' Diakonia.

We Confess that...

- Most of our diakonal interventions tended to interpret 'Diakonia' as a project, based on partner funding activity;

- Churches are suffering from a 'minority' phobia and have been trying to take asylum under the political provision of minority rights, rather than working towards promoting, defending and affirming the fundamental rights of every individual on the earth;

- Most of our diakonal expressions are meant to adequately address the poor, the excluded and discriminated communities of our societies. However, now few institutions of excellence seem to cater to the expectations of the 'elite' segments of the society, who are involved in commercialization and commodification of knowledge. Therefore, we call the Churches to create more space for the marginalized communities in their institutions as diakonia intended for;

- In many cases, Churches and ecumenical movements of today are forced to be 'silent' or made silent, by law enforcements of the State and economic-political majoritarian forces. So, we could not play our prophetical role, and to accompany the victims of injustices.

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO...

- Initiate the process of facilitating conversations with the church leaders and ecumenical bodies at the regional level, enhancing the capacities of the laity and clerics to engage in Peoples' Diakonia leading towards transformative mission in the socio-economic and political context of India.

- Facilitate the theological and Christian education fraternities and local congregations to move from the 'prosperity theology' to 'economy of life'; and to move from 'charity' to 'solidarity' and to just- peace accompaniment expressions.

- Promote a holistic vision of theologies of lives as a pilgrimage towards 'Just and Inclusive communities'.

'Another World is Possible'! But 'only' through the Peoples' Diakonia at the local congregational level! Come, let us join our hands together in realizing the Reign of God on Earth that is 'Just' and 'Inclusive'.

6. Greater Inclusivity in Churches and In Theological Education

April 19 – 20, 2016

The ESHA PRE-ASSEMBLY focusing on "Greater inclusivity in churches and theological education" brought together 60 delegates from various theological colleges and churches from various parts of India from April 19 – 20, 2016 at the Ecumenical Research Centre in Bengaluru, to engage in two days of exciting deliberations.

Indian society at large looks at the issue of sexuality with suspicion and taboo, often influenced by the predominant notions within their communities and their religions. This has resulted in the marginalization of the communities of persons with diverse sexualities in India. Joining them are other concerned indi viduals and organisations who are fighting for the repeal of Section 377 of the IPC, while advocating for them a dignified life in society, their constitutional rights and much required space in society.

At the same time, the reality of diverse sexualities are today an acknowledged and open fact of Indian society. With changing societal norms, active and eas ily accessible social media and open discussions, an increasing number are coming out to share their journeys – their doubts and struggles – and are gradually finding peer, legal and civil society support.

The pre-assembly heard, and was deeply touched, by stories of the struggles of persons having diverse sexualities. Presently, except for a few stray voices, the Church in India is in denial about the magnitude and impact of this issue. It has only a limited idea of the extent to which its members and youth are faced with this within themselves and in their peer circles. And if Christian, their families are not able to find the support they need from the Church or from their personal faith. It is important to acknowledge that the present situation of the Church is our individual and collective failure, and not the fault of those with diverse sexualities. Our understanding of the biblical traditions and their administration in the church has certain limitations in attending to people with different sexualities.

The Pre-Assembly is convinced and recommends that the time has come for the Church to urgently respond and with deliberate purpose to their needs.

CHALLENGES

- There is widespread lack of clarity on the issues regarding persons with diverse sexualities such as
  - » definitions, and the implications of the differences within persons with diverse sexualities
  - » understanding of their perspectives
  - » separation of gender identity and sexual orientation

- The present response of churches and theological colleges:
  - » The response ranges between ostracism and a reluctant acceptance
  - » Most are judgmental; persons with diverse sexualities are stigmatised and discriminated against; Homophobia is common
  - » Insensitivity to the perspectives of persons with diverse sexualities in their use of language and interpretation of scripture
  - » Do not know how to respond to genuine struggles of individuals understanding their sexualities

- Difficult to get agreements by the Churches to accept / address different sexualities. This is a sensitive issue that can cause divisions within the church

- Creating awareness in churches
  - » The task is mammoth - in size as well as to change long-entrenched beliefs and understandings
  - » Difficulty of practically communicating the message to congregations
  - » There is varying capacity of the local churches / congregations

- Wide gap between theological education and grassroots realities
  - » Faculty have differing perspectives on human sexuality
  - » Few theological colleges provide experiential learning experiences in this area

WAYS FORWARD

- The Church in India needs to accept that an increasing number of persons are expressing their diverse sexualities, and is happening in the Church community as well

- The Church in India should envision its mission as a journey alongside persons with diverse sexualities, offering respect and love, and accepting members who have diverse sexualities as fellow-believers

- Create clarity on the various aspects of diverse sexualities (definitions, perspectives, etc.)

- The NCCI member churches and theological colleges should take a decision to address the issues of human sexuality and homophobia

- End the culture of silence in the Church around issues of human sexuality diverse sexualities

- Actively build awareness and inclusive Christian perspective on human sexuality including diverse sexualities

- Build capacity of the local churches / congregations / theological colleges
- Eliminate the stigma and discrimination and contempt against those with diverse sexualities
- Develop compassionate responses to the struggles of individuals discovering their sexualities. This should be developed as a focused pastoral issue, providing appropriate care and counseling facilities and training
- Help affected persons to integrate with society through initiatives like Self Help groups, employment in Church bodies and agencies, etc.
- Engage in discussions with members of the extended Christian family, and in inter-faith and secular forums.
- Theological colleges should be challenged:
- to take a proactive stance, assimilate and interpret secular and other perspectives, and serve as thought leaders for their churches and as role-models to their students
- discussions on human sexuality including diverse sexualities should be beyond the classroom – such as student forums, campus and church Bible studies, clergy and alumni refresher courses, publications in church and Christian magazines
- to go out and interact with society - interact with grassroots realities of sexuality (in integration with their other grassroots initiatives).

7. Inclusive Theologies of Lives: From Land: Water: Forest: Agriculture Perspectives

24 – 25 April 2016

We the participants as Women and Men farmers, Church Leaders, Theologians, Academicians and Activists met from 24 to 25 April 2016 at Leonard Theological College deliberated deeply on the issues of life and creation related to Land, Water, Forest, Agriculture, Food, Farmers' Suicide, Mining, mega projects issues; ideologically, theologically, socially and ministerially. This was facilitated by the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Integrated Rural Development and Weaker Sections in India, Christian Institute for Study of Religion and Society, Christian Farmers Fellowship, Raipur Churches Development and Relief Committee, Christian Service Agency and NCCI Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation.

God's creation is groaning under the pressures of greed, selfishness and endless pursuit of affluence by a miniscule minority of human race based on exploitation of nature and human resources meant to meet the basic needs of

all creatures of the world. Commercialization, commodification and privatization of land, water, forest and agriculture are natural corollaries of money-market-profit syndrome under capitalism dictated by the Empire. Such a negation of the basic purpose of God's creation is to be resisted and replaced with systems and structures that guarantee equal share with dignity for all based on the principle: “To each one according to their need; and each are sharing and contributing according to their capacity”. Thus, the ultimate reality of harmonious relationship between God-Human-Nature needs to be restored, reaffirmed and reconciled.

Land remains as a core and crucial source of life of farmers. Communities closely connected with land for their livelihood, culture and creativity are being denied their birth right to land in the name of so-called “development” in the garb of eminent domain. A large number of them, especially the Tribals, Adivasis, Dalits and Women have been uprooted and alienated from their land. Today, the biggest battle on this earth is for Land, and whatever therein (water, forest and fauna, mines, minerals and mountains, etc.). On one hand it is the loot and plunder of resources by the Corporate-Capitalist world, with the State playing a supportive role to it. On the other hand, we have poor people, who are resisting this loot and plunder with all their might towards "JAAN DE DENGE, ZAMEEN NAHIN"! (We'll lay down our lives, but not the land!)

Water is life - Water is Right. It's the source and resource of life! Water is yet another birth right of every living creature as a gift from God. Yet, the recent upsurge in transforming water into a profit-making commodity to be supplied through the market has resulted in vast majority of human and natural beings denied of this basic need for survival and sustenance. Privatization, commercialization, commodification and increased use of water for industrialization and urbanization has created artificial scarcity, adding to the dangerous dimensions of global warming and climate change.

Forest is an integral part of sustenance and culture of indigenous communities like tribals/adivasis for centuries. Their communal ownership and the right to usage of forests has been traditionally recognized and protected under the law. As a result of prolonged and sustained struggles in India, the Forest Right Act 2005 has come into force, yet very little has been done to restore forests and all that therein to theadivasis/tribals and forest dwellers. Depletion of forests for fulfilling the vested interests has been going on unabated in spite of the protection of the forest under the Law.

Life-Enhancing Agriculture is being threatened by the Economic Globalization and Market Economy, wherein the agriculture policies are designed to suit the corporate profit centered mechanisms in transforming agrarian economy to corporatized agri-industry. Farmers everywhere are groaning under it. As such agrarian communities have started moving from 'agri-culture to agri-business' by paving ways for Genetically Modified (GM) technologies being applied to

the cash crops, terminator seeds, mechanization for ploughing and harvesting, and chemical fertilizers and pesticides aiming at quantity rather than quality.

The States' pro-corporate stance leads to enforcing anti-agriculture and anti-farmer policies having adverse affects on the peasants, resulting mostly from agri-based debts, leading to migration and reducing theirstatus to agri-refugees, as well as a major cause for forcing farmers to commit suicides. India is now opening up to corporate pillaging like never before. Traditional knowledge Systems and indigenous practices are being snuffed out. The poor and the marginalized who are solely dependent on agriculture as a means of livelihood have been forced to abandon their traditional sources and resources for life and livelihood, and migrate to cities. Such onslaught affects mostly the Dalits, Adivasis/Tribals, Women, children and other marginalized and excluded communities, especially the landless agricultural labourers in India.

Large sections of Indian populace is facing critical questions of food sovereignty, food security and food safety since the corporates plunder of land, water and other natural resources continue unabated. Initiatives of low external inputs and sustainable agriculture experiments are mostly limited to the landowning farmers, whereas such initiatives are not supported to Dalits, Tribals/Adivasis who are small and marginal farmers.

In the midst of death and destruction unleashed by the skewed developmental policies and economy of the Empire, we recognize that the ecumenical movement has initiated to reaffirm and strengthen the pilgrimage of justice and peace with the vision of an alternative path of development and theology of life.

The NCCI's 28th Quadrennial Assembly that is scheduled to meet and deliberate on the theme 'Towards Just and Inclusive Communities' is an opportunity for the Churches in India and the ecumenical movement to review and re-examine its present mission paradigm in order to make the Gospel relevant by interpreting it in response to the signs of our times, and to deliberate upon the need, relevance and diaconal engagement of the churches and ecumenical organizations in our contemporary context.

Theologies of lives is a profoundly theological affirmation. It re-imagines koinonia as the flourishing of the holistic development of life. Our participation in the blossoming of the life is nothing but the translation of our baptismal vows to denounce the powers and principalities of our times and to affirm the lordship of Jesus, the Christ. Theology of life is based on the alternative moral visions of the communities at the margins, and it requires from us the commitment to renew our baptismal vows through new baptismal experiences of immersion in the struggles of the subaltern communities Adivasis, Tribals, Dalits, differently abled and Transgender depending on Land, Water, Forest and Agriculture.Theology of life is an interfaith and inter ideological initiative where we recognize that the universal reality of divine is manifested through

diverse mediations, and our spiritual journey is a journey of pleasant surprises as we meet the divine in the most unexpected places and times as we engage in the flourishing of the theology of life with people irrespective of creed and color. Ultimately, theology of life is the affirmation of our faith in the promise of God that God will transform the face of the earth. It is our commitment to participate in God's pilgrimage to flourish life through transformative power.

We the participants therefore call upon the Indian Churches and, more so, the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI):

- To bring to the centre the rural Dalit, Tribal and Adivasi Churches which are predominantly agrarian and who constitute about eighty to eighty-five percents of our congregations but have been pushed to the margins for generations;

- To re-read the Bible through the eyes of the marginal farmers and evolve liturgies that reflect agricultural motifs, seasons and festivals.

- We suggest NCCI to facilitate its member Churches to develop policy on land.

- To recommend to Indian Churches to entrust its vast tracts of land in their fold with local congregations to promoting local congregation based Life Enhancing Agriculture.

- To lobby with the Government to implement radical land reforms and sustainable agriculture which is inclusive in nature ensuring entitlement of land to women or in some cases joint ownership in the society-at-large.

- To motivate Churches in India to campaign for Food Sovereignty and negotiate with their respective States to ensure the just and fair public distribution system, and draw up schemes to eradicate hunger, mal nutrition, and hunger deaths.

- The Churches should explore the information sharing to empower the congregations and communities on the issues confronted by them and share alternatives that are good practices.

- To organize Indian Churches for alliance building, networking with other faith communities to lobby for just and pro-farmer Land Legislations, and also reject all governmental efforts to support multi- national industries and corporate houses which take away the fundamental rights of farmers.

- To promote solidarity with the Southern countries so that churches and farmers' movements learn from each other through exposures, joint consultations and best practices in Life Enhancing Agriculture.

- To address the issues of migration of younger generation, and explore the possibilities of employment in rural and urban areas.

- To explore collective action between rural and urban churches and between diverse ecclesial and interfaith confessions in promoting Life Enhancing Agriculture.

- To suggest the Indian theological fraternities to develop curriculum integrating Life Enchasing Agriculture.

We call the Indian Church, Ecumenical Movements, Civil Society and Inter-faith Movements for a deeper commitment and concerted efforts from all people in upholding the economy of life through our solidarity.

Let us join hands for a common follow-up action to save land, water, forest and agriculture!

8. Towards Youthopia – a JI-FI Community

24 – 25 April 2016

The Youth Pre-Assembly of NCCI met in Christ Church Boys' Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur, on the 24th and 25th April, 2016; and deliberated on the theme, "TOWARDS YOUTHOPIA – A JI-FI COMMUNITY".

The Pre-Assembly saw adequate representation from various delegates of the member churches of the NCCI. During the course of the two-day deliberations, certain conclusions were arrived at. It was agreed upon that our collective Indian Church and society at large was hindered in building a just and inclusive community due to various problems and issues.

The Youth affirms that God is just and inclusive. The Youth firmly believes that in the household of God, we all are accommodated, and encouraged to live life in all its fullness.

The Youth realizes and identifies itself as the natural peacemakers, but feels that the Youth's participation in the mission of peacemaking is limited by church hierarchy.

The Youth strongly rejects and condemns all the existing discriminatory practices that challenge life and perpetuate injustice.

After much discussion, the Youth now believes that only by attaining the following ideas and implementing the following solutions can we aim to build a just and inclusive community. Therefore, the Youth recommends ideas and solutions as follows:

1. To make compulsory the allocation of funds from the annual budget of the Church and creation of a separate bank account so as to enable the Youth to autonomously carry out its yearly work and activities.

2. To promote involvement of the Youth in Bureaucracy and Politics for Nation Building, through National Leadership Programmes and projects related to train our youth as capable MP's, MLA's and Bureaucrats.

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5. To make conscious efforts in organizing orientations and sensitization workshops to eradicate gender discrimination within the Church.

6. To acknowledge, encourage and respect the crucial role that young women play in building the Church, and to simultaneously ensure that all practices that discriminate against young women are eradicated, so as to ensure the creation of an atmosphere of equality and inclusiveness in all Churches throughout India.

7. To ensure that the Church is all-encompassing, and includes all genders, that is, male, female and transgender; and enable, encourage and enhance all, especially the differently abled leaders and laity within the church to take up positions of leadership and responsibility. This also includes the establishment of accessible infrastructure in Churches for the differently abled faithful.

8. To focus on strengthening the existing institutions of Sunday School and/ or Youth Movement, and to not undermine the important role that these institutions play in the life of a Christian youth, when it comes to social and spiritual support.
9. To promote secular scholarships for capable and meritorious students, apart from the theological aspirants or students.

10. To encourage interfaith and interreligious dialogues and programmes at the Youth level to foster kinship, fraternity and unity among all Indian citizens, as envisaged in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.

11. To guarantee environmental protection and sustainable development as will be mandated by special committees set up for this very purpose, whose job will be to set achievable and realistic goals, and involve the Youth in concrete, hands-on work at the grassroots level, thus also ensuring an increased awareness and sensitivity towards ecological issues.

12. To create a pan-Christian, pan-denominational newsletter that can be accessed by both print and social media. This weekly newsletter will contain studies on each member Church of the NCCI, its history, distinctive doctrines, specific features and characteristics, the social work it undertakes and the projects of its Youth. We believe that this will promote and foster healthy relations and fellowship among all the Youth members of the NCCI churches, by challenging common stereotypes and creating an opportunity to respect the uniqueness of each member church.

9. Inclusive Mission: Disability Perspective

24th -26th April, 2016

We, the 18 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from different religions and walks of life, 2 PWD Theologians, 8 Church leaders and official delegates to the NCCI Assembly, Parents/Relatives and Accompaniers to PWDs and children attended the Disability Pre-Assembly held at Council of Education and Christian Nurture (CECN), Jabalpur from 24th April to 26th April towards the theme "Inclusive Mission: Disability Perspective". This Disability Pre-Assembly was jointly organized by the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), World Vision India (WVIn), Emmanuel Hospital Association, Evangelical Fellowship of India: Commission on Relief (EFICOR), Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment (IDEA), a standing forum of NCCI, accompanied by Commission on Justice Peace and Creation and Engage Disability. This Disability Pre-Assembly was the first of its kind. It was an important space to listen to the stories and perspectives of PWDs and accompaniers on grappling with the issues of disabilities. Also, it is with regret we share the apathy of many member churches in recognizing this crucial issue. Many of the member churches were not represented.

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A staggering 21 million and more PWDs living in India are the largest unreached group. They are stigmatized by various prejudices that exist in the society, controlled by the myths about their efficiency, fears and barriers related to disability. In the present scenario, Disability is a part of every community. It knows no nationality caste or creed. In this context, we dealt with and discussed the various challenges, shared our stories and concerns, barriers and issues related to disabilities.

We Affirm that:

- Everyone including persons with disabilities are created by God, and therefore full members of the church and society;

- The persons with disability are also the rightful citizens of the country having rightful access to all facilities like all citizens;

- The Church is the church "of" all and church "for" all. Therefore, the churches need to be aware and concerned about the facts of disability. This is because the Church as a body of Christ will be disabled without the presence and agency of the disabled;

- The mission along with and for people with disability is an important participatory mission to accompany them so as to ensure their full contribution of and to our churches.

We continue to urge that

- The theological fraternities move from notions of the disabled as objects of charity and compassion to the disabled as agents of God's Image, voice and activity in this world. Therefore disability theology is a Just and Inclusive theology that advances our agency and affirm our personhood;

- The Church's faith discourse, sermons and studies be focused on God's love, compassion and goodness especially in the contexts where many ministries over-propagate the theology of miracles and instant healings. We suggest that our theologies highlight the kenotic, vulnerable and disabled God as seen in Jesus;

- The mission of God in contexts as in India is imperatively interfaith and interreligious. Therefore our mission along with the disable should move beyond specific faiths, religions and confessions.

As Action Plans, we propose that

- The Church conscientize it members about persons with disabilities as they have been part of our churches and its rightful members. Churches use inclusive language and consciously overcome derogatory language that demean the dignity of the PWDs in liturgies, prayers, sermons

- The congregations are biblically and theologically conscientized to wel come Priests with disability;

- Churches encourage, identify and send for theological/ministerial training People with Disability;

- Churches liaise with Bible Society, Christian literature houses and technological firms to provide access to literature and technological resources that helps the active participation of the disabled in the church;

- The member churches and organisations network with Theological institutions for resources on Theological/Ministerial understanding Disability

- One of the officers in executive committees of the churches and organizations be a person with disability.

- Each member church to have a desk on Disability concerns which is to be headed by a person with disability;

- Seminaries and colleges to offer compulsory courses on disability to be preferably taught by persons with disabilities;

- The Churches provide PWDs-friendly infrastructure in consultation with PWDs-expert engineers. For this, the churches are called to allocate necessary finances to make worship spaces inclusive;

- The Churches take-up periodic Disability-Audit of their building structures and premises to upgrade and update the facilities;

- The Churches to affirm their commitment to advocate the inclusion and participation of PWDs in all church activities and programs as well as their spiritual and structural life of the Church and its community.

- The Church to ensure in their agenda on Mission that the disability issues are treated as a crosscutting concerns in all their programs and use their influences to challenge the government and society at large to provide a space for all ...thus creating A Just and Inclusive society for all.

- As an outcome of this pre-assembly, we collectively launch today a 4 years campaign on 'Accessible and Inclusive Church', we solicit the support and accompaniment of all the NCCI Constituent Bodies and their ecumenical partners networks.

10. Civil Society Joint Action to Strengthen a Pluralistic Society

25-26 April, 2016

India is a country of people from different religious and traditional backgrounds, living amicably for centuries together. The sub-continent has for hundreds of years provided a unique social and intellectual environment in which many distinct religions have not only co-existed but have also enriched each other. According to the 2011 census, 79.8% of the population in India are Hindus, 14.2% are Muslims, 2.3% are Christians and the remaining 3.7% are Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and from other faiths. Religious diversity and religious tolerance are both established in the country by the law and custom. The preamble to the Constitution of India proclaims India as a "sovereign socialist secular democratic republic". The Indian Constitution guarantees equality of all religions before law and fundamental rights of religious freedom. Unfortunately, this traditionally peace-loving country is sometimes plagued by communal problems. In recent years, there is a rise of groups and individuals

who misconstrue or misinterpret the religious teachings for their narrow and short-term gains, and fan communal feelings.

Emerging Concerns:

In recent past we have increasing cases of attacks on persons from Christian community. There are several cases of attacks on churches, believers, and their properties. There are also increasing incidents of murders, rapes, physical assaults and intimidations on pastors, their families and nuns, especially in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. We are witnessing increasing incidents of terrorisation against inter-religious marriages in all states of North India. There are cases where government authorities adopt unconstitutional methods against minority communities. For example, in Ajmer, Rajasthan, the Marriage Registrar insisted on the Hindu woman to bring her parents along for the registration of her marriage with a Christian man. In states like Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the rules related to conversion, and the processes related to baptism have been made complicated. Therefore, several believers suffer from crisis of identity for not being recognised as Christians.

They face intimidation when they attempt to formalise their identity as Christian by official registrations. There are increasing cases of government interference in minority educational institution in most states of North India, especially, in appointment of teachers, principals, in providing grants, etc. There are several incidents of tampering with existing syllabus and introduction of Hindutva beliefs. Minority institutions always face difficulty in getting recognition for their minority status. In recent years, the days of Easter Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas are converted into working days in states like Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat ,etc which strongly hurts the religious sentiments of Christians. There is an increasing trend of negative and abusive portrayals of Christians, especially women in TV serials and cinemas as persons with bad characters and loose morals. There are increasing cases of aggressive attempts to Hinduize the Christian Adivasis in the name of traditions and practices, particularly in states like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha where Christians are restricted from using certain symbols and terminologies.

Ways Forward:

There is now an urgent need to promote unity among churches and its leadership to address the challenges to communal harmony and secularism in India. There is a need for a forum of churches with probably the NCCI as a convening body, to work for awareness building and proactive action on the constitutional guarantee of 'Freedom of Religion or Belief'. It is felt from the grassroots level that all Christians in generalshould have awareness on their constitutional rights. Further, there is a critical need to build awareness among the pastors and mission workers on the constitutional guarantees on Freedom of Religion or Belief. There is a clarion call for pastors, evangelists and preachers to be responsible and sensitive towards the religious sentiments of people from other faiths. The church and Christian community should more

vibrantly participate in the processes that help to deepen democracy at grassroots. There is necessity for the Christian community now to move proactively beyond their Mission compounds and to actively engage in the politics of secular India by voicing for the voiceless people. The Church and its leadership also should work for the promotion of secularism and secular values in the society.

There is a need to promote interfaith initiatives between both majority and other minority communities for a sustained social harmony in our country. There is a critical requirement for building national, regional and local level networking involving experts, lawyers, doctors, teachers, youth, women, etc to responsibly share information, knowledge and wisdom for solidarity and peace initiatives. There is need for minority communities to pro-actively join the civil services and be more represented in the decision making institutions of the government. There is also a need to actively involve and participate in the governance of local bodies. Various social media tools should be effectively used to counter false information or propaganda and be used for promotion of social harmony. There is also a need to challenge abusive portrays of Christian women in media. There is a need for the church leadership to take up with the government to revisit and address the challenges faced by the minority communities with regard to conversion and respecting the religious festivals and sentiments of minority communities. It is the sacred duty of every Christian of India to continuously watch and raise our voice against groups and individuals who use violence in the name of religion.

11. Towards an Inclusive Rainbow Church

24-26 April, 2016

We, the twenty participants of the NCCI pre-assembly 'Towards an Inclusive Rainbow Church' held from 24- 26 April, 2016 at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, who are engaged in different ministries in the Church and Society as Church leaders, Theological Educators, Ecumenical Partners, Research Scholars and Activists coming from a spectrum of gender and sexuality communities; after several brainstorming discussions and sessions on Biblical, Theological, Ministerial and Ecclesiastical perspectives; resolve to send the following message on an inclusive Rainbow Church on the 28th quadrennial assembly of the NCCI (scheduled to be held from 27-30 April 2016) to adopt, plan and implement appropriate ministerial interventions in their journey towards Just and Inclusive Communities.

First of all, we appreciate and thank the NCCI for its 'rights-affirming' gesture in solidarity with the spectrum of gender and sexuality communities. During our interactive sessions, all members of the preassembly agreed that issues of gender and alternate sexuality are not adequately discussed with church congregations in a formal or informal manner. In such a situation, to be given two days in a formal setting with members of church congregations and

members of the spectrum of gender and sexuality communities is a much welcomed step in the right direction. Continuing this, members of the preassembly strongly urge that discussions and debates on issues of gender and sexuality occur within congregations under the initiative and guidance of pastors and church leaders.

We affirm that, the whole human community is created in the image of God and the sacrimentality of the body is irrespective of our different gender identities and sexual orientations. Therefore, we condemn systemic and personal attitudes of homophobia, transphobia, stigma and discrimination against the spectrum of gender and sexuality communities. We consider the Delhi High Court verdict to "decriminalize consensual sexual acts of adults in private" as upholding fundamental, constitutional and human rights to privacy, a life of dignity and non-discrimination of all citizens as a positive step towards just and inclusive communities.

We believe that our prejudices towards sexuality and our body denying spirituality stem from our distorted understanding of God's purpose for us. The embodied God who embraced flesh in Jesus Christ is an epitome for us to love our bodies, and thereby, enable us to celebrate our sexuality and life in fullness keeping in mind, the spirit of the word as espoused by Mathew (19:12).

We believe that God invites us to experience sexual fulfillment in our relationships of justice-love with a vow to be vulnerable, compassionate and responsible in it. In this regard, we strongly recommend the member churches to initiate an in-depth theological and ministerial study on human sexuality for better discernment of God's purpose for us. This involves a deeper missional and ministerial engagement with the Bible, and other disciplines such as the social and medical sciences. We encourage that this study will involve the participation and interaction of the lay community within church congregations and those from the spectrum of gender and sexuality communities. In the spirit of true inclusion, we also urge the member churches to be open to the prospect of members of all sections of the spectrum of gender and sexuality communities being included in church bodies/committees that deal with issues of gender and sexuality. The members of the pre-assembly congratulate the member churches on recognizing the presence and the love of God in extending empathetic initiatives towards the trans communities in India. We hope that suchmeasures continue. We urge member churches to interact with the trans community leaving aside the perspectives of conversion, denomination and religious identity.

We also urge member churches of NCCI and evangelical missions to take example from Philip and his interactions with the Ethiopian trans person (Acts 8, 26-40); to shift the onus to the church: of welcoming and reaching out to the diverse trans communities.

Keeping in mind the spirit of the word in Luke 4:16-19, the historical position of the church has been that of a sanctuary for the oppressed, vulnerable and the marginalized. This pre-assembly would like to reiterate the importance of this position to all member churches.

We hope and pray that the embodied God will bless our endeavors to grow into the fullness of life and transform our faith communities into rainbow communities of the beloved and equals.

12. Consultation on 'Economy of Life'

26th April 2016

We the 50 participants of the NCCI Pre-assembly Consultation on 'Economy of Life' jointly organized by Economy and Ecological Justice Programme of the World Council of Churches and NCCI - Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation, held on the 26th April 2016 at Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur send the following statement to the 28th Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI scheduled to be held from 27 to 30 April at Jabalpur for its adoption and implementation.

We the participants appreciate the NCCI and in particular the Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation and the World Council of Churches for facilitating the Constituent members to respond contextually to the pro-people global discussions.

We comprehend that, the Economy of Life is an invitation to the Indian Theological fraternity, Churches, and Ecumenical Movements to reflection upon to set their newer, missional and timely interventions and actions".

We affirm, “the Economy of Life embodies God's vision of koinonia, where healthy communities flourish in peace and harmony with one another and with God's creation (Acts 2:42-47). It is a place where all people have a dignified, clean and safe place to live and die among family and friends who love and share life with them; where work has dignity and wages are fair and just; where justice is done, mercy is loved, and all walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8); and where the Earth's beings – microbes, plants, and humpback whales; seas, lakes, rivers and skies; the depths of the Earth and the hidden waters – live in the integrity God has made. ..

We are bound in Christ to the whole created reality in whose midst we live and on which we physically depend for our continued existence.”

We realize that., God's vision of Economy of life has been distorted by processes of neo-liberal globalization, non eco-friendly development activities, fascist interpretations of socio-cultural and religious expressions of living, nuclear build-ups, wars and terrorist activities.

We have noted that, in the midst of death and destruction unleashed by the economy of the Empire, the ecumenical movement has initiated a new pilgrimage; a pilgrimage of justice and peace with the vision of an alternative economy; the economy of life.

We declare that, "We hear God calling us to live out our faith by working together to create the Economy of Life for the Earth and all her beings, for justice and peace and for koinonia. In deepening our commitment to shape this Economy of Life as an alternative to dominant economic forces and structures, we must recognize each other's struggles and invite each other to concrete action by the responsible communities like Churches and Ecumenical Movements."

Therefore, Economy of life is a bold negation of the ethos and logic of the prevailing neo-liberal economy and its claim that there is no alternative. Economy of life affirms the audacity of hope that it is still possible to radically transform our socio-economic and ecological relations to enrich and strengthen the movement of life. Economy of life is a profoundly theological affirmation. It re-imagines 'koinonia' as the flourishing ofthe economy of life. Our participation in the blossoming of the economy of life is nothing but the translation of our baptismal vows to denounce the powers and principalities of our times and to affirm the lordship of Jesus, the Christ.

We affirm that, the Economy of life is based on the alternative moral visions of the communities at the margins, and it requires from us the commitment to renew our baptismal vows through new baptismal experiences of immersion in the struggles of the subaltern communities. Economy of life is an faith initiative where we recognize that the universal reality of divine is manifested through diverse meditations and our spiritual journey is a journey of pleasant surprises as we meet the divine in the most unexpected places and times as we engage in the flourishing of the economy of life with people of good will irrespective of creed and colour. Ultimately, economy of life is the affirmation of our faith in the promise of God that God will transform the face of the earth. It is our commitment to participate in God's pilgrimage to flourish life through transformative power.

We commit ourselves and solicit support from the NCCI to help us in articulating a Radical Theologies of Lives which offers a new political ontology of the multitude in contrary to the hegemonic ontology of the Empire with a radical vision and action.

We look at the modern economy is propelled by a frenzy of greed and indulges in an orgy of envy and These are no accidental features but they are the very causes of its expansionist success and this is to be challenged ministerially.

Therefore we call the NCCI Member Churches and other constituent members to be like John the Baptist, who prepares the way, by pointing out bad as well as good, for better standards of living for the vast majority of people.

We are challenged to look at the gender issues from economics of bodies of women' that are commercialized by labour, abuse, patriarchy and survival. Therefore we suggest, the Indian Churches should be in solidarity with the women at large and Dalit women in particular in their search for lives.

We call for a metanoia, (repentance) a complete turning around from works that bring death and to be transformed into a new life, respecting the humanity of others, re-inventing a new form of transformative and Praxis oriented spirituality which will foster the building of just relationships and the just sharing of resources as 'Economy of Life'.

We affirm... the 'indigenous wisdom on 'Economy of Life' is a counter the western scientific knowledge, that is characterized by justice, equality and respect for one another.

Therefore, we call for critical re- evaluation of our (Churches) ways of life and spirituality, the indigenous people's holistic view of life as a source of inspiration towards building a community where all forms of life could flourish and live together in harmony.

We read that, 'agriculture and economy of life are labour issues. We often discuss the land issue from the land wonders perspective but nor from the landless labourers'. Therefore, we suggest an interactive engagement with theological and missiological interventions on 'Economy of Life' where, theological articulations does not seem to be adequately reflecting upon the process of transformative politics or alternative politics of development to develop a missiological method to go for praxis oriented interventionsof mission with contextual and social analysis since, Indian Church to a greater extent is a church of landless and labouring Dalit and other backward communities.

We demand the Indian theological fraternities to study 'Economy of Life' from less considered communities like landless agricultural labours, workers (labours) in fisher men, small and traditional fishing women.

Considering the context of globalisation and its negative impacts discussions on issues like 'Economy of Life' is inevitable and unavoidable. We hope this statement would facilitate further discussions not only by the theological fraternity but the economics, political science and social science fraternities also to take-up the discussions especially from the grass-roots perspectives.

We hope and pray that the Churches discourse on Economy of Life would enhance the strengths mission that is comprehensive and inclusive.

13. Children's Pre-Assemblies: Just and Inclusive Communities: Children can make a Difference 2nd to 23rd April 2016

ALL INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN'S PRE-ASSEMBLIES TO XXVIII NCCI ASSEMBLY

We the 720 children who participated in seven Children's pre-assemblies are grateful to God and the churches for the space that was given to us to meet as children, to organize and run the pre-assemblies by ourselves with the support of adults who served as animators. We met in the following places spread over different parts of our beloved country India:

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Sl. No.	Venue	Date	Supported by
1.	JELC Centre, Jeypore (Odisha)	2 April 2016	Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church
2.	CNI All Saints Cathedral, Nagpur (Maharashtra)	5 April 2016	India Peace Centre, CNI Nagpur Diocese, St.Ursula Girl's High School Mar Thoma Church Well wishers
3.	CPS Ashram, Shivajinagar, Pune (Maharashtra)	9 April 2016	CNI Mar Thoma Churches well wishers
4.	Disciples of Christ Church, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)	12 April 2016	Methodist Church in India, Council of Education and Christian Nurture
5.	St.Andrews Mar Thoma Church, Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh)	14 April 2016	Twin Cities Sunday School Teachers' Fellowship, St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church well wishers
6.	CSI Centre, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	16 April 2016	Church of South India
7.	Kompady, Tiruvalla (Kerala)	23 April 2016	Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam, MTVEA

The theme for our pre-assemblies was akin to the theme of the quadrennial assembly: *Just and Inclusive Communities: Children can make a Difference*. Girls moderated all the seven pre-assemblies. This ensured the dignity of female gender and gender balance.

We became aware of wider issues in Gender Justice. We learned that in addition to male and female genders, there is an equally respectable gender: the transgenders.

We became conscious about the injustice we inflict upon nature and the eco-system in our everyday life.

We repented of the exclusion that we practice on the basis of disability. We learned that disability should never be a discriminating factor.

We got time to share our own stories highlighting where we became victims of unjust systems and attitudes of exclusion in homes, schools, Sunday Schools, churches and communities.

We reaffirmed the UN declaration on the rights of children: Right to life, Right to protection, Right to development and Right to participation.

We affirmed that Children can make a difference. Children can spread the message of love in society: love which respects all, includes all, and encourages all to participate in and contribute to the society, irrespective of caste, class, gender, health, and ability.

We solemnly decided that:

- We will do all that we can to do justice to the eco-system
- We will respect transgenders and people with disability as much as we respect ourselves
- We will not exclude our fellow students in the class and school on the basis of caste, creed or religion.
- We will respect all religions.

All our sessions were in table fellowships. More than anything else, we got new friends from other denominations and religions.

We request this august assembly of NCCI to give more space to children, and to be mindful of our rights.

Please remember that Jesus has a special place in his heart for children!

Signed by
720 students who attended the 7 Children's Pre-Assemblies

APPENDIX - VII
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NCCI GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2016, NAGPUR

GB:2016:12 Matters from Organizational Restructuring Committee:
The General Secretary reported that as mandated, the Organizational Restructuring Committee in its meeting on 26th February 2016 proposed a new structure for the NCCI. The main features of this new structure are:

1. Keeping in mind the four programme priorities of the NCCI for the period 2014-2020, the need for integrated work among Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, accommodation facilities in the NCCI Campus, and the financial resources available, there could be one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee. This National Programme Committee will articulate a vision of programmes for the quadrennium in its initial meeting. It shall meet subsequently at least once a year to take stalk of the programmes done, to evaluate the work of the Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, and to guide the course of programmes for the future.

   The National Programme Committee will be constituted of the President and the General Secretary of the NCCI, and 9 other members drawn from churches, related agencies, regional councils and AICOs.

2. The Executive Secretaries will have specific focal areas such as
   i. Unity and Mission (including Justice Peace and Creation);
   ii. Policy Governance and Public Witness;
   iii. Communication;
   iv. Dalits and Tribals/ Adivasis; and
   v. Youth

3. Since the principle is that of an integrated approach, the Executive Secretaries will address all the four programme priorities in their activities in coordination with one another. In addition each of the Executive Secretaries will be assigned to relate in particular to a few Regional Christian Councils.

4. Regarding AICCW, a decision needs to be taken whether AICCW would like to be integrated in the NCCI (in which case there will be no separate Executive Committee of AICCW) or whether AICCW will like to continue as an autonomous body.

5. The General Secretary will oversee the work of all the Executive Secretaries, along with the finance and administration of the NCCI Secretariat. He shall also liaise with constituent bodies of the NCCI and wider ecumenical councils and organizations.

6. Each Executive Secretary would be assisted by at least one Intern.

7. In addition to the four programme priority areas, there will be special projects such as VCLC (which is envisaged to become National Centre for Labour Concerns) and ESHA. These would be directly under the General Secretary.

8. Special Forums will also be formed to address specific frontier contemporary concerns. We presently have two such forums, namely IDEA (Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment) and NEFGSD (National Ecumenical Forum of Gender and Sexual Diversities). Such Forums may be initiated by Executive Secretaries with the approval of the National Programme Committee and the permission of the Executive Committee. Such forums would be under the supervision of the General Secretary.

9. There is the need for increased collaboration of member churches with the NCCI Secretariat through structural linkages for greater sharing, mutual strengthening and positive image-building for an impact bearing service and collective witness in the country. Ideally every member church should host at least one ecumenical programme of the NCCI every year. This will facilitate ecumenical partnership and stewardship.

10. NCCI should explore the possibility of making Regional Councils serve as regional offices of the NCCI. While the regions may constitute their respective regional councils, the Secretary of each regional council should work in close coordination with the NCCI Secretariat, particularly with the NCCI Executive Secretary assigned to the regional council. As new states are being carved out in the country and as churches in some states (which are presently within wide geographical area regional councils) are growing, new state-based regional councils will be formed.

11. Related Agencies are the arms of the NCCI. It should be ensured that the General Secretary of the NCCI is an ex-officio member of the General Body and Executive Committee of each Related Agency. The relationship between the NCCI and Related Agencies needs to be strengthened.

12. All India Christian Organizations should be seen as an integral part of the overall ministry of the Church and Ecumenical Movement in India. In this case too, the relationship between AICOs and the NCCI needs to be strengthened. The General Secretary should be a member of the General Body of each AICO in order to keep maintain the correlation and further strengthen ecclesial and ecumenical relationships.

13. The Secretariat Staff may require some changes/additions as work in the campus increases. We will be having the AISSA office located in Nagpur. So also the NCLC is being planned to be located in the Nagpur Campus. Some other special projects could also possibly be started in the main campus in the future.

The Executive Committee had resolved that '*the proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting.'* [*Res. No.06(i)/EC/2016 (i)]; and that the AICCW should draft a proper resolution about its intent to be integrated with the NCCI and present the same at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016* [*Res. No.06(ii)/EC/2016 (ii)].*

In the discussion that followed, the members were in favour of the new structure. There was an opinion expressed that there should be separate Executive Secretaries for Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns. It was responded that the proposal be accepted in principle and could be implemented when the financial situation of the NCCI Secretariat improves. Another possibility is that churches could depute one of their persons for either dalit or tribal/adivasi ministry in the NCCI Secretariat, following the model of Mizoram Presbyterian Church which is deputing one person to serve as Secretary of AISSA.

There was also a suggestion that the Interns be designated as Programme Assistants. It was pointed out that funding from partners is available for Internship programmes and not for Programme Assistants. Some members suggested that the work be designated as Interns/Programme Assistants.

As resolved by the Executive Committee the AICCW President Dr.Saramma Varghese presented a revised draft of the resolution of the AICCW Executive Committee, stating that AICCW would like to be integrated with the NCCI.

After due discussion on the organization restructuring, the General Body resolved:

Res. No. 09/GB/2016

(i) The proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval.

(ii) The resolution of the AICCW regarding intent to be integrated with the NCCI be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval.

Appendix - VIII
Resolutions on Public Issues

We, the delegates of the 28th Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India held at Christ Church Girls' Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur from April 27 to April 30, 2016, having solemnly reflected upon issues affecting India in particular and the world at large, hereby pass resolutions on the same.

1. Affirming Secularism in Pluralistic Society:

The present Indian society is seriously affected by the phenomena of fundamentalism, communalism, saffronisation of education and cultures, restrictions on churches, christian institutions and their services, intolerance, shrinking space for freedom of speech and expression, attacks on religious minorities, criminalization in the name of God, Faith, Ideologies and Confessions.

We therefore resolve:

- The government should adopt policies and undertake measures that affirm the secular spirit of the Indian Constitution which guarantees freedom to all its citizens to practice, preach and propagate their respective faiths.
- The government should respect and protect the rights of religious minorities and their institutions.
- The government should create mechanisms for promoting interfaith and inter-ideological harmony.
- Churches should engage in responsible liberativeevangelism and mission expressing the positive values of the gospel and its relevance to our contemporary context.

2. Affirming Human Rights in Indian Society:

Contemporary Indian society is plagued by structural evils of patriarchy, caste and globalization, which result in gender injustice, oppression and exploitation of dalits and tribals / adivasis, unequal distribution of wealth, resources, production and consumption of energy, poverty, increase in unemployment and under employment, displacement of labour, migration and human trafficking, exploitation of natural resources, life-killing agriculture, corporate terrorism, etc. While Article 21 of the Constitution of India guarantees Right to Life as a fundamental right of the people, we experience the denial of rights to Children, Women, Youth, Tribals, Adivasis, Dalits, People with Disabilities, Sexual Minorities, People infected and affected with HIV and AIDS, Migrants, Labour, homeless and resourceless people, slum dwellers and other marginalized groups.

On the issue of patriarchy we therefore resolve:

- The government should take strict measures against sexual and gender discrimination, sexual abuse, domestic violence, sexual harassment at the work place, female foeticide / infanticide, dowry deaths, trafficking, etc.
- The government should pass bills that ensure at least 1/3 representation of women in the parliament and state assemblies. Furthermore, women should be given the freedom and power to take decisions on their own at all levels of government and civil administration.
- Churches should seriously address and facilitate the partnership of women in all ecclesial bodies, including the ordination of women.
- Churches should encourage families to cultivate and strengthen a culture of equality, respect, love, service and harmony. Practices of female foeticide and dowry should be strongly prohibited.

On the issue of caste we therefore resolve:

- The government should provide reservation for all dalits including Christians and Muslims, and ensure that reservation allotments are made.
- The government should delete para 3 of Presidential order 1950 that excludes dalit Christians and dalit Muslims. People are dalits by birth and not by religion. Therefore their faith should not deprive those dalits who are Muslims and Christians of the reservations and entitlements given to other dalits.
- The Church and civil society movements have been engaged in a long battle with the government demanding reservation for dalit Christians and dalit Muslims in line with their counterparts of other faiths. The government should file its reply to the supreme court petition.
- Churches must seriously implement the campaign of NCCI "No one can serve Christ and caste", and actively take measures to end caste-based discrimination within their bodies.

On the issue of globalization we therefore resolve:

- Governments and churches should take cognizance of the outcome and impact of economic globalization in terms of acquisition of people's lands in the name of development and their displacement, homelessness, forced migration, human trafficking, farmer suicides and urbanization.
- The policies of corporates, financial institutions and governments are unjustly biased; necessary changes in terms of affirmative action need to be brought about in favour of the people and all creation.
- Governments should take care to see that indigenous / rural people are not deprived of their homelands in the name of development. Those whose lands have already been acquired should be given just compensation and opportunities for development. And if the land acquired is not put to use for the said purpose and if the particular development activities are completed, such lands with proper

compensation to rebuild the land for cultivation or other use to be given back to the original land owners who sold the land as a lease for development. So also serious attention should be given to the concerns of deforestation, desertification, and adverse climate change as a result of globalization.

- Governments should undertake measures to root out corruption in government and corporate agreements and transactions. The forces of law and order, along with investigative mechanisms as well as the judicial systems and processes should remain unhindered by vested interests of third parties.
- Churches should ensure that their ministries do not fall prey to the ideology of globalization and its practices. In particular, churches should not commercialize their educational, health care and social service ministries.
- Churches should partner with civil society movements which challenge the system of globalization and which endeavor to usher in holistic alternatives to globalization.
- Churches should engage in exposing the role of financial institutions and the investments that are root causes of poverty, unemployment, resource degradation, farmers sucide and permeating injustices.
- NCCI Member Churches would approve the social security policy guidelines to assure dignity of labour with adequate and lawful social security and affirm the dignity of labouras its missional intervention. Churches would also lobby with the governments to ensure pro-labour / pro-worker social security policies.

3. Affirming Life in its Fullness:

In line with the Biblical vision of 'Fullness of life for all creation', and in accordance with the directive principles of state policy as laid down in the Indian Constitution, the government, the church and all religious organizations along with NGOs and civil society movements, should be committed to the enhancement of the quality of life for all creation.

On the issue of Education, we therefore resolve:

- On the basis of the United Nations Declaration on Universal Education and Right to Education, the government should provide basic education to all. The government should ensure that children are not deprived of this right to education, which often is the case of children belonging to weaker sections of the society.
- The Government should ensure the environment through their appropriate policies that encourages and ensures the pupil from marginalized and rural communities to fully and lawfully pursue their higher education in professional institutions and universities, to affirm 'Right to Higher Education' to affirm social justice of all and for all.

- The government, the church, NGOs and civil society movements should encourage in particular the education of girl children.
- Furthermore, the government, the church, NGOs and civil society movements should build the capacities of students from weaker sections of society, particularly dalits and tribals / adivasis, and facilitate them to go for higher education.
- The churches should condemn the privatization of the educational system by corporates. They should also create more space in their institutions for education of the poor and the dalit, adivasis, tribals and other marginalized communities.
- The churches should develop education systems that address unemployment by creating space for capacity building for self and gainful employment opportunities.

On the issue of Health, we therefore resolve:

- The government should discern factors that are responsible for ill health, malnutrition and other related problems especially among the children and the people such as socio-economic structures which cause exploitation, deprivation, in-accessibility of basic health care, increasing landlessness, hunger and starvation, climate change, extractive industries, chemical fertilizers, genetic engineering, life-killing agriculture, fast food culture, inaccessibility to clean potable water, pollution, etc. Stringent action needs to be taken against all the perpetrators of the factors of ill health and malnutrition in the society.
- The government should ensure facilities that promote the heath of people particularly the poor, dalits, tribals / adivasis, women, children, the disabled, those infected and affected with HIV and AIDS, and people with sexual diversities.
- The government should ensure that medical facilities are easily accessible to the people in terms of geographical proximity and economic affordability.
- Churches should facilitate health justice by campaigning and advocating for policy changes in health, education, land, forest, agriculture, water and sanitation.
- The churches, along with NGOs and civil society movements, provide easily accessible health care facilities and treatment. Churches should resist the temptation of commercialization of health care.

On the issue of Climate Change, we therefore resolve:

- The government and corporates should acknowledge that their development models, mega projects, extractive industries, manufacture of non-biodegradable products and the promotion of consumerist lifestyles, have led to global pollution and global warming thereby adversely affecting the life of all creation. Therefore urgent efforts should be undertaken to mitigate and prevent the ill effects of global pollution.

- The government and corporates should urgently commit themselves to follow eco-friendly models of sustainable development.
- The Churches should address and respond to the impact of climate change and the victims of climate change triggering global warming and causing drought, erratic rain fall, flash floods, water crisis, sea level rises, heat waves, cyclones by enabling the communities to adapt and mitigate through climate action plans of alternative production models of energy, food and other industries contributing to climate change and life styles.
- The churches should encourage members to develop eco-friendly theologies and eco-integrated practices.

On the issue of Transparency, Accountability and Responsibility, we therefore resolve:

- The government should respect the RTI Act and make all its administrative procedures and executive actions transparent, accountable and responsible to the citizens of the country.
- The government should bring in 'Lok Pal' Acts and mechanisms which would render them as democratic, people-friendly agencies of service.
- Churches should also ensure that their records, accounts, resolutions, etc. are transparent, accountable and responsible.
- Churches should play a prophetic and proactive role in bringing about changes in their systems in favour of people, and responsibly managing church resources such as land, building, other properties including human resources.

On the issue of Peace and Human Security, we therefore resolve:

- The government should adopt policies of peace-building and human security. Therefore the security and defense budgets for weapons production and militarization have to be cut down.
- Churches should engage in the national and global struggle against production of ofdestructive weapons, militarization and nuclearization. They should, in line with the NCCI's efforts, engage in campaigns against Arms Trade and nuclearization.
- Churches, along with NGOs and civil society movements, should stand, as they have done in some cases, in solidarity with people who are victims of, and protesting against, militarization and nuclearlization projects and processes in the country and oppose forceful imposition of the unconstitutional security laws such as AFSPA, SalwaJudum and such special acts that reduce the public spaces and voices.
- Churches should serve as channels of conflict-resolution and peace-building in the society.

On the issue of challenges in South Asia, we resolve:

- The governments and churches should appreciatively respect the plurality of rich cultures and harmonious societal living in South Asia.
- The governments and churches should condemn the recent phenomena of rise of fundamentalism, cultural nationalism, weapon-solution ideologies (resistant movements) and cross border terrorism that have sharply divided Countries and Societies. Intolerance, hatred, hostility and enmity have almost become the way of life for many people in the region.
- Churches should acknowledge and condemn that even some right-oriented faith(s) are responsible for division and restlessness in society.
- Since in all the South Asian Countries, Christians are a minority, we the churches, along with NCCI, appeal to all the heads of the South Asian Nations to assure the safety and security of all religious and other minorities including Christians.

On the issue of challenges in West Asia, we resolve:

- We, the churches, along with NCCI, express our solidarity with church Leaders and other faith leaders, men and women of Christian, Muslim, and Yazigi faiths who are being taken as hostages, thrown out of their homes, dispossessed, and killed in large numbers.
- We strongly condemn the abduction of HG Mor. GregoriosYohanna Ibrahim, the Metropolitan of the Syriac Orthodox Church and MorBoulosYasigi, the Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Church, who are still in the custody of the extremists and we ask the extremists to release them immediately and unconditionally.

4. <u>Affirming Churches' role in advocacy and other transformation processes:</u>

Advocacy must be one of the Church's priority. Advocacy is considered to be one of the effective means of social and political change. Empowerment of the marginalized communities and sensitizing (making aware) the rich are essential components of action in the present context of the development processes. Therefore Churches should take up issue-based activities focusing on bringing change in power equations and influencing policy-making authorities and institutions through democratic means. Daily we come across campaigns, struggles, *morchas* against mal-developmental interventions that adversely affect the people and the environment. We need to resort to Judicial and Legislative Advocacy as well as overall grassroots mobilization, networking and direct actions.

We therefore resolve:

- To facilitate a joint process by the Southern and Northern partners of identifying issues concerning humanity.
- To provide conceptual clarity in understanding advocacy not as a tool for change but as a way of life.

- To identify peoples' struggles for justice in the country's context and find ways to strengthen their struggles; to arrange international meetings to share and raise voices against injustices.
- To organize campaigns, struggles through mass movements and existing judicial institutions; to work out possibilities for church representatives to participate in issue-based meetings.
- To facilitate periodic interface of the Churches with the so-called rich, both in the South and North, thereby sensitizing them to bring about changes in their mind-set and development philosophies.
- To arrange capacity-building programmes for Church representatives to effectively counter the rich and their development policies that are impoverishing and marginalizing the people – both in the North and in the South.
- To identify International institutions which are already playing effective advocacy role in the field of environment, development, displacement, human rights, child labour, women, oppression, racism etc.
- To promote national level advocacy units in the churches and to network at the international Level – among Churches and with secular movements.
- To identify government companies of the North which are doing business in the South. The churches in the North should involve in identifying private and logistical support for and solidarity with people in the South who are the victims of mal-developmental interventions.
- To build data on legal and social activities and provide necessary issue-based documentation for further action. To identify pro-people media and use the media effectively. To help Churches in documenting case studies on issues for advocacy work.
- To raise resources for such activities and accompany the partners on a long term basis to bring desirable changes both in the South and in the North.

May we all be committed to working for and facilitating just and inclusive communities!

Appendix - IX
National Council of Churches in India
Report of the Message of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly

We, the delegates from 30 Member Churches, 17 Regional Christian Councils, 17 All India Christian Organizations, 7 Related Agencies and 3 autonomous bodies gathered for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India that met in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh India. It was hosted by Jabalpur Diocese of Church of North India from 27-30 April 2016, deliberating on the theme "Towards Just and Inclusive Communities".

The cry for Justice and Inclusivity arises from the context of socio-political, economic, cultural and other challenges in the country. Lack of social protection undermines the spirit of inclusive society. A vast majority of people in our society have no ability to raise voices to express their opinion on how the societies they live in, should run. One gets the impression that the present Government of India has the agenda of making the whole country a Hindu nation in which the adherents of minority religions are marginalized. It is a great threat to the democratic values of our country. Unfortunately, this traditionally peace-loving country is plagued by communal problems. Even food culture has been violated in the name of religion. Exclusive marginalisation continues on an increasing scale; various sectors in the society keep on being victimized because of such marginalization. It is a negative impact which hinders growth. In the cries and struggles of the marginalized for justice, there is hope for the realization of inclusive communities within the Church and society.

Today, Injustice and Exclusiveness have become the bleeding wounds of all creation. There is suffering, darkness and hopelessness all around. It is against the very act of creation which bears witness to God's loving and creative inclusion. This creator God loves all without discrimination (Matt 5:44-45). The original vision of harmonious relationship between God-Humans-Nature needs to be reaffirmed, reconciled and restored.

Contextual Reflections

In the emerging global order there is rising economic and social inequality. God's creation is groaning under the pressure of greed, selfishness and endless pursuits of affluence by a miniscule minority of the human race, based on exploitation of nature and human race, meant to meet the basic needs of all the creatures of the world.

The keynote address delivered at the Quadrennial Assembly highlighted that there is a cross in every resurrection, and raised the question "Is there a resurrection in every cross?" in the context of the myriad sufferings in the world. Human beings tend to be so overwhelmed by their sufferings that they do not discern the resurrection hope in suffering. We have to experience the cross and the resurrection.

The phenomena of injustice in the world also leads to the sin of exclusivity. However, God who has created us diverse and unique, upholds the principle of inclusivity. Diversity should be celebrated and respected, leading to integration of all creation. Jesus, in the prayer for his disciples (Jn. 17:21) asked God that "they may be all one" crossing all barriers of culture and tradition. We should have the same concern for our co-creation. Human beings should likewise break down all dividing walls of injustice and hostility. In the conversation with the Samaritan woman in John 4, Jesus challenges all of us to break the walls of ethnicity, caste, class and gender, so that we all become one in God. Bearing the image of God, we are all called to review and renew our relationship with one another based as the principle of justice and peace.

The contemporary context challenges churches in India and the ecumenical movements to review their present mission paradigms. They would have to collectively discern the signs of the times, identify the needs and challenges of creation, critically examine their diaconal engagements, and commit themselves to relevant, liberative, just and inclusive expressions of the Gospel.

In the Indian context, the church needs to urgently respond by seriously reflecting on the following:

1. Remembering Christ in all walks of life;
2. Revisiting Hospitality to establish Inclusive communities;
3. Reaffirming Life for Justice.

Specific issues based on Biblical reflection in the Indian Context

Life gives opportunity to identify and to name the spaces of injustice and exclusion. Death does not allow us to recognize and to name. Jesus has given us life in abundance, which gives us power to name and recognize the problems/issues/ concerns for leading abundant life.

We have found the way towards resurrection and hope, but we are not ready to participate in the journey .... THE CHURCH NEEDS TO MEND ITS WAYS so that it can participate responsibly in God's Redeeming Work. Failure to mend leads to being vulnerable to marginalization and consequent victimization in society.

Following are the areas of mending which the church needs to reconsider for action:

1. Jesus said, 'the Kingdom of God belongs to children... those accepting little ones accept the Kingdom of God'. Regrettably, though children hold kingdom values, homes / churches / societies do not give them space in the mainstream of life. The children of our land are asking for space and recognition in our homes, churches, and societies.

2. Jesus as a dynamic youth, actively participated in the church and society of his time. Today youth of the church are in need of being inspired by the life and witness of Jesus for active participation.

3. Theologies of lives affirm the importance of holistic fellowship. Hence there is the need to cross diverse margins and to meet, interact, mutually edify and challenge.

4. Jesus, even in the moment of betrayal and death, washed the feet of his disciples. A similar principle and practice is evident in the people's Diakonia. The Church needs to adopt this service model of Jesus in its ministry.

5. Acts 8 talks about the Ethiopian eunuch entering the fellowship of believers through baptism. The church should be concerned about including people with sexual diversities to complement the mission of God.

6. The Nazareth Manifesto is a prophetic call of Jesus to work with the ignored, rejected and broken people in the society. Dalits and tribals should constitute the main mission concern of the Church; they should not be relegated to the sub-mission of the Church.

7. Jesus used relevant modes of communication to preach and motivate. Today the church needs to reconsider its communication for promoting life and dignity for everyone.

8. The birth, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus remind us of the role of women in his life. Jesus encouraged and motivated a woman to be an apostle to the apostles. In the light of Jesus' example, the Church is challenged to respond to women gender issues sensitively and responsibly.

9. Being aware of his civil rights as a citizen, Jesus addressed civil and political issues of his time. Therefore, individuals and Churches need to be encouraged to participate in the democratization process in our country that helps to deepen social political and economic democracy at the grassroots.

10. John 15 highlights that 'through Jesus all the branches are connected to bear fruit'. The disabled too are branches and are rightfully members of the body of Christ that bears fruit. The church needs to recognize this vital relationship.

A Call to...

NCCI:

- Being an ecumenical space for all the orthodox and protestant churches and ecumenical movements in India, it needs to facilitate stronger relationships among member churches and all Christian communities at large.
- To promote Just and Inclusive communities which practise Christian values and ethos.
- To engage in protecting the constitutional values of the Republic of India.

Churches:

- To get rid of practices of injustice and exclusion, and to extricate its mission from aligning with financial and political powers, and to purge itself of corrupt religious and socio-economic systems and structures. Hence we will have to practice and promote caste-free, classless, gender-equal churches as just and inclusive communities.
- To restore the beauty and integrity of God's creation.

Individuals:

- To cease practicing exclusiveness in our day to day life, to repent and to seek forgiveness from God and all creation.
- To seek the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, to stand firmly for the values of Justice and equality.
- To bear witness like Christ in suffering and to be committed to fullness of life.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.,
AT PALLOTTINE ANIMATION CENTRE, PALLOTI NAGAR,
GOREWADA RING ROAD, NAGPUR

FC:2016:01 Prayer
Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko was requested to begin the meeting with prayer.

FC:2016:02 Welcome
The Chairperson and the General Secretary welcomed all the members.

FC:2016:03 Roll Call

Members Present:

- Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer – NCCI, and Chairperson Finance Committee*
- Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko
- Dr. Saramma Varghese
- Mr. K. Jaya Rao
- Mr. Anil A. Thomas
- Dr Patta Deva Raju
- Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary, NCCI*

Member Absent:

- Mr Ajoy Saha

Invitee:

- Mr. Ashish Mane, *Finance Officer*

FC:2016:04 Adoption of Agenda
Members accepted the Agenda

FC:2016:05 Appointment of Recording Secretary
Mr. Ashish Mane was appointed as the Recording Secretary

FC:2016:06 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee
As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th August 2015 at SCEPTRE, Shrachi Centre, Kolkatta, it was decided to confirm the same.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th August, 2015 be confirmed.***

FC:2016:07 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Enhanced Stamp Duty for Nazul Registration of Church House Property :** [FC 2013: 7 (1), FC: 2013: 28 (1), FC: 2014:7 (1), FC:2014: 21(1)]; FC:2015:07(1); FC:2015:29 (1)]
   The search is still on to find helpful documents which have reference to the Premium Paid Certificate with regard to not only Church House Property but also the main NCCI Campus.

2. **Butibori Property:** [FC: 2013: 7 (3), FC: 2013: 28 (3), FC: 2014: 7(3]). FC: 2014:21(3), FC:2015:07(2); FC:2015:29 (2)]
   The NCCI Secretariat is still pursuing the matter of disposing off the property and to set up a centre in the NCCI Campus.

3. **Dearness Allowance:** [Ref FC: 2014:12 (1), FC:2014: 21(6), FC:2015:07(3); FC:2015:29 (3)]
   Payment of the enhanced Dearness Allowance for the period November 2013 to March 2014 has been attended to.

4. **Grant to AICCW:** [Ref FC:2014: 12 (4), FC:2014: 21(8), FC:2015:07(5); FC:2015:29 (4)]
   As proposed by the Finance Committee and resolved by the Executive Committee, the AICCW has been asked to decide whether it wants to be a Commission of NCCI or remain as an Autonomous Body of NCCI.

5. **Leave and License Agreement with CNI Trust Association for NCCI Office in CNI Bhavan:** [FC: 2014: 30, FC:2015:07(9); FC:2015:29 (6)]
   The NCCI has been paying rent @ Rs.90/- per sq.ft. for the office space of 426 sq.ft. in CNI Bhavan, as well as maintenance charge of Rs. 8/- per sq.ft., though the CNI office has not sent the draft of the Leave and License agreement.

6. **Net-banking facility for payment of Service Tax, Professional Tax, and Provident Fund:** [FC:2015:14; FC:2015:29 (13)]
   The NCCI has opened a bank account exclusively for the purpose of net banking payment of taxes to the government.

7. **Opening of PPF Account for AICCW Executive Secretary and Contract and Casual Workers:** [FC:2015:16: FC:2015:29 (14)]
   While the matter of opening the PPF account for AICCW Executive Secretary has been kept in abeyance till the issue of the status of AICCW is finalized, the PPF accounts for contract and casual workers will be opened from 1st April 2016 for which budgetary provision is also being made.

8. Purchase of a two-wheeler: [FC:2015:18; FC:2015:29 (16)]
As promised by the South Andhra Lutheran Church to donate a two wheeler to NCCI as its SALC Centenary gift, a donation of Rs 50,000/- has been received from Mr.K.Jayarao, member of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recorded its appreciation with gratitude to SALC in general and to Mr K.Jayarao in particular.

9. Utilization Certificate: [FC:2015: 20; FC:2015:29 (18)]
As suggested by the Committee, the Auditor has given a Utilisation Certificate for the organisation as a whole (NCCI and CSA combined) highlighting details of income generated, and amounts spent on programmes, administration, salary etc., and funds allocated to Programme Commissions. The same has been circulated by email to all the committee members.

10. Mythri House: [FC:2015:36]:
Electrical repairs were done in the Basement area of Mythri House. Four new boxes were installed for channelizing the electric supply from the mains to the different floors of Mythri House, since the old boxes had become unusable.

11. Electronic records: [FC:2015:37 (2)]
As suggested by Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar all reports of all the Committees, Minutes, Auditor's Report, Internal Audit reports, and other important papers from the year 2000 onwards are in the process of being preserved safely in electronic form on hard discs and CD drives.

FC:2016:08 Report on Finances of NCCI & CSA
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

FC:2016:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts & Payments 1st July to 31st Dec 2015) NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015, be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA-Local
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

CSA-FC

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2015 to 31st Dec 2015, be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

The Finance Committee recommended the following practices:

1) Advances to be shown in the Opening balance and Closing balance in the statement. It should be clarified whether the Advances are for official purposes or for personal purposes giving specific details of the same.

2) The official advances for programmes should be settled within 10 working days on completion of Event\Programme. If the advances are not settled within 10 working days, they should be treated as Salary Advance and deducted from the next month's Salary.

3) Programmes\Workshops should be appropriately named so that it does not give rise to any misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

FC:2016:10 **Report of the Internal Auditor**

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2015 to 30th Sept 2015. In the discussion that followed, Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar commented that Legal matters should be dealt carefully.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's Report for the period from 1st April 2015 to 30th Sept 2015, be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the CSA accounts for the period from 1st April 2015 to 30th Sept 2015.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts for the period from 1st April 2015 to 30th Sept 2015, be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

FC:2016:11 **Enhancement of rent for Mr.S.Raju's accommodation**

A request was submitted by Mr. S. Raju asking for increase of House Rent Allowance by Rs 1000/- as his landlord is demanding increase in rent.

Resolution: ***Resolved that since Mr S. Raju stays in New Delhi and the Cost of Living is higher in New Delhi, his request for Increase in House Rent Allowance by Rs.1000/- be approved with effect from January 2016.***

FC:2016:12 **Budget for the year 2016-2017**

Mr Ashish Mane Presented the Budget of NCCI for the F.Y 2016-17. Dr Patta Deva Raju asked about the rationale used for preparing the budget. Mr Ashish Mane explained that the actuals of previous financial year and the trend in given expenditure \donations were the rationale used in preparing the budget for the F.Y. 2016-17. The following resolutions were taken.

NCCI Budget

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Budget of NCCI for the F.Y 2016-17 be approved and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA Budget

Mr Ashish Mane Presented the Budget of CSA for the F.Y 2016-17.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Budget of CSA for the F.Y 2016-17 be approved and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

FC:2016:13 **Raising of NCCI annual membership fees**

Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad opined that the Membership Fees from the Member Churches\Regional Councils\All India Christian Organisations are very minimal, and it was last enhanced at the Bangalore Assembly 2012.

Mr Anil Thomas proposed that Membership Fees as applicable to Members be enhanced by 100%. This was seconded by Dr Patta Deva Raju.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Membership fees as applicable to members be enhanced by 100%, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

FC:2016:14 **Closing of Bank account in Standard Chartered Bank, New Delhi**

A proposal was made to the Finance Committee to close the CSA Bank Account in Standard Chartered Bank as it is not in use and lying dormant since the last several years.

Resolution: ***Resolved to close the CSA Bank account in Standard Chartered Bank at New Delhi having A\c no 52011020128***

FC:2016:15 **Opening of new bank accounts for Azariah House and Lawn**

A proposal was made from the NCCI Office for opening a new bank account in NCCI for receiving Donation – Hospitality for use of Azariah House and NCCI Lawn Facility.

Resolution: ***Resolved to open a new bank account in the name of NCCI for receiving Donation – Hospitality for the use of Azariah House and NCCI Lawn facilities, and to make arrangements to invest into Fixed Deposits whenever the balance in the account reaches a substantial amount (i.e Rs 5,00,000)***

FC:2016:16 **Any other Business**

1. Delegates Registration Fees for the NCCI Quadrennial Assembly 2016 at Jabalpur

Mr. Ashish Mane informed that the delegates paid Rs 200/- per head as registration fees for the 2012 NCCI Quadrennial Assembly in Bangalore. A proposal was made that the Registration Fees be enhanced at the Jabalpur assembly 2016.

Resolution: ***Resolved to propose to the Executive Committee through the Working Committee that the Registration fees for the NCCI Quadrennial Assembly 2016 in Jabalpur be Rs 500/- per delegate.***

2. Utilization of Funds in NCCI Bank Account in the Name of World Council of Churches having A\c no 1195351800 and NCCI Bank Ac count in the Name of East Asia Christian Council having A\c no 1195413440 at Central Bank of India Nagpur.

Mr Ashish Mane informed that the above bank accounts are lying dormant since the last several years and if the Finance Committee permits, the funds in these bank accounts may be used for the expenses of the Quadrennial Assembly 2016

Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko opined that a formal intimation be given to the World Council of Churches before utilizing the amount.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Funds lying in the dormant NCCI Bank Account in the Name of World Council of Churches having A\c no 1195351800 and NCCI Bank Account in the Name of East Asia Christian Council having A\c no 1195413440 at Central Bank of India Nagpur, be utilized for the expenses of the Quadrennial Assembly 2016.***

3. Grants from overseas partners: The Finance Committee was of the opinion that when budgets are made for programmes/projects to be funded by overseas partners, provision should be made for contribution to the NCCI Secretariat for administrative expenses. The charge may be appropriately fixed between 2% to 5% of the total budget. Furthermore, it was suggested that in case of persons being appointed for serving in projects, provision should be made for the benefit of such persons at the time of the termination of the projects.

FC:2016:17 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary thanked the Chairperson and all the members of the Finance Committee for having given their valuable time in attending the meeting and helping the NCCI-CSA to progress forward with their wisdom and support. Likewise the Chairperson thanked everybody.

FC:2016:18 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting concluded with prayer and benediction by the Chairperson.

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar
Treasurer & Chairperson

Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Mr.Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

09:00 A.M. 16TH MARCH, 2016,
PALLOTTINE ANIMATION CENTRE,
GOREWADA RING ROAD, NAGPUR

EC:2016:01 Opening Devotion

Rev.Caesar David, Executive Secretary, Commission on Communications and Relations led the members in the opening devotion. Rev.Dr.Ipe Joseph, General Secretary, AISSA delivered a Lenten message based on Matthew 4:1-11.

EC:2016:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Ms. Pearly Jos, Acting President;
2. Rev. Dr. Mar Atsongchanger, Vice President;
3. Mr. Suman Biswas, Vice President;
4. Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer;
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary;
6. Dr.Patta Deva Raju,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose
8. Rev.Dr.Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda
9. Mrs.Ramani Ramya Krupa,
10. Mr.M. Rajakara Rao
11. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
12. Mr.Ajoy Saha,
13. Mr. K. Abraham,
14. Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
15. Rev.Fr.Aswin Fernandis,
16. Dr.Saramma Varghese,
17. Mr.Anil A.Thomas,
18. Ms.Aleyamma Thomas,
19. Rev.Vanmawia,
20. Mrs.Martha Mary Marwein,
21. Rev.Dr. R.R.D. Sajeeva Raju,
22. Mr.K.Jaya Rao,
23. Rt.Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
24. Ms.Jyotsna Rani Patro
25. Rev.Dr.M.Mani Chacko,
26. Rev.Dr.Vincent Rajkumar,
27. Rev.Dr.Ipe Joseph
28. Rt.Rev.Dr.Nelson Lakra,

II. Apologies

1. Rev.Mrs. N.V. Grace Bhanu,
2. Rev. Lalbiaksanga Chinzah,

3. Rt. Rev. Dr.Probal Kanto Dutta
4. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh,
5. Rev.Jyotirmaya Deep,
6. Rev.Dr.Samuel W. Meshack,
7. Rt.Rev. Dr.Julias Sontosh,
8. V.Rev. Kuriakose Moolayil,
9. Ms.Binu Mathew Roy,
10. Rev.Dr.R.S.Lemuel,
11. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
12. Dr.John N. Hanchinmani,
13. Ms.Shaila John Wesley,
14. Mr.Saroj Chand Jha
15. Major S. Babu Samraj,
16. Rev.Dr.Chandran Paul Martin,
17. Mr. S. Madhu,
18. Rev. Arun Barwa
19. Rev. Vinay Peter
20. Rt.Rev.Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
21. Mr. M.M.Philip

III. Absentees

1. Mr.B. Jesuadian,
2. Mr. G.Mathew Peter
3. Mr.Neville N. Sangma,
4. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
5. Malabar Independent Syrian Church,

IV. Invitees:

1. Mr.Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

Since 28 out of 54 members of the Executive Committee were present, the quorum requirements were met, and the Executive Committee meeting was called to order.

EC:2016:03 Welcome

Ms.Pearly Jos the Acting President welcomed all the members of the Executive Committee.

EC:2016:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

Res. No. 01/EC/2016

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2016:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Dr.Patta Deva Raju and Rev. Dr.Solomon Rongpi were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2016:06 **Election of President of NCCI** (March 16 to April 30, 2016)
Since Bishop Dr.Taranath S.Sagar passed away, the Executive Committee had the responsibility of filling his place. As per the constitutional provision, in case the President of the NCCI passes away, one of the three Vice-Presidents should be elected as the President for the remaining period of the current quadrennium. Accordingly Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer NCCI chaired the session and the Executive Committee discussed the matter. The names of Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger and Ms.Pearly Jos were proposed for the post. The Executive Committee resorted to secret ballot voting. Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger secured majority of the votes, and therefore was elected as President of the NCCI for the remaining period of the present quadrennium, 2012-2016.

Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger accordingly took charge as President of the NCCI.

EC:2016:07 **Obituaries & Felicitations**
Obituaries
The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

1. Passing away of NCCI President
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to stand and observe a moment of silence after which Rev.Dr.Mani Chacko was asked to offer a word of prayer thanking God for the life and work of Bishop Dr.Taranath S.Sagar and interceding for the bereaved family.

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vi. Mr. Amar Thomas, the Secretary of Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church, passed away on 13th January 2016.

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Felicitations

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Office:

i. Rt.Rev.O.Michael Benhur, elected as the Bishop of the South Andhra Lutheran Church for a second term from January 2016 to 2020.
ii. Dr.William Stanley, President, ECODAWM
iii. Mr. Anil Tharayath Varghese, Secretary- NCCI-URM

EC:2016:08 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2015 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received. It was resolved

Res. No. 02/EC/2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2016, and which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2016:09 Action Taken / Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2015

1. **New phase of partnership of ESHA with ICCO Cooperation** [EC: 2015:9: III C, EC:2015:27 (12)]: As reported in the last meeting of the Executive Committee the NCCI Secretariat had sent its proposal to ICCO Cooperation for a fresh partnership of two years. ICCO Cooperation has responded positively. The new phase of partnership has already started with Fr.Philip Kuruvilla as the General Coordinator and Mr.Vijayan Pillai as Programme Coordinator.

2. **National Ecumenical Labour Policy** [EC:2015:27 (15)]: As resolved by the Executive Committee, the revised draft of the National Ecumenical Labour Policy has been edited and sent to the constituent members of NCCI for their reference, adaption and implementation in their respective contexts.

3. **Work Place Policy** [EC:2015:28 (b)1] **:** As resolved by the Executive Committee, the Work Place Policy has been edited and is ready for implementation.

4. **The service of Rev. Sunil Raj Philip** [EC:2015:36 (2) i]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee Rev.Sunil Raj Philip was relieved from the service of NCCI from 16th October 2015. He assumed charge of his responsibilities in the CSI Synod office, Chennai from that date.

5. **Appointment of Mr.Pradip Bansrior** [EC:2015:36 (2) ii]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee the post of Executive Secretary for the Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis was filled after the due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and interview on 9th November 2015. Mr.Pradip Bansrior, from the Church of North India, who was ranked no.1 by the Working Committee, was appointed as Executive Secretary for the Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis with effect from 1st January 2016.

6. **The service of Rev. Sweety Helen Chukka** [EC:2015:36 (3) i]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee Rev.Sweety Helen Chukka was relieved from the service of NCCI from 1st January 2016.

7. **Appointment of Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei** [EC:2015:36 (3) ii]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee the post of Executive Secretary for the Commission on Youth was filled after the due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and inter view on 9th November 2015. Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei, from the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, who was

ranked no.1 by the Working Committee, was appointed as Executive Secretary for the Commission on Youth with effect from 1st January 2016.

8. **Quadrennial Assembly 2016** [EC:2015:37]**:** As proposed by the Executive Committee and as resolved by the General Body the invitation of the Church of North India to host the next Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI in Jabalpur was accepted. The Quadrennial Assembly Planning Committee consisting of the Working Committee, NCCI Secretariat and Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Dy.Moderator, CNI and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese, CNI and his team met in Jabalpur on 1st December 2015. It was resolved to hold the Quadrennial Assembly from April 27-30, 2016. The Quadrennial Assembly will be preceded by Pre-Assemblies in Jabalpur and other cities. The Local Host Committee has met subsequently on 19th January 2016 and 26th February 2016. The preparations for the Quadrennial Assembly and Pre-Assemblies are going on well.

9. **The Service of Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad** [EC:2015:38]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee, a letter was sent to the Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod requesting it to grant its blessings to extend the service of Rev. Dr.Roger Gaikwad as General Secretary of NCCI for another three years. The Mizoram Pres byterian Church Synod has accordingly granted its blessings.

10. Matter of carving out of Telangana Council of Churches from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches: Some members in the Executive Committee raised the matter of the formation of Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches as an urgent matter. The General Secretary informed the body that this matter was to be taken up in the General Body Meeting of the NCCI as a matter arising from the minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 in Ranchi. However some of the members pressed that since the matter was urgent, it should be discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting. The main issues in the discussion were:

    i. Since the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated into Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the two states should have their respective councils.

    ii. The erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches has lost the confidence of some of the churches which are members of the NCCI. Therefore these churches have on their own initiative constituted the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

iii. As per the NCCI Constitution, when there is a bifurcation of a state, the regional council of the erstwhile state should follow the constitutional procedure of notifying the need for carving out a new Regional Council, and should work out the modalities of the formation of such a council and the structure of the council in the residual state. The proposal for the carving out of the new council and the formation of the council in the residual state should be sent to the Quadrennial Assembly through the General Body for the approval of the Quadrennial Assembly.

iv. The erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches has followed the constitutional procedure for the carving out of the Telangana Council of Churches and the residual Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. The 43rd Biennial Conference of APCC had already mandated that the erst while AP Council of Churches be bifurcated into the Telangana Council of Churches within the jurisdiction of the new state of Telangana and the residuary AP Council of Churches within the jurisdiction of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly, the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC bifurcated itself into the Telangana Council of Churches and the AP Council of Churches. Official notification about the formation of the two councils was sent to the NCCI Secretariat. The Telangana Council of Churches framed its constitution and also registered itself with the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad, Government of Telangana.

v. The churches which have lost confidence in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches have refused to accept the procedures followed by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and the two councils that the latter has formed.

In the discussion that followed, there was a strong demand that the work of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches in forming the two new councils be rejected and the two councils formed by the churches which have lost confidence in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches be recognized. However the body was reminded that it is only the Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI which can approve of the formation of new regional councils and that this matter should be processed through the General Body before it goes to the Quadrennial Assembly. Keeping in mind the sentiments of those churches who had constituted two regional councils on their own with no reference to the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, it was

resolved that the recording secretaries draft an appropriate resolution which would be forwarded to the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016. The draft of the resolution would be discussed under "Any Other Business" at the end of the Executive Committee Meeting.

EC:2016:10 Matters from:

I. Finance Committee

1. Revision of Annual Membership Fees: The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee in its meeting on 15th March 2016 resolved to propose to the Executive Committee that the Annual Membership Fee of the constituent members of NCCI be doubled (increased by 100%) from the next quadrennium. This revision is necessitated in the context of the high cost of travel and programme expenditures which the NCCI Secretariat has to incur.

After due consideration it was resolved:

Res. No. 03/EC/2016

To propose to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting that the Annual Membership Fee of the constituent members of NCCI be doubled (increased by 100%) from the next quadrennium.

2. Registration Fee for XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI: The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee in its meeting on 15th March 2016 resolved to propose to the Executive Committee that the registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

After due consideration it was resolved:

Res. No. 04/EC/2016

To propose to the General Body Meeting that the registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

II. Constitution Committee

The General Secretary reported that as mandated, the Constitution Committee in its meeting on 26th February 2016 proposed that Article VI. 1(b) be elaborated as follows:

"The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

The underlined words in the Article are the new additions proposed.

The Constitution Committee also proposed that the General Secretary should send letters to the constituent bodies asking them to specifically mention which person is ex-officio in their delegation to the Assembly.

After due consideration the Executive Committee resolved:

Res. No. 05/EC/2016

(i) To approve off the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution

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(ii) To forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly through the General Body Meeting.

III. Organizational Restructuring Committee

The General Secretary reported that as mandated, the Organizational Restructuring Committee in its meeting on 26th February 2016 proposed a new structure for the NCCI. The main features of this new structure are:

1. Keeping in mind the four programme priorities of the NCCI for the period 2014-2020, the need for integrated work among Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, accommodation facilities in the NCCI Campus, and the financial resources available, there could be one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee. This National Programme Committee will articulate a vision of programmes for the quadrennium in its initial meeting. It shall meet subsequently at least once a year to take stalk of the programmes done, to evaluate the work of the Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, and to guide the course of programmes for the future.

   The National Programme Committee will be constituted of the President and the General Secretary of the NCCI, and 9 other members drawn from churches, related agencies, regional councils and AICOs.

2. The Executive Secretaries will have specific focal areas such as
   i. Unity and Mission (including Justice Peace and Creation);
   ii. Policy Governance and Public Witness;
   iii. Communication;
   iv. Dalits and Tribals/ Adivasis; and
   v. Youth

3. Since the principle is that of an integrated approach, the Executive Secretaries will address all the four programme priorities in their activities in coordination with one another. In addition each of the Executive Secretaries will be assigned to relate in particular to a few Regional Christian Councils.

4. Regarding AICCW, a decision needs to be taken whether AICCW would like to be integrated in the NCCI (in which case there will be no separate Executive Committee of AICCW) or whether AICCW will like to continue as an autonomous body.

5. The General Secretary will oversee the work of all the Executive Secretaries, along with the finance and administration of the NCCI Secretariat. He shall also liaise with constituent bodies of the NCCI and wider ecumenical councils and organizations.

6. Each Executive Secretary would be assisted by at least one Intern.

7. In addition to the four programme priority areas, there will be special projects such as VCLC (which is envisaged to become National Centre for Labour Concerns) and ESHA. These would be directly under the General Secretary.

8. Special Forums will also be formed to address specific frontier contemporary concerns. We presently have two such forums, namely IDEA (Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment) and NEFGSD (National Ecumenical Forum of Gender and Sexual Diversities). Such Forums may be initiated by Executive Secretaries with the approval of the National Programme Committee and the permission of the Executive Committee. Such forums would be under the supervision of the General Secretary.

9. There is the need for increased collaboration of member churches with the NCCI Secretariat through structural linkages for greater sharing, mutual strengthening and positive image-building for an impact bearing service and collective witness in the country. Ideally every member church should host at least one ecumenical programme of the NCCI every year. This will facilitate ecumenical partnership and stewardship.

10. NCCI should explore the possibility of making Regional Councils serve as regional offices of the NCCI. While the regions may constitute their respective regional councils, the Secretary of each regional council should work in close coordination with the NCCI Secretariat, particularly with the NCCI Executive Secretary assigned to the regional council. As new states are being carved out in the country and as churches in some states (which are presently within wide geographical area regional councils) are growing, new state-based regional councils will be formed.

11. Related Agencies are the arms of the NCCI. It should be ensured that the General Secretary of the NCCI is an ex-officio member of the General Body and Executive Committee of each Related Agency. The relationship between the NCCI and Related Agencies needs to be strengthened.

12. All India Christian Organizations should be seen as an integral part of the overall ministry of the Church and Ecumenical Movement in India. In this case too, the relationship between AICOs and the NCCI needs to be strengthened. The General Secretary should be a member of the General Body of each AICO in order to keep maintain the correlation and further strengthen ecclesial and ecumenical relationships.

13. The Secretariat Staff may require some changes/additions as work in the campus increases. We will be having the AISSA office located in Nagpur. So also the NCLC is being planned to be located in the Nagpur Campus. Some other special projects could also possibly be started in the main campus in the future.

    In the discussion that followed, the members were in favour of the new structure. There was an opinion expressed that there should be separate Executive Secretaries for Dalit and Tribal/ Adivasi concerns. It was responded that the proposal be accepted in principle and could be implemented when the financial situation of the NCCI Secretariat improves.

    There was also a suggestion that the Interns be designated as Programme Assistants.

    The AICCW President Dr.Saramma Varghese presented the proposal of the AICCW Executive Committee which met on 15th March 2016, following the Women's Pre-Assembly on 14-15 March 2016. She stated that the AICCW would like to be integrated with the NCCI just like the other commissions of the NCCI.

The Executive Committee resolved:

Res. No.06/EC/2016

(i) The proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting.

(ii) The AICCW should draft a proper resolution about its intent to be integrated with the NCCI and present the same at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016.

IV. Working Committee

1. The Policy of admitting New Members in NCCI: The General Secretary reported that the Working Committee discussed the applications for new membership in the NCCI. While this matter would be taken up by the General Body in its meeting on 17th March 2016, the Working Committee was of the view that applicants for membership in the NCCI be granted provisional membership for a period before they are accepted as full members.

The Executive Committee noted the information.

2. Administrative charges from Partnership funding:
The Working Committee proposed that an appropriate percentage should be cut from overseas partnership funding for NCCI programmes and projects. This would help the NCCI Secretariat to partially meet its expenses.

After due consideration it was resolved:

Res. No.07/EC/2016

The proposal of the Working Committee, that an appropriate percentage be cut from overseas partnership funding for partially meeting expenses of NCCI programmes and projects, be approved.

EC:2016:11 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 08a/EC/2016

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No.08b/EC/2016

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2016:12 Internal Audit Report

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI/CSA accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No.09a/EC/2016

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015 be approved.

Res. No.09b/EC/2016

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts (both local and FC) for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015 be approved.

EC:2016:13 Budget for 2016-17

The Treasurer presented the Draft Budget of the NCCI/CSA for the financial year 2016 -17. The total budgeted income of NCCI is Rs.17050353 and the budgeted expenditure is Rs.17820353. The total budgeted income of CSA is Rs.24800625 and the budgeted expenditure is Rs.25231083. The same was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No. 10a/EC/2016

The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2016-17 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

Res. No. 10b/EC/2016

The Budget of the CSA for the financial year 2016-17 be approved.

EC:2016:14 Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved

Res. No.11/EC/2016

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved

Res. No.12/EC/2016

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved

Res. No.13/EC/2016

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015 be approved.

EC:2016:15 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented a comprehensive report of the work done by the Commissions and the Secretariat of all the programmes done by the commissions and secretariat during the period October 2015 to March 2016. Reports of the Commissions and Secretariat programmes were also appended to his report.

The Executive Committee received the report with appreciation.

It was resolved

Res. No.14/EC/2016

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI/CSA be approved with appreciation

EC:2016:16 The services of Mr.A.Samuel Jayakumar

The General Secretary reported that the term of Mr.A.Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Commission on Policy Governance & Public Witness would come to an end on 31st March 2016. Keeping in mind the importance of the Quadrennial Assembly to be held from April 27-30, 2016 and some of the research projects which the Commission on Policy Governance & Public Witness is currently engaged in, the Working Committee has proposed that the term of Mr.A.Samuel Jayakumar be extended by one year, from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No.15/EC/2016

The term of Mr.A.Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Commission on Policy Governance & Public Witness be extended by one year, from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

EC:2016:17 Any Other Business

As was decided by the Executive Committee that a draft resolution be presented by the Recording Secretaries on the issue of the formation of Telangana Council of Churches and Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches[cf. EC:2016:09 (10)], Dr.Patta Deva Raju read out a draft resolution.

The members of the body were of the opinion that the draft resolution requires to be further refined and therefore suggested that the refined draft resolution be presented at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016.

EC:2016:18 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked all the members of the Executive Committee in particular the Office Bearers and the Recording Secretaries.

EC:2016:19 Closing Prayer

The President asked Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh to close the meeting with prayer.

Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger
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HELD ON MARCH 17, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.
AT PALLOTTINE ANIMATION CENTRE,
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GB:2016:01 Devotion:

Mr.Kasta Dip, Director, India Peace Centre led the members in the opening devotion. Rt.Rev.Collin Theodore, Secretary, NWICC delivered a Lenten message based on Mark 8:31-38.

GB:2016:02 Roll Call:

I. Members Present

1. Rev. Dr. Mar Atsongchanger, President;
2. Ms. Pearly Jos, Vice President;
3. Mr. Suman Biswas, Vice President;
4. Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer;
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary;
6. Dr.Patta Deva Raju,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose
8. Rev.Dr.Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda
9. Mrs.Ramani Ramya Krupa,
10. Mr.M. Rajakara Rao
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12. Mr.Ajoy Saha,
13. Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Rev.Fr.Aswin Fernandis,
15. Dr.Saramma Varghese,
16. Mr.Anil A.Thomas,
17. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
18. Rev.Vanmawia,
19. Mrs.Martha Mary Marwein,
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24. Rev.Dr.Ipe Joseph
25. Rt.Rev.Dr.Nelson Lakra,
26. Dr.J.A.Oliver,
27. Rev.K.Sardar,
28. Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore,
29. Dr.V.Esther Kathiroli,
30. Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu,
31. Rev.Dr.P.Syamala Sukumar,
32. Dr.William Stanley,

33. Mrs.Ella Sonawane
34. Ch.R.P.Mani Kumar,
35. Rev.Dr.D.Suresh Rajan,
36. Dr.Bimal Charles,
37. Mrs.Lidwina Cedric

II. Apologies

1. Rev.Mrs. N.V. Grace Bhanu,
2. Rev. Lalbiaksanga Chinzah,
3. Rt. Rev. Dr.Probal Kanto Dutta
4. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh,
5. Mr. K. Abraham,
6. Rev.Jyotirmaya Deep,
7. Rev.Dr.Samuel W. Meshack,
8. Rt.Rev. Dr.Julias Sontosh,
9. V.Rev. Kuriakose Moolayil,
10. Ms.Binu Mathew Roy,
11. Ms.Aleyamma Thomas,
12. Rev.Dr.R.S.Lemuel,
13. Dr.John N. Hanchinmani,
14. Ms.Shaila John Wesley,
15. Mr.Saroj Chand Jha
16. Major S. Babu Samraj,
17. Rev.Dr.Chandran Paul Martin,
18. Mr. S. Madhu,
19. Rev. Arun Barwa
20. Rev.Dr.M.Mani Chacko,
21. Rev. Vinay Peter
22. Rt.Rev.Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
23. Mr. M.M.Philip
24. Rev.Dr. H.M.Watson,
25. Fr.Dr.Reji Mathew,
26. Dr.Sunny Pariyaram,
27. Rev.R. Lalnunzira,
28. Rt.Rev. P.K. Samantaroy,
29. Mr.Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
30. Dr.Moses P. Manohar
31. Dr.Sunil Anand
32. Mrs.Mary George,
33. Ms.Vinodhini Moses,
34. Rev.G. Benjamin Inbaraj
35. Dr.Sushant Agrawal
36. Rev.Dr.Packiam T.Samuel
37. Rev.Joshua Peter
38. Rev.Mrs.Lucia Tudu

III. Absentees

1. Mr.B. Jesuadian,
2. Mr. G.Mathew Peter
3. Mr.Neville N. Sangma,
4. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
5. Malabar Independent Syrian Church,
6. Rev.Dr. R.R.D. Sajeeva Raju,
7. The Rt.Rev.P.P.Marandih,
8. Rev.Dr.Atul Arthur
9. Rev.Dr.Hemantkumar Parmar
10. The Secretary, Uttar Pradesh & Uttranchal Council of Churches
11. Mr.Purnananda Pradhan,
12. Mr.Inbaraj Jeyakumar

GB:2016:03 Constituting the General Body:
Since 37 out of 89 members of the General Body were present, the quorum requirements were met, and the General Body meeting was called to order.

GB:2016:04 Welcome:
Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger, President welcomed all the members of the General Body.

GB:2016:05 Adoption of Agenda:
It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

Res. No. 01/GB/2016
The agenda for the General Body, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

GB:2016:06 Appointment of Recording Secretaries:
Dr.Esther Kathiroli and Ms.Lidwina Cedric were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

GB:2016:07 Obituaries & Felicitations:
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ii. Rev. Dr. Bastiaan Wielenga, a renowned Indian Liberation Theologian and Biblical Scholar passed away on 23rd Dec 2015.

iii. Rt.Rev.Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus, Suffragan Metropolitan of the Kerala-based Mar Thoma Syrian Church, passed away on 27th December 2015. He was an exemplary priest, a caring bishop, an intellectual scholar and an amiable ecumenist.

iv. H.G.Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinose, Metropolitan of Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, passed away on 30th December 2015.

v. Rev Samuel Sunder Singh, Retired Bishop of Methodist Church in India, passed away on 9th January 2016.

vi. Mr. Amar Thomas, the Secretary of Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church, passed away on 13th January 2016.

The President asked the members to stand and observe a moment of silence following which Ms.Jyotsna Patro offered a word of prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Office:

i. Rt.Rev.O.Michael Benhur, elected as the Bishop of the South Andhra Lutheran Church for a second term from January 2016 to 2020.
ii. Dr.William Stanley, President, ECODAWM
iii. Mr. Anil Tharayath Varghese, Secretary- NCCI-URM

GB:2016:08 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 23rd September 2015 had been circulated and underwent minor editorial changes. As such no adverse comments were received.

It was resolved

Res. No. 02/GB/2016

The minutes of the meeting of the General Body meeting held on 23rd September 2016, and which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2016:09 Action Taken Report/Matters from General Body Meeting:

1. Re-organisation of Regional Christian Councils [GB:2015:9 (12)]: With regard to the re-organization of Regional Christian Councils, special mention was made about carving out of the Telangana Council of Churches from the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and constituting the two new councils. In this connection the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC met from October 23-25, 2015 at Canaan, Hyderabad. The 43rd Biennial Conference of APCC had already mandated that the AP Council of Churches be bifurcated into the Telangana Council of Churches with the jurisdiction of the new state of Telangana and the residuary AP Council of Churches with the jurisdiction of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC bifurcated itself into the Telangana Council of Churches and the AP Council of Churches. Official notification about the formation of the two councils has been received by the NCCI Secretariat. The Telangana Council of Churches framed its constitution and has also registered itself with the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad, Government of Telangana.

2. New phase of partnership of ESHA with ICCO Cooperation [GB:2015:09 (15)]: As reported in the last meeting of the General Body the NCCI Secretariat had sent its proposal to ICCO

Cooperation for a fresh partnership of two years. ICCO Cooperation has responded positively. The new phase of partnership has already started with Fr.Philip Kuruvilla as the General Coordinator and Mr. Vijayan Pillai as Programme Coordinator.

3. **National Ecumenical Labour Policy** [GB:2015:10 (1)]: As per the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting of 22nd September 2015, the revised draft of the National Ecumenical Labour Policy has been edited and sent to the constituent members of NCCI for their reference, adaption and implementation in their respective contexts.

4. **Work Place Policy** [GB:2015:10 (2)]: As resolved by the Executive Committee, the Work Place Policy has been edited and is ready for implementation.

5. **Ongoing partnership with CASA on Ecumenical Diakonia at Grassroots** [GB:2015:17]: NCCI is working with CASA to identify three local congregations with which a pilot project on Ecumenical Diakonia at the Grassroots will be sought to be implemented.

6. **The service of Rev. Sunil Raj Philip** [GB:2015:21 (1)]: In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd September 2015 and as notified to the General Body on 23rd September 2015, Rev.Sunil Raj Philip was relieved from the service of NCCI from 16th October 2015. He assumed charge of his responsibilities in the CSI Synod office, Chennai from that date.

7. **Appointment of Mr.Pradip Bansrior** [GB:2015:21 (1)]: In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd September 2015, the post of Executive Secretary for the Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis was filled after the due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and interview on 9th November 2015. Mr.Pradip Bansrior, who was ranked no.1 by the Working Committee, was appointed as Executive Secretary for the Commissions on Dalits and Tribals/Adivasis with effect from 1st January 2016.

8. **The service of Rev. Sweety Helen Chukka** [GB:2015:21 (1)]: In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd September 2015 and as notified to the General Body on 23rd September 2015, Rev.Sweety Helen Chukka was relieved from the service of NCCI from 1st January 2016.

9. **Appointment of Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei** [GB:2015:21 (1)]:
In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd September 2015, the post of Executive Secretary

for the Commission on Youth was filled after the due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and interview on 9th November 2015. Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei, who was ranked no.1 by the Working Committee, was appointed as Executive Secretary for the Commission on Youth with effect from 1st January 2016.

10. The Service of Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad [GB:2015: 21 (2)]: In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd September 2015 and as notified to the General Body on 23rd September 2015, a letter was sent to the Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod requesting it to grant its blessings to extend the service of Rev. Dr.Roger Gaikwad as General Secretary of NCCI for another three years. The Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod has accordingly granted its blessings.

11. Quadrennial Assembly 2016 [GB:2015:23]: As proposed by the Executive Committee and resolved by the General Body, the invitation of the Church of North India to host the next quadrennial assembly of the NCCI in Jabalpur was accepted. The Quadrennial Assembly Planning Committee consisting of the Working Committee, NCCI Secretariat and Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Dy.Moderator, CNI and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese, CNI and his team met in Jabalpur on 1st December 2015. It was resolved to hold the Quadrennial Assembly from April 27-30, 2016. The Quadrennial Assembly will be preceded by Pre-Assemblies in Jabalpur and other cities. The Local Host Committee has met subsequently on 19th January 2016 and 26th February 2016. The preparations for the Quadrennial Assembly and Pre-Assemblies are going on well.

The General Body noted the action taken report.

GB:2016:10 Matters from Executive Committee held on 16th March 2016:

I. Matter of carving out of Telangana Council of Churches from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches: The Executive Committee in its meeting on 16th March 2016 had discussed at length the matter of the carving out of Telangana Council of Churches from the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. The main issues in the discussion were:

i. Since the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated into Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the two states should have their respective councils.

ii. The erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches has lost the confidence of some of the churches which are members of the NCCI. Therefore these churches have on their own initiative constituted the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

iii. As per the NCCI Constitution, when there is a bifurcation of a state, the regional council of the erstwhile state should follow the constitutional procedure of notifying the need for carving out a new Regional Council, and should work out the modalities of the formation of such a council and the structure of the council in the residual state. The proposal for the carving out of the new council and the formation of the council in the residual state should be sent to the Quadrennial Assembly through the General Body for the approval of the Quadrennial Assembly.

iv. The erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches has followed the constitutional procedure for the carving out of the Telangana Council of Churches and the residual Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. The 43rd Biennial Conference of APCC had already mandated that the erstwhile AP Council of Churches be bifurcated into the Telangana Council of Churches within the jurisdiction of the new state of Telangana and the residuary AP Council of Churches within thejurisdiction of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly the 44th Biennial Conference of APCC bifurcated itself into the Telangana Council of Churches and the AP Council of Churches. Official notification about the formation of the two councils was sent to the NCCI Secretariat. The Telangana Council of Churches framed its constitution and also registered itself with the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad, Government of Telangana.

v. The churches which have lost confidence in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches have refused to accept the procedures followed by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and the two councils that the latter has formed.

As was decided by the Executive Committee, a draft resolution was presented by Dr.Patta Deva Raju, Recording Secretary on the issue of the formation of Telangana Council of Churches and Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches [cf. EC:2016:09 (10)], in the Any Other Business agenda of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee were of the opinion that the draft resolution requires to be further refined and therefore suggested that the refined draft resolution be presented at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016.

Dr.Patta Deva Raju orally presented the refined draft resolution which asserted:
Since the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches has lost the confidence of some of the major churches in the Andhra Pradesh Telangana region, and since these churches are

members of the NCCI, the NCCI should accept the formation of the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches as executed by these member churches, and that this proposal be forwarded to the Quadrennial Assembly for approval.

After due deliberations it was resolved

Res. No. 03/GB/2016

(i) The refined draft resolution of the Executive Committee be approved.

(ii) The General Secretary should write letters to the leaders of the newly formed regional councils by both (the erst while Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and by the NCCI member churches who rejected the action of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches) and seek to settle the matter amicably and present the same to the Quadrennial Assembly.

II. The relationship of AICCW with NCCI:

In the Executive Committee meeting held on 16th March 2016, the AICCW President Dr.Saramma Varghese presented the proposal of the AICCW Executive Committee which met on 15th March 2016, following the Women's Pre-Assembly on 14-15 March 2016. She stated that the AICCW would like to be integrated with the NCCI just like the other commissions of the NCCI. The Executive Committee resolved that: The AICCW should draft a proper resolution about its intent to be integrated with the NCCI and present the same at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016 (Res. No.06 (ii)/EC/2016).

Accordingly the AICCW Executive Committee read out a resolution which was approved by the General Body. It was thus resolved:

Res. No. 04/GB/2016

(i) To approve of the decision made by the AICCW Executive Committee to integrate the AICCW with the NCCI.

(ii) To work out modalities of the integration of AICCW with the NCCI.

(iii) To present the proposal to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for its approval.

III. Revision of Annual Membership Fees: The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee approved off the proposal of the Finance Committee that the Annual Membership Fee of the constituent members of NCCI be doubled (increased by 100%) from the next quadrennium. This revision is necessitated in the context of the high cost of travel and programme expenditures which the NCCI Secretariat has to incur.

After due consideration the General Body resolved:

Res. No. 05/GB/2016

To propose to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI that the Annual Membership Fee of the constituent members of NCCI be doubled (increased by 100%) from the next quadrennium.

IV. Registration Fee for XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI:

The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee approved off the proposal of the Finance Committee that the registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

After due consideration the General Body resolved:

Res. No. 06/GB/2016

The registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

V. Social Protection Policy: The General Secretary reported that a workshop on 'Social Protection' was conducted in Bangalore during September 28-30, 2015 by the Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation, in partnership with Church of Sweden. One outcome of the workshop was that it was proposed that NCCI should bring out a Policy on Social Protection. The Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation sought permission to draft a Policy and to send it to all constituent members of NCCI for their comments and suggestions. The revised draft of the policy would then be presented to the Executive Committee in its meeting in March 2016 for approval and adoption. The Working Committee approved of the request of the Commission on Justice, Peace and Creation.

A soft copy of the final draft version was sent to the constituent members of the NCCI prior to the Executive Committee meeting. In the light of the comments received the document had been finalized and was now being presented to the General Body for acceptance and approval. Accordingly it was resolved:

Res. No. 07/GB/2016

To approve of the document Social Security Policy Guidelines for the NCCI member churches and to recommend the same to the constituent members for their adoption and implementation in their own respective contexts.

GB:2016:11 Matters from Constitution Committee:

The General Secretary reported that as mandated, the Constitution Committee in its meeting on 26th February 2016 proposed that Article VI. 1(b) be elaborated as follows:

"The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, *(provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies)* of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

The underlined words in the Article are the new additions proposed.

The Constitution Committee also proposed that the General Secretary should send letters to the constituent bodies asking them to specifically mention which person is ex-officio in their delegation to the Assembly.

After due consideration the Executive Committee in its meeting on 16th March 2016 resolved to approved of the elaborated wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution and to forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly through the General Body.

After due deliberation the General Body resolved

Res. No. 08/GB/2016

(i) To approve off the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution

"The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

(ii) To forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

GB:2016:12 Matters from Organizational Restructuring Committee:

The General Secretary reported that as mandated, the Organizational Restructuring Committee in its meeting on 26th February 2016 proposed a new structure for the NCCI. The main features of this new structure are:

1. Keeping in mind the four programme priorities of the NCCI for the period 2014-2020, the need for integrated work among Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, accommodation facilities in the NCCI Campus, and the financial resources available, there could be one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee. This National Programme Committee will articulate a vision of programmes for the quadrennium in its initial meeting. It shall meet subsequently at least once a year to take stalk of the programmes done, to evaluate the work of the Executive Secretaries and Coordinators, and to guide the course of programmes for the future.
   The National Programme Committee will be constituted of the

President and the General Secretary of the NCCI, and 9 other members drawn from churches, related agencies, regional councils and AICOs.

2. The Executive Secretaries will have specific focal areas such as
   i. Unity and Mission (including Justice Peace and Creation);
   ii. Policy Governance and Public Witness;
   iii. Communication;
   iv. Dalits and Tribals/ Adivasis; and
   v. Youth

3. Since the principle is that of an integrated approach, the Executive Secretaries will address all the four programme priorities in their activities in coordination with one another. In addition each of the Executive Secretaries will be assigned to relate in particular to a few Regional Christian Councils.

4. Regarding AICCW, a decision needs to be taken whether AICCW would like to be integrated in the NCCI (in which case there will be no separate Executive Committee of AICCW) or whether AICCW will like to continue as an autonomous body.

5. The General Secretary will oversee the work of all the Executive Secretaries, along with the finance and administration of the NCCI Secretariat. He shall also liaise with constituent bodies of the NCCI and wider ecumenical councils and organizations.

6. Each Executive Secretary would be assisted by at least one Intern.

7. In addition to the four programme priority areas, there will be special projects such as VCLC (which is envisaged to become National Centre for Labour Concerns) and ESHA. These would be directly under the General Secretary.

8. Special Forums will also be formed to address specific frontier contemporary concerns. We presently have two such forums, namely IDEA (Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment) and NEFGSD (National Ecumenical Forum of Gender and Sexual Di versities). Such Forums may be initiated by Executive Secretaries with the approval of the National Programme Committee and the permission of the Executive Committee. Such forums would be under the supervision of the General Secretary.

9. There is the need for increased collaboration of member churches with the NCCI Secretariat through structural linkages for greater sharing, mutual strengthening and positive image-

building for an impact bearing service and collective witness in the country. Ideally every member church should host at least one ecumenical programme of the NCCI every year. This will facilitate ecumenical partnership and stewardship.

10. NCCI should explore the possibility of making Regional Councils serve as regional offices of the NCCI. While the regions may constitute their respective regional councils, the Secretary of each regional council should work in close coordi nation with the NCCI Secretariat, particularly with the NCCI Executive Secretary assigned to the regional council. As new states are being carved out in the country and as churches in some states (which are presently within wide geographical area regional councils) are growing, new state-based regional councils will be formed.

11. Related Agencies are the arms of the NCCI. It should be ensured that the General Secretary of the NCCI is an ex-officio member of the General Body and Executive Committee of each Related Agency. The relationship between the NCCI and Related Agencies needs to be strengthened.

12. All India Christian Organizations should be seen as an integral part of the overall ministry of the Church and Ecumenical Movement in India. In this case too, the relationship between AICOs and the NCCI needs to be strengthened. The General Secretary should be a member of the General Body of each AICO in order to keep maintain the correlation and further strengthen ecclesial and ecumenical relationships.

13. The Secretariat Staff may require some changes/additions as work in the campus increases. We will be having the AISSA office located in Nagpur. So also the NCLC is being planned to be located in the Nagpur Campus. Some other special projects could also possibly be started in the main campus in the future.

    The Executive Committee had resolved that 'the proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting.' [Res. No.06(i)/EC/2016 (i)]; and that the AICCW should draft a proper resolution about its intent to be integrated with the NCCI and present the same at the General Body Meeting on 17th March 2016 [Res. No.06(ii)/ EC/2016 (ii)].

    In the discussion that followed, the members were in favour of the new structure. There was an opinion expressed that there

should be separate Executive Secretaries for Dalit and Tribal/ Adivasi concerns. It was responded that the proposal be accepted in principle and could be implemented when the financial situation of the NCCI Secretariat improves. Another possibility is that churches could depute one of their persons for either dalit or tribal/adivasi ministry in the NCCI Secretariat, following the model of Mizoram Presbyterian Church which is deputing one person to serve as Secretary of AISSA.

There was also a suggestion that the Interns be designated as Programme Assistants. It was pointed out that funding from partners is available for Internship programmes and not for Programme Assistants. Some members suggested that the work be designated as Interns/Programme Assistants.

As resolved by the Executive Committee the AICCW President Dr.Saramma Varghese presented a revised draft of the resolution of the AICCW Executive Committee, stating that AICCW would like to be integrated with the NCCI.

After due discussion on the organization restructuring, the General Body resolved:

Res. No. 09/GB/2016

(i) The proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval.

(ii) The resolution of the AICCW regarding intent to be integrated with the NCCI be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval.

GB:2016:13 Matters from Membership Committee:

The General Secretary presented the recommendations of the Membership Committee which met on 26th February 2016 for the consideration of the General Body

1. Believers Church

The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution of the previous Membership Committee, the Believers Church has sought endorsements from different constituent members of the NCCI. They have received endorsements from the Kerala Council of Churches, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, the Methodist Church in India (Delhi Episcopal area), North West India Council of Churches, Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Andhra Lutheran Church, Mennonite Church in India, and several others.

The members discussed the matter of the membership of Believers Church. It noted the several recommendations received from constituent members for its inclusion in the NCCI.

The Membership Committee resolved to ask the Believers Church to send the following reports/undertakings: (i) an updated report on the present life and work of the Believers Church including its present ecclesial structure and statistics; (ii) a commitment from the Believers Church to subscribe to the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the NCCI; (iii) an undertaking from the Believers Church that it is free from litigations and tax problems.

The Membership Committee further resolved to present the case of the membership of Believers Church to the General Body, along with the above mentioned three reports/undertakings for its consideration.

The General Body discussed the issue of the application of Believers Church for membership in the NCCI. While many member churches had recommended the admission of Believers Church in the NCCI, the representatives of CSI and CNI had reservations on the matter regarding issues of faith and order and the strategies of the Believers Church in admitting members in its fold. A question was also raised whether the recommendations sent by member churches of NCCI were official recommendations of the church or whether they were individual recommendations made by church leaders.

After due discussion it was resolved:

Res. No. 10/GB/2016

(i) Those constituent members of NCCI who have recommended to accept the Believers Church in the membership of NCCI, be asked for official recommendations from their respective church bodies.

(ii) The concerns expressed during the General Body meeting belooked into by the Membership Committee and the Office bearers of the NCCI.

(iii) In the light of the above two resolutions, the application of the Believers Church be accordingly placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

2. Bengal Odisha Bihar Baptist Churches' Association (BOBBCA)

The General Secretary reported that the matter of the status of Bengal Odisha Bihar Baptist Convention and its relationship with Bengal Odisha Bihar Baptist Churches Association was yet to be resolved. The Membership Committee suggested that efforts be made to clarify the status of BOBBC and BOBBCA before the General

Body meeting on 17th March 2016. While efforts to clarify the issue are still on, it was reported that BOBBCA is a member of the Utkal Christian Council and the Board of Theological Education of Senate of Serampore College had recognized BOBBCA as its member.

After due discussion it was resolved:

Res. No. 11/GB/2016

The matter of the status of BOBBC and BOBBCA be further investigated by the Membership Committee and presented to XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for consideration.

3. Evangelical Church of India

The General Secretary informed that in accordance with the resolution of the Membership Committee a letter was sent to ECI asking them for their official response to the earlier notification sent to them regarding ecumenical relations in the region. They should also send the following reports/undertakings: (i) an updated report on the present life and work of the Evangelical Church of India Church including its present ecclesial structure and statistics; (ii) a commitment to subscribe to the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the NCCI; (iii) an undertaking that it is free from litigations and tax problems.

The General Secretary reported that the response from ECI was still to be received. After due deliberation it was resolved:

Res. No. 12/GB/2016

If the ECI sends its response, the Membership Committee should examine the same and present their case to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

4. Seva Bharat

The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the Membership Committee, Seva Bharat was asked to send information about the nature of its administrative structure and about its ecumenical character. Seva Bharat had accordingly responded.

The Membership Committee studied the response of Seva Bharat. It noted that the ecumenical character of Seva Bharat did not come up to the expected standards of NCCI, since the persons from different churches on its board were there in their individual capacity and not as official representatives of their respective churches.

The Membership Committee however noted the good work being done by Seva Bharat. Hence the Committee was of the opinion that the NCCI needs to consider whether organizations which are

rendering notable service to the wider church and society could still be included within the family of NCCI. A position paper on this subject should be presented in the forthcoming Quadrennial Assembly. The Working Committee recommended that the General Secretary initiates a discussion on the subject during the forthcoming Quadrennial Assembly.

The General Body resolved:

Res.No.13/GB/2016

The General Secretary be asked to initiate a discussion on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.

5. Interserve India

The General Secretary reported that as asked by the Membership Committee, Interserve India has submitted the following documents (i) a copy of its latest constitution; (ii) a statement highlighting the ecumenical character of its board whether the Board members are there in their individual capacity or as official representatives of their respective churches and organizations; (iii) an undertaking from the Interserve India that it is free from litigation and tax problems; (iv) a commitment from the Interserve India to subscribe to the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the NCCI.

As in the case of Seva Bharat, the Membership Committee however noted the good work being done by Interserve India. Hence the Committee was of the opinion that the NCCI needs to consider whether organizations which are rendering notable service to the wider church and society could still be included within the family of NCCI.

The General Body resolved:

Res.No.14/GB/2016

The General Secretary be asked to initiate a discussion on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.

6. Lutheran World Service India Trust

The General Secretary reported that the Lutheran World Service India Trust was seeking membership of the NCCI in the context of its constitution which stated that UELCI and NCCI have constituted a public charitable trust to take over the assets, liabilities, projects and programmes of the Lutheran World Service – India. This constitution was adopted in 2009. Since then the NCCI is officially on the board of LWSIT. The General Secretary of the NCCI usually

serves as the Vice-President of LWSIT, however in the present con text the General Secretary is serving as the President of LWSIT. Along with the constitution, the LWSIT had submitted other required official documents for the consideration of the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee resolved that 'the antecedents of LWSIT be researched into, and the decisions if any of previous NCCI committees be looked into, and the matter be presented to the General Body for its consideration.'

Accordingly the General Secretary reported that the Working Committee had already resolved in 2008 that NCCI would be a constituent partner of UELCI in the formation of LWSIT. However the matter had not been informed to the Executive Committee and the General Body.

After due consideration it was resolved:

Res. No.15/GB/2016

The application of LWSIT for membership in the NCCI as an All India Christian Organization be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for approval.

7. Vishwa Vani Church

The General Secretary presented the application of the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India for membership of the NCCI. The Membership Committee went through the application and made the observation that a distinction has to be made between Vishwa Vani and the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India. While Vishwa Vani is an old organization, the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India is new. In the light of its title which suggests that it is a federation, the applicant body needs to clarify whether it wants to register as a church or as an All India Christian Organization. Furthermore the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India should have its own constitution and it should be duly registered with the government.

As in the case of Seva Bharat, the Membership Committee noted that Vishwa Vani as an organization has rendered notable service to the church and society. Hence once again the NCCI would have to con sider possibilities of including such bodies in the larger family of NCCI.

After due consideration the General Body resolved:

Res.No.16/GB/2016

(i) The status of Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India needs to be ascertained: whether it is a church or a federal council of churches.

(ii) If it is a church, then the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches is still very young and cannot be considered for membership at the present juncture.

(iii) If it is an All India Christian Organisation, then it would have to await the result of the discussion which would be initiated during the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly on such organizations.

8. Church of the Nazarene

The General Secretary reported that the Church of the Nazarene had also enquired about membership in the NCCI. However their application reached just after the Membership Committee met on 26th February 2016. The President of the Church of the Nazarene made a special request that the application of their church be considered by the General Body. They have accordingly sent the required documents. After due deliberation it was resolved:

Res.No.17/GB/2016

Churches in the area of the applicant church, the Church of the Nazarene be asked for official letters stating whether they ap prove or not of the membership of the Church of the Nazarene in the NCCI.

GB:2016:14 Arbitration matters (if any):

There were no matters under this agenda.

GB:2016:15 Report of the Treasurer:

The General Body received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 18a/GB/2016

To receive and approve the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015 with appreciation.

Res. No. 18b/GB/2016

To receive and approve the report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2015 with appreciation.

GB:2016:16 Internal Audit Report:

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI/CSA accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No.19a/GB/2016

To receive and approve the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015.

Res. No. 19b/GB/2016

To receive and approve the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts (both local and FC) for the period 1st April to 31st December 2015.

GB:2016:17 Budget for 2016-17:

The Treasurer presented the Draft Budget of the NCCI/CSA for the financial year 2016 -17. The total budgeted income of NCCI is Rs.17050353 and the budgeted expenditure is Rs.17820353. The total budgeted income of CSA is Rs.24800625 and the budgeted expenditure is Rs.25231083. The same was received and approved.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 20a/GB/2016

To receive and approve the Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2016-2017

Res. No. 20b/GB/2016

To receive and approve the Budget of the CSA for the financial year 2016-2017.

GB:2016:18 Statement of Accounts:

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved

Res. No.21/GB/2016

To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved

Res. No.22/GB/2016

To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

It was resolved:

Res. No.23/GB/2016

To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

GB:2016:19 Report of the General Secretary:

The General Secretary presented a comprehensive report of the work done by the Commissions and the Secretariat of all the programmes done by the commissions and secretariat during the period October 2015 to March 2016. Reports of the Commissions and Secretariat programmes were also appended to his report.

The General Body received the report with appreciation.

It was resolved

Res. No.24/GB/2016

The report of the General Secretary be received and approved with appreciation

GB:2016:20 Quadrennial Assembly 2016:

Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Deputy Moderator, CNI and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese CNI invited all the constituent units of the NCCI to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly. He reported that preparations are on to ensure that the Assembly is conducted well. He urged the constituent units to send the travel details of their official delegates so that proper arrangements could be made.

The General Secretary also urged the constituent units to ensure the following:

i. Payment of membership fees
ii. Certified copy of the statistics of communicant members of churches
iii. Latest copy of the government registration of constituent units
iv. At least one-third of the delegates should be youth, and one-third should be women

GB:2016:21 Vote of thanks:

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI thanked all the members of the General Body in particular the Office Bearers and the Recording Secretaries. The President thanked the Treasurer as well.

GB:2016:22 Closing Prayer:

The President asked Rev.Dr.Solomon Rongpi to close the meeting with prayer.

Rev.Dr.Mar Atsongchanger
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr.Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Dr.Esther Kathiroli
Recording Secretary

Ms.Lidwina Cedric
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
06:30 P.M. 30TH APRIL, 2016,
CHRIST CHURCH GIRLS SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, NORTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR

EC: 2016:20 Opening Prayer:
The meeting began with prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

EC:2016:21 Roll Call:

I. Members Present:

1) Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh, President
2) Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President
3) Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary
4) Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
5) Mrs. K.Asha Kiran Paradesi,
6) Mr. Suresh Jacob,
7) Mrs.Rachana Singh,
8) Mr.M. Rajakara Rao,
9) Mr. Ajoy Saha (for the time being)
10) Dr.K.Abraham,
11) Fr.Aswin Fernandis,
12) Dr.Saramma Peter Varghese,
13) Rev.Dr. I.P.Asheervadam,
14) Deacon Vikal Pravin Rao,
15) Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
16) Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
17) Mr. K.Jaya Rao,
18) Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
19) Rt.Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
20) Mr.V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
21) Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
22) Ms. Lidwina Cedric,

II. Members absent/Those who found it inconvenient to attend

1) Rev. Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Vice-President, Apology
2) Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas,Vice-President, Apology
3) Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, Apology
4) Arcot Lutheran Church
5) Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
6) Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention
7) Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
8) Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
9) Mr.H. Arthur Sadhanandham, Apology
10) Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi, Apology
11) Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen, Apology
12) Evangelical Lutheran Church in M.P.
13) Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
14) Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,

15) Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church
16) Mr. Angelious Michael,
17) Malabar Independent Syrian Church,
18) H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
19) Dr.Ms. Roja Princy,
20) Rt.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
21) Ms. Ani Koshy,
22) Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
23) Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
24) Rt.Rev. Bajel Murmu,
25) Rev. G.S. Lyttan, Apology
26) Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, Apology
27) Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church,
28) Kerala Council of Churches,
29) Tamil Nadu Christian Council,
30) Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel

EC:2016:22 Adoption of Agenda

Res. No.16/EC/2016

Resolved to accept the Agenda as proposed.

EC:2016:23 Introduction & Welcome:

The President Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C.Singh welcomed the newly elected Presidium and the members of the Executive Committee. He shared about the functioning of NCCI and CSA. The President urged the members to go through the Constitution of NCCI given in the Assembly Proceedings book and also requested their cooperation for a meaningful quadrennium.

EC:2012:24 Date of Next Meeting:

It was proposed that the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body meetings be held in August 2016.

Res. No.17/EC/2012

The General Body and the Executive Committee will meet some time in August 2016. The exact dates to be intimated later.

EC:2016:25 Vote of Thanks:

The General Secretary thanked the newly elected Office Bearers and all the members.

EC:2016:26 Felicitations:

Dr.Patta Deva Raju and Mr. Ajoy Saha on behalf of the Executive Committee congratulated the newly elected Office Bearers.

EC:2012:27 Closing Prayer:

The meeting closed with prayer by Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore and benediction by Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh.

Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Minutes of the Office Bearers' Meeting held on 12th August 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at CSI Synod Secretariat, No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai-600 014

OM:2016:01: Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, President NCCI.

OM:2016:02: Roll Call

Members present

1. Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, President
2. Rev.Dr.Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, Vice-President
3. Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President
5. Rev.Dr.Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary

Apology:

Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer

OM:2016:03 Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda, which was circulated earlier, was adopted with the addition of two items in any other business: (i) request from Fr.Philip Kuruvilla and (ii) request from India Peace Centre.

OM:2016:04 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

The General Secretary and Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose were appointed as recording secretaries.

OM:2016:05 Financial Matters

a) Report of the Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer was received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

b) Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2016

The report of the Statutory Auditors and Audited Statement of Accounts of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2016 was received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

c) Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of CSA for the year ending 31st March 2016

The report of the Statutory Auditors and Audited Statement of Accounts of CSA for the year ending 31st March 2016 was

received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

d) Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of CSA F.C. Account for the year ending 31st March 2016

The report of the Statutory Auditors and Audited Statement of Accounts of CSA F.C. or the year ending 31st March 2016 was received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

e) Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016: NCCI/CSA Local/CSA FC

The Statement of Accounts of NCCI/CSA Local/CSA FC for the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016 was received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

OM:2016:06 Representation on ISPCK and LWSIT Board, Grievance Redressal Cell & Committee against Sexual Harassment

The members discussed the representation of NCCI on different bodies and resolved as follows:

Res. No. 01/OM/ 2016

i. Representation on the ISPCK General Body: Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas

ii. Representation on LWSIT Board: Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh and Mrs.Basanti Biswas

iii. Representation on NCCI Grievance Redressal Cell:
- *a. Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda as Chairperson*
- *b. Rev.Dr.A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar as member*

iv. NCCI Committee Against Sexual Harassment:
- *a. Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas (NCCI Woman Vice-President) as Chairperson*
- *b. Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda (ex-officio, being the Chairperson of the Grievance Redressal Cell)*

v. Representation on Kerala Council of Churches Committee: Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose

OM:2016:07 FCRA Rules regarding change in members of Executive Committee/ Governing Council

The General Secretary informed the Office Bearers that as per FCRA Rules, more than 50% change in the membership of the Executive Committee/General Body has to be reported to the government authorities for approval.

The matter was duly noted.

OM:2016:08 Disclosure of Interest by Directors

General notices regarding disclosure of interest in Form MBP-1 in compliance with the provisions of section 184(1) and rule 9(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, as received from the following Directors, were placed before the Board:

1. Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh
2. Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
5. Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad

The Board took note of the same and passed the following resolution

Res. No. 02/OM/ 2016

(i) "RESOLVED THAT General Notice for Disclosure of interest pursuant to section 184(1) and rule 9(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, received from Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad Directors of the Company in Form MBP-1 disclosing concern or interest in any contract or arrangements which may be entered into with such body corporate or firm as per the statement brought up and read in this meeting and is hereby recorded in the Register of Contracts mentioned u/s 189 of the Companies Act, 2013."

(ii) "RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to digitally sign and submit ROC e-Forms MGT-14 and other documents on behalf of the Company. He is also authorized to do all necessary acts, deeds and things whatsoever required for the purpose."

OM:2016:09 Considerations of and taking on record the status of Directors u/s 164 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013

In terms of the provisions of sub-section (2) under section 164 of the Act, the Company has received the representation from the directors regarding their status, which have been considered and taken on record by the Board. The following resolution was passed at the Board Meeting and furnished the same to the Auditors for their comment in the Auditors Report:

Res. No. 03/OM/ 2016

(i) "RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, on the written representations received from Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Directors of the Company and placed before the Board be and hereby taken on record and the Board be and hereby declared and confirmed that none of the director of the company is dis qualified in terms of the provisions of section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, for continuance and appointment in the company as a director."

(ii) "RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all necessary acts, deeds and things whatsoever required for the above purpose."

OM:2016:10 Authorization to file ROC documents

The General Secretary presented the need for a resolution to ap point Mr.Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2016 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 04/OM/ 2016

Mr.Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) be appointed for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2016 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

OM:2016:11 Declaration of assets and filing of returns by Directors as per Lokpal 2013 Act

The General Secretary informed that, in accordance with Lokpal 2013 Act, all Directors of Companies receiving annual government grants amounting to Rs.1 crore or more, or Rs.10 lacs from foreign partners, would be considered as public servants and required to declare the assets and file income tax returns of the following: self, spouse and dependent children. The declaration of assets and filing of income tax returns would have to be done by 31st December 2016. However, the matter may come up for discussion in the parliament and therefore Directors are advised to await the outcome of the parliament discussion.

The information was duly noted.

OM:2016:12 Report of the General Secretary

The report of the General Secretary was received and duly forwarded to the General Body and Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

OM:2016:13 Any other business

1. **Request from Fr.Philip Kuruvilla:** The General Secretary presented a written request from Fr.Philip Kuruvilla, informing that since he has to move his residence from Nagpur to Bangalore for personal reasons he be allowed to continue his work with ESHA from October 2016 till the end of his contract August 31, 2017 from Bangalore; if however such an arrangement is not feasible, he has offered to tender his resignation.

   The Office Bearers discussed the matter and thought that it would be best to allow Fr.Philip Kuruvilla to operate from Bangalore as a Consultant and not as a General Coordinator. If he agrees to do so then the General Secretary would continue to hold charge as Project Holder while Fr. Thomas Ninan would remain as Associate General Coordinator till the end of the present phase of ESHA's work. It was resolved:

   Res. No. 05/OM/ 2016

   i. Fr.Philip Kuruvilla be offered the post of a Consultant for ESHA operating from Bangalore for the period October 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. He will be paid a lump sum amount of Rs.35000/- per month. So also he will be granted travel expenses as and when required for the work of ESHA.

   ii. Since Fr. Thomas Ninan has started working as Associate General Coordinator only from 1st July 2016, he will continue in that position till August 31, 2017.

   iii. The General Secretary will continue as Project Holder of ESHA.

2. **Request from India Peace Centre:** The General Secretary reported that Mr.Kasta Dip, Director of India Peace Centre(IPC) had written a letter seeking permission to extend the existing structures of the guest houses in the premises of IPC so as to have more rooms to accommodate volunteers and guests. Since the ownership of the IPC premises lies with the NCCI, he has placed this request before the NCCI authorities.

   The Office Bearers discussed the matter and were in favour of granting permission provided that all legal formalities were attended to by India Peace Centre and that a proper agreement was signed by

IPC and NCCI regarding the same. It was resolved:

Res. No. 06/OM/ 2016

i. India Peace Centre be granted permission to extend the existing structures of guest houses in the premises of IPC.

ii. All legal requirements should be duly followed by IPC in setting up the extra accommodation.

iii. A proper agreement would have to be signed by IPC with NCCI which is the owner of the premises.

3. The plan of Kerala Council of Churches to form a KCC Zone in Delhi: Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President NCCI raised the concern about the intention of the Kerala Council of Churches to form a KCC Zone in Delhi. The Office Bearers were of the opinion that such a zone should not be formed in Delhi or any other place outside Kerala in the country. Since the Kerala Council of Churches is a regional council, it should confine its activities to the Kerala region.

4. Matter related to the amendment of the Constitution: Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda, Vice-President NCCI, raised the concern about the constitutional provision for abolition of commissions in the NCCI as mention of the commissions was in Article V of the constitution, and that no Amendments relating to Articles II, III, V, XI, XIII, XIV and XV shall be effective without the approval of the Assembly. It was pointed out that the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly was already informed about the new structure of one National Programme Committee which involved among other things, the abolition of Programme Commissions. The Quadrennial Assembly had accordingly resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI and that necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change.

In order to avoid any constitutional problems in forming the new National Programme Committee, the Office Bearersthought it best to rename the new body as National Programme Commission. The portfolios of the NCCI Executive Secretaries would be considered as Commissions under the National Programme Commission. The General Secretary would seek further legal advice on the matter.

5. Travel reimbursement for attending General Body and Executive Committee Meetings; The Office Bearers raised concerns about lowering the travel reimbursement to General Body and Executive Committee members to 3 AC with 30% incidentals. They were of the opinion that it would be good to continue with the earlier practice of granting 2AC travel payment to the members with 20% incidentals. The practice would be reinstated from the next meeting.

OM:2016:14 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary thanked the Office Bearers for their presence and participation in, and contribution to the meeting.

OM:2016:15 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer followed by benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, President NCCI.

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Body held on August 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
at CSI Synod Secretariat, No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai

1. Opening Devotion:

Since 12th August is celebrated every year all the world over as International Youth Day, Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary for Youth, led the devotions along with all the NCCI Interns. Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, President NCCI delivered a challenging message during the worship.

2. Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt.Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
7. Dr.Patta Deva Raju,
8. Rt.Rev. Raja Socrates G.
9. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
10. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
11. Mrs.Rachana Singh,
12. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
13. Mr. H.Arthur Sadhanandham,
14. Mr. M.Rajakara Rao,
15. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
16. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
17. Mr. K.Abraham,
18. Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
19. Mr. Angelious Michael,
20. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
21. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
22. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
23. Rt.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
24. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
25. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
26. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
27. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
28. Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
29. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
30. Mr. K.Jaya Rao,
31. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
32. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
33. Dr. V.Esther Kathiroli,

34. Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore,
35. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
36. Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,
37. Rev.Dr. H.M.Watson,
38. Mrs. Ekta Peters
39. Rev. R.Lalnunzira,
40. Rev.Dr.P.Syamala Sukumar,
41. Dr. P.Mohan Larbeer,
42. Mrs.Ella Sonawane
43. Dr. Moses P.Manohar,
44. Mr. Shaju V.Joseph,
45. Rev.Dr.D.Suresh Rajan,
46. Rev. Joshua Peter,
47. Rev.Dr. Hmingthansanga,
48. Rev.Dr. Vincent Rajkumar
49. Dr. Bimal Charles

II. Apologies

1. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
2. Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
3. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
4. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
5. Dr.Ms. Roja Princy,
6. Ms. Ani Koshy,
7. Rev.Dr. I.P.Asheervadam,
8. Bishop Subodh C.Mondal,
9. Rt.Rev. Bajel Murmu,
10. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
11. Rev.Dr. Atul Arthur,
12. Dr. Sunny Pariyaram
13. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
14. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
15. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,
16. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
17. Rev.Dr. M.Mani Chacko,
18. Dr. William Stanley
19. Mr. Shabu Thomas,
20. CH. R.P. Mani Kumar,
21. YWCA
22. Rev. G.Benjamin Inbaraj,
23. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
2. Bihar Council of Churches,
3. Gujarat Council of Churches,
4. Jharkhand Council of Churches,

5. Uttar Pradesh & Uttranchal Council of Churches
6. Rev. Vinay Peter,
7. Christian Endeavour in India,
8. Christian Union of India,
9. The Leprosy Mission

IV. Invitees

1. Rev. K. Sardar, representing Bengal Christian Council

V. Visitors/Guests

1. Mr.Koshy Mathew, representing YMCA

VI. Autonomous Bodies

1. Ms. Moumita Biswas, AICCW
2. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC

VII. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R.Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A.Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
6. Fr. Philip Kuruvilla

VIII. Membership in suspension

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church
5. Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches,

3. Constituting the Special Meeting of the General Body:

Since 49 out of 81 members of the General Body were present, the quorum requirements were met, and so the Special Meeting of the General Body was called to order by Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C.Singh, President NCCI.

4. Welcome:

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, General Secretary NCCI welcomed the members for the Special Meeting of the General Body and informed them about the purpose of the special meeting of the General Body which had already been notified earlier.

5. Constitutional Amendments:

a) **Article VI.1(b) regarding membership of Executive Committee of persons in ex-officio capacity from the constituent units:** The General Secretary reported that he had presented to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly the following resolution of the General Body meeting of

17th March 2016 regarding amendment of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution:

Res. No. 08/GB/2016

(i) To approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution
"The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

(ii) To forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

The XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly received the proposal and approved of the same.

RESOLUTION: Resolved to approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution "The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

The matter was now being presented to the Special Meeting of the General Body for its approval.

The Special Meeting of the General Body unanimously approved of the amendment of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution. The said article will now read as:
Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution "The Executive Committee shall consist of the following,elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

b) Bye laws no. 2 & 3 where mention and description have to be made of National Programme Committee in place of Programme Commissions:
The General Secretary reported that the NCCI General Body in its meeting on 17th March 2016 had discussed the proposal on NCCI Structure Re-organization to the assembly.

Some of the salient features of the proposal were:

a. To constitute one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee.

b. Commissions would be done away with. Executive Secretaries will be given specific programme portfolios; however they will all be expected to work in an integrated manner.

Accordingly the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly had resolved:

RESOLUTION: *Resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI. Necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change.*

The NCCI Office Bearers in their meeting on 12th August 2016 at 7:00 a.m. discussed the matter. In order to avoid any confusion in some of the Articles of the NCCI Constitution, and to endorse the resolution of XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly in forming one national programme body it was suggested that the national programme body be called National Programme Commission. The implication of this title would be that the different programme responsibilities of the NCCI Executive Secretaries would also be called commissions under the one National Programme Commission.

The matter was now being presented to the Special Meeting of the General Body for its approval.

The Special Meeting of the General Body unanimously approved of the proposal and resolved the formation of the National Programme Commission and related matters as follows:

RESOLUTION:
(I) *The National Programme Commission be formed*
(ii) *The programme responsibilities of the NCCI Executive Secretaries be considered as Commissions under the one National Programme Commission.*
(iii) *The General Secretary be authorized to seek legal assistance on the matter and act accordingly.*

c) **Status of AICCW:** The General Secretary reported that the NCCI General Body in its meeting on 17th March 2016 had discussed the proposal on NCCI Structure Re-organization to the assembly.

One of the salient features of the proposal was:
AICCW could be integrated with the NCCI Secretariat if the Quadrennial Assembly approves of the same.

Accordingly the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly had resolved:

RESOLUTION: *(i) Resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI. Necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change.*

(ii) Resolved to approve of integrating AICCW with the NCCI Secretariat. The modalities of the integration would have to be worked out.

The matter was now being presented to the Special Meeting of the General Body for its approval.

The Special Meeting of the General Body unanimously approved of the proposal and resolved that the autonomous body AICCW be integrated as one of the Commissions of NCCI.

RESOLUTION: *i) The autonomous body All India Council of Christian Women (AICCW) be integrated as one of the Commissions of NCCI.*

ii. The General Secretary be authorized to seek legal assistance on the matter and act accordingly.

iii. The modalities of the integration would have to be worked out.

6. Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with prayer by Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore.

Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT CSI SYNOD SECRETARIAT, NO.5, WHITES ROAD, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI

GB:2016:23: Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt.Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. D.R. Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
7. Dr.Patta Deva Raju,
8. Rt.Rev. Raja Socrates G.
9. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
10. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
11. Mrs.Rachana Singh,
12. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
13. Mr. H.Arthur Sadhanandham,
14. Mr. M.Rajakara Rao,
15. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
16. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
17. Mr. K.Abraham,
18. Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
19. Mr. Angelious Michael,
20. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
21. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
22. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
23. Rt.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
24. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
25. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
26. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
27. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
28. Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
29. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
30. Mr. K.Jaya Rao,
31. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
32. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
33. Dr. V.Esther Kathiroli,
34. Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore,
35. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
36. Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,
37. Rev.Dr. H.M.Watson,
38. Mrs. Ekta Peters

39. Rev. R.Lalnunzira,
40. Rev.Dr.P.Syamala Sukumar,
41. Dr. P.Mohan Larbeer,
42. Mrs.Ella Sonawane
43. Dr. Moses P.Manohar,
44. Mr. Shaju V.Joseph,
45. Rev.Dr.D.Suresh Rajan,
46. Rev. Joshua Peter,
47. Rev.Dr. Hmingthansanga,
48. Rev.Dr. Vincent Rajkumar
49. Dr. Bimal Charles

II. Apologies

1. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
2. Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
3. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
4. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
5. Dr.Ms. Roja Princy,
6. Ms. Ani Koshy,
7. Rev.Dr. I.P.Asheervadam,
8. Bishop Subodh C.Mondal,
9. Rt.Rev. Bajel Murmu,
10. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
11. Rev.Dr. Atul Arthur,
12. Dr. Sunny Pariyaram
13. Rev. Vijay Kumar
14. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
15. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro
16. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
17. Rev.Dr. M.Mani Chacko,
18. Dr. William Stanley
19. Mr. Shabu Thomas,
20. CH. R.P. Mani Kumar,
21. YWCA
22. Rev. G.Benjamin Inbaraj,
23. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
2. Bihar Council of Churches,
3. Gujarat Council of Churches,
4. Jharkhand Council of Churches,
5. Uttar Pradesh & Uttranchal Council of Churches
6. Rev. Vinay Peter,
7. Christian Endeavour in India,
8. Christian Union of India,
9. The Leprosy Mission

IV. Invitees

1. Rev. K. Sardar, representing Bengal Christian Council

V. Visitors/Guests

1. Mr.Koshy Mathew, representing YMCA

VI. Autonomous Bodies

1. Ms. Moumita Biswas, AICCW
2. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC

VII. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R.Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A.Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
6. Fr. Philip Kuruvilla
7. Fr.Thomas Ninan

VIII. Membership in suspension

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church
5. Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches,

GB:2016:24 Constituting the General Body

The General Secretary reported that 49 out of the 81 members were present and so the quorum requirements were fulfilled.

The President stated that the General Body meeting was being duly constituted and declared it open. All the members applauded affirmingly.

GB:2016:25 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda which had been circulated earlier from the NCCI Secretariat was adopted.

GB:2016:26 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No. 25/GB/2016

Ms. Ekta Peters and Dr. Moses P. Manohar be appointed as Recording Secretaries

GB:2016:27 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The house paid homage to the following persons who passed away:

1. Bishop Dr. Taranath S. Sagar, President of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) from 2008 to 2015, and Bishop of the Methodist Church in India, who passed away on Monday, October 19, 2015 in Bangalore, India.
2. Rt.Rev.M.C.Mani, former Bishop of Church of South India (CSI) Madhya Kerala Diocese, who passed away on Oct 20, 2015
3. Rev. Dr. Bastiaan Wielenga, a renowned Indian Liberation theologian and biblical scholar, who passed away on 23rd Dec 2015.
4. Rt.Rev.Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus, Suffragan Metropolitan of the Kerala-based Mar Thoma Syrian Church, who passed away on Dec 27, 2015.
5. H.G.Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinose, Metropolitan of Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, who passed away on Dec 30, 2015.
6. Rev Samuel Sunder Singh, retired Bishop of Delhi Methodist Church, who passed away on Jan 9, 2016.
7. Dr. Sam V.Bhajjan, former Director of Henry Martyn Institute, who passed away on Jan 19, 2016.
8. Mr. Amar Thomas, the Secretary of JELC, who passed away on Jan 13, 2016.
9. Rev.Dr.Luther Paul, Executive Secretary of A.P.Council of Churches, who passed away on April 15, 2016.
10. Bishop Dr. Sam Mathew, former bishop of CSI Madhya Kerala diocese, who passed away on April 16, 2016.
11. Rev. D. S. Jeevan Babu, former NCCI Secretary of the Unit on Mission & Evangelism, who passed away on June 1, 2016.
12. Rev.Dr. V.M.Gnanaraj, an ordained minister of the CSI Madurai Ramnad diocese and former Principal of Bishop's College, Kolkata, who passed away on June 11, 2016.
13. Rev.Dr. K.C.Abraham (Kuruvilla Cherukara Abraham), well known theologian and educator, ecumenist and scholar, who passed away on June 12, 2016.
14. Rev. O. S. Mawroh, Presbyterian Church of India, who passed away on June 27, 2016.
15. Rt.Rev.Maqbul Caleb, former Bishop of Church of North India, who passed away on July 1, 2016
16. Dr. Hunter P. Mabry, former Professor in United Theological College, Bangalore, who passed away on July 9, 2016.
17. Dr. Jeyaseelan Jacob, former Bishop of Tamil Nadu Evangelical Lutheran Church, who passed away on July 10, 2016.

The members stood up and observed a moment of silence after which Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios offered a word of prayer thanking God for their life and work and praying for their bereaved families.

Felicitations

The house felicitated the following persons:

- The elected Office Bearers of the new quadrennium:
  Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President
  Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice President
  Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President
  Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice President
  Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer
- Bishop Fred C. Marihal, Bishop, National Organization of the New Apostolic Church
- Most Rev.Cyril Mar Baseliose, Malabar Independent Syrian Church
- Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga, new General Secretary of All India Sunday School Association
- Rt.Rev. Raja Socrates G., Bishop of Arcot Lutheran Church

Following the felicitations, the President released a booklet entitled, 'Report and Reflections from a Pilgrimage' (by a group of Indian Theologians who visited the Holy Land) published by the BTESSC. The booklet was introduced by Rev. Dr. Mohan Larbeer, Secretary, BTESSC.

GB:2016:28 Confirmation of the Minutes of 17th March 2016

The minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 17th March 2016 had been circulated earlier and since there were no comments received, it was resolved that:

Res. No.26/GB/2016:
The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 17th March 2016, in Palloti Animation Centre, Nagpur, and which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2016:29 Matters arising from the previous minutes/Action Taken Report

I. Matter of carving out of Telangana Council of Churches from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches [Ref. GB:2016:10 (I)]

Pursuing the resolution of the General Body which met on 17th March 2016, the General Secretary wrote letters to the leaders of the newly formed regional councils by both (the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and by the NCCI member churches who rejected the action of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches) and sought to settle the matter amicably and to present the same to the Quadrennial Assembly. However, it was difficult to resolve the matter. Therefore the Office Bearers of the NCCI in consultation with Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh and Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda (both of whom had been asked by the General Body to address the matter along with the General Secretary) decided to propose to the assembly that the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches be dissolved and that the NCCI General Body appoints a commission to

call all the churches in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to constitute Regional Councils in each of the states.

In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that NCCI cannot dissolve the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. It would be the prerogative of the erstwhile APCC to take a decision on that matter. However, the assembly was in favour of authorizing the new NCCI General Body to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The NCCI General Body be authorized to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.*

II. The relationship of AICCW with NCCI [Ref. GB:2016:10 (II)]
At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved to approve of the decision made by the AICCW Executive Committee to integrate the AICCW with the NCCI, to work out modalities of the integration of AICCW with the NCCI, and to present the proposal to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for its approval. The Quadrennial Assembly when it met in Jabalpur resolved to approve of integrating AICCW with the NCCI Secretariat, and to work out the modalities of the integration.

III. Revision of Annual Membership Fees [Ref. GB:2016:10 (III)]
At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved to propose to the Quadrennial Assembly that the annual membership fees of the NCCI for all its constituent members be increased by 100% from the financial year 2016-17 onwards. The Quadrennial Assembly reiterated the resolution.

IV. Social Protection Policy [Ref. GB:2016:10 (V)]
At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved to approve of the document 'Social Security Policy Guidelines for the NCCI member churches' and to recommend the same to the constituent members for their adoption and implementation in their own respective con texts. The guidelines were published under the title Indian Churches Commitment to all Generations: Social Security and Common Good which was released during the Quadrennial Assembly.

V. Matters from Constitution Committee (Ref. GB:2016:11):
At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved to approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution “The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be

women and one-third from youth as far as possible" and to forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly. The Quadrennial Assembly received the proposal and endorsed the same.

VI. Matters from Organizational Restructuring Committee (Ref. GB:2016:12): At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved that the proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval. Among several things the proposal talked of constituting one National Programme Committee under the NCCI Executive Committee; the focus of the National Programme Committee would be to work towards implementing the four strategic objectives of the NCCI for 2014-2020; Commissions would be done away with. Executive Secretaries will be given specific programme portfolios; however, they will all be expected to work in an integrated manner; etc.

At the Quadrennial Assembly, it was resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI, and that necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change.

VII. Matters from Membership Committee (Ref. GB:2016:13)

1. Believers Church:

At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved:

(i) Those constituent members of NCCI who have recommended accepting the Believers Church in the membership of NCCI, be asked for official recommendations from their respective church bodies.

(ii) The concerns expressed during the General Body meeting be looked into by the Membership Committee and the Office bearers of the NCCI.

(iii) In the light of the above two resolutions, the application of the Believers Church be accordingly placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

Accordingly, letters were sent, to the constituent members of NCCI who had recommended accepting the Believers Church in the membership of NCCI, asking for official recommendations from their respective church bodies, and responses were accordingly received.

The application of Believers Church was placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly where it was resolved that the matter of the membership of Believers Church in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

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2. Bengal Odisha Bihar Baptist Churches' Association (BOBBCA)

At the last General Body meeting it was resolved that the matter of the status of BOBBC and BOBBCA be further investigated by the Membership Committee and presented to XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for consideration.

Since there are conflicting claims regarding the status of BOBBC and BOBBCA, the matter needs further investigation.

3. Evangelical Church of India

At the last General Body meeting, it was resolved that if the ECI sends its response, the Membership Committee should examine the same and present their case to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly.

The ECI sent its response, which was looked at by available members of the Membership Committee during the Quadrennial Assembly before it was presented to the floor of the Quadrennial Assembly. When the issue was presented to the Quadrennial Assembly it was resolved that the matter of the membership of the Evangelical Church in India in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

4. Seva Bharat & Interserve India

At the last General Body meeting it was resolved that the General Secretary be asked to initiate a discussion on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.

Accordingly a proposal was presented to the Quadrennial Assembly, which, for want of time, resolved that the General Body be authorized to look into the proposal on NCCI's relationship with Christian organizations which are rendering notable service in the country, but do not have an official ecumenical structure in their governance.

5. Lutheran World Service India Trust

At the last General Body it was resolved that the application of LWSIT for membership in the NCCI as an All India Christian Organization be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly for approval.

The Quadrennial Assembly accordingly resolved that the Lutheran World Service India Trust be admitted into the membership of the National Council of Churches in India, as an

All India Christian Organization, from the new quadrennium beginning in 2016.

6. Vishwa Vani Church

At the last General Body meeting it was resolved that the status of Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches in India needs to be ascertained: whether it is a church or a federal council of churches.

i) If it is a church, then the Federation of Vishwa Vani Churches is still very young and cannot be considered for membership at the present juncture.

ii) If it is an All India Christian Organisation, then it would have to await the result of the discussion which would be initiated during the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly on such organizations.

The Quadrennial Assembly resolved that the matter of the membership of the Vishwa Vani Church in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

7. Church of the Nazarene

At the last General Body meeting it was resolved that the Churches located in the area of the headquarters of the applicant church, be asked for official letters stating whether they approve or not of admitting the Church of the Nazarene into the membership of the NCCI.

Accordingly letters were sent seeking the opinion of member churches. However, only one church responded. The concern was therefore placed before the Quadrennial Assembly. The Quadrennial Assembly resolved that the matter of the membership of the Church of the Nazarene in the NCCI be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

VIII. Quadrennial Assembly 2016 (Ref. GB:2016:20):

At the last General Body meeting a report was given about the preparations for the conduct of the Quadrennial Assembly in Jabalpur from 27-30 April, 2016 under the supervision of Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Deputy Moderator, CNI and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese CNI.

We would like to place on record our deep appreciation of and heartfelt gratitude to Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh and all the members of the Local Organizing Committee and Sub-Committees particularly Christ Church Girl's School and Christ Church Boys School for all the arrangements.

At the Quadrennial Assembly the following persons were elected as the new Office Bearers of the NCCI for the quadrennium 2016-2020:

President	Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh (CNI)
Vice – President/ Clergy	Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda (CSI)
Vice – President/Woman	Ms.Aleyamma Thomas (Mar Thoma Syrian Church)
Vice – President/ Youth	Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose (MJSOC)
Treasurer	Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar (UELCI)

So also the new General Body and Executive Committee of the NCCI for the period 2016-2020 were elected.

GB:2016:30 Confirmation of the Proceedings of the XXVII Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary reported that the Proceedings of the 28th Quadrennial Assembly held in Jabalpur during April 27-30, 2016 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received. There it was resolved:

Res. No.27/GB/2016:

The Proceedings of the 28th Quadrennial Assembly held in Jabalpur during April 27-30, 2016 be approved and confirmed,

GB:2016:31 Constituting Nomination Committee for Composition of:

a. National Programme Committee
b. Membership Committee
c. Board of Arbitration
d. Constitution Committee
e. Appointment of co-opted members on the General Body

The President presented the list of members to constitute the Nomination Committee: Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Chairperson), Rt.Rev.Raja Socrates G., Lt. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, Mr.Suresh Jacob, and Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad (Consultant).

The house received and approved of the proposed list of members of the Nomination Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.28/GB/2016:

The following persons be approved for constituting the Nomination Committee to nominate persons on the National Programme Commission; Membership Committee; Board of Arbitration; Constitution Committee; and Appointment of co-opted members on the General Body:

- *Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Chairperson),*
- *Rt.Rev.Raja Socrates G.,*
- *Lt. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari,*
- *Mr.Suresh Jacob, and*
- *Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad (Consultant)*

GB:2016:32 Matters from XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly

A. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches:

The house discussed the matter of constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, and as authorized by the Quadrennial Assembly it was decided to depute the Office Bearers of the NCCI to do the needful. It was resolved:

Res. No.29/GB/2016:
The Office Bearers of the NCCI are authorized to do the needful in constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

B. NCCI Membership matters:

The house discussed the matter of membership of new applicants as authorized by the Quadrennial Assembly, and decided to forward the matter to the new Membership Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.30/GB/2016:
The Membership Committee is authorized to look into the matter of membership of new applicants.

C. Matters related to structure reorganization:

Since the matter related to structure organization was already discussed in the Special Meeting of the General Body regarding constitutional amendments to facilitate the National Programme Commission and the integration of the All India Council of Christian Women with the NCCI Secretariat, the house did not discuss the matter any further.

D. Reports from Related Agencies:

Since the Quadrennial Assembly did not have time to discuss the reports of the related agencies, the General Body was authorized to receive the same. The house received reports from three of the related agencies: CASA, HMI and AISSA. Since Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga, General Secretary, AISSA was physically present in the meeting at the time when the agendum was taken up for consideration, he was asked to read the report. The other two reports were taken as read. All the three reports were accepted by the house.

GB:2016:33 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-I).

During the presentation, the house was asked to approve of a public issue resolution on atrocities against dalits (see Appendix-II). So also during the report a new NCCI website ncci1914.com was inaugurated by the NCCI President.

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.31/GB/2016:
The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

GB:2016:34 Report of the Treasurer (including approval of Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts & receiving of the 2016-17 NCCI Budget)

The Treasurer presented a brief report of the NCCI and CSA for the past one year (see Appendix-III). The same was received with appreciation.

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.32/GB/2016:
The Report of the Treasurer be received with appreciation.

GB:2016:35 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

1. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No. 33/GB/2016:
To appoint M/s Lancy D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2016-2017.

2. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 34/GB/2016:
To appoint M/s Lancy D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2016-2017.

GB:2016:36 Appointment of Internal Auditors

1. Internal Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved:

Res. No.35/GB/2016:
To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2016-2017.

2. Internal Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res.No.36/GB/2016:
To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2016-2017.

GB:2016:37 Overture from Kerala Council of Churches

The General Secretary reported that the Kerala Council of Churches was thinking of setting up a KCC Zone in New Delhi. Since New Delhi comes within the jurisdiction of the North West India Council of Churches, the General Secretary had instructed the Kerala Council of Churches to refrain from setting up a KCC Zone in New Delhi. The Kerala Council of Churches suggested that this matter be discussed in the General Body, and a policy decision be made on this issue.

The house discussed the matter. It was not in favour of setting up zones of Regional Christian Councils outside the territory of the specific Regional Christian Councils, and therefore was not in favour of granting Kerala Council of Churches permission to set up a KCC Zone in New Delhi. It was resolved:

Res.No.37/GB/2016:

i. As a matter of policy every Regional Christian Council should operate within the geographical limits of its region.

ii. The Kerala Council of Churches be informed to limit its activities to the Kerala region.

GB:2016:38 Report of Nomination Committee

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas presented the list of names of Chairpersons and members of the following Committees on behalf of the Nomination Committee:
National Programme Commission,
Membership Committee,
Constitution Committee,
Arbitration Committee,
Coopted members from XXVIII Assembly on the General Body
It was unanimously resolved:

Res.No.38/GB/2016:
The following list of nominations be approved.

1. National Programme Commission

Churches

Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi	–	*CBCNEI*
Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandes	–	*MOSC*
Bishop Subodh Mondal	–	*MCI*

Regional Councils

Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli	–	*TNCC (Woman)*

AICOs

Dr. Stanley William – ECoDAWM
Rev. Joshua Peter – UELCI
Ms. Ella Sonawane – ISPCK (Woman)

Related Agencies

Dr. Bimal Charles (CMAI)
Dr. Sushant Agrawal (CASA) – Chair

2. Membership Committee

Dr. Patta Deva Raju (AELC) – Chair
Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G. (ALC)
Mrs. Ekta Peters (MPCC)
Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa (CSI)
Dr. Vincent Rajkumar (CISRS)
Lt. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari (SA)

3. Constitution Committee

Dr. Moses Manohar (ICSA) – Chair
Dr. Patta Deva Raju (AELC)
Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen (CBCNEI)
Rev. G.S. Lyttan (PCI)
Mr. Suresh Jacob (CNI)
Dr. Saramma Varghese (MOSC)

4. Board of Arbitration

Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko (BSI) – Chair
Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose (Chaldean Syrian Church of the East)
H.G.Issac Mor Osthathios (MJSOC)
Ms. Jyotsna R.Patro (UCC)
Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson (Karnataka CC)
Mrs. Basanti Biswas (MCI)

5. Coopted Members from 28th Assembly on the General Body

Dr.Sunil Chandy, Director, CMC Vellore
Rev. Anupama Hial (JELC)

GB:2016:39 Date of Next Meeting

The tentative month for the next meeting of the Annual General Body Meeting will be August 2017. However, the General Secretary informed that if there is a legal requirement for the General Body to meet again in connection with the amendments to the constitution, an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the General Body may be called.

GB:2016:40 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI for their support in carrying out more efficiently the General Body meeting. He particularly thanked Rev. Dr.D.R.Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI for graciously hosting the meeting.

GB:2016:41 Closing Prayer

The General Body came to a close with a prayer offered by Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi and benediction pronounced by Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr.Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Dr. Moses Manohar
Recording Secretary

Mrs. Ekta Peters
Recording Secretary

Appendix - II

NCCI STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATROCITIES AGAINST DALITS IN INDIA

The National Council of Churches in India, meeting as a General Body in Chennai on August 12, 2016, strongly condemned the growing atrocities against dalits in India:

National Council of Churches in India expresses its grave concern over the vehement hate campaigns and brutal attacks on Dalits in different parts of India. We condemn the perpetrators, cow vigilante groups and the right wing fundamentalists who take the law in their hands and torment the Dalits in our country. Serious cognizance must be taken of the hate campaigns manifesting in their most recent forms such as the activities of 'Cow-killers' and restrictions sought to be imposed on 'Cow-meat-eaters'. This is an extreme form of modern day practice of untouchability and discrimination.

We appeal to the Central and State Governments to ensure justice for Dalits without bias by maintaining the appropriate Law and Order to protect the vulnerable communities who are victimized in such hate campaigns.

We are informed by the media that, the perpetrators are booked under public nuisance charges instead of taking legal action under SC&ST Prevention of Atrocities Act. Therefore, we urge the state governments to apply the SC&ST Prevention of Atrocities Act rightfully against the perpetrators in order to safeguard the constitutional rights that affirm life 'OF' all and life 'FOR' all.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:00 A.M. 13TH AUGUST, 2016,
CSI SYNOD SECRETARIAT, NO.5, WHITES ROAD, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI

EC:2016:28 Opening Devotion

The morning devotion was led by the women members of the Executive Committee, specially commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

EC:2016:29 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt.Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
7. Dr.Patta Deva Raju,
8. Rt.Rev. Raja Socrates G.
9. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
10. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
11. Mrs.Rachana Singh,
12. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
13. Mr. H.Arthur Sadhanandham,
14. Mr. M.Rajakara Rao,
15. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
16. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
17. Mr. K.Abraham,
18. Rt.Rev. Johan Dang,
19. Mr. Angelious Michael,
20. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
21. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
22. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
23. Rt.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
24. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
25. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
26. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
27. Lieut.Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
28. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
29. Mr. K.Jaya Rao,
30. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
31. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
32. Dr. V.Esther Kathiroli,
33. Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore,
34. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,

35. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
36. Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,

II. Apologies

1. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
2. Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
3. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
4. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
5. Dr.Ms. Roja Princy,
6. Ms. Ani Koshy,
7. Rev.Dr. I.P.Asheervadam,
8. Bishop Subodh C.Mondal,
9. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
10. Rt.Rev. Bajel Murmu,
11. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,

III. Absentees

1. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,

IV. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R.Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A.Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
6. Ms. Moumita Biswas
7. Fr. Philip Kuruvilla

V. Membership in suspension

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

Since 36 out of 48 members of the Executive Committee were present, the quorum requirements were fulfilled, and the Executive Committee meeting was called to order.

EC:2016:30 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the Office Bearers and all the members of the Executive Committee.

EC:2016:31 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No.16/EC/2016

Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu and Ms.Lidwina Cedric be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2016:32 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier. It was resolved:

Res. No. 17/EC/2016

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2016:33 Confirmation of the Minutes of 16th March 2016 & 30th April 2016

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on 16th March 2016 and 30th April 2016 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 18/EC/2016

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 16th March 2016, and 30th April 2016 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2016:34 Business arising from the previous minutes/Action taken report

The General Secretary presented the following action taken report:

I. Revision of Annual Membership Fees [EC: 2016:10: I (1)]:

At the Executive Committee held on 16th March 2016, it was resolved to propose to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting that the Annual Membership Fee of the constituent members of NCCI be doubled (increased by 100%) from the next quadrennium.

The General Body and the Quadrennial Assembly resolved that the annual membership fees of the NCCI for all its constituent members be increased by 100% from the financial year 2016-17 onwards.

II. Registration Fee for XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI [EC:2016:10: I (2)]:

At the Executive Committee meeting held on 16th March 2016, it was resolved to propose to the General Body Meeting that the registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

The General Body meeting accordingly resolved that the registration fee for the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI be fixed at Rs.500/- per head.

III. Constitution Committee [EC: 2016:10: II]

At the Executive Committee meeting held on 16th March 2016 it was resolved:

(i) To approve off the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution "The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, elected from among the members of the Assembly, (provided that this clause does not apply to the members attending the Assembly as ex-officios of their respective constituent bodies) of whom at least one-third shall be women and one-third from youth as far as possible".

(ii) To forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly through the General Body Meeting.
Accordingly the General Body resolved to approve of the wording of Article VI. 1(b) of the NCCI Constitution as mentioned above and to forward the same to the Quadrennial Assembly. The Quadrennial Assembly received the proposal and endorsed the same. The Special Meeting of the General Body held on 12th August 2016, further resolved to approve of this amendment to the constitution.

IV. Organizational Restructuring Committee [EC: 2016:10: III]
At the Executive Committee meeting held on 16th March 2016, it was resolved that the proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee be approved and be forwarded to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI through the General Body Meeting.

The General Body approved of the proposal of the Organizational Restructuring Committee and resolved to forward the same to the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI for approval. The Quadrennial Assembly resolved to approve in principle the new structure of NCCI, and asserted that necessary constitutional procedures would have to be followed as required for bringing in the change. The Special Meeting of the General Body held on 12th August 2016, further re solved to approve of the new structure and to take any legal action that may be required for amending the constitution.

Some members in the house proposed that provisions needs to be made for greater participation of youth and women in the Executive Committee. There was a suggestion that at least five youth and five women be invited to the Executive Committee as non-voting members. Relatedly a suggestion was made to facilitate the inclusion of disabled and sexually diverse persons in the Executive Committee. Since such participation of additional persons in the Executive Committee has implications for the NCCI Constitution it was suggested that the matter be referred to the Constitution Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No. 19/EC/2016

The suggestion to include additional youth and women as well as disabled and sexually diverse persons in the Executive Committee be referred to the Constitution Committee of the NCCI.

EC:2016:35 Constituting Nomination Committee for Composition of:

A. Working Committee
B. Finance Committee

At the General Body Meeting on 12th August 2016, the President presented the list of Executive Committee members to constitute the Nomination Committee: Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Chairperson), Rt.Rev.Raja Socrates G., Lt. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, Mr.Suresh Jacob, and Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad (Consultant).

As in the General Body the Executive Committee received and approved of the proposed list of members of the Nomination Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.20/EC/2016:

The following persons be approved for constituting the Nomination Committee to nominate persons on the Working Committee and Finance Committee:

- *Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Chairperson),*
- *Rt.Rev.Raja Socrates G.,*
- *Lt. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari,*
- *Mr.Suresh Jacob, and*
- *Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad (Consultant)*

EC:2016:36 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-I).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.21/EC/2016:

The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

EC:2016:37 Report of the Treasurer (including approval of Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts & receiving of the 2016-17 NCCI/CSA Budget)):

The Treasurer presented a brief report of the NCCI and CSA for the past one year (see Appendix-II).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.22/EC/2016:

The Report of the Treasurer be received with appreciation.

EC:2016:38 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

I. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No. 23/EC/2016:

To appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2016-2017.

II. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 24/EC/2016:

To appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2016-2017.

EC:2016:39 Appointment of Internal Auditors

I. Internal Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved:

Res. No.25/EC/2016:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2016-2017.

II. Internal Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res.No.26/EC/2016:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2016-2017.

EC:2016:40 Report of the Nomination Committee

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas presented the list of members of the following Committees on behalf of the Nomination Committee:

A. Working Committee,
B. Finance Committee,

It was unanimously resolved:

Res.No.27/EC/2016:

The following list of nominations be approved.

1. Working Committee

Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
Rt.Rev.Collin C.Theodore (NWICC)
Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)
(The Office Bearers of NCCI will also be members of the Working Committee)

2. Finance Committee

Rev.Dr. A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer, NCCI) - Chair
Mr.K. Jaya Rao (SALC)
Dr.Ms. Roja Princy (MJSOC)
Mrs.Rachna Singh (CNI)
Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel (HMI)
Rev.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios (MTSC)

EC:2016:41 Any other business

The house discussed the following issues of national concern :

I. National Education Policy: The house discussed the draft of the National Education Policy publicized by the Government of India on the web, asking the public for comments on the same by 15th September 2016. Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu, General Secretary, AIACHE presented a report of the response of AIACHE to the policy. Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness also presented a draft of a possible response which constituent members of the NCCI could make on the policy.

The major points of concern are the following:

1. The preamble of the draft eulogizes the ancient patriarchal gurukul system, and praises the contributions of male Hindu scholars of the past and of Hindu leaders in modern India. Such a review smacks of a 'Hindu reading' of educational history and gives rise to the apprehension of introducing a deliberately purported hinduized educational system. Furthermore, the draft makes mention of male Hindu scholars only thereby giving the impression of promoting a male-dominated hinduized educational system.

2. The draft does not give any credit to the immense historic and continuing contribution of the Church to education in Indian society. The Church has been making a very valuable positive impact on school, college and professional education through its thousands of institutions in the country.

3. The policy lays emphasis on internationalization of education, which raises concerns of educational equity. It would lead to a class divide in society; the rich availing international education, and the poor left with a different standard of education.

4. The policy also makes an implicit division in the quality and levels of education; the higher international standard education for the rich and the skill-oriented education for the poor. It thereby again reinforces a kind of caste and class hierarchy in education.

5. While the government hardly invests 3% of GDP on education, the policy aspires to invest 6% of GDP on education. Way back in the 1990s, the government had committed to invest 6% of GDP on education, but failed to do so. In the present context the government should invest at least 8% of GDP, if not more.

6. The draft with its emphasis on governance and administration through a hierarchy of offices at state division, district, block and schools gives rise to the fear of the imposition of a centralized system of education which takes away the freedom and dynamism of minority-run institutions and individual schools.

7. The Government would also have to be sensitive to the pluralistic multicultural, multi-religious context of the country, before imposing any centralized system of education, for it to be truly inclusive.

8. The draft also suggests reviewing of RTE 12(1) clause. This issue has been settled in the Supreme Court after several litigations. Therefore the suggestion for reviewing RTE 12 (1) clause appears to be a ploy of the government to interfere in the life and adminis tration of institutions run by religious minorities. Article 30 of the Indian Constitution upholds the rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions.

In the light of the discussion it was resolved:

Res.No.28/EC/2016:

i. Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu and Mr.Samuel Jayakumar be asked to draft a model response to the National Education Policy and send it to the constituent members.

ii. All constituent members of NCCI be asked to send a response to the government (MHRD) on the National Education Policy marking a copy of the same to the NCCI Secretariat.

iii. All constituent members of NCCI to mark copies of their responses to their partners overseas so that the partners could also impress upon the government their concerns about this policy.

iv. Churches may also observe one Sunday as Education Sunday thereby highlighting the concern of churches about the Educational Policy and System in the country.

The NCCI, with its emphasis on Just and Inclusive Communities, strongly urges the government to have a special consultation with minority educational institutions on the draft National Education Policy.

II. Lokpal Act 2013:

The house discussed the intention of the Government to introduce the Lokpal Act of 2013. The Act designates directors of organizations receiving annually either Rs. One Crore or more from Government grants, or Rs. Ten Lakhs or more from foreign funding, as 'Public Servants'. It therefore requires the directors to declare their assets and file annual returns giving not only their own particulars, but also of their spouses and dependent children.

In the discussion, the house expressed the following serious concerns about this Act:

1. By designating directors of Church bodies and NGOs as public servants, the Government is extending its strictures to non-profit charitable ministries. This is contrary to the original objectives of the Act that was primarily meant to hold Government servants to be accountable and responsible.

2. This Act could be used as a tool to interfere in the laudable services of religious bodies and organizations, particularly of minority communities. This would severely hamper the good work rendered in the service of the nation.

3. The compulsion and extent of declaring assets and filing returns is an invasion on the privacy of the persons serving as directors of noble religious bodies and organizations.

III. Atrocities on Dalits:

The General Body in its meeting on 12th August 2016 had already approved of making a public statement on the issue of atrocities on dalits. (see Appendix – III)

The house discussed the matter and resolved the following:

Res.No.29/EC/2016:

i. Churches should raise their voices against atrocities on dalits.

ii. Youth should be sensitized about this issue and encouraged to be actively committed to the cause of dalits.

iii. Information about government grants, programme and schemes for dalits should be publicized by churches through their communication media.

IV. The troubled situation in Kashmir:

The house expressed deep concern over the disturbed situation in Kashmir. It emphasized the responsibility of the central and state governments to facilitate peace in the region on the principles of

justice and inclusivity. It also discerned that the Government needs to reconsider the continuance of the imposition of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in Kashmir and North-East India.

The house called upon all Churches, Regional Councils, All India Christian Organizations and Related Agencies to earnestly pray for justice and peace in Kashmir and all other troubled areas in the country. So also since news in the press tends to be distorted, churches are encouraged to be vigilant and share factual information with others if they are located in regions affected by violence.

V. Atrocities on Missionaries:

The house also condemned incidents of physical attacks by right wing fundamentalist forces on dedicated workers seeking to serve the society through their ministries of education, health care and life-transformation. So also worship services conducted by them in houses of Christian families have been disrupted on the false allegation that they are converting people to the Christian faith. Such workers have been subject to much humiliation including being imprisoned on false charges. This is indeed a violation of their basic constitutional rights of professing and practicing their religious faith. It is also a grave injustice to the selfless, loving service rendered by Christian Mission Workers to the society.

The house called upon Churches to be vigilant and to extend solidarity to all Christian workers who are engaged in responsible evangelism and mission. It also asserted that central and state governments should ensure law and order in the society, and extend protection to religious minorities and weaker sections of society.

EC:2016:42 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI for their support in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Rev. Dr.D.R.Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2016:43 Closing Act

The meeting closed with a prayer offered by Fr.Ashwin Fernandis followed by the singing of the National Anthem by all.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu
Recording Secretary

Ms. Lidwina Cedric
Recording Secretary

Appendix - III

NCCI STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATROCITIES AGAINST DALITS IN INDIA

The National Council of Churches in India, meeting as a General Body in Chennai on August 12, 2016, strongly condemned the growing atrocities against dalits in India:

National Council of Churches in India expresses its grave concern over the vehement hate campaigns and brutal attacks on Dalits in different parts of India. We condemn the perpetrators, cow vigilante groups and the right wing fundamentalists who take the law in their hands and torment the Dalits in our country. Serious cognizance must be taken of the hate campaigns manifesting in their most recent forms such as the activities of 'Cow-killers' and restrictions sought to be imposed on 'Cow-meat-eaters'. This is an extreme form of modern-day practice of untouchability and discrimination.

We appeal to the Central and State Governments to ensure justice for Dalits without bias by maintaining the appropriate Law and Order to protect the vulnerable communities who are victimized in such hate campaigns.

We are informed by the media that, the perpetrators are booked under public nuisance charges instead of taking legal action under SC&ST Prevention of Atrocities Act. Therefore, we urge the state governments to apply the SC&ST Prevention of Atrocities Act rightfully against the perpetrators in order to safeguard the constitutional rights that affirm life 'OF' all and life 'FOR' all.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
OFFICE BEARERS MEETING
16th November 2016 at 10:00 a.m.,
Church Women's Centre,
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College Campus, Kellys, Chennai

OM:2016:16 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh

OM:2016: 17 Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

OM: 2016:18 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*

OM: 2016:19 Appointment of Recording Secretary

The General Secretary was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

OM: 2016: 20 Adoption of Agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance to the members.

OM: 2016: 21 Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th August 2016 were confirmed.

OM: 2016: 22 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting of the Office Bearers

a. FCRA Rules regarding change in members of Executive Committee/ Governing Council (OM:2016:07)

The General Secretary reported that the Change Report could not be filed as we are still to receive No Objection Certificates from all the outgoing members of the previous quadrennium of the NCCI and Consent letters from all the members of the General Body for the new quadrennium

b. Disclosure of Interest by Directors (OM:2016:08)
The General Secretary reported that we had received statements regarding declaration of Interest by the Directors of the Christian Service Agency

c. Considerations of and taking on record the status of Directors u/s 164 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 (OM:2016:09)
The General Secretary reported that while some of the Directors already had their DIN, some of the Directors had not yet submitted their documents because of the need to make corrections in their address on the official documents or that they had applied for a PAN Card and were yet to receive the same. A few of the new Directors had submitted their documents and were required to confirm their identity, whenever the government would send them e-text messages or email messages asking them to confirm their identity electronically.

d. Declaration of assets and filing of returns by Directors as per Lokpal 2013 Act (OM:2016:11)
The General Secretary informed that, in accordance with Lokpal 2013 Act, all Directors of Companies receiving annual government grants amounting to Rs.1 crore or more, or Rs.10 lacs from foreign partners, would be considered as public servants and required to declare the assets and file income tax returns of the following: self, spouse and dependent children. The declaration of assets and filing of income tax returns would have to be done by 31st December 2016. However, a case has been filed in court questioning the imposition of such a requirement. So also the matter may come up for discussion in the parliament and therefore Directors are advised to await the outcome of the court verdict and the parliament discussion.

e. Fr. Philip Kuruvilla as Consultant for ESHA (OM:2016:12)
Following the decision taken by the Office Bearers Committee in its meeting on 12th August 2016 (Res. No. 05/OM/2016), Fr. Philip Kuruvilla has starting working as Consultant of NCCI-ESHA from November 1, 2016. He will hold this office till August 31, 2017.

OM: 2016: 23 Formation of APCC and TSCC
The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the General Body which met on 12th August 2016, the Office Bearers of the NCCI called for meetings of the Church Heads in Vijayawada and Hyderabad on 17th and 18th October 2016 respectively. How ever some of the members of the erstwhile APCC raised questions about the propriety and legality of calling such meetings. Hence to avoid any unpleasant happenings, the meetings had to be called off. The members of the Working Committee recalled the decisions made by the Quadrennial Assembly and the General Body:

At the Quadrennial Assembly in Jabalpur it was noted as given below:

XVII. BUSINESS SESSION III: Friday, 29th April 2016 (02.30 to 04.30)

1. FORMATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

The General Secretary reported that it was difficult to resolve the problem. Therefore the Office Bearers of the NCCI in consultation with Bishop Dr.P.C.Singh and Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda (both of whom had been asked by the General Body to address the matter) decided to propose to the assembly that the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches be dissolved and that the NCCI General Body appoints a commission to call all the churches in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to constitute Regional Councils in each of the states.

In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that NCCI cannot dissolve the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. It would be the prerogative of the erstwhile APCC to take a decision on that matter. However the assembly was in favour of authorizing the new NCCI General Body to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: The NCCI General Body be authorized to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.

At the General Body meeting on 12th August 2016, the matter was discussed as given below:

GB: 2016: 32 Matters from XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly

A. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches: The house discussed the matter of constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, and as authorized by the Quadrennial Assembly it was decided to depute the Office Bearers of the NCCI to do the needful. It was resolved:

Res. No.29/GB/2016:
The Office Bearers of the NCCI are authorized to do the needful in constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

The implication of both these decisions was that the NCCI did not recognize the erstwhile APCC as its member and that the churches and ecumenical bodies of the two states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh would have to form new councils in an ecumenical spirit and then seek affiliation with NCCI.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 07/OM/ 2016

1. *Church heads and ecumenical leaders (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) of each of the NCCI-affiliated Constitutent members in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states be invited for a consultation on ecumenism and its practical expressions in the two states.*

2. *This consultation would be held on 15th December 2016 at 10 am in Chennai, and will be graciously hosted by UELCI.*

3. *The consultation will encourage the church and ecumenical leaders to think about the importance of ecumenical to getherness in their respective contexts.*

4. *The Office Bearers of the NCCI will encourage the leaders to further discuss the matter of coming together as an ecumenical council in their respective states and to take a decision to form regional ecumenical councils.*

5. *On forming the regional ecumenical councils, they should apply to the NCCI for affiliation.*

OM: 2016: 24 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members for their presence and participation. In particular, he thanked Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar and the UELCI for courteously and liberally hosting the meeting.

OM: 2016: 25 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by the President.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
16th November 2016 at 11:00 a.m.,
Church Women's Centre, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College Campus, Kellys, Chennai

WC:2016:16 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore, at the request of Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh

WC:2016: 17 Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC: 2016:18 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)

Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

WC: 2016:19 Appointment of Recording Secretary

The General Secretary was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

WC: 2016: 20 Adoption of Agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance to the members.

WC: 2016: 21 Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th March 2016 were confirmed.

WC: 2016: 22 ROC Matters for approval

a. Disclosure of Interest by Directors

As a follow-up of the meeting of 12th August 2016, the committee reiterated the following:

General notices regarding disclosure of interest in Form MBP-1 in compliance with the provisions of section 184(1) and rule 9(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, as received from the following Directors, were placed before the Board:

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh
2. Rev.Dr. D. R. Sadananda
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
5. Rev. Dr. Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
7. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
8. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
9. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

The Board took note of the same and passed the following resolution

Res. No. 01/WC/ 2016

(i) "RESOLVED THAT General Notice for Disclosure of interest pursuant to section 184(1) and rule 9(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, received from Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, Rev.Dr. D. R. Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr. Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Bishop Johan Dang, Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore, and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki Directors of the Company in Form MBP-1 disclosing concern or interest in any contract or arrangements which may be entered into with such body corporate or firm as per the statement brought up and read in this meeting and is hereby recorded in the Register of Contracts mentioned u/s 189 of the Companies Act, 2013."

(ii) "RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to digitally sign and submit ROC e-Forms MGT-14 and other documents on behalf of the Company. He is also authorized to do all necessary acts, deeds and things whatsoever required for the purpose."

b. Considerations of and taking on record the status of Directors u/s 164 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013

As a follow-up of the meeting of 12th August 2016, the committee reiterated the following:

In terms of the provisions of sub-section (2) under section 164 of the Act, the Company has received the representation from the directors regarding their status, which have been considered and taken on record by the Board. The following resolution was passed at the Board Meeting and furnished the same to the Auditors for their comment in the Auditors Report:

Res. No. 02/WC/ 2016

(i) "RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, on the written representations received from Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Bishop Johan Dang, Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore, and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, Directors of the Company and placed before the Board be and hereby taken on record and the Board be and hereby declared and confirmed that none of the director of the company is disqualified in terms of the provisions of section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, for continuance and appointment in the company as a director."

(ii) "RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all necessary acts, deeds and things whatsoever required for the above purpose."

c. Authorization to file ROC documents

As was done at the meeting on 12th August 2016, the General Secretary presented the need for a resolution to appoint Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/ Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other e-Forms for the year 2016 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 03/WC/ 2016

Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary & Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) is appointed for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2016 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on be half of the Christian Service Agency.

d. Declaration of assets and filing of returns by Directors as per Lokpal 2013 Act :

The General Secretary informed that, in accordance with Lokpal 2013 Act, all Directors of Companies receiving annual government grants amounting to Rs.1 crore or more, or Rs.10 lacs from foreign partners, would be considered as public servants and required to declare the assets and file income tax returns of the following: self, spouse and dependent children. The declaration of assets and filing of income tax returns would have to be done by 31st December 2016. However, a case has been filed in court questioning the imposition of such a requirement. So also the matter may come up

for discussion in the parliament and therefore Directors are advised to await the outcome of the court verdict and the parliament discussion.

The information was duly noted.

WC: 2016: 23 Report from the National Programme Commission

The General Secretary reported that the National Programme Commission (NPC) met on 13th October 2016 and discussed preparations for the programmes of the Executive Secretaries for the quadrennium under the guidance of the NPC. In the light of the new programme structure proposal, including the terms of reference of the NPC; relevant extracts of the resolutions of the Executive Committee and the General Body; a reflection on the theme of the quadrennium – Towards Just and Inclusive Communities; Statements of the Pre-Assemblies; proposal on Setting Priorities for the quadrennium 2016-2020; the Message of the 28th NCCI Quadrennial Assembly; Executive Secretaries proposed five Foci / Sub Themes for the quadrennium, (drawn from the all the previous discussions and contextual challenges) and accordingly presented their programme matrixes.

In the light of the daylong discussion, the NPC resolved the following:

1. A mapping of ministries/programmes of NCCI Constituent members be done, in the light of which the NCCI Executive Secretaries will draw out their programme matrixes;
2. While the Executive Secretaries keep the 5 Foci/Sub-Themes in mind, they should come up with a list of about 30 programmes;
3. These thirty programmes could be sub-divided into three groups:
   a) Those which would be done with overseas partnership
   b) Those which would be done in partnership of NCCI constituent members
   c) Those which would be done with NCCI Commission seed money
4. The programme matrixes would be for the next three years beginning from 2017-2018 financial year.
5. Once the NCCI Secretariat is ready with its programme matrixes, the same would be circulated among the NPC members.

The following concerns were expressed during the meeting of the Working Committee:

1. The representation of the constituent Churches on the NPC seems rather inadequate. Therefore it would be good that all the Office Bearers of the NCCI are invited to the meetings of the NPC.
2. The NPC should more proactively guide the programmes of the NCCI; the NCCI Secretariat should accordingly carry out the programmes.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 04/WC/ 2016

A meeting of the NPC with the NCCI Office Bearers be held on 13th February 2017 at 10 am in Chennai.

WC: 2016: 24 Formation of APCC and TSCC

The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the General Body which met on 12th August 2016, the Office Bearers of the NCCI called for meetings of the Church Heads in Vijayawada and Hyderabad on 17th and 18th October 2016 respectively. However some of the members of the erstwhile APCC raised questions about the propriety and legality of calling such meetings. Hence to avoid any unpleasant happenings, the meetings had to be called off.

The members of the Working Committee recalled the decisions made by the Quadrennial Assembly and the General Body:

At the Quadrennial Assembly in Jabalpur it was noted as given below:

XVII. BUSINESS SESSION III: Friday, 29th April 2016 (02.30 to 04.30)

6. FORMATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

The General Secretary reported that it was difficult to resolve the problem. Therefore the Office Bearers of the NCCI in consultation with Bishop Dr.P.C.Singh and Rev.Dr.D.R.Sadananda (both of whom had been asked by the General Body to address the matter) decided to propose to the assembly that the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches be dissolved and that the NCCI General Body appoints a commission to call all the churches in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to constitute Regional Councils in each of the states.

In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that NCCI can not dissolve the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. It would be the prerogative of the erstwhile APCC to take a decision on that matter. However the assembly was in favour of authorizing the new NCCI General Body to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh. It was resolved

RESOLUTION: *The NCCI General Body be authorized to facilitate the formation of new regional councils in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.*

At the General Body meeting on 12th August 2016, the matter was discussed as given below:

GB: 2016: 32 Matters from XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly

A. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches: The house discussed the matter of constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, and as authorized by the Quadrennial Assembly it was decided to depute the Office Bearers of the NCCI to do the needful. It was resolved:

Res. No.29/GB/2016:
The Office Bearers of the NCCI are authorized to do the needful in constituting the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

The implication of both these decisions was that the NCCI did not recognize the erstwhile APCC as its member and that the churches and ecumenical bodies of the two states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh would have to form new councils in an ecumenical spirit and then seek affiliation with NCCI.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 05/WC/ 2016

1. *Church heads and ecumenical leaders (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) of each of the NCCI-affiliated Constitutent members in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states be invited for a consultation on ecumenism and its practical expressions in the two states.*

2. *This consultation would be held on 15th December 2016 at 10 am in Chennai, and will be graciously hosted by UELCI.*

3. *The consultation will encourage the church and ecumenical leaders to think about the importance of ecumenical to getherness in their respective contexts.*

4. *The Office Bearers of the NCCI will encourage the leaders to further discuss the matter of coming together as an ecumenical council in their respective states and to take a decision to form regional ecumenical councils.*

5. *On forming the regional ecumenical councils, they should apply to the NCCI for affiliation.*

WC: 2016: 25 Integration of AICCW with NCCI

The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the Quadrennial Assembly in April 2016 and of the General Body in August 2016, the process of integrating the AICCW with the NCCI was begun. There have been problems of difference of opinion among the AICCW Executive Committee members on the

matter and has also led to difficulties in administration. Eventually, the NCCI General Secretary sent a mail to the members of the AICCW Executive Committee directing them to submit all their charges (if any) to the NCCI Secretariat. Accordingly in the month of October 2016, the financial accounts have been handed over to the Secretariat.

Concern was expressed that AICCW needs to be guided and helped to play its responsible role in the NCCI.

WC: 2016: 26 Names of Ministries under the National Programme Commission

The General Secretary expressed the need to rename the ministries of the NCCI Executive Secretaries under the National Programme Commission. The members of the Working Committee were also of the opinion that since the reorganization of the NCCI is taking place, the names of the ministries of the Executive Secretaries and their portfolios should be clearly defined. Efforts should be made to ensure that all the Executive Secretaries are facilitated in working together in an integrated equitable manner in the new program matic structure.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 06/WC/ 2016

The matter of the names of the ministries of different Executive Secretaries and of their portfolios be discussed at the meeting with members of the National Programme Commission on 13th February 2017 at 10 a.m.

WC: 2016: 27 Any Other Business

a. Locating the National Office of NCCI in Delhi

The members took note of the long cherished desire to have the office of the NCCI located in Delhi. It was suggested that fresh efforts be made to explore such a possibility.

b. Increase in the annual contribution of NCCI to CCA

The General Secretary reported that the CCA was asking to make an annual contribution of USD 3000/-

The General Secretary said that this was a sharp hike of 600% as the NCCI used to pay a little less than USD 500/- as its annual membership contribution. As such the NCCI was not in a position to pay such an exorbitant annual membership fee.

c. Leave and License Agreement with Nestle.

The General Secretary reported that the Leave and License agreement with Nestle for the use of Mythri House in Delhi was coming to an end by March 31, 2017. The Nestle authorities were willing to renew the agreement at the existing rates. They were informed that the agreement would have to be renewed at enhanced rates keeping in mind the present market rates and related terms of

agreement The Nestle authorities are expected to give their response by 25th November 2016.

WC: 2016: 28 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members for taking their time out to attend the meeting and making their important contributions to the discussions on items in the agenda. In particular, he thanked Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar and the UELCI for graciously and gen erously hosting the meeting.

WC: 2016: 29 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Bishop Johan Dang

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT BETHEL HALL, U.E.L.C.I. CAMPUS, CHENNAI

FC:2017:01 Prayer

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar began the Meeting with prayer.

FC:2017:02 Welcome

The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad welcomed the members.

FC:2017:03 Roll Call

Members Present :

1. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer-NCCI, and Chairperson-Finance Committee*
2. Mr. K. Jaya Rao
3. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary, NCCI*

Apologies Received:

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
2. Mrs. Rachna Singh
3. Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
4. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios

Invitee :

1. Mr. Ashish Mane-Finance Officer

FC:2017:04 Adoption of Agenda

The Members accepted the Agenda.

FC:2017:05 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane was appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2017:06 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee

As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15th March 2016 at Pallotine Animation Centre , Palloti Nagar, Nagpur, it was decided to confirm the same.

Resolution* : *Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15th March, 2016 be confirmed.

FC:2017:07 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The Finance Committee in its previous meeting had recommended the following practices :

a) Advances to be shown in the Opening Balance and Closing Balance in the statement. It should be clarified whether the Advances are for official purposes or for personal purposes, giving specific details of the same.

It was reported that the recommendation is being implemented.

b) The official advances for programmes should be settled within 10 working days on completion of Event/Programme. If the advances are not settled within 10 working days, they should be treated as Salary Advance and deducted from the next month's Salary.

It was reported that the recommendation is being sought to be implemented. The problem of demonetization has created problems in spending funds for progammes.

c) Programmes/Workshops should be appropriately named so that it does not give rise to any misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

It was reported that the recommendation is being followed.

2. Enhancement of rent for Mr. S.Raju's accommodation : [FC:2016:11]
A request was submitted by Mr. S. Raju asking for increase of House Rent Allowance by Rs. 1000/- as his landlord is demanding increase in rent.

It was resolved to increase Mr. Raju's HRA which is being increased by Rs. 1000/- with effect from January 2016, and action has been taken accordingly. Now the monthly HRA of Mr. S. Raju is Rs 8000/-.

3. Raising of NCCI Annual Membership Fees : [FC:2016:13]
As proposed by the Finance Committee and resolved by the Executive Committee, the NCCI Membership Fees have been enhanced by 100%.

4. Closing of Bank Account No. 52011020128 in Standard Chartered Bank, New Delhi is in process (Rev. Roger Gaikwad has to be available before the Bank) [FC:2016:14]
It seems Standard Chartered Bank is trying to discourage closure of Bank Account. The Bank is imposing new requirements for closure. It requires that the Bank Signatories be present at the

branch for closing of the Account. Accordingly, we have made representation to the Bank and the matter is in process.

5. **Opening of new Bank Accounts for Azariah House and Lawn :** [FC:2016:15]
As per the recommendation of the Auditor, a new Bank Account will be opened as well as a separate Statement of Accounts will be prepared for the Azariah House and the Lawn facility from April 2017 onwards in the new Financial Year 2017-18.

6. **Delegates' Registration Fees for the NCCI Quadrennial Assembly 2016, Jabalpur :** [FC:2016:16(1)]
As proposed by the Finance Committee and resolved by the Executive Committee, the Registration Fees of Rs.500/- per delegate were received at for the NCCI Quadrennial Assembly 2016 in Jabalpur.

7. **Grants from Overseas Partners :** [FC:2016:16(3)]
The Finance Committee was of the opinion that when budgets are made for programme/projects to be funded by overseas partners, provision should be made for contribution to the NCCI Secretariat for administrative expenses. The charge may be appropriately fixed between 2% to 5% of the total budget. Furthermore it was suggested that in case of persons being appointed for serving in projects, provision should be made for the benefit of such persons at the time of the termination of the projects.

The Executive Secretaries have been informed about the same.

FC:2017:08 **Report on Finances of NCCI and CSA**
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

In discussing the report, on the issue of Nazul Registration of Church House Property, Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar suggested that he will ask Rev. Logan to find the record of NCCI Nazul document.

FC:2017:09 **Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2016 to 31st December, 2016) :**
NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2016 to 31st December, 2016.

Resolution* :** ***Resolved that the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July, 2016 to 31st December, 2016 be received and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

CSA-Local

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2016 to 31st December, 2016.

Resolution **:** ***Resolved that the CSA Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July, 2016 to 31st December, 2016 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA General Body for approval.***

FC:2017:09 **Report of the Internal Auditor**

NCCI

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 30th September, 2016.

Resolution**:** ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th September, 2016 be received and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA-Local

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 30th September, 2016.

Resolution**:** ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th September, 2016 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA General Body for approval.***

FC:2017:11 **Budget for the year 2017-2018**

NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Budget of NCCI for the Financial Year 2017-18.

Resolution **:** ***Resolved that the Budget of NCCI for the Financial Year 2017-18 be approved and to recommend the same to the NCCI Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Budget of CSA for the Financial Year 2017-18.

Resolution **:** ***Resolved that the Budget of CSA for the Financial Year 2017-18 be approved and to recommend the same to the CSA General Body for approval.***

- Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar suggested that since our Internal Auditor is continuing from last many years and since it is not a good practice to continue with the same Internal Auditor for a long time, the present Internal Auditor should be changed in due course of time.

- Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar advised that the security deposit amount received from Metro (N.M.R.C.L.) on taking the premises on License Agreement, be deposited into F.D.R. (Fixed Deposit Receipt) so that it can be refunded to them at the time of vacating the premises.

Resolution **:** ***Resolved that the security deposit amount received from Metro (N.M.R.C.L.) on taking the premises on License Agreement, be deposited into F.D.R. (Fixed Deposit Receipt) so that it can be refunded to them at the time of vacating the premises. Likewise the security deposit amount received from CMAI should also be deposited into F.D.R.(Fixed Deposit Receipt).***

- Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar also suggested that the surplus from the Azariah House, Lawn Booking contribution should be converted into Fixed Deposit in every six months' interval.

- Rent received from Azariah House rooms booking should be used for building development and maintenance of the property.

- Azariah House receipts can be made into two Receipts/Invoice:
  1. Receipts for Rent/Accommodation
  2. Receipts for Food Expenses

FC:2017:12 **Matters Regarding Mythri House Building**

Mr. Ashish Mane updated the Committee members regarding the Mythri House tenant:

1. The Mythri House Rental Lease Agreement with M/s Nestle India Limited is going to expire on 31st March 2017.

2. M/s Nestle India Limited, it seems, is not interested in renewing the Lease Agreement and have extended the Agreement up to 30th September, 2017 by increasing the amount of rent.

3. Accordingly the following actions are taken:
   The availability of the Mythri House premises on rent is advertised on the website of magicbricks.com

   1) Accordingly we have registered the premises regarding the availibility of Mythri House on the website of magicbricks.com

   2) We have received some enquiries from the prospective tenant.

   3) Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad informed that it seems that we may not get one tenant for the whole property and may get five tenants for five floors at the Mythri House.

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar advised to minimise the number of tenants to two or three at the most, as having five tenants for the Mythri House property may pose a threat for the organisation and they may team up against us.

The General Secretary reported that he is exploring possibilities of getting good tenants with the help of some of the Executive Committee members and Church leaders in Delhi. It was suggested that when the final agreements are made the Treasurer and Mr. K. Jaya Rao be present in Delhi.

Resolution **:** ***Resolved***

i. ***to authorize Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad to explore the possibility of searching tenants for Mythri House building and getting higher rate per sq. ft. for the property as rent.***

ii. ***to approve the extension of Lease Agreement with M/s Nestle India Limited for further six months from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017.***

iii. ***That if M/s Nestle India Limited wants the Mythri House building on rent, then a fresh Lease Agreement should be signed and at a higher rate of rent per sq. ft.***

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar suggested that the Rental Lease Agreement be drafted much in advance, except the name of the party and other details, and kept ready.

FC:2017:13 Any Other Business

The matter regarding the old electric transformer placed at the premises of Mythri House building was discussed.

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar advised regarding the old electric transformer which is placed by the Delhi Municipal Electrical Department at the Mythri house premises, that a strong letter of complaint and protest be written to the concerned department for immediate action, quoting that the said electric transformer is posing serious life risk to workers and inhabitants of Mythri House building and that it be removed by the concerned department within one month of notice.

FC:2017:14 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, thanked the Chairperson and the members of the Finance Committee for having given their valuable time in attending the Meeting and helping NCCI/CSA to progress forward with their wisdom and support.

FC:2017:15 Prayer and Benediction

The Meeting concluded with prayer and benediction by the Chairperson.

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
Chairperson

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 a.m. 14th February, 2017,
UELCI, Martin Luther Bhavan, #95, Purasawalkam High Road, Kellys, Chennai, T.N.

EC:2017:01 Opening Devotion

Morning Devotion was conducted by the President of NCCI the Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh.

EC:2017:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
7. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
8. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
9. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
10. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
11. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
12. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
13. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
14. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
15. Mr. K. Abraham,
16. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
17. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
18. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
19. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
20. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
21. Ms. Ani Koshy,
22. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
23. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
24. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
25. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
26. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
27. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
28. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
29. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
30. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
31. Rt. Rev .Collin C.Theodore,
32. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
33. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
34. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,

II. Apologies

1. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.
2. Rev. R. Zohmingliana,
3. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
4. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
5. Mr. Angelious Michael,
6. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
7. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
8. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
9. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
10. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
11. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,

III. Absentees

1. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
2. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
3. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,

IV. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R. Christopher Rajkuma r
2. Mr. A. Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
6. Ms. Moumita Biswas
7. Fr. Thomas Ninan

V. Membership in suspension

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

The General Secretary informed that 34 members out of 48 are present and requested the President to call the meeting to order as the quorum requirement is fulfilled. Accordingly the President called the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting to order.

EC:2017:03 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office bearers and the members of the Executive committee.

EC:2017:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda with the following additions in item number EC: 2017:18 under any other business:

a) Approval of Directors of CSA
b) The term of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy, Governance and Public Witness

c) Matters related to the APCC and TSCC

With the inclusion of the above, it was proposed that the agenda circulated be approved. It was resolved:

Res. No. 01/EC/2017
The agenda for the Executive Committee be adopted.

EC:2017:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No. 02/EC/2017
Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Ms. Lidwina Cedric be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2017:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The General Secretary presented the following names with a brief profile of those who entered into eternal rest since the last meeting:

i. Dr. Jegadish Gandhi, Former H.O.D. of Economics, Voorhees College, Vellore; Founder & Chairman (VIDS), Secretary Association of Christian Institutes for Social Concern in Asia (ACISCA) passed away on 7th October 2016.
ii. Rev. Yesuadian David, an ordained minister of the Church of South India, Kanyakumari Diocese passed away on 22nd November 2016
iii. NELC Church Secretary, Mr. Saroj Chand Jha passed away on 7th December 2017.
iv. Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jeyapaul David, Bishop in Tirunelveli, Church of South India from 1999 to 2009 and President of National Council of Churches in India in the quadrennial 2004 – 2008, passed away on 8th February 2017.

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect and the Rt. Rev. Collin Theodore offered prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the following names with a brief profile of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church

i. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric appointed as the Executive Director of ECLOF India from 6th October 2016.
ii. Rev. Christopher Vijayan appointed as, General Secretary - NMS of India.
iii. Bishop M.A.Daniel, elected as the Bishop of Methodist Church in India for Hyderabad Episcopal Area.
iv. Bishop E.D.Yesurathnam, elected as the Bishop of Methodist Church in India for Tamilnadu Episcopal Area

v. Rev. Newton Parmar, elected as the General Secretary of Methodist Church in India
vi. Most Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen, Bishop of Madhya Kerala CSI elected as the Moderator of CSI Synod
vii. Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Prasada Rao, Bishop of Dornakal Diocese CSI, elected as the Deputy Moderator of CSI Synod.
viii. Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda, re-elected as the General Secretary, CSI Synod
ix. Adv. C. Robert Bruce, re-elected as the Hon. Treasurer, CSI Synod
x. Rt. Rev. Sharad Gaikwad, elected as the Bishop of CNI Pune Diocese
xi. Rev. Dr. Kavito Zhimo, Principal of Trinity Theological College, elected as the President of BTESSC
xii. Rev. George Daniel, from BUILD elected as the President of NCCI-URM
xiii. Rev.Asir Ebenezer, from CSI SEVA elected as the Secretary of NCCI-URM

EC: 2017:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of 13th August 2016

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive committee meeting held on 13th August 2016 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received.

It was resolved

Res.No. 03/EC/2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 13th August 2016 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2017:08 Action taken/Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2016

The General Secretary presented the following action taken report:

I. Revision of Annual Membership Fees [Ref. EC:2016:34 (I)]:
As resolved by the Quadrennial Assembly and intimated to the Executive Committee in its previous meeting, the annual membership fees of the NCCI for all its constituent members have been increased by 100% from the financial year 2016-17. Some of the constituent members have already made payment as per the | revised fees.

II. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for NCCI & CSA[Ref. EC:2016:38 (I) & (II)]: As resolved by the Executive Committee, M/s L.D'Souza and Co. have been appointed as Statutory Auditors for NCCI and CSA for 2017-2018 financial year. The Auditors has submitted their acceptance in writing.

III. Working Committee (Ref. EC:2016:40): The Working Committee which was formed by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting, has had its first sitting on 16 Nov 2016.

IV. Finance Committee (Ref. EC:2016:40): The Finance Committee which was formed by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting, has had its first sitting on 13 Feb 2017.

VI. National Education Policy [Ref: EC:2016:41(I)]: In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, a draft model of the response to the National Education Policy was sent to all the General Body members on 19 August 2016. They were also asked to send their respective responses to the government (MHRD) marking a copy of the same to the NCCI Secretariat. So also additional information related to the National Education Policy was sent to all the constituent members of the NCCI. Very few constituent members marked copies of their responses to the NCCI Secretariat.

VII. Formation of Regional Christian Councils in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State.

With regard to the efforts taken to forming regional Christian Councils in Andhra Pradesh and Telengana, the issue would be taken up under "Any other Business."

The report was noted.

EC:2017:09 Report from the National Programme Commission:

The President invited Rev. Fr. Ashwin, the convener for post-NPC meeting of 13th February 2017 of NPC members and Executive Secretaries/Coordinators to sort out some matters regarding the NCCI Programme Proposal 2017-2020, to present his report.

In the report, it was stated that as per the mandate of the Evaluation done in connection with NCCI centenary celebration and the Strategic Plan drawn up thereafter, it was decided to restructure the commissions of the NCCI in order that an integrated approach may be adopted. Hence, it was decided to bring all commissions and forums under one structure namely the National Programme Commission. He said that two NPC consultations were held on 16.11.16 and 13.2.17. The NCCI Office Bearers also took part in the meetings. It was suggested that hence forth the NCCI Office Bearers would be part of the National Programme Commission as ex officio members.

As such no changes were proposed in the Programme Plan for 2017-2020. It would need to be edited. Its integrated approach would have be to be emphasized.

The names of the commissions would be "Office on Unity and Mission", "Office on Women", etc. The individual secretaries may be designated as (for example) Executive Secretary - Tribal and Adivasi concerns , National Program Commission, NCCI.

In the discussion on the report of Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandis, the following matters were taken up:
Names of the portfolios of Executive Secretaries: Instead of the term "Office on", it would be better that the term "Concerns" be added to the portfolios of the Executive Secretaries relating to people groups. For example: Executive Secretary - Youth Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI. Executive Secretaries dealing with thematic issues would not have the term "Concerns" added to their portfolios. For example: Executive Secretary, Unity and Mission.

A discussion was also raised whether the identity and history of the AICCW would be lost if it was simply worded as Women Concerns. It was clarified that request for merger of AICCW with NCCI had come from AICCW and accordingly the merger of AICCW with NCCI was completed and therefore the AICCW is now a part of NCCI. It was also clarified that the history and the rich legacy of AICCW would be protected. Indications of the same could be made in the objectives of Women Concerns.

Accordingly it was resolved:
Res.No. 04/EC/2017

(a) The titles of the Executive Secretaries and their ministries would be as follows:

Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar	–	*Executive Secretary Unity and Mission, National Programme Commission,NCCI*
Mr. Samuel Jayakumar	–	*Executive Secretary Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI*
Rev. Caesar David	–	*Executive Secretary Communications, National Programme Commission, NCCI*
Ms. Moumita Biswas,	–	*Executive Secretary Women Concerns, National Programme Commission,NCCI*
Mr. Pradip Bansrior	–	*Executive Secretary Dalit & Tribal-Adivasi Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI,*
Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei	–	*Executive Secretary Youth Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI*

(b) Furthermore the Executive Secretaries would clarify the nature and scope of their engagements, indicating also their past histories and legacies, wherever necessary, by stipulating them in the objectives of their respective ministries.

On further discussion on the Programme Plan it was also mentioned that the plan for the three years needs to emphasize the three Es: Ecumenism, Economy, and Ecology. The society is experiencing radicalization, a very serious concern for the church and society. Concerns of Christian Marriage and Divorce, government policies on education (whether it be on elementary education and other stages or other matters), as well as the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation should also be addressed more emphatically by the Plan.

EC:2017:10 Report of the Treasurer (Appendix No.1):

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2016. Mention was made that demonetization had severely impacted our programs. We had faced acute problems and difficulties in implementation of several programs as the availability of cash was very limited and cheque payments were difficult for daily wages and other expenses. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 05a/EC/2017

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2016 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No. 05b/EC/2017

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2016 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2017:11 Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016.

It was resolved

Res. No. 06/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016.

It was resolved

Res. No.07/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016.
It was resolved

Res. No. 08/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016 be approved.

EC:2017:12 Internal Audit Report

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI/CSA accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2016. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No. 9a/EC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April to 31st December 2016 be approved.

Res. No. 9b/EC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts (both local and FC) for the period 1st April to 31st December 2016 be approved.

EC:2017:13 Budget for 2017-2018 (Appendix Nos. 2 and 3)

The Treasurer presented the Draft Budget of the NCCI and CSA for the financial year 2017 - 18.

It was resolved

Res. No. 10a/EC/2017

The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2017-18 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

Res. No. 10b/EC/2017

The Budget of the CSA for the financial year 2017-18 be approved.

EC:2017:14 Report of the General Secretary (Appendix No. 4)

The General Secretary presented a detailed report for the period from August 2016 to February 2017. A survey was given of all the programmes implemented within the contemporary context of the country.

Members expressed their deep appreciation for the work of the General Secretary, the Executive Secretaries and the Secretariat.
It was resolved

Res. No.11/EC/2017

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI/CSA be approved with appreciation.

EC:2017:15 ESHA Programme

The General Secretary stated that indications are received for the extension of the ESHA project for another two years He reported that Fr. Kuruvilla who was a full time General Coordinator had moved out of Nagpur and was now serving as Consultant in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee. So also Fr. Thomas Ninan had been appointed as Associate Coordinator.

Since the program is likely to go on for another two years, the General Secretary explained the need for a full time General Coordinator of ESHA.

After discussion it was resolved

Res. No 12/EC/2017

To appoint the Rev. Fr. Thomas Ninan as a full time General Coordinator of ESHA subject to the continuance of the ESHA project for another two years.

EC:2017:16 Letter of Mr. Ajoy Saha

The General Secretary explained that at the Quadrennial Assembly meeting in Jabalpur in April 2016, the Credentials Committee asked Mr. Ajoy Saha of the Council of Baptist Churches in North India to submit relevant documents pertaining to the details the Council of Baptist Churches in North India (Constitution, latest Registration Certificate, audit reports of finances for five years, statistics, etc) for consideration of the continuation of the membership of the CBCNI in the NCCI. The General Secretary reported that he was yet to receive any authentic documents from him and therefore, we have to consider their membership only after getting the documents.

After discussion, it was resolved

Res. No 13/EC/2017

To confirm the membership of CBCNI in the NCCI only after receiving the required documents and being satisfied with the same after scrutinizing them.

EC:2017:17 Any Other Business:

I. Statutory Approval of Directors:

The General Secretary brought the attention of the Executive Committee that the Directors of the Christian Service Agency need to be approved statutorily in terms of the provisions of sub-section (2) under section 164 of the Companies Act 2013. The Company has received the representation from the directors regarding their status, which have been considered and taken on record by the Board.

After discussion, it was resolved

Res. No 14/EC/2017

(i) "Resolved That pursuant to the provisions of section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Article of Association of Company Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Bishop Johan Dang, Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore, and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, be and hereby appointed as directors of the Company and none of the director of the company is disqualified in terms of the provisions of section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013"

(ii) "RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all necessary acts, deeds and things whatsoever required for the above purpose"

II. The Term of the Service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI:

The General Secretary reported that since Mr. Samuel Jayakumar is working on the UPR process in relation to the issue of Freedom of Religion or Belief, which will be completed in May 2017 and since after that he has to engage in post UPR programmes, it would be helpful if his service were extended for one year from 1st April 2017.

It was resolved

Res. No. 15/EC/2017

The service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI, be extended by one year from 1st April 2017.

III. Matters related to APCC and TSCC:

The General Secretary explained the steps taken Office Bearers to meet the leaders of church and ecumenical organizations of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State. On account of various reasons it was not possible to convene the meeting yet.

In order to expedite the process, it was resolved to call the leaders of churches and ecumenical bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for a discussion on ecumenism in Chennai. Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar graciously offered to host the meeting. Only representatives from churches and ecumenical organizations which are members of NCCI would be invited for the discussion. After the discussion it is hoped that the leaders would continue the discussion in their respective states and take a decision on the formation of a Regional Christian Council in their respective states.

After discussion, it was resolved

Res. No. 16/EC/2017

To invite all the leaders from APCC and Telangana and hold discussion at Chennai as a neutral venue between 16 and 18 March 2017.

EC:2017:18 Dates of next meeting:

It was decided to hold the next Executive Committee meeting and the General Body Meeting either on 12-13 August 2017 or on 22-23 August 2017 at Ranchi.

EC:2017:19 Vote of Thanks:

The General Secretary proposed vote of thanks. He specially thanked the UELCI and the Rev. Dr. Augustine Jayakumar for their hospitality and also for having hosted the meeting. He thanked the officers, members and the Recording Secretaries.

EC:2017:20 Closing Prayer:

Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose offered the closing prayer and the President pronounced the benediction.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Ms. Lidwina Cedric
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
21st August 2017 at 6:00 p.m.,
Hotel Maple Wood, Diocesan Village,
Old H.B. Road, Siromtoli Chowk, Ranchi

WC:2017:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop Johan Dang, at the request of the President, Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh.

WC:2017:02 Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2017:03 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
8. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President

WC:2017:04 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

The General Secretary and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki were appointed as Recording Secretaries.

WC:2017:05 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2017:06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th November 2016 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2017:07 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2016

1. ROC Matters (Ref. WC:2016:22): The resolutions of the Working Committee were forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval and action. Accordingly, in pursuance of the resolution of the Executive Committee;

a. Appointment: Mr.Amarendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary & Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) has been appointed for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2016 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

b. Status of Directors: Mr.Amarendra Rai, Company Secretary for Christian Service Agency, has already registered pursuant to the provisions of section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Article of Association of Company Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Mr.Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev.Dr. Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Bishop Johan Dang, and Rt.Rev. Collin C. Theodore, as directors of the Company. Since all the required documents of Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, and Ms.G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, were yet to be received, their registration as directors of the Company is still to be finalized.

c. Declaration of assets and filing of returns by Directors as per Lokpal 2013 Act: It was notified last year that in accordance with Lokpal 2013 Act, all Directors of Companies receiving annual government grants amounting to Rs.1 crore or more, or Rs.10 lacs from foreign partners, would be considered as public servants and required to declare the assets and file income tax returns of the following: self, spouse and dependent children. The declaration of assets and filing of income tax returns was to be done by 31st December 2016. However, the government decide to defer the matter. Therefore, Directors are advised to await a fresh notification from the government.

2. National Programme Commission (Ref. WC:2016:23): As resolved by the Working Committee, a meeting of the NPC with the NCCI Office Bearers was held on 13th February 2017 in Chennai. At this meeting the following proposals were made: (a) the term ' Commissions' used for naming the ministries of the Executive Secretaries, needs to be changed since we have one National Programme Commission under which the Executive Secretaries would be working. (b) While emphasis is given to grassroots ecumenism, contextual concerns of economy and ecology will also need to be addressed. (c) The NCCI Executive Secretaries would have their counterparts holding similar portfolios in their respective churches, councils and organizations to serve as their reference/ contact persons. (d) The Programme Plan 2017-2020 be approved in principle; it would need to be edited.

The above proposals were forwarded to the Executive Committee on 14th February 2017 which approved of the same. The titles of the portfolios of the Executive Secretaries were stated as follows:

Rev. Christopher Rajkumar	–	Executive Secretary, Unity and Mission, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Mr. Samuel Jayakumar	–	Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Rev. Caesar David	–	Executive Secretary Communications, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Ms. Moumita Biswas	–	Executive Secretary Women Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Mr. Pradip Bansrior	–	Executive Secretary Dalit & Tribal-Adivasi Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei	–	Executive Secretary Youth Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI

3. Formation of APCC and TSCC (Ref. WC:2016:24): In trying to resolve the issue of the formation of APCC and TSCC, the Working Committee has suggested that a consultation of church leaders from the two regions be held in Chennai. The objective of the consultation was to encourage the church and ecumenical leaders to think about the importance of ecumenical togetherness in their respective con texts, and to discuss the formation of regional ecumenical councils in their respective places. On forming the regional ecumenical councils, they should apply to the NCCI for affiliation. This proposal was submitted to the Executive Committee on 14th February 2017.

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, a meeting of all the leaders of churches and ecumenical bodies which are members of the National Council of Churches in India from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, was held in the UELCI Campus, Chennai on 17 March 2017. The persons present at this meeting resolved to call a meeting of church leaders in their respective regions on 7 April 2017 in Hyderabad for Telangana State and 19 April 2017 in Vijayawada for Andhra Pradesh for constituting their respective Regional Councils of Churches. Accordingly, the meetings were called on the above-mentioned dates. The NCCI was represented by Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, Mrs.Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President, and Mr.Liju Jacob, Vice-President. The process was thus initiated for the formation of the Regional Councils of Churches.

The General Secretary reported that he had received the following documents from Telangana State Council of Churches: (i) the minutes of the meeting of TSCC, (ii) the draft Constitution of TSCC, (iii) the application of TSCC to be granted membership of NCCI. The General Secretary further reported that the documents from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches were yet to be received.

The committee went through the documents submitted by TSCC. It was noted that the minutes incorrectly stated that the President of NCCI, Rt.Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh had constituted the TSCC. It was further noted that the TSCC had not yet filled up the positions of some Office Bearers and Members in its committee. After due discussion of the matter, it was resolved.

Res.No.01/WC/2017

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its committee.
(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iv) Provisional membership will be granted to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.
(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

Documents from the APCC were received in the evening of 22nd August 2017. Therefore, the Working Committee met in the morning of 23rd August 2017. It went through the documents of APCC and resolved the following:

Res.No.02/WC/2017

(i) The APCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the APCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iii) Provisional membership will be granted to the APCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned two conditions.
(iv) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

4. Leave and License Agreement with Nestle [Ref. WC:2016:27 (c)]: It was reposted to the Working in its previous meeting that the Nestle authorities were willing to renew the agreement at the existing rates beyond March 31, 2017. However due to the fast changing market scenario, the Nestle authorities decided to move their office to Gurgaon from 1st October 2017. They therefore requested use of the Mythri House for additional six months (April to September 2017).

Accordingly, the Finance Committee was intimated about the matter in its meeting on 13th February 2017. As advised by the Finance Committee, we have advertised in newspapers and through Real Estate portals such as Magic Bricks, the availability of Mythri House for rent from 1st October 2017 onwards. The Treasurer reported the matter to the Executive Committee in his report on 14th February 2017.

There have been several inquiries from prospective companies and offices; however, we have yet to find some appropriate tenant(s).

WC:2017:08 New Business

1. Report of the Treasurer

i. NCCI

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.03/WC/2017

To approve the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 and to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

ii. CSA

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on CSA finances and approved of the same.
It was resolved

Res.No.04/WC/2017

To approve the report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 and to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

2. Report of the Internal Auditor

i. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Working Committee for approval.
It was resolved

Res.No.05/WC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for further approval.

ii. CSA

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the CSA accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

It was resolved

Res.No.06/WC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be received, approved and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for further approval.

3. Approval of Annual Account (Report of the Statutory Auditor)

i. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Annual accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The Annual account of the Society and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.07/WC/2017

The Annual accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved and for warded to the Executive Committee.

ii. CSA - Local

The Treasurer presented the Annual accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the CSA- Local account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The Annual accounts of the Company and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.08/WC/2017

The Annual accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report of the Christian Service Agency Local account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be approved and forwarded to the General Body of CSA.

iii. CSA- FC

The Treasurer presented the Annual accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the CSA- FC account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The Annual accounts

of the company and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.09/WC/2017

The Annual accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report of the Christian Service Agency- FC account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be approved and forwarded to the General Body of CSA.

4. Appointment of Auditors

i. Internal Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for both NCCI and CSA.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.10/WC/2017

(i) To recommend to the Executive Committee that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for NCCI.

(ii) To recommend to the General Body of CSA that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for CSA.

ii. Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 both for NCCI and CSA.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.11/WC/2017

(i) To recommend to the Executive Committee that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be re-appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for NCCI

(ii) To recommend to the General Body of CSA that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be re-appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for CSA.

5. Authorization to file ROC documents

As was done at the meeting on 16th November 2016, the Secretary presented the need for a resolution to appoint Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other e-Forms for the year 2017 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 12/WC/ 2016

Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial Registrar of Companies matters) be appointed for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2017 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on be half of the Christian Service Agency.

6. Matters from Finance Committee (if any)

i. Mythri House matters (FC:2017:29)

The Finance Committee reported that efforts have been made to advertise the availability of space in Mythri House from 1st October 2017, after M/s Nestle India Ltd. vacates the premises, urgent re pairs are required in Mythri House, and it has been difficult to get the Government authorities to remove the old transformers from the premises of Mythri House. The Finance Committee has further suggested that a local committee of ecumenical leaders be appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants and finalising the agreement with them. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises. So also repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical; Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises; and the Registered Office of Christian Service Agency be fully set up in Mythri House.

The Committee approved of the suggestions made by the Finance Committee and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.

ii Finance Manual (FC:2017:30)

a. NCCI

The Finance Committee looked at the Finance Manual of the NCCI which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015. The Executive Committee had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the NCCI Secretariat to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed. It was reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped NCCI in draing the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the NCCI Secretariat.

The Finance Committee proposed that the NCCI Finance Manual be endorsed with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context.

For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 50,000/- : Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

The Working Committee discussed the matter. Regarding the revision of the section on authorised signatories of payments, it was suggested that for payments upto Rs. 48,000/- there be single signatory (General Secretary) and for payments above Rs.48,000/- there be two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer). However, it was suggested that the Company Secretary be consulted on this matter.

Res.No.13/WC/2017

It was resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee that

(i) The NCCI Finance Manual be endorsed

(ii) NCCI payments be approved as follows:
For payments upto Rs. 48,000/- : Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/- : Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)
However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

b. CSA

The Finance Committee looked at the Finance Manual of the CSA which had been approved in principle by the CSA General Body on September 22, 2015. It had been suggested that the Manual be tried out in the CSA office to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed. It was reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped CSA in drafting the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the CSA office.

The Finance Committee proposed that the CSA Finance Manual be endorsed with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context.
For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (Secretary/Director)
For payments above Rs. 50,000/- : Two signatories(Secretary/Director and Treasurer) The Managing Committee discussed the matter. Regarding the revision of the section on authorised signatories of payments, it was suggested that for payments upto Rs. 48,000/- there

be single signatory (Secretary/Director) and for payments above Rs.48,000/- there be two signatories (Secretary/Director and Treasurer). However, it was suggested that the Company Secretary be consulted on this matter.

Res.No.14/WC/2017

It was resolved to recommend to the General Body that

I. The CSA Finance Manual be endorsed

ii. CSA payments be approved as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/- : Single signatory (Secretary/ Director) For payments above Rs. 48,000/- : Two signatories (Secretary/Director and Treasurer) However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

iii. Staff Matters (FC:2017:33)

a. Finance Officer: The Finance Committee reported that Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer had successfully completed his LL.B. and that he had applied to pursue LL.M. outside office hours. Given his additional qualification and the increase in his responsibilities, the Finance Committee suggested that his status as Finance Officer be reviewed. It suggested that: (i) Mr. Ashish Mane be given an increment in his monthly basic salary because of the increase in the volume of his responsibilities. (ii) He be allowed to pursue LL.M. studies, provided that it does not adversely affect his normal duties in the NCCI.

It was resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee

Res.No.15/WC/2017

I. That Mr. Ashish Mane be given an increment in his monthly basic salary because of the increase in the volume of his responsibilities.

ii. That he be allowed to pursue LL.M. studies, provided that it does not adversely affect his normal duties in the NCCI.

b. Accountant for NCCI: The Finance Committee reported that earlier Mr. Ashish Mane was an accountant in NCCI. After Rev. Asir Ebenezer left, Mr. Ashish Mane was made Finance Officer. However, since no Accountant was appointed in his place, Mr. Ashish Mane still had the responsibility of looking after the NCCI Accountant portfolio. Therefore, it would be necessary to ap point a qualified person as Accountant for NCCI.

The Finance Committee proposed that an Accountant be taken on a provisional or probationary basis, and a decision could be taken later about his/her permanent appointment.

The Working Committee approved of the suggestion of the Finance Committee and resolved that:

Res.No.16/WC/2017
The Executive Committee be asked for permission to take an Accountant on a provisional or probationary basis, and a decision could be taken later about his/her permanent appointment.

7. Report of the General Secretary
The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI/CSA, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

It was resolved
Res.No.17/WC/2017
The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI/CSA be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval.

WC:2017:09 Any Other Business

1. Consent of members for shorter notice: Since it was necessary to hold the CSA General Body Meeting on 22nd August 2017, the members of the CSA Managing Committee were asked to sign a certificate of consent of members for shorter notice in order to present Statutory Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2017 before the CSA General Body. The members of the CSA Managing Committee approved of signing the consent notice. It was resolved

Res.No.18/WC/2017
To sign the certificate of consent of members for shorter notice under the Companies Act 2013 [pursuant to section 101(1)].

2. Chain of Prayer: A suggestion was made that in the present context of the country when religious minorities are facing a lot of hardships, and the country in general is facing several challenges, all the NCCI Constituent members be asked to observe a day of chain prayer for the country. This chain prayer could be conducted on a public holiday such as 2nd October 2017.

The members discussed the suggestion and decided to forward this proposal to the Executive Committee. It was resolved

Res.No.19/WC/2017
To forward to the Executive Committee the proposal of observing 2nd October 2017 as a day of prayer chain for the country.

WC:2017:10 Date of next meeting
The President suggested that the date of the next meeting be discussed during the Executive Committee Meeting.

WC:2017:11 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked all the members and specially the President for the time thought and suggestions given during the meeting.

WC:2017:12 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting concluded with recitation of the Lord's Prayer followed by the benediction given by the President.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 08:30 PM 21ST AUGUST, 2017, HOTEL MAPLE WOOD, DIOCESAN VILLAGE, OLD H.B. ROAD, SIROMTOLI CHOWK, RANCHI

FC:2017:16 Prayer

The Meeting began with a prayer by Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI and Chairperson of the NCCI Finance Committee.

FC:2017:17 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2017:18 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Chairperson*
2. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
3. Mr. K. Jaya Rao
4. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa

Apologies

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
2. Mrs. Rachna Singh
3. Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel

Invitee :

1. Mr. Ashish Mane

FC:2017:19 Adoption of Agenda

Members accepted and adopted the Agenda.

FC:2017:20 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane was appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2017:21 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee

As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13th February 2017 at Bethel Hall, UELCI Campus, Chennai, it was decided to confirm the same.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13th February 2017 be confirmed.***

FC:2017:22 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Closing of Bank Account No. 52011020128 in Standard Chartered Bank, New Delhi** ***[****Ref. FC:2017:07 (4)]*: As reported in the previous meeting, it seems Standard Chartered Bank is trying to discourage closure of our Bank Account. The Bank is imposing requirements for closure. Among these, it requires that the Bank Signatories be present at the branch for closing of the Account. Accordingly, we have made representation to the Bank mentioning the difficulties of both the signatories being able to appear in person. The Bank authorities said that they would find a way out, however, they have been slow in finalizing the matter.

2. **Opening of new Bank Accounts for Azariah House and Lawn** *[Ref. FC:2017:07 (5)]*: This matter was mentioned in the previous meeting, and so on the recommendation of the Auditor, a new Bank Account has been opened as well as a separate Statement of Accounts is being maintained for the Azariah House and the Lawn facility from April 2017 onwards in the new Financial Year 2017-18.

3. **Opening of Fixed Deposit Bank Account** *(Ref. FC:2017:11)*: As advised by the Finance Committee, the security deposit amount received from Metro (N.M.R.C.L.) on taking the premises on License Agreement, has been deposited into F.D.R. (Fixed Deposit Receipt) so that it can be refunded to them at the time of vacating the premises.

4. **Use of Azariah House Rent** *(Ref. FC:2017:11)*: As advised by the Finance Committee, the rent received from Azariah House rooms and lawn bookings is being used for building development and maintenance of the property.

5. **Matters Regarding Mythri House Building** *(FC:2017:12)*: As reported in the previous meeting M/s Nestle India Limited will be vacating Mythri House by 30th September 2017. They have however asked for the use of only one room in the building upto 31st October 2017.

   As reported in the previous meeting, the space available in Mythri House has been advertised in newspapers and on the website of magicbricks.com. Though several inquiries have been made, we have not yet been able to identify any good tenants. There are three main reasons for this : (i) the rate we have quoted, Rs.300/- per sq.ft. appears to be too high, (ii) vehicle parking facilities are limited, and (iii) the government is offering land for business purposes at subsidized rates near the airport. However Mr.S.Raju is still pursuing probable customers.

6. Removal of old electric transformer *(Ref. FC:2017:13)*:
As suggested by the Finance Committee in the previous meeting a strong letter of complaint and protest was written to Delhi Municipal Electricity Department for immediate action, quoting that the said electric transformer is posing serious life risk to workers and inhabitants of Mythri House building and that it be removed by the concerned department within one month of notice. However, the bureaucratic procedures are very cumbersome and to date, the transformer has not been removed.

The Finance Committee noted the Action Taken Report.

FC:2017:23 Report on Finances of NCCI & CSA
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA be received with appreciation.***

FC:2017:24 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2017

a. NCCI
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

b. CSA
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

Resolution*:** ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval.

FC:2017:25 Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet of NCCI & CSA for the year ending 31st March 2017

a. NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the NCCI accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

b. CSA

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the CSA accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017. The report was received and forwarded to the Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to CSA Accounts (namely CSA Consolidated Account, CSA Local Account and CSA Foreign Contribution Account) for the year ending 31st March 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval.***

FC:2017:26 Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017 – NCCI & CSA

a. NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to June 30, 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

b. CSA-Local

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017. The Account was received and forwarded to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

c. CSA-FC

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017. The Account was received and forwarded to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

FC:2017:27 Appointment of Internal Auditors – NCCI & CSA

a. NCCI

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for NCCI.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18.***

b. CSA

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for CSA.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18.***

FC:2017:28 Appointment of Statutory Auditors – NCCI & CSA

a. NCCI

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for NCCI.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18.***

b. CSA

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for CSA.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18.***

FC:2017:29 Mythri House matters

The Committee invited Mr. S. Raju, Delhi Office Administrator to present a report on Mythri House. In his report, Mr. Raju highlighted all the efforts which were made to advertise the availability of space in Mythri House from 1st October 2017, after M/s Nestle India Ltd. vacates the premises. He also emphasized the need for urgent repairs in Mythri House, and the difficulties in getting the Government authorities to remove the old transformers from the premises of Mythri House.

The Committee discussed the matter and it was suggested that a local committee of ecumenical leaders be appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants and finalising the agreement with them. It was also suggested that a copy of a Draft Lease Agreement be kept ready in advance. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises.

Resolution: ***A local committee of ecumenical leaders be appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants and finalising the agreement with them. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises.***

Regarding repairs, it was suggested that repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical. Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises. The Registered Office of Christian Service Agency would also have to be fully set up in Mythri House.

Resolution: ***Repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical. Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises. The Registered Office of Christian Service Agency would also have to be fully set up in Mythri House.***

FC:2017:30 Finance Manual

a. NCCI

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Manual of the NCCI had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015. The Executive Committee had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the NCCI Secretariat to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed.

The General Secretary further reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped NCCI in drafting the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the NCCI Secretariat.

The General Secretary however proposed that the directive given in the NCCI Manual about authorised signatories of payments be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context. The proposal was as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 40,000/- : Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 40,000/- : Two signatories
(General Secretary and Treasurer)

The committee however made the following suggestions:

For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 50,000/- :Two signatories
(General Secretary and Treasurer)

With Regard to Emergency Non budgeted Expenditure, the Approval Limits for Repairs, Maintenance and other works be raised as given below:

Sr. No.	Monetary Limit of Expenditure	Approving Authority
1	Up to Rs. 2,00,000	General Secretary
2	Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 10,00,000	General Secretary & Treasurer
3	More than Rs. 10,00,000	Finance Committee

Resolution : ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that***

(i) The NCCI Finance Manual be endorsed

(ii) NCCI payments be approved as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (General Secretary)

For payments above Rs. 50,000/- : Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

(iii) The limit for Emergency Non Budgeted Expenditure for Repair, Maintenance and other works be approved as follows

Sr. No.	Monetary Limit of Expenditure	Approving Authority
1	Up to Rs. 2,00,000	General Secretary
2	Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 10,00,000	General Secretary & Treasurer
3	More than Rs. 10,00,000	Finance Committee

a. CSA

The Secretary reported that the Finance Manual of the CSA had been approved in principle by the CSA General Body (the NCCI Executive Committee) on September 22, 2015. The CSA General Body had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the CSA Office to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed.

The Secretary further reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped CSA in drafting the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an Evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the CSA Office.

The Secretary however proposed that the directive given in the CSA Manual about authorised signatories of payments be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context. The proposal was as follows:

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The committee however made the following suggestions:

For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (Secretary/Director)

For payments above Rs. 50,000/- : Two signatories (Secretary/Director and Treasurer)

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body that***

(I) The CSA Finance Manual be endorsed

(ii) CSA payments be approved as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 50,000/- : Single signatory (Secretary - CSA)

For payments above Rs. 50,000/- : Two signatories (Secretary and Treasurer - CSA)

(iii) The limit for Emergency Non Budgeted Expenditure for Repair, Maintenance and other works be approved as follows

Sr. No.	Monetary Limit of Expenditure	Approving Authority
1	Up to Rs. 2,00,000	General Secretary
2	Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 10,00,000	General Secretary & Treasurer
3	More than Rs. 10,00,000	Finance Committee

FC:2017:31 **Operation of Central Bank Account (Ac. No. 1195413440) and closure of Allahabad Bank Account in Nagpur**

The General Secretary explained that the General Secretary of Christian Conference of Asia, Dr. Mathews George Chunakara suggested that the old account in NCCI which was opened for receiving CCA Membership Fees from Indian Churches be revived, as he intended to make use of this facility for receiving Indian funds for CCA and for making payments for CCA programmes in India. CCA has legal constraints in making payments abroad from Chiangmai, Thailand.

The Committee considered the matter and thought it would be good to help CCA by reviving the Central Bank Account A/c No. 1195413440 and renaming it as NCCI-Christian Conference of Asia.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to revive the Central Bank Account (Ac. No. 1195413440) and to rename it as NCC-Christian Conference of Asia for facilitating CCA to receive funds from within India and for using the same for CCA programmes in India.***

The General Secretary reported that NCCI had an old account (A/c No. 175) in Allahabad Bank, Nagpur. It was in use till 1996. It seems that the office had forgotten about this account and it is not reflected in the Accounts of NCCI. The committee discussed the matter and decided that it was best to close the account.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the NCCI Account number 175 in the Allahabad Bank, Nagpur be closed.***

FC:2017:32 Possibility of receiving donation of Plot of Land at New Totladoh Village in Nagpur District

The General Secretary mentioned that in 2002 the NCCI along with CASA had helped fisher folk who had been forcibly displaced from their habitat in Totladoh, Nagpur District to be rehabilitated in New Totladoh Village. Vidarbha Centre for Labour Concerns (VCLC) had made contact with them and was trying to help them in addressing their problems of water scarcity and alternative agriculture, etc. The villagers were very grateful and were inclined to grant a plot of land to NCCI to start an empowerment centre in their village.

The Committee noted the information.

FC:2017:33 Staff Matters

1. *Finance Officer:* The General Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer had successfully completed his LL.B. and that he had applied to pursue LL.M. outside office hours. Given his additional qualification and the increase in his responsibilities, the General Secretary suggested that his status as Finance Officer be reviewed.

   The Committee discussed the matter and was of the opinion that since his responsibilities have increased, with a lot of legal requirements and developmental works in the NCCI premises, he be given an additional increment in his basic salary, and that he be granted permission to pursue his LL.M. provided that it does not affect his office responsibilities.

   Resolution: ***It was resolved that***

   (i) Mr. Mane be given an increment in his monthly basic salary because of the increase in the volume of his responsibilities.

   (ii) He be allowed to pursue LL.M. studies, provided that it does not adversely affect his normal duties in the NCCI.

2. **Accountant for NCCI:** The General Secretary reported that earlier Mr. Mane was an accountant in NCCI. After Rev. Asir Ebenezer left, Mr. Mane was made Finance Officer. However, since no Accountant was appointed in his place, Mr. Mane still had the responsibility of looking after the NCCI Accountant portfolio. Therefore, it would be necessary to appoint a qualified person as Accountant for NCCI.

   The Committee discussed the matter and was of the opinion that an Accountant be taken on a provisional or probationary basis, and a decision could be taken later about his/her permanent appointment.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that an Accountant be taken on a provisional or probationary basis, and a decision could be taken later about his/her permanent appointment.***

FC:2017:34 **Matters regarding disbursement of Scholarships and other benefits**

The General Secretary presented a list of some services provided for NCCI, CSA and IPC personnel with regard to scholarships, medical allowance and Christmas gift. The committee reviewed the list and was of the opinion that scholarships for NCCI Secretaries/General Coordinators and permanent NCCI/CSA Staff be given as follows:

For Children of NCCI Secretaries/General Coordinators and Permanent Staff (NCCI+CSA)

Classes I to VI	-	Rs. 7000/- p.a. per child
Classes VII to X	-	Rs. 9000/- p.a. per child
Classes XI to XII / Bachelor Degree	-	Rs.11,000/- p.a. per child

Regarding medical allowance, disbursements may be made as follows:

Medical Allowance

For NCCI Secretaries/ General Coordinators and Permanent Staff of NCCI/CSA	-	Rs. 10,000/- p.a.
For Contract Workers of NCCI/CSA- (to be paid from Charity)		Rs. 4000/- p.a.
For Daily Wage Workers (to be paid from Charity)	-	Rs. 4000/- p.a.

With the above mentioned changes, the committee approved of the list of some services provided for NCCI, CSA and IPC personnel. (Appendix I)

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the list of some services provided for NCCI, CSA and IPC personnel be approved with the changes made by the Finance Committee.***

Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa.

Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 A.M. 22ND AUGUST, 2017,
HOTEL MAPLE WOOD, DIOCESAN VILLAGE, OLD H.B. ROAD, SIROMTOLI CHOWK, RANCHI

EC:2017:21 Opening Devotion

The Morning Devotion was conducted by the President of NCCI, the Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, who delivered a reflection on Matt.16:13-20. Following the devotion, the Rt. Rev. Basil B. Baskey, Bishop of Chotanagpur Diocese, CNI who hosted the meetings of the NCCI in Ranchi, welcomed the members. All the members of the Executive Committee were given flowers as an expression of warm welcome.

EC:2017:22 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
8. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
9. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
10. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
11. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
12. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
13. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
15. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
16. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
17. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
18. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
19. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
20. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
21. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
22. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
23. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
24. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
25. Rt. Rev .Collin C.Theodore,
26. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
27. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
28. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
29. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

I. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President
2. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.
4. Rev. R. Zohmingliana,
5. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
6. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
7. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
8. Mr. K. Abraham,
9. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
10. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
11. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
12. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
13. Ms. Ani Koshy,
14. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
15. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
16. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
17. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
18. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
19. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,

II. Absentees

1. Mr. Angelious Michael,

III. Invitees

1. Bishop Dular Lakra
2. Mr.Ashish Mane

IV. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A. Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

The General Secretary informed that 28 members out of 49 are present and requested the President to call the meeting to order as the quorum requirement is fulfilled. Accordingly, the President called the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting to order.

EC:2017:23 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee.

EC:2017:24 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda with the addition of "Some Matters from the Working Committee" in item number EC: 2017:33 under Any Other Business.

With the inclusion of the above item, it was proposed that the agenda which had been already circulated earlier be adopted. It was resolved:

Res. No. 17/EC/2017
The agenda for the Executive Committee be adopted.

EC:2017:25 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No. 18/EC/2017
Mr. Suresh Jacob and Mrs. Basanti Biswas be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2017:26 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

I. The Most Revd. Zakaria James Terom, former Moderator of CNI and former Bishop of the Diocese of Chotanagpur, who passed away on 16th February 2017.
ii. Rev. M.S. Skariah Ramban, Former Diocesan Secretary of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of Delhi, who passed away on 1st August 2017.

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Rt. Rev. Collin Theodore offered prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the following names who have as sumed different offices in the service of the Church

i. Rev. Dr.D.Christu Das appointed as the Principal of Concordia Theological Seminary, Nagercoil from 1st April 2017
ii. Rev.Dr.Emmanuel Thathapudi has taken over as the Secretary of BTESSC from 1st April 2017
iii. Dr.Lalrindiki Ralte appointed as the Dean of Extension Programme in SCEPTRE, Kolkata
iv. Rev.Dr.Justin Moses has joined as the Dy.Registrar of the Senate of Serampore College from 1st April 2017
v. Rt.Rev.Bajel Murmu is elected as the fifth Moderator of NELC, Rt. Rev. Sulen Narzary as Dy. Moderator, Mr.Mathis C. Hansdak as Synod Chairperson and Mr. Ismail Murmu as Church Secretary

vi. Rev.S.Asok Kumar is appointed as the General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society
vii. Most Rev.Dr.K.F.Paradesi Babu is re-elected as Moderator Bishop of AELC for the term 2017-2021
viii. Dr.Mary Verghese is appointed as the Executive Director of The Leprosy Mission Trust India

EC:2017:27 Confirmation of the Minutes of 14th February 2017

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 14th February 2017 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received.
It was resolved

Res.No. 19/EC/2017
The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 14th February 2017 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2017:28 Action taken/Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1. Report from the National Programme Commission (Ref: EC:2017:09)**:** In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, the titles of the Executive Secretaries and their ministries have been fixed as follows:

Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar	–	Executive Secretary Unity and Mission, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Mr. Samuel Jayakumar	–	Executive Secretary - Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Rev. Caesar David,	–	Executive Secretary Communication, National Programme Commission, NCCI
Ms. Moumita Biswas	–	Executive Secretary Women Concerns, National Programme Commission,NCCI
Mr. Pradip Bansrior	–	Executive Secretary Dalit & Tribal-Adivasi Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI,
Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei	–	Executive Secretary Youth Concerns, National Programme Commission, NCCI

2. ESHA Programme (Ref: EC:2017:15)**:** The proposal for the extension of the ESHA project for another two years has already been submitted to Kerk In Actie and a positive response is expected shortly. As resolved,

Fr. Thomas Ninan has been appointed as full time General Coordinator of ESHA for another two years.

3. **Statutory Approval of Directors:** [Ref: EC:2017:17 (I)]**:** In pursuance of the resolution of the Executive Committee, Mr.Amarendra Rai, Company Secretary for Christian Service Agency has already registered pursuant to the provisions of section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Article of Association of Company Rt.Rev.Dr.P.C.Singh, Rev.Dr. D.R.Sadananda, Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Rev. Dr.Abraham Gnanamuthu Augustine Jeyakumar, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Bishop Johan Dang, and Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore, as Directors of the Company. Since all the required documents of Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, were yet to be received, their registration as Directors of the Company is still to be finalized.

4. **The Term of the Service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI [**Ref: EC:2017:17 (II)]**:** As resolved by the Executive Committee, the service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, Policy, Governance and Public Witness, National Programme Commission, NCCI, has been extended by one year from 1st April 2017.

5. **Matters related to APCC and TSCC** [Ref: EC:2017:17 (III)]**:** In accor dance with the decision of the Executive Committee, a meeting of all the leaders of churches and ecumenical bodies which are members of the National Council of Churches in India from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, was held in the UELCI Campus, Chennai on 17 March 2017. The persons present at this meeting resolved to call a meeting of church leaders in their respective regions on 7 April 2017 in Hyderabad for Telangana State and 19 April 2017 in Vijayawada for Andhra Pradesh for constituting their respective Regional Councils of Churches. Accordingly, the meetings were called on the above-mentioned dates and the process was initiated for the formation of the Regional Councils of Churches.

   Subsequently the Telangana State Council of Churches sent the following documents to the NCCI Secretariat: (i) the minutes of the meeting of TSCC, (ii) the draft Constitution of TSCC, and (iii) the application of TSCC to be granted membership of NCCI. The General Secretary further reported that the documents from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches were yet to be received.

   The Working Committee went through the documents submitted by TSCC. It was noted that the minutes incorrectly stated that the President of NCCI, Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh had constituted the TSCC. It was further noted that the TSCC had not yet filled up the positions of some Office Bearers and Members in its Committee. After due discussion of the matter, the Working Committee proposed that:

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its Committee.
(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iv) Provisional membership will be granted to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.
(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.
(vi) Regarding the APCC, the matter of their membership of NCCI would be discussed when their documents are received.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee resolved to forward the matter to the General Body Meeting reiterating the conditions proposed by the Working Committee.
It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/EC/2017

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its Committee.
(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iv) Provisional membership will be granted to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.
(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.
(vi) Regarding the APCC, the matter of their membership of NCCI would be discussed when their documents are received.

EC:2017:29 Report of the Treasurer (including approval of Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts)

A. Treasurer's Report (Appendix No.1)

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017. The members were glad about the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation. It was however advised that care should be taken while mentioning the names of overseas partners to avoid any unnecessary problems.
It was resolved

Res. No. 21a/EC/2017

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No. 21b/EC/2017

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 be approved with appreciation.

B. Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 22/EC/2017
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No.23/EC/2017
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 24/EC/2017
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved.

EC:2017:30 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 both for NCCI and CSA.

I. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No. 25/EC/2017:
To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2017-2018.

II. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 26/EC/2017:

To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2017-2018.

EC:2017:31 Appointment of Internal Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for both NCCI and CSA, at least for one more year, as certain matters regarding GST and other new regulations could be best attended to by them at this stage.

I. Internal Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved:

Res. No.27/EC/2017:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2017-2018.

II. Internal Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res.No.28/EC/2017:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2017-2018.

EC:2017:32 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-II).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No.29/EC/2017:

The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

Concerns were expressed by some of the members in relation to the contextual challenges which the General Secretary's Report stated need to be addressed, particularly the infringement of the rights of minority communities and the management of their institutions. The constituent members of NCCI need to take serious note of this situation and be prepared to stand up for their constitutional rights in a secular country. It was proposed that a small committee of persons be appointed to come up with important recommendations when the General Body meets on 23rd August 2017.

It was resolved:

Res. No.30/EC/2017:

(i) A small committee be appointed to come up with important recommendations to the General Body when it meets on 23rd August 2017.

(ii) The committee would consist of:
Dr. Sushant Agrawal (Convenor),
Rev. Dr. R. Sadananda,
Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas,
Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
Mr. Samuel Jayakumar

EC:2017:33 Any Other Business: Some Matters from the Working Committee

A. Mythri House matters

On the basis of the report of the Finance Committee, the Working Committee stated that efforts have been made to advertise the availability of space in Mythri House from 1st October 2017, after M/s Nestle India Ltd. vacates the premises, urgent repairs are required in Mythri House, and it has been difficult to get the Government authorities to remove the old transformers and other accessories from the premises of Mythri House. It was proposed that a local committee of ecumenical leaders be appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants and finalising the agreement with them. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises. So also repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical; Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises; and the Registered Office of Christian Service Agency be fully set up in Mythri House.

The Executive Committee received the report and resolved:

Res. No.31/EC/2017:

The suggestions made by the Working Committee be approved.

B. Finance Manual

1. NCCI

The Working Committee reported that the Finance Committee looked at the Finance Manual of the NCCI which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015. The Executive Committee had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the NCCI Secretariat to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed. It was reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped NCCI in drafting the Manual with the

expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the NCCI Secretariat.

On the suggestion of the Finance Committee, the Working Committee proposed that the NCCI Finance Manual be endorsed with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the appropriate authorities before it is implemented.
Accordingly the Executive Committee resolved:

Res. No.32/EC/2017:
(i) The NCCI Finance Manual be endorsed
(ii) NCCI payments be approved as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	*:*	*Single signatory (General Secretary)*
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	*:*	*Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)*

However, this matter should be clarified with the appropriate authorities before it is implemented.

2. CSA

The Working Committee reported that the Finance Committee looked at the Finance Manual of the CSA which had been approved in principle by the CSA General Body on 22nd September 2015. The CSA General Body had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the NCCI Secretariat to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed. It was reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped CSA in drafting the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manual in the NCCI Secretariat.

On the suggestion of the Finance Committee, the Working Committee proposed that the CSA Finance Manual be endorsed with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present context, and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

Accordingly the Executive Committee resolved:

Res. No.33/EC/2017:

(i) The CSA Finance Manual be endorsed

(ii) CSA payments be approved as follows:

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	*:*	*Single signatory (General Secretary)*
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	*:*	*Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)*

However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

C. Chain of Prayer: A proposal was made that in the present context of the country when religious minorities are facing a lot of hardships, and the country in general is undergoing several challenges, all the NCCI Constituent members be asked to observe a day of chain prayer for the country. This chain prayer could be conducted on a public holiday such as 2nd October 2017.

The Executive Committee discussed the suggestion and resolved

Res. No.34/EC/2017:

(i) 2nd October 2017 as a day of prayer chain for the country.

(ii) Letters be sent (including mention of topics for prayer) to all the constituent units asking them to observe the Day of Prayer Chain.

EC:2017:34 Dates of next meeting

It was proposed that February 20-21, 2018 be the dates of the next meetings. The National Programme Commission, the Finance Committee and the Working Committee could meet on 20 February 2018. The Executive Committee could meet on 21st February 2018. Members would start arriving on 19th February and leave by the

morning of 22nd February 2018. The venue of the meetings would be intimated soon. Accordingly members were asked to book their tickets in advance for attending the meetings.

EC:2017:35 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their contribution in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Rt. Rev. Basil Baskey, Bishop of Chotanagpur Diocese, CNI for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2017:36 Closing Prayer

Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose was asked to say the concluding prayer.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Mrs.Basanti Biswas
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2017 AT 09:30 A.M.
AT HOTEL MAPLE WOOD, DIOCESAN VILLAGE, OLD H.B.ROAD, SIROMTOLI CHOWK, RANCHI

GB:2017:01 Devotion

The Morning Devotion was conducted by the President of NCCI, the Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh.

GB:2017:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
8. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
9. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
10. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
11. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
12. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
13. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Rev. Yesunath D. Kalekar
15. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
16. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
17. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
18. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
19. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
20. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
21. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula
22. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
23. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
24. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
25. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
26. Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar
27. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
28. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
29. Dr. Sushant Agrawal,
30. Rev. Arun Barwa,
31. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
32. Mrs. Ekta Peters,
33. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
34. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,

35. Rev. Prof. Dr. Mathews Emmanuel Thathapudi,
36. Rev. Vinay Peter,
37. Dr. William Stanley,
38. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,
39. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
40. Mr. Shaju V. Joseph
41. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
42. Rev. Joshua Peter,

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice-President
2. Mrs. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.,
4. Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
5. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
6. Mr. H.Arthur Sadhanandham,
7. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
8. Mr. K.Abraham,
9. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
10. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
11. Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandis,
12. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
13. Ms. Ani Koshy,
14. Rev. Dr. I.P. Asheervadam,
15. Deacon Vikal P. Rao,
16. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
17. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
18. Bishop Fred C. Marihal,
19. Rev. Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,
20. Rev. K.Sardar,
21. Rt. Rev. P.P. Marandih,
22. Rev. Dr. Atul Arthur,
23. Rev. R.Lalnunzira,
24. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
25. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
26. Mr. Shabu Thomas,
27. CH. R.P. Mani Kumar,
28. Dr. Mary Verghese,
29. Ms. Vinodhini Moses,
30. Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga,
31. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar,
32. Rev. S.Asok Kumar,
33. Dr. Bimal Charles,
34. Dr. Sunil Chandy,
35. Rev. Anupama Hial

III. Absentees

1. Mr. Angelious Michael,
2. Rev. Dr. Hemantkumar Parmar,
3. Rt. Rev. Prakash D.Patole,
4. Uttar Pradesh & Uttranchal Council of Churches,
5. Rev. Dr. P.Syamala Sukumar,
6. Christian Endeavour in India,
7. Christian Union of India

IV. Invitees

1. Bishop Dular Lakra

V. Visitors/Guests

1. Mr. Aloke Michyari, representing YMCA
2. Rev. P. Johnson, representing GSELC

VI. Autonomous Bodies

1. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC

VII. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators

1. Rev. R.Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A.Samuel Jayakumar
3. Rev. Caesar David
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,

VIII. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention,
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India,
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church,
5. Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches,

GB:2017:03 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present were 42 out of 89 (more than the required quorum), the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2017:04 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda which had been circulated earlier from the NCCI Secretariat was adopted.

GB:2017:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.01/GB/2017:
Mr. Suresh Jacob and Ms. Lidwina Cedric be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

GB:2017:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. *Obituaries*

The house paid homage to the following persons who passed away:

i. Dr.Jegadish Gandhi, Former H.O.D. of Economics, Voorhees College, Vellore; Founder & Chairman (VIDS), Secretary Association of Christian Institutes for Social Concern in Asia (ACISCA), who passed away on Oct 7, 2016.
ii. Rev. Yesuadian David, an ordained minister of the Church of South India, Kanyakumari Diocese, who passed away on Nov 22, 2016.
iii. Mr. Saroj Chand Jha, NELC Church Secretary and former NCCI Executive Committee member, who passed away on Dec 7, 2016.
iv. Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jeyapaul David, Bishop in Tirunelveli, Church of South India and President of National Council of Churches in India in the quadrennial 2004 – 2008, who passed away in Tirunelveli on February 8, 2017
v. The Most Revd. Zakaria James Terom, former Moderator of CNI and former Bishop of the Diocese of Chotanagpur, who passed away on Feb 16, 2017.
vi. Rev. M.S. Skariah Ramban, Former Diocesan Secretary of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of Delhi, who passed away on August 1, 2017.

The members stood up and observed a moment of silence after which Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios offered a word of prayer thanking God for thei life and work and praying for their bereaved families.

II. *Felicitations*

During the period under review the following persons were appointed /elected to important positions:

i. Mrs.Lidwina Cedric, Executive Director of ECLOF India
ii. Rev.Christopher Vijayan, General Secretary - NMS of India
iii. Bishop M.A.Daniel, Bishop of Methodist Church in India for Hyderabad Episcopal Area
iv. Bishop E.D.Yesurathnam, Bishop of Methodist Church in India forTamilnadu Episcopal Area
v. Rev. Newton Parmar, General Secretary of Methodist Church in India
vi. Most Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen, Moderator of CSI Synod
vii. Rt. Rev.Dr.V. Prasada Rao, Deputy Moderator of CSI Synod
viii. Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI Synod
ix. Adv. C. Robert Bruce, Hon. Treasurer, CSI Synod
x. Rt.Rev.SharadGaikwad, Bishop of CNI Pune Diocese

xi. Rev. Dr. Kavito Zhimo , President of BTESSC
xii. Rev. Prof. Dr. Matthews Emmanuel Thathapudi, Secretary of BTESSC
xiii. Rev. George Daniel, President of NCCI-URM
xiv. Rev.Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI-URM
xv. Rev. Dr.D.Christu Das, Principal of Concordia Theological Seminary
xvi. Dr.LalrindikiRalte, Dean of Extension Programme in SCEPTRE, Kolkata
xvii. Rev.Dr.Justin Moses, Dy.Registrar of the Senate of Serampore College
xviii. Rt.Rev.BajelMurmu, Moderator of NELC
xix. Rt.Rev.SulenNarzary, Dy.Moderator of NELC
xx. Mr.Mathis C.Hansdak, Synod Chairperson of NELC
xxi. Mr.IsmailMurmu, Church Secretary of NELC
xxii. Rev.S.Asok Kumar, General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society
xxiii. Most Rev.Dr.K.F.ParadesiBabu, Moderator Bishop of AELC
xxiv. Dr.Mary Verghese, Executive Director of The Leprosy Mission Trust India

Among the persons mentioned in the Felicitation List above, the following persons who were present at the meeting were felicitated with bouquets.

i. Mrs.Lidwina Cedric, Executive Director of ECLOF India
ii. Rev.Christopher Vijayan, General Secretary - NMS of India
iii. Rev. Prof. Dr. Matthews Emmanuel Thathapudi, Secretary of BTESSC
iv. Dr. William Stanley, President, ECODAWM was also felicitated as it was his birthday.
v. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu, General Secretary, All India Association for Christian Higher Education was also felicitated for being appointed on the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education, under the Minority Cell, of the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Following the felicitations, the President released digital copies of two books published by ESHA, namely A Handbook for Churches on and Gender Diversities, edited by Philip Kuruvilla, ISPCK - NCCI Publication, 2017 and A Theological Reader on Human Sexuality and Gender Diversities: Envisioning Inclusivity, edited by Roger Gaikwad & Thomas Ninan, ISPCK NCCI Publication, 2017.

GB:2017:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of 12th August 2016

Since no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 12th August 2016 which had been circulated
earlier, it was resolved:

Res. No.02/GB/2017:
The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 12th August 2016, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2017: 08 Action Taken Report/Matters from General Body & Executive Committee Meetings

1. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches [Ref. GB:2016:32(A)]: In accordance with the decision of the General Body, the Office Bearers of the NCCI attempted to convene a meeting of church leaders in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. However, because of certain problems, it was difficult to convene such a meeting. The matter was reported to the Executive Committee in its meeting on 14th February 2017. At this meeting, it was resolved to invite all the leaders from APCC and Telangana and hold discussion at Chennai as a neutral venue between 16 and 18 March 2017. In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, a meeting of all the leaders of churches and ecumenical bodies which are members of the National Council of Churches in India from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, was held in the UELCI Campus, Chennai on 17 March 2017. The persons present at this meeting resolved to call a meeting of church leaders in their respective regions on 7 April 2017 in Hyderabad for Telangana State and 19 April 2017 in Vijayawada for Andhra Pradesh for constituting their respective Regional Councils of Churches. Accordingly, the meetings were called on the above-mentioned dates and the process was initiated for the formation of the Regional Councils of Churches. On forming the regional ecumenical councils, they should apply to the NCCI for affiliation.

Subsequently the Telangana State Council of Churches sent the following documents to the NCCI Secretariat: (i) the minutes of the meeting of TSCC, (ii) the draft Constitution of TSCC, (iii) the application of TSCC to be granted membership of NCCI. The General Secretary further reported that the documents from Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches were yet to be received.

The Working Committee went through the documents submitted by TSCC. It was noted that the minutes incorrectly stated that the President of NCCI, Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh had constituted the TSCC. It was further noted that the TSCC had not yet filled up the positions of some Office Bearers and Members in its committee. In line with the suggestions made by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee resolved to forward the matter to the General Body Meeting reiterating the following conditions proposed by the Working Committee.

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its committee.
(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.

(iv) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.
(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.
(vi) Regarding the APCC, the matter of their membership of NCCI would be discussed when their documents are received.

The General Secretary then reported that the APCC had sent its documents last evening (i.e. August 22, 2017). Therefore, the Working Committee of NCCI met in the morning of August 23, 2017 and went through the documents. After studying the documents, the Working Committee proposed the following:

(i) The APCC be asked to make necessary corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the APCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iii) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the APCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned two conditions.
(iv) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

Accordingly, on the matter of the recognition and granting of membership to Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches, the General Body resolved:

Res. No.03/GB/2017:

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its committee.
(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iv) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.
(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

Res. No.04/GB/2017:

(i) The APCC be asked to make necessary corrections in its minutes.
(ii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the APCC, and then sent to the NCCI.
(iii) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the APCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned two conditions.
(iv) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

2. **Matters related to structure reorganization** [Ref:GB:2016:32 (C)]: While the Special Meeting of the General Body regarding constitutional amendments to facilitate the National Programme Commission and the integration of the All India Council of Christian Women with the NCCI Secretariat, the matter could not be pursued with the Charity Commissioner in Nagpur because the Charity Commissioner's office delayed the approval of the NCCI constitution revision which was approved by the Quadrennial Assembly in 2012. It is only in July 2017 we have received the approval of the revised constitution from the Charity Commissioner. Now the matter of the 2016 Quadrennial Assembly elections change report is in process, following which the matters related to structure reorganization and related constitutional amendments will be taken up with the Charity Commissioner.

   The General Secretary reported that the office of the Charity Commissioner requires two sets of documents, one from the out going committee members regarding their NOCs, and one from the incoming committee members regarding their consent. While it is convenient to get consent certificates from the members of the new quadrennium, it was difficult to get NOCs from the members of the old quadrennium. In order to resolve this problem in the future it was resolved:

   Res. No.05/GB/2017:
   The members of the General Body and its committees be asked to sign two certificates no sooner they assume responsibility in the new quadrennium:

   (i) A Consent Letter expressing their willingness to serve on the General Body and its Committees along with any Office to which they might be elected; and

   (ii) A No Objection Certificate to relinquish their membership of the General Body and its committees, including any office they hold at the end of the quadrennium.

3. **Appointment of new Statutory Auditors** [Ref.GB:2016:35 (1) & (2)]**:** As resolved by the General Body M/s Lancy D'Souza and Co. have been appointed as Statutory Auditors of NCCI & CSA for the F.Y. 2016-2017.

4. **Opening of RCC Zones outside the geographical region** (Ref. GB:2016:37)**:** As resolved by the General Body, the Kerala Council of Churches was informed of the policy decision of NCCI that as a matter of policy every Regional Christian Council should operate within the geographical limits of its region.

5. New Committees of NCCI (Ref. GB:2016:38)**:** The National Programme Commission and the Board of Arbitration which were formed by the General Body, have met during the past year. The Membership Committee and the Constitution Committee will meet in due course of time.

The General Secretary also presented some matters from the Executive Committee which had met on 22nd August 2017:

A. Mythri House matters

Efforts have been made to advertise the availability of space in Mythri House from 1st October 2017, after M/s Nestle India Ltd. vacates the premises, urgent repairs are required in Mythri House, and it has been difficult to get the Government authorities to remove the old transformers from the premises of Mythri House. It was proposed that a local committee of ecumenical leaders be appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants and finalising the agreement with them. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises. So also repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical; Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises; and the Registered Office of Christian Service Agency be fully set up in Mythri House.

The General Body noted the report

B. Finance Manual

The Finance Manual of the NCCI and CSA had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015. The Executive Committee had suggested that the Manual be tried out in the NCCI Secretariat to see whether it could be implemented practically, and in case there were no problems, then the Finance Manual could be fully endorsed. It was reported that Auditors from the funding agencies of ESHA (who had first helped NCCI/CSA in drafting the Manual with the expertise of Centre for Promoting Accountability, New Delhi), did an evaluation of our financial system and practices last February, and were satisfied with the implementation of the Finance Manuals in the NCCI Secretariat. The Executive Committee had therefore resolved to endorse the NCCI and CSA Finance Manuals.

The General Body noted the report. It was mentioned that care must be taken to ensure that the Manuals takes care of international standards and are acceptable to overseas partners. It was suggested that soft copies of the Finance Manuals be sent to all the General Body members.

C. Chain of Prayer:

A proposal was made that in the present context of the country when religious minorities are facing a lot of hardships, and the country in general is facing several challenges, all the NCCI Constituent members be asked to observe a day of chain prayer for the country. This chain prayer could be conducted on a public holiday such as 2nd October 2017.

The Executive Committee had accordingly resolved:

(i) 2nd October 2017 as a day of prayer chain for the country.

(ii) Letters be sent to all the constituent units asking them to observe the Day of Prayer Chain including mention of topics for prayer.

The General Body took note of the proposal and recognized the importance of the observance of the Day of Chain Prayer for the country.

GB:2017:09 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 (Appendix No.I). The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation. It was however advised that care should be taken while mentioning the names of overseas partners to avoid any unnecessary problems.

It was resolved

Res. No.06/GB/2017:

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No.07/GB/2017:

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2017 be approved with appreciation.

The Treasurer also drew the attention of the General Body to the budget of NCCI and CSA for the 2017-2018 Financial Year. It had al ready been passed by the Executive Committee in its meeting on 14th February 2017. Therefore, it was resolved:

Res. No.08/GB/2017:

The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2017-2018 be received with approval.

Res. No.09/GB/2017:

The budget of the CSA for the financial year 2017-2018 be received with approval.

GB:2017:10 Audited Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 10/GB/2017:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 11/GB/2017:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2016 to 31stMarch 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No.12/GB/2017:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be approved.

GB:2017:11 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 both for NCCI and CSA.

I. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No.13/GB/2017:
To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2017-2018.

II. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 14/GB/2017:

To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2017-2018.

GB:2017:12 Appointment of Internal Auditors

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2017-18 for both NCCI and CSA, at least for one more year, as certain matters regarding GST and other new regulations could be best attended to by them at this stage.

I. Internal Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved:

Res. No. 15/GB/2017:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2017-2018.

II. Internal Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 16/GB/2017:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2017-2018.

GB:2017:13 Budget for 2017-2018

The Treasurer presented the Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2017 -18. The same was received and approved.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 17/GB/2017:

To receive and approve the Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2017-2018.

GB:2017:14 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-II).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No.18/GB/2017:

The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

Concerns had already been expressed by some of the members in relation to the contextual challenges which the General Secretary's Report asserted that need to be addressed, particularly the infringement of the rights of minority communities and the management of their institutions. The constituent members of NCCI need to take serious note of this situation and be prepared to stand up for their constitutional rights in a secular country. A small committee had been appointed to come up with important recommendations when the General Committee meets on 23rd August 2017. The recommendations of this committee would be taken up later.

GB:2017:15 Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns & Autonomous Bodies

The Executive Secretaries of Unity and Mission (including reports of IDEA and NEFGSD), Policy Governance and Public Witness, Communication, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns, and Youth Concerns and the Director of India Peace Centre presented their respective reports in PowerPoint for the period September 2016 to August 2017. Reports from Women's Concerns, ESHA, VCLC, and NCCI-URM were also received.
It was resolved

Res. No.19/GB/2017:

i) The reports of the Executive Secretaries be received and approved with appreciation.

ii) The report of VCLC, ESHA, IDEA and NEFGSD be received and approved with appreciation.

iii) The reports from autonomous bodies be received and approved with appreciation.

GB:2017:16 CASA concerns

Dr. Sushant Agrawal, Director, CASA shared with the General Body the challenges which CASA was facing in getting it FCRA registration renewed. He apprised the members of all the steps that CASA had taken and was still engaged in to get its registration renewed. He allayed fears of some constituent members of NCCI about the future of CASA and expressed hope that the problem would soon be resolved. He urged the constituent units to keep CASA in their prayers.

In spite of all the challenges, CASA has continued to render its service to the society at large in terms of relief, rehabilitation, and development.

GB:2017:17 Report from Other Related Agencies

The General Body received the reports of Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, All India Sunday School Association, Christian Literature Society, Christian Medical Association of India, Ecumenical Church Loan Fund-India, and Henry Marty Institute.

The reports which were already in the files were taken as read.

GB:2017:18 Any Other Business

Report of the Committee on Responding to the Current Challenges in the Country The Committee (which was appointed by the Executive Committee in its meeting on 22nd Aug 2017) consisting of Dr. Sushant Agrawal (Convenor), Rev. Dr. R. Sadananda, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu, Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki, and Mr. Samuel Jayakumar gave the following report and action plan:

The idea of India is under the threat of right wing fundamentalist groups. The secular, democratic and pluralistic value of the Indian Constitution is facing severe challenges and there is a move to make India a Nation state instead of a National state.

The Church and the Christian Community have been playing an important role in building the country and its development. Hence, it is our duty to safeguard the Constitutional character of our great Country.

The Church's strength is the Margins. The Church is largely the people of the Margins. Therefore, we need to go back to the Margins and listen to them, be enlightened and inspired by them, as well as mutually strengthen one another. Keeping these concerns in mind, we would like to propose the following to the NCCI and its member Churches and Christian Organizations.

1) To create a data bank of 5 Lac Christians in the local congregations. New social media channels like Whatsapp, Face book, etc could be used to establish contacts and ongoing communication. Record of mobile numbers, postal addresses, etc could also be maintained. We need to complete this task within six months so that we could use these communication methods to reach and empower the local congregations by providing valuable critical information.

2) We need to encourage all Christians to enroll themselves along with their families, friends in the Electoral List so that all of us could participate in the democratic electoral process of our motherland.

3) We need to observe a day of prayer for the country every year.

4) We should inspire our member Churches to start new schools in the vernacular languages in the rural places in India. Churches should come up with innovative and relevant ways of service in the country as holistic alternatives from the margins to globalized systems and institutions of development.

In the discussion that followed several suggestions were made:

- If we do not act now, it will be too late!
- We should remember that the Margins are not powerless!
- Let us empower one another to become advocates of change!
- Voters need to be educated, particularly new voters!
- Youth campaigns should be organized through SCMI, YMCA, YWCA and related bodies.
- We need to revisit church almanacs and make then contextually relevant and inspiring.
- We should organize a national meeting of civil society organizations.
- Churches should encourage women to use their creativity and exercise their commitment to the cause of reform.

GB:2017:19 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and the Recording Secretaries for their contribution in the efficiently conduct of the General Body meeting. He particularly thanked Rt. Revd. B.B. Baskey, Bishop of Chotanagpur Diocese, CNI for graciously hosting all the meetings.

GB:2017:20 Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda said the closing prayer which was followed by the congregation recitation of the Lord's Prayer and concluded with benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Ms. Lidwina Cedric
Recording Secretary

Minutes
2018

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Minutes of the Finance Committee held at 3:00 pm on 20th February 2018, Committee Room, CBCNEI Office, Guwahati

FC:2018:01 Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI and Chairperson of the NCCI Finance Committee.

FC:2018:02 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2018:03 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Chairperson*
2. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
3. Mr. K. Jaya Rao
4. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel

Apologies

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
2. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
3. Mrs. Rachna Singh

Invitee

1. Mr. Ashish Mane, *Finance Officer*

FC:2018:04 Adoption of Agenda

The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2018:05 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane was appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2018:06 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee

As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st August 2017 at Hotel Maple Wood, Ranchi, it was decided to confirm the same.

Resolution: *Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st August 2017 be confirmed.*

FC:2018:07 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Appointment of Internal Auditors – NCCI & CSA** [FC:2017:27 (a) & (b)]
   a. **NCCI:** As recommended by the Finance Committee, the Working Committee, and the Executive Committee the NCCI General Body approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

   b. **CSA:** As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

2. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors – NCCI & CSA** [FC:2017:28 (a) & (b)]
   a. **NCCI:** As recommended by the Finance Committee, the Working Committee, and the Executive Committee, the NCCI General Body approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

   b. **CSA:** As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

3. **Mythri House Matters** (FC:2017:29)

   As directed by the Finance Committee, a Local Committee of ecumenical leaders was appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants for Mythri House, New Delhi and for finalising the agreement with them. It was also suggested that a copy of a Draft Lease Agreement be kept ready in advance. The local committee in Delhi may also be asked to help in getting the old transformers removed from Mythri House premises.

   Accordingly, the following persons were invited to be part of the Local Committee:

   1. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President NCCI
   2. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal, Methodist Church in India
   3. H.G. Mar Demetrios, Malankara Orthodox Syrian church
   4. Dr. Bimal Charles, General Secretary, CMAI
   5. Dr. Sushant Agrawal, Director, CASA
   6. Ms. Ella Sonawane, Asst. General Secretary, ISPCK
   7. Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, PGPW, NCCI
   8. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Secretary, CSA and
   9. Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer, CSA

The Local Committee met on 6th September 2017 and made the following recommendations:

1. To rent out the space in Mythri House at a rate between Rs. 150 to 175 per square feet per month. If we get a higher rate so much the better.
2. The leave and license agreement would be for eleven months but could be renewable for many cycles, with appropriate enhancement of rent after every cycle of 3 eleven-month agreements.
3. A maintenance charge of around Rs. 15 per sq.ft. could also be negotiated.
4. If we get tenants through brokers, we should be willing to pay a commission amounting to one month's rent.
5. Mr. S. Raju may re-negotiate with some of the prospective clients in the light of the above suggestions.

Regarding removal of old transformers from the premises of Mythri House, Bishop Subodh C. Mondal agreed to take up this matter with the Chief Minister of Delhi along with CSA/NCCI representatives. Mr. S. Raju was asked to prepare a letter along with copies of necessary documents and of previous communication with NDMC.

Regarding repairs, it was suggested that repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical. Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises. The Registered Office of Christian Service Agency would also have to be fully set up in Mythri House.

In the light of the recommendations that were made, Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer, pursued the matter. After much networking, we were able to get one Branch of Indian Overseas Bank to agree to occupy the first floor of Mythri House. However, they demanded that as per prevailing practice in New Delhi, the owners of the building should construct a strong room for the Bank. Therefore, after oral consultation with, and approval from Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI, the strong room was constructed. However, we have had to face a lot of stringent demands from Delhi Police and NDMC.

We are still exploring tenants for other floors of Mythri House. As of now the prospective tenants are: Second Floor – Indian Overseas Bank Regional Office,

Third Floor – still being explored
Fourth Floor – still being explored

There are many hurdles and therefore it has been difficult to get Mythri House fully occupied so far. We have had interested parties from hotels and beauty parlours, but we have resisted giving them space in our premises.

4. Finance Manual [FC:2017:30 (a) & (b)]

a. NCCI

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Working Committee that the Finance Manual of the NCCI (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the appropriate authorities before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the appropriate authorities who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

b. CSA

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Managing Committee that the Finance Manual of the CSA (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text, and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the Company Secretary who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

5. Operation of Central Bank Account (Ac. No. 1195413440) and closure of Allahabad Bank Account in Nagpur (FC:2017:31)

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Central Bank Account (Ac. No. 1195413440) in name of East Asia Christian Council Nagpur has been revived. However, the CCA has not yet started using the same for CCA programmes in India.

As far as the old account (A/c No. 175) in Allahabad Bank, Nagpur is concerned, the process is on to close the account as resolved by the Finance Committee.

6. Possibility of receiving donation of Plot of Land at New Totladoh Village in Nagpur District (FC:2017:32)

As informed in the previous meeting of the possibility of receiving a plot of land at new Totladoh village in Nagpur district, the Gram Panchayat of the village has resolved to grant land to the NCCI for setting an empowerment centre. However, since the need of water is very urgent for the inhabitants, VCLC is engaged in trying to address the matter first.

7. Staff Matters [FC:2017:33 (1) & (2)]

1. Finance Officer: As resolved by the Finance Committee, Mr. Mane, Finance Officer, has been given an increment in his monthly basicsalary because of the increase in the volume of his responsibilities. He has also started pursuing LL.M. studies as permitted by the Finance Committee.

2. Accountant for NCCI: As resolved by the Finance Committee, the search is on for a suitable person to be taken as an Accountant on a provisional or probationary basis.

8. Matters regarding disbursement of Scholarships and other benefits (FC:2017:34)

As resolved by the Finance Committee, scholarships for Children of NCCI Secretaries/General Coordinators and Permanent Staff (NCCI+CSA) are granted as follows:

Classes I to VI	–	Rs. 7000/- p.a. per child
Classes VII to X	–	Rs. 9000/- p.a. per child
Classes XI to XII / Bachelor Degree	–	Rs. 11,000/- p.a. per child

Regarding medical allowance, the disbursements are done as per the decision of the Finance Committee:

For NCCI Secretaries/ General Coordinators and Permanent Staff of NCCI/CSA	–	Rs. 10,000/- p.a.
For Contract Workers of NCCI/CSA	–	Rs. 4,000/- p.a. (to be paid from Charity)

For Daily Wage Workers – Rs. 4000/- p.a.
(to be paid from Charity)

The Finance Committee noted the Action Taken Report.

FC:2018:08 Report on Finances of NCCI & CSA

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA be received with appreciation.***

FC:2018:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2017 to 31st December2017)

NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

CSA-Local

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.***

CSA-FC

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.***

FC:2018:10 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017

a. NCCI

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

b. CSA

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.***

FC:2018:11 Budget for the year 2018-2019.

(i) Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19

The Finance Officer presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19. After discussion it was decided to receive the NCCI Budget for the FY 2018-19 and recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was noticed that the budget was drawn on the assumption that all the four floors of Mythri House, New Delhi would be occupied in the new financial year. So also, it was mentioned that though the salaries of the NCCI Workers are due for revision in 2018, the revision would be effected only if the financial situation improved.

Resolution: ***Resolved to receive the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19 and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval***

(ii) Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19

The Finance Officer presented the budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19. After discussion it was decided to receive the CSA Budget for the FY 20181-19 and recommend the same to the Management Committee for approval.

It was noticed that the budget was drawn on the assumption that all the four floors of Mythri House, New Delhi would be occupied in the new financial year. So also it was mentioned that though the salaries of the NCCI Workers are due for revision in 2018, the revision would be effected only if the financial situation improved.

Resolution: ***Resolved to receive the budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19 and to recommend the same to the Management Committee and General Body for approval***

In the discussion on the budget, the following matters were taken up:

1. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: In order to raise funds it was decided to propose to the Executive Committee that Executive Secretaries should write projects, and approach church heads and overseas funding agencies. They should also raise 20% of the funds towards the expenses of their office, salary and programmes.

2. Secretaries be asked as pointed out by the auditor to see that they maintain the vehicle log book.

3. Letter should be written to constituent members of NCCI asking them to pay their annual membership fees. Copies of those letters should be marked to the Treasurer.

4. The long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- be written off.

5. Secretaries be asked to settle programme advances within the stipulated time. Advance for further programmes will not be sanctioned if the previous advance is not settled.

6. As indicated earlier, the salaries of NCCI and CSA Secretaries and Staff are revised every three years and so the revision is due in 2018. The General Secretary and the Finance Officer are advised to come up with the scheme of the salary revision. The same will be discussed by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The same may be implemented no sooner Mythri House in Delhi is fully occupied and the financial situation improves.

FC:2018:12 Any Other Business

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi has submitted his resignation with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons. Mr. Arora has served the CSA since 29th August 1980. The Finance Committee appreciated the services rendered by Mr. Arora all the 37 years and six months and resolved to accept his resignation and forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval. It was further resolved that retirement benefits of Pension, Provident Fund and Gratuity be granted to him.

FC:2018:13 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, the Treasurer of NCCI and the Chair of the Finance Committee for all the support and advice rendered to the Secretariat and also for taking time out to chair the meeting. The General Secretary also thanked all the other members who were present for their presence and en couraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2018:14 Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. K. Jaya Rao.

Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
Chairperson

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 20th February 2018 at 5:30 p.m.,
at CBCNEI Meeting Room, Guwahati-781 001, Assam

WC:2018:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rt. Rev. Johan Dang

WC:2018: 02 Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC: 2018:03 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)

Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)
3. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)

WC: 2018:04 Appointment of Recording Secretary

The General Secretary was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

WC: 2018:05 Adoption of Agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance to the members, with the following editing: The matter of the selection and appointment of the new General Secretary of NCCI be treated as Item No. 9 in the New Business

WC: 2018: 06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Working Committee held on 21st August 2017 were confirmed.

WC: 2018: 07 Action Taken Report/ Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee meeting held on 21st August 2017

The General Secretary presented the following report:

1. **Appointment of Internal Auditors** [WC:2017:08 (4) (i)]
   a. **NCCI:**

      As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee, the NCCI Executive Committee approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal

Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

b. CSA:

As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

2. Appointment of Statutory Auditors – NCCI & CSA [WC:2017:08 (4) (ii)]

a. NCCI:

As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee, the NCCI Executive Committee approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

b. CSA:

As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

3. Authorization to file ROC documents [WC:2017:08 (5)]

As resolved by the Working Committee, Mr. Amarendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) was appointed as Consultant for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2017 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

4. Mythri House matters [WC:2017:08 (6)(i)]

As proposed by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Working Committee and Executive Committee, a Local Committee of ecumenical leaders was appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants for Mythri House, New Delhi and for finalising the agreement with them.

Accordingly, the following persons were invited to be part of the Local Committee:

1. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President NCCI
2. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal, Methodist Church in India
3. H.G. Mar Demetrios, Malankara Orthodox Syrian church
4. Dr. Bimal Charles, General Secretary, CMAI
5. Dr. Sushant Agrawal, Director, CASA
6. Ms. Ella Sonawane, Asst. General Secretary, ISPCK
7. Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, PGPW, NCCI
8. Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Secretary, CSA and
9. Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer, CSA

The Local Committee met on 6th September 2017 and made the following recommendations:

1. To rent out the space in Mythri House at a rate between Rs. 150 to 175 per square feet per month. If we get a higher rate so much the better.
2. The leave and license agreement would be for eleven months but could be renewable for many cycles, with appropriate enhancement of rent after every cycle of 3 eleven-month agreements.
3. A maintenance charge of around Rs. 15 per sq.ft. could also be negotiated.
4. If we get tenants through brokers, we should be willing to pay a commission amounting to one month's rent.
5. Mr.S. Raju may re-negotiate with some of the prospective clients in the light of the above suggestions.
6. Regarding removal of old transformers from the premises of Mythri House, Bishop Subodh C. Mondal agreed to take up this matter with the Chief Minister of Delhi along with CSA/NCCI representatives. Mr. S. Raju was asked to prepare a letter along with copies of necessary documents and of previous communication with NDMC.
7. Regarding repairs, it was suggested that repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical. Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises. The Registered Office of Christian Service Agency would also have to be fully set up in Mythri House.

In the light of the recommendations that were made, Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer, pursued the matter. After much networking, we were able to get one Branch of Indian Overseas Bank to agree to occupy the first floor of Mythri House. However, they demanded that as per prevailing practice in New Delhi, the owners of the building should construct a strong room for the Bank. Therefore, after oral consultation with, and approval from Rev.Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI, the strong room was constructed. However, we have had to face a lot of stringent demands from Delhi Police and NDMC.
We are still exploring tenants for other floors of Mythri House. As of now the prospective tenants are:

Second Floor	–	Indian Overseas Bank Regional Office,
Third Floor	–	still being explored
Fourth Floor	–	till being explored

There are many hurdles and therefore it has been difficult to get Mythri House fully occupied so far. We have had interested parties from hotels and beauty parlours, but we have resisted giving them space in our premises.

5. Finance Manual [WC:2017:08 (6)(ii)]

a. NCCI

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Working Committee that the Finance Manual of the NCCI (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the appropriate authorities before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the appropriate authorities who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

b. CSA

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Working Committee that the Finance Manual of the NCCI (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text, and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the Company Secretary who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

6. Staff Matters [[WC:2017:08 (6)(iii)]

1. *Finance Officer:* As resolved by the Finance Committee, Mr. Mane, Finance Officer, has been given an increment in his monthly basic salary because of the increase in the volume of his responsibilities. He has also started pursuing LL.M. studies as permitted by the Finance Committee.

2. *Accountant for NCCI:* As resolved by the Finance Committee, the search is on for a suitable person to be taken as an Accountant on a provisional or probationary basis.

7. Chain of Prayer: [WC:2017:09 (2)]

As suggested by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee it was resolved to observe 2nd October 2017 as a day of prayer chain for the country. Letters were sent (including mention of topics for prayer) to all the constituent units asking them to observe the Day of Prayer Chain. Some of the constituent members observed the same.

WC:2018:08 New Business

1. Report from the National Programme Commission

The General Secretary reported that the National Programme Commission (NPC) met on 20th February 2018 and received and discussed the integrated Report of the NCCI Secretariat for the period February 2017 to January 2018. The following concerns were expressed during the discussion:

Place of Evangelism in NCCI Ministries: One concern expressed was regarding the absence of the term "Evangelism" in the ministry, "Ünity and Mission." This term was earlier mentioned in the commission: Unity, Mission and Evangelism. The members were reminded that in the meeting of the Executive Committee last February, this issue had been discussed and it was stated that Evangelism should be considered as part of Mission; therefore the term Evangelism is not explicitly stated in the ministry, "Unity and Evangelism."While this perspective was again reiterated, it was also noted that for some churches, particularly those in North East India, engagement in "Evangelism" is considered essential in their ministries.

Emphasis on Economics and Ecology and SDGs: It was also noted that during the year under review, the focus on 'Prophetic', 'Ecumenical' and 'Responsible' missional and ministerial interventions has been given due emphasis. In the coming years the programmes need to give greater attention to concerns of Economics and Ecology. It was also suggested that the programmes of NCCI should address the SDGs (Sustainable Developmental Goals) of the United Nations.

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Campaign for Secularism: Members also observed that the society is experiencing movements and expressions of fascism and right-wing radicalization. In such a context, particularly keeping in mind the general elections which will be held in 2019, NCCI should focus on strengthening secularism, particularly among the youth. Values of reign of God should be cultivated and nurtured among the citizens of the country. Churches should be roused to become pro-active in addressing challenges of fundamentalism, fascism, economic and social injustice, corruption, and ecological degradation. Churches should not underestimate their potential and impact in society.

Importance of Listening and Grass-roots Ministries: Another suggestion made was that the Church in India should be a listening church. Therefore, while the NCCI Secretariat is engaged in its programmes, providing a vision and leadership to the churches, it should also listen to the concerns and voices of the people. Programmes should be conducted at the grass-roots, even in rural places, thereby facilitating listening to and addressing the needs and concerns of the people

Representation in NCCI Programmes and Greater Interaction with Constituent Heads and members: Churches have to be advised to ensure that there is proper gender, generational, able-disabled and other distinctive representations in the programmes of the NCCI. Executive Secretaries are advised to meet church heads and leaders during their travels, seeking their suggestions and support in conducting NCCI programmes. Even when Executive Committee and General Body meetings are conducted in any place, a public meeting could be organized at a convenient time for the NCCI to interact with constituent members in the place of the meeting.

Partnership among Secretaries and evolving PME standards: There was a suggestion that the portfolios of the Executive Secretaries could have sharp focused titles, rather than conventional ones. In carrying out programmes in partnership, the Executive Secretaries were advised to ensure that leadership in the different programmes is appropriately shared by the Executive Secretaries. Follow-up on programmes done should also be conducted to ensure that the ripple effect of the NCCI programmes is felt in the churches and communities. The Executive Secretaries should also evolve their own standards of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation

The discussions closed with a word of appreciation to the Secretariat for the work done during the past year. The Chairperson Dr. Sushant Agrawal summarized all the important points of the discussion for the Secretariat to attend to in the following two years of the quadrennial.

The Working Committee resolved

Res.No.01/WC/2018

The report of the National Programme Commission be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee.

2. Report of the Treasurer

a. NCCI

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.
It was resolved:

Res.No.02/WC/2018

To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017 to the Executive Committee for approval

b. CSA

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on CSA finances and approved of the same.
It was resolved

Res.No.03/WC/2018

To approve with appreciation the report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017

3. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017

a. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017. The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
It was resolved

Res.No.04/WC/2018

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be received and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

b. CSA

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the CSA accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017. The report was received and approved.
It was resolved

Res.No.05/WC/2018

The report of the Internal Auditor's for the period from from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be received and approved.

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4. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2017

a. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017. It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.
It was resolved:

Res.No.06/WC/2018
The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

b. CSA – Local

The Treasurer presented the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017. It was received and approved.
It was resolved:

Res.No.07/WC/2018
The CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be received and approved.

c. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017. It was received and approved.
It was resolved:

Res.No.08/WC/2018
The CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, be received and approved

5. Budget for the year 2018-2019

a. Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19

The Treasurer presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19. It was noticed that the budget was drawn on the assumption that all the four floors of Mythri House, New Delhi would be occupied in the new financial year. So also, it was mentioned that though the salaries of the NCCI Workers are due for revision in 2018, the revision would be effected only if the financial situation improved. It was decided to receive the NCCI Budget for the FY 2018-19 and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.
It was resolved:

Res.No.09/WC/2018
The budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19 be received and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval

b. Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19

The Treasurer presented the budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19. It was noticed that the budget was drawn on the assumption that all the four floors of Mythri House, New Delhi would be occupied in the new financial year. So also, it was mentioned that though the salaries of the NCCI Workers are due for revision in 2018, the revision would be effected only if the financial situation improved. It was decided to received the CSA Budget for the FY 20181-19 and recommend the same to the General Body for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.10/WC/2018

The budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA General body for approval

6. Matters from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee proposed the following suggestions to the Working Committee:

1. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: In order to raise funds it was decided to propose to the Executive Committee that Executive Secretaries should write projects, and approach church heads and overseas funding agencies. They should also raise 20% of the funds towards the expenses of their office, salary and programmes.

2. Letter should be written to constituent members of NCCI asking them to pay their annual membership fees. Copies of those letters should be marked to the Treasurer.

3. The long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- be written off.

4. As indicated earlier, the salaries of NCCI and CSA Secretaries and Staff are revised every three years and so the revision is due in 2018. The General Secretary and the Finance Officer are advised to come up with the scheme of the salary revision. The same will be discussed by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The same may be implemented no sooner Mythri House in Delhi is fully occupied and the financial situation improves.

5. The General Secretary reported that Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi has submitted his resignation with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons. Mr. Arora has served the NCCI/CSA since 29th August 1980. The Finance Committee appreciated the services rendered by Mr. Arora all the 37 years and 6 months and resolved to accept his resignation and

forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval. It was further resolved that retirement benefits of Pension, Provident Fund and Gratuity be granted to him. It was resolved

Res.No.11/WC/2018

The recommendations of the Finance Committee be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

7. Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented an integrated report of the Secretariat for the period February 2017 to January 2018. The working Committee received the report and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee. It was resolved

Res.No.12/WC/2018

The integrated report of the NCCI Secretariat be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval

8. Services of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar and Rev. Caesar David

a. *Mr. Samuel Jayakumar:*

The General Secretary reported that the term of service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness would come to an end on 31st March 2018. However since Church of Sweden is going to conduct an evaluation of its project with Policy Governance and Public Witness. It will be helpful if Mr. Samuel Jayakumar's services are extended to facilitate the evaluation. So also it would be necessary to advertise the post of Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness. The Working Committee discussed the matter of the extension as well as the appointment of a new person to fill in the post of Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness. It was resolved

Res.No.13/WC/2018

1. *It be recommended to the Executive Committee that the services of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar be extended by one month, that is until April 30, 2018 to help facilitate the project evaluation process.*

2. *The post of Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness be advertised. The candidate should be between 40 and 50 years of age. Apart from suitable academic qualifications, he/she should have experience in Advocacy and Campaigning on issues of contemporary concern and should be skilful in relating with governmental and church bodies. The selected candidate would also be expected to establish a network of resourceful persons in Delhi such as government service officers and legal experts to strengthen the work of policy governance and public witness.*

b. Rev. Caesar David

The General Secretary reported that Rev. Caesar David was completing his first term of Service as Executive Secretary-Communications by mid-March 2018. Rev. Caesar David had written that if the NCCI authorities were satisfied with his work, he would be willing to serve for another two years or so. A report of all the work done by Rev. Caesar David during the past five years was included in the files of the members. Based on the assessment given by the General Secretary, the Working Committee was appreciative of the work done by Rev. Caesar David, and was of the opinion that he be granted a second term of five years, though he may be free to leave when he has completed around two years, by giving three months advance notice. It was resolved

Res.No.14/WC/2018

1. *Rev. Caesar David be recommended to the Executive Committee for a second term of five years from mid-March 2018;*

2. *Rev. Caesar David be expected to give three months advance notice if he decides to move on to another service after completing around two years of service in his second term.*

9. Selection and Appointment of a new General Secretary for NCCI

The General Secretary reported that he would be completing his term of service by December 2018. The members of the Working Committee therefore discussed the matter and decided on the process of getting a new General Secretary by appointing a Search Committee.

It was resolved

Res.No.15/WC/2018

1. *The Executive Committee be advised to form a Search Committee*

2. *The Search Committee would consist of the President of NCCI as Convener-Chair, the three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Rev. G.S. Lytton, Lieut. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas.*

3. *The Executive Committee would be informed of the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee for its approval.*

4. *The Search Committee will bring its proposal, on the basis of the Terms of Reference, to the Executive Committee for its approval or otherwise.*

WC: 2018: 09 Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be decided later.

WC: 2018: 10 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC: 2018: 11 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh	**Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad**
President, NCCI	General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 a.m. 21st February, 2018,
CBCNEI, Mission Compound, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781 001, Assam

EC:2018:01 Opening Devotion

The Morning Devotion was conducted by the NCCI Interns. The President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh delivered the message. The devotion concluded with prayer by Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda, Vice President, NCCI and benediction pronounced by the President.

EC:2018:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Rev. R. Zohmingliana,
8. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
9. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
10. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
11. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
12. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
13. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
14. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
15. Mr. K. Abraham,
16. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
17. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
18. Mr. Angelious Michael,
19. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
20. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
21. Ms. Ani Koshy,
22. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
23. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
24. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
25. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
26. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
27. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
28. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
29. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
30. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
31. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu,
32. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,

33. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
34. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

I. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.
4. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
5. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
6. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
7. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
8. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
9. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
10. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
11. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
12. Rt. Rev .Collin C.Theodore,

II. Absentees

1. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
2. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
3. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,

III. Invitees

1. Mr.Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

IV. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. A. Samuel Jayakumar,
3. Rev. Caesar David,
4. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
5. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
6. Rev.Moumita Biswas,
7. Fr. Thomas Ninan

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

The General Secretary informed that 34 members out of 49 were present and requested the President to call the meeting to order as the quorum requirement was fulfilled. Accordingly, the President called the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting to order.

EC:2018:03 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee.

The CBCNEI welcomed the Presidium and the Executive Committee members, staff and interns of the NCCI. All of them were presented Assamese gamuchas.

EC:2018:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

Res. No. 01/EC/2018

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2018:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mrs. Lidwina Cedric and Mr. Angelious Michael were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2018:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

i. Colonel Chelliah Mony, Territorial Commander India Central Territory of The Salvation Army, who passed away on 25th September 2017.
ii. Rt. Rev. Dr. Samuel Amritham, an international ecumenist and former Bishop of the South Kerala Diocese of the Church of South India, who passed away on 26th September 2017.
iii. H.G. Zachariah Mar Theophilos, Metropolitan of Malabar Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, who passed away on 24th October 2017.
iv. Most Rev. B.P. Sugandhar, former Bishop of the Medak Diocese & former Moderator of CSI, who passed away on 5th December 2017.
v. Rev. Dr. Liangao Soto, Principal of Indian Theological Seminary, Avadi, Chennai, who passed away on 1st Feb 2018.
vi. Rt. Rev. Dr. G. T. Abraham, former Bishop in the Diocese of Nandyal of the Church of South India, who passed away on 15th February 2018.

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Bishop Subodh C. Mondal offered prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the following names who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

i. Mrs. Sujaya Kujur the first woman General Secretary of GELC from 4th September 2017

ii. New Office Bearers of CNI Synod:
- Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Probal Kanto Dutta, Deputy Moderator
- Mr. Alwan Masih, General Secretary
- Mr. Jayant Agarwal, Hony. Treasurer

iii. New Office Bearers of UELCI for the next triennium 2018-2020
- Most. Rev. Dr. K.F. Paradesi Babu (AELC), President,

Vice – Presidents
- Rt. Rev. Johan Dang (GELC),
- Rev. Nivedita Horo (JELC),
- Ms. Ratnakumari (GSELC),
- Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar (ALC), Executive Secretary, UELCI & LWF National Committee (I),
- Mr. B.N. Sahay, (ELC in MP), Joint Secretary,
- Rev. Dr. Stanley Jose (CLC), Treasurer,
- Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu, (NELC), Joint Treasurer

iv. Dr. J.V. Peter, Director of CMC Vellore for 2017-2022

EC:2018:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2017 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received.
It was resolved

Res.No. 02/EC/2018
The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22nd August 2017 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2018:08 Action Taken / Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2017

1. Appointment of Statutory Auditors – NCCI & CSA [EC:2017:30 (I) & (II)]

a. NCCI: As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee, the NCCI Executive Committee approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

b. CSA: As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s L. D'Souza and Co., be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

2. **Appointment of Internal Auditors** [EC:2017:31 (I) & (II)]

   a. **NCCI:** As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee, the NCCI Executive Committee approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

   b. **CSA:** As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Managing Committee, the CSA General Body approved that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017-18. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

3. **Report of the Committee on Responding to the Current Challenges in the Country** [EC:2017:32]

   In keeping with the recommendations of the Committee, which were presented to the General Body, the NCCI Secretariat has sent letters to constituent members asking them to provide contact details of the Communication Secretary/Person In-charge of Communications so that information and discussions on current challenges could be mutually shared and circulated. Very few constituent members have provided us the required information. However, from the Secretariat we have been publishing concerns on the NCCI website and also sending important information by email to the members of the General Body and the constituent members of the NCCI.

4. **Mythri House matters** [EC:2017:33 (A)]

   As proposed by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Working Committee and Executive Committee, a Local Committee of ecumenical leaders was appointed in Delhi to assist Mr. S. Raju in identifying suitable tenants for Mythri House, New Delhi and for finalising the agreement with them.

   Accordingly, the following persons were invited to be part of the Local Committee:

   1. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President NCCI
   2. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal, Methodist Church in India
   3. H.G. Mar Demetrios, Malankara Orthodox Syrian church
   4. Dr. Bimal Charles, General Secretary, CMAI
   5. Dr. Sushant Agrawal, Director, CASA
   6. Ms. Ella Sonawane, Asst. General Secretary, ISPCK
   7. Mr. S amuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary, PGPW, NCCI
   8. Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Secretary, CSA and
   9. Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer, CSA

   The Local Committee met on 6th September 2017 and made the following recommendations:

1. To rent out the space in Mythri House at a rate between Rs. 150 to 175 per square feet per month. If we get a higher rate so much the better.
2. The leave and license agreement would be for eleven months but could be renewable for many cycles, with appropriate enhancement of rent after every cycle of 3 eleven-month agreements.
3. A maintenance charge of around Rs. 15 per sq.ft. could also be negotiated.
4. If we get tenants through brokers, we should be willing to pay a commission amounting to one month's rent.
5. Mr.S. Raju may re-negotiate with some of the prospective clients in the light of the above suggestions.

Regarding removal of old transformers from the premises of Mythri House, Bishop Subodh C. Mondal agreed to take up this matter with the Chief Minister of Delhi along with CSA/NCCI representatives. Mr.S.Raju was asked to prepare a letter along with copies of necessary documents and of previous communication with NDMC.

Regarding repairs, it was suggested that repairs in Mythri House be carried out as far as practical. Security Guards may be appointed if the need arises. The Registered Office of Christian Service Agency would also have to be fully set up in Mythri House.

In the light of the recommendations that were made, Mr.S. Raju, Administrative Officer, pursued the matter. After much networking, we were able to get one Branch of Indian Overseas Bank to agree to occupy the first floor of Mythri House. However, they demanded that as per prevailing practice in New Delhi, the owners of the building should construct a strong room for the Bank. Therefore, after oral consultation with, and approval from Rev.Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, NCCI, the strong room was constructed. However, we have had to face a lot of stringent demands from Delhi Police and NDMC.

We are still exploring tenants for other floors of Mythri House. As of now the prospective tenants are: Second Floor – Indian Overseas Bank Regional Office,

Third Floor – still being explored
Fourth Floor – still being explored

There are many hurdles and therefore it has been difficult to get Mythri House fully occupied so far. We have had interested parties from hotels and beauty parlours, but we have resisted giving them space in our premises.

5. Finance Manual [EC:2017:33 (B)]

a. NCCI

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Working Committee that the Finance Manual of the NCCI (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only one change regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the appropriate authorities before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the appropriate authorities who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

b. CSA

The Executive Committee received the recommendation of the Finance Committee through the Working Committee that the Finance Manual of the NCCI (which had been approved in principle by the NCCI Executive Committee on February 27, 2015) be endorsed. The Executive Committee approved of the same with only onechange regarding the section on authorised signatories of payments, which needs to be revised because of the rising cost of commodities and services in the present con text, and the need for immediate payment on some occasions.

For payments upto Rs. 48,000/-	:	Single signatory (General Secretary)
For payments above Rs. 48,000/-	:	Two signatories (General Secretary and Treasurer)

However, this matter should be clarified with the Company Secretary before it is implemented.

The matter was accordingly clarified with the Company Secretary who said that there would be no problem with the proposal of the Executive Committee.

6. Chain of Prayer: [EC:2017:33 (C)]
As suggested by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee it was resolved to observe 2nd October 2017 as a day of prayer chain for the country. Letters were sent (including mention of topics for prayer) to all the constituent units asking them to observe the Day of Prayer Chain. Some of the constituent members observed the same.

EC:2018:09 Report from the National Programme Commission
The General Secretary reported that the National Programme Commission (NPC) met on 20th February 2018 and received and discussed the Integrated Report of the NCCI Secretariat for the period February 2017 to January 2018. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis and Dr.Esther V.Kathiroli served as Recording Secretaries. They presented the following concerns which were expressed during the discussions in the NPC:

Place of Evangelism in NCCI Ministries: One concern expressed was regarding the absence of the term "Evangelism" in the ministry, "Unity and Mission." This term was earlier mentioned in the commission: Unity, Mission and Evangelism. The members were reminded that in the meeting of the Executive Committee last February, this issue had been discussed and it was stated that Evangelism should be considered as part of Mission; therefore, the term Evangelism is not explicitly stated in the ministry, "Unity and Mission." While this perspective was again reiterated, it was also noted that for some churches, particularly those in North East India, engagement in "Evangelism" is considered essential in their ministries.

Emphasis on Economics and Ecology and SDGs: It was also noted that during the year under review, the focus on 'Prophetic', 'Ecumenical' and 'Responsible' missional and ministerial interventions has been given due emphasis. In the coming years the programmes need to give greater attention to concerns of Economics and Ecology. It was also suggested that the programmes of NCCI should address the SDGs (Sustainable Developmental Goals) of the United Nations.

Campaign for Secularism: Members also observed that the society is experiencing movements and expressions of fascism and right-wing radicalization. In such a context, particularly keeping in mind the general elections which will be held in 2019, NCCI should focus on strengthening secularism, particularly among the youth. Values of reign of God should be cultivated and nurtured among the citizens of the country. Churches should be roused to become pro-active in addressing challenges of fundamentalism, fascism,

economic and social injustice, corruption, and ecological degradation. Churches should not underestimate their potential and impact in society. Importance of Listening and Grass-roots Ministries: Another suggestion made was that the Church in India should be a listening church. Therefore, while the NCCI Secretariat is engaged in its programmes, providing a vision and leadership to the churches, it should also listen to the concerns and voices of the people. Programmes should be conducted at the grass-roots, even in rural places, thereby facilitating listening to and addressing the needs and concerns of the people.

Representation in NCCI Programmes and Greater Interaction with Constituent Heads and members: Churches have to be advised to ensure that there is proper gender, generational, able-disabled and other distinctive representations in the programmes of the NCCI. Executive Secretaries are advised to meet church heads and leaders during their travels, seeking their suggestions and support in conducting NCCI programmes. Even when Executive Committee and General Body meetings are conducted in any place, a public meeting could be organized at a convenient time for the NCCI to interact with constituent members in the place of the meeting.

Partnership among Secretaries and evolving PME standards: There was a suggestion that the portfolios of the Executive Secretaries could have sharp focused titles, rather than conventional ones. In carrying out programmes in partnership, the Executive Secretaries were advised to ensure that leadership in the different programmes is appropriately shared by the Executive Secretaries. Follow-up on programmes done should also be conducted to ensure that the ripple effect of the NCCI programmes is felt in the churches and communities. The Executive Secretaries should also evolve their own standards of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation

The discussions closed with a word of appreciation to the Secretariat for the work done during the past year. The Chairperson Dr. Sushant Agrawal summarized all the important points of the discussion for the Secretariat to attend to in the following two years of the quadrennial.

The Executive Committee accordingly discussed the report. The members emphasized the importance of strengthening secularism in the country and to resist the forces of religious fundamentalism. It was recognized that the congregations need to be sensitized about this concern. Hence the NCCI Secretariat was urged to engage in this endeavor.

It was resolved

Res.No. 03/EC/2018

i. The report of the National Programme Commission be approved.

ii. The NCCI Secretariat be entrusted to address the concern of strengthening secularism in the country, particularly among the youth.

EC:2018:10 Matters from the Finance Committee

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer presented the proposals of the Finance Committee which had been also endorsed by the Working Committee for the approval of the Executive Committee:

1. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: In order to raise funds, it was decided to propose to the Executive Committee that Executive Secretaries should write projects, and approach church heads and overseas funding agencies. They should also raise 20% of the funds towards the expenses of their office, salary and programmes.

2. Letters should be written to constituent members of NCCI asking them to pay their annual membership fees. Copies of those letters should be marked to the Treasurer.

3. The long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- be written off.

4. As indicated earlier, the salaries of NCCI and CSA Secretaries and Staff are revised every three years and so the revision is due in 2018. The General Secretary and the Finance Officer are advised to come up with the scheme of the salary revision. The same will be discussed by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The same may be implemented no sooner Mythri House in Delhi is fully occupied and the financial situation improves.

5. The General Secretary reported that Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi has submitted his resignation with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons. Mr. Arora has served the NCCI/CSA since 29th August 1980. The Finance Committee appreciated the services rendered by Mr. Arora all the 37 years and 6 months and resolved to accept his resignation and forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval. It was further resolved that retirement benefits of Pension, Provident Fund and Gratuity be granted to him.

The Executive Committee received the report and approved of the recommendations of the Finance Committee. It was resolved

Res.No.04/EC/2018

i. The recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.

ii. The salaries of the Secretaries and Staff be revised with effect from 1st April 2018. The proposal of the salary revision be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for approval. The revision would however be implemented only after funds are available for the same.

EC:2018:11 Matters from the Working Committee

1. Services of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar and Rev. Caesar David

a. Mr. Samuel Jayakumar:

The General Secretary reported that the term of service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness would come to an end on 31st March 2018. However, since Church of Sweden is going to conduct an evaluation of its project with Policy Governance and Public Witness, it would be helpful if Mr. Samuel Jayakumar's services are extended to facilitate the evaluation. So also it would be necessary to advertise the post of Executive Secretary-Policy Governance and Public Witness. The Working Committee discussed the matter of the extension as well as the appointment of a new person to fill in the post of Executive Secretary- Policy, Governance and Public Witness, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved

Res.No.05/EC/2018

i. As recommended by the Working Committee, the services of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar be extended by one month, that is until April 30, 2018 to help facilitate the project evaluation process were approved.

ii. The post of Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness be advertised. The candidate should be between 40 and 50 years of age. Apart from suitable academic qualifications, he/she should have experience in Advocacy and Campaigning on issues of contemporary concern and should be skilful in relating with governmental and church bodies. The selected candidate would also be expected to establish a network of resourceful persons in Delhi such as government service officers and legal experts to strengthen the work of policy governance and public witness.

b. Rev. Caesar David

The General Secretary reported that Rev. Caesar David was completing his first term of Service as Executive Secretary-Communications by mid-March 2018. Rev. Caesar David had written that if the NCCI authorities were satisfied with his work, he would be willing to serve for another two years or so. A report of all the work done by Rev. Caesar David during the past five years was included in the files of the members. Based on the assessment given by the General Secretary, the Working Committee was appreciative of the work done by Rev. Caesar David, and was of the opinion that he be granted a second term of five years, though he may be free to leave when he has completed around two years, by giving three months advance notice. The Working Committee forwarded this proposal to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved

Res.No.06/EC/2018

i. Rev. Caesar David, Executive Secretary-Communications be granted a second term of five years of service from mid-March 2018;

ii. Rev. Caesar David be expected to give three months advance notice if he decides to move on to another service after completing around two years of service in his second term.

2. Selection and Appointment of a new General Secretary for NCCI

The General Secretary reported that he would be completing his term of service by December 2018. The members of the Working Committee therefore discussed the matter and decided on the process of getting a new General Secretary by appointing a Search Committee. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President, presented the following proposal of the Working Committee to the Executive Committee:

1. A Search Committee be formed
2. The Search Committee, based on regional, gender and denominational representation, would consist of the President of NCCI as Convener-Chair, the three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Rev. G.S. Lytton (Presbyterian Church of India), Lieut. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari (Salvation Army), and Mrs. Basanti Biswas (Methodist Church in India).
3. The Executive Committee would be informed of the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee.
4. The Search Committee will bring its proposal, on the basis of the Terms of Reference, to the Executive Committee for its approval or otherwise.

The Executive Committee received and approved of the proposal of the Working Committee.
It was resolved:

Res.No.07/EC/2018

i. A Search Committee be formed for the appointment of the new General Secretary.

ii. The Search Committee would consist of the President of NCCI as Convener-Chair, the three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Rev. G.S. Lytton, Lieut. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas.

iii. The Executive Committee would be informed of the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee.

iv. The Search Committee will bring its proposal, on the basis of the Terms of Reference, to the Executive Committee for its approval or otherwise.

EC:2018:12 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017. Mention was made that demonetization had severely impacted our programs. We had faced acute problems and difficulties in implementation of several programs as the availability of cash was very limited and cheque payments were difficult for daily wages and other expenses. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation.
It was resolved:

Res. No. 08a/EC/2018

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No. 08b/EC/2018

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2018:13 Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 09a/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No.09b/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017.
It was resolved

Res. No. 09c/EC/2017

The Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be approved.

EC:2018:14 Internal Audit Report

The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI/CSA accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017. The report was received and approved.
It was resolved

Res. No. 10a/EC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be approved.

Res. No. 10b/EC/2017

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA Accounts (both local and FC) for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 be approved.

EC:2018:15 Budget for 2018-2019

The Treasurer presented the Draft Budget of the NCCI and CSA for the financial year 2018 -19.
It was resolved

Res. No. 11a/EC/2017

The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2018-19 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

Res. No. 11b/EC/2017
The Budget of the CSA for the financial year 2018-19 be approved.

EC:2018:16 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented an integrated report of the Secretariat for the period from February 2017 to January 2018. Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice President, chaired the session.

Members expressed their deep appreciation for the work of the General Secretary, the Executive Secretaries and the Secretariat. A few suggestions were made:

i. The youth in the country need to be sensitized about the situation in the country, especially in the context of the up coming 2019 General Elections;

ii. The NCCI Secretariat shares its annual programme plans at the beginning of the year with constituent members so that the constituents could budget for and effectively participate in the same; and

iii. Relationships be cultivated by the Executive Secretaries with church heads, political leaders, and government commissions and departments so that matters of contemporary concern in their respective responsibilities could be addressed effectively.

It was resolved
Res. No.12/EC/2017
The integrated report of the NCCI Secretariat be approved with appreciation

EC: 2018:17 Dates of next meetings

The President proposed that the next meetings of the NCCI Executive Committee and the General Body be held on 28-29 August 2018, while the related committees would meet on 27th August 2018. The Church of South India was requested to host the meetings at the CSI Secretariat Centre in Chennai. Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda, Vice President-NCCI and General Secretary-CSI graciously consented to host the meetings.

EC: 2018:18 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. He specially thanked the CBCNEI in general and Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, General Secretary-CBCNEI for their hospitality and for facilities to host the meetings. He also thanked the NCCI Office-Bearers, the Executive Committee members, the Recording Secretaries and also the Secretariat Secretaries, Staff and Interns for the smooth conduct of the meeting.

EC:2018:19 Closing Prayer

Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose offered the closing prayer and the President pronounced the benediction.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr.Angelious Michael
Recording Secretary

Ms.Lidwina Cedric
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.,
AT CSI CENTRE, #5 WHITES ROAD, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI-600014

WC:2018:12 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI

WC:2018:13 Welcome and Thanks

The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad welcomed the members for the meeting, thanking the Church of South India in general and Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, General Secretary of CSI Synod and Vice President of NCCI in particular, for hosting the meeting.

WC:2018:14 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
8. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

Apology

1. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)

WC:2018:15 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

WC:2018:16 Adoption of Agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting.

WC:2018: 17 Business

a. Report on Mythri House and Financial Situation of NCCI

i) The General Secretary reported how efforts were made to publicize the availability of rental space at Mythri House since the beginning of last year when we were informed by the then tenants, Nestle India Ltd., that they would be vacating Mythri House from 1st October 2017. Advertisements were made in the newspapers and on the Magic Bricks property portal. Personal contacts were also made with Real Estate agents. However, since Connaught Place has

become congested, and since rental space is available at much lower rates in Noida, Gurgaon and the International Airport region, responses were not forthcoming for Mythri House utilization. As per the directive of the NCCI Executive Committee, a local committee of Church and Christian Organization leaders was formed in Delhi to help the NCCI Administrative Officer, Mr. S. Raju in this regard.

ii) Eventually one branch of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) in Connaught Place showed interest in occupying the first floor. One Regional office of IOB also showed interest in occupying the second floor. A few hotels, bars and beauty parlours were inclined to take the place on rent, but we did not want to have such tenants in Mythri House.

In January 2018 the IOB branch agreed to occupy the first floor from February 2018. However, they said that would have to follow their bank's policy and procedures of tenancy. These renovations, as per their required specifications and procedures, entailed payments to be made to the NDMC, Police and brokerage agents.

The IOB Regional office has not yet made up its mind whether they would want to occupy the second floor. However, Jio an Indian mobile network operator owned by Reliance Industries, has shown interest in occupying the remaining three floors of Mythri House. Their decision would be known by next week.

The Working Committee advised that all legal precautions should be taken in ensuring that the ownership of Mythri House is secure when signing agreements with tenants. Even the periods of tenancy should be carefully ascertained. Longer periods of tenancy should be divided into smaller periodic terms, ensuring that the right of ownership is not taken away by the tenants.

iii) **Financial Situation of NCCI**

The General Secretary reported that since the time Nestle India Ltd. vacated Mythri House from 1st October 2017, NCCI has been sustaining itself through its reserves. NCCI will be able to sustain itself only until May 2018. Therefore, there is the urgent need of securing funds for its sustenance, till reliable tenants occupy Mythri House. The Working Committee discussed the matter and was of the opinion that bigger constituent members of NCCI be requested to grant an interest-free minimum loan of

Rs. 5 Lakh each to the NCCI, and the NCCI would pay back the same once its financial position stabilizes.

Accordingly, it was resolved:

Res No.16/WC/2018
The bigger constituent members of the NCCI be requested to grant an interest-free minimum loan of Rs. 5 Lakh each to the NCCI, and the NCCI would pay back the same once its financial position stabilizes.

b. Interview of Candidates for the post of Executive Secretary – Policy Governance and Public Witness

The Working Committee interviewed the following candidates for the post of Executive Secretary – Policy Governance and Public Witness:
Mr. Angelious Michael
Mr. G. Jayakumar
Rev. Dr. Joseph Prabhakar
Mr. Deepak Daniel Mohan

During the interview, the main foci of the Working Committee were the following: to assess the understanding that the candidates had about the role of the Executive Secretary – Policy Governance and Public Witness, their strategies of liaison-ing between the churches and the government on important political matters, and their ecumenical engagements. Having interviewed the candidates, the Working Committee was of the opinion that NCCI should get a person who is mature in age and perspective and is able to actively and strongly advocate and lobby the concerns of churches with the Government, Members of Parliament and Bureaucrats, while at the same time getting the churches to be ecumenically engaged on such matters. The Working Committee was also of the opinion that a retired government officer would be suitable for such a post. Therefore, it was resolved;

Res.No.17/WC/2018

a. *The post of the Executive Secretary – Policy Governance and Public Witness be re-advertised.*

b. *The qualifications required would be:*
   i) *A post-graduate degree or its equivalent in Political Science or Economics or Sociology or Law or any related subjects.*

ii) *Having experience in Advocacy and Campaigning on issues of contemporary concern;*
iii) *Skilful in relating with government, churches and civil society.*
iv) *Proficiency in English and Hindi language articulation (written and oral)*
v) *Excellent knowledge of MS Office, social media and apps.*

c. *The age requirements:*
   i) *The candidates should be between 40 and 55 years of age.*
   ii) *The upper limit of age criterion will be relaxed in the case of any Christian high-level Government officer.*

d. *The timeline for receiving applications will be 31st May 2018.*

e. *Candidates, who have applied earlier, need not apply again.*

f. *The General Secretary of NCCI will be in charge of the responsibilities of the work of Policy Governance and Public Witness till a new person is appointed.*

WC:2018:18 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
held at 2:30 pm on 27th August 2018,
CSI Synod Secretariat, No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai

FC:2018:15 Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Rt.Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios.

FC:2018:16 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2018:17 Roll Call

Members present

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, *Chairperson &Treasurer, NCCI*
Mrs. Rachana Singh
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
Rev. Dr.Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*

Apology

Mr. K. Jaya Rao

Absent

Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel

Invitee

Mr. Ashish Mane, *Finance Officer*

FC:2018:18 Adoption of Agenda

The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2018:19 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane was appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2018:20 Confirmation of the minutes of 20th February 2018

As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th February 2018 at Committee Room of CBCNEI Office, Guwahati, it was decided to confirm the same.

FC:2018:21 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Statement of Accounts [(Receipts and Payments 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2017)** Ref. FC:2018:09]

NCCI

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval, and the same was duly approved.

CSA-Local

As resolved bythe Finance Committee, the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, was forwarded to the Managing Committee for approval, and the same was duly approved.

CSA-FC

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017, was forwarded to the Managing Committee for approval, and the same was duly approved.

2. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 (Ref. FC:2018:10)

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval, and the same was duly approved.

b. CSA

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 was forwarded to the Managing Committee for approval, and the same was duly approved.

3. Budget for the year 2018-2019 (Ref. FC:2018:11)

(i) Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same and forwarded to the General Body for its approval.

(ii) Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19

As resolved by the Finance Committee, the budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19 was forwarded to the Management Committee and General Body for approval. The Managing Committee approved of the same and forwarded to the Annual Meeting of the CSA General Body for its approval.

Administrative matters arising out of the budget for the FY 2018-19:

i. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: As proposed by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Working Committee and the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretaries are exploring partnerships and funding for their programmes.

ii. Letters have also been written to constituent members of NCCI asking them to pay their annual membership fees.

iii. As proposed by the Finance Committee, the Working Committee and the Executive Committee approved of writing off the long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/-. This matter will be placed before the Annual Meeting of the Christian Service Agency on 28th August 2018 as per statutory requirements.

iv. As proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Working Committee and the Executive Committee, the salaries of Secretaries and Staff would be revised and implemented after the fund position stabilizes. A draft of the salary revision scheme will be presented to the Finance Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

4. Any Other Business (Ref. FC:2018:12)

As proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Working Committee and the Executive Committee, the resignation of Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons, was accepted. Accordingly, his retirement benefit of Gratuity has been paid, while his Provident Fund payment is being attended to, and he has started receiving his Pension.

FC:2018:22 Report on Finances of (NCCI\CSA)

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Resolution: Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI and CSA be received with appreciation.

FC:2018:23 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2018 (NCCI\CSA)

a. NCCI

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.***

b. CSA

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Resolution: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval.***

FC:2018:24 Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2018 of (NCCI\CSA)

a. NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the NCCI accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.***

b. CSA

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the CSA accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018. The report was received and forwarded to the Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to CSA Accounts (namely CSA Consolidated Account, CSA Local Account and CSA Foreign Contribution Account) for the year ending 31st March 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval.***

FC:2018:25 Receipts and Payments A/C for the period from 01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 NCCI & CSA

a. NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to June 30, 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.***

b. CSA-Local

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018. The Account was received and forwarded to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

c. CSA-FC

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018. The Account was received and forwarded to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee and General Body for approval.***

FC:2018:26 Appointment of Internal Auditors – (NCCI\CSA)

a. NCCI

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for NCCI.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2018-19.***

b. CSA

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for CSA.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2018-19.***

FC:2018:27 Appointment of Statutory Auditors – (NCCI\CSA)

a. NCCI

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for NCCI.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2018-19.***

b. CSA

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for CSA.

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2018-19.***

FC:2018:28 Mythri House matters

M/S Nestle India Limited vacated the premises on September 30, 2017. Though we had started advertising availability of rental space from the beginning of 2017, because of changes in the real estate scenario and the availability of rental space at much economical rates in Gurugram, Noida, and elsewhere, it has been difficult for us to get new tenants. Eventually Indian Overseas Bank, Connaught Place Branch occupied the first floor from 1st February 2018, and Bird Travels Pvt. Ltd has occupied the second floor from 15th July 2018. We are still to get tenants for the third and fourth floors of Mythri House. At the same time NDMC has been bringing in new rules regarding building structures and permissions, which are making occupancy of rental space more difficult. Moreover, the government authorities have not been responding to our repeated requests to remove the old transformers from our premises.

Since the rental income from Mythri House is the primary source of our funding, and since October 2017 we have not been able to attract new tenants, we have been continuing to run the organization on our reserves. The appeal which had been made to the constituent members for interest free loans or grants up to Rs. 5 Lakh once again received a poor response. Such a situation has made it difficult for us to carry out our programmes as well as meet administrative expenses.

Furthermore, Mythri House as a structure is getting old. Plans would have to be made for its renovation or for pulling it down and constructing a new building in the long run.

The Finance Committee noted the report.

FC:2018:29 Any Other Business

The Finance Officer presented a draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA. He outlined a scheme of 10%, 15% and 20% increment in the existing salaries. However, it was pointed out that the salaries cannot be revised until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House was assured. Therefore, it was proposed to suggest to the Working Committee and Executive Committee that the salary revision be kept on hold until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured.

FC:2018:30 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary thanked Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, the Treasurer of NCCI and the Chair of the Finance Committee for all the support and advice rendered to the Secretariat and also for taking time out to chair the meeting. The General Secretary also thanked all the other members who were present for their presence and en couraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2018:31 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs.Rachna Singh.

Rev.Dr.A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
Chairperson

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 27th August 2018 at 05:30 p.m.,
at CSI Synod Secretariat, No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai

WC:2018: 19 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

WC:2018:20 Welcome

The President of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2018:21 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

WC:2018:22 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

The General Secretary was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2018:23 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2018:24 Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February 2018 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2018: 25 Action Taken Report/Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 20 February & 21 April 2018

1) Report from the National Programme Commission [Ref.WC:2018:08 (1)]

The report of the National Programme Commission (NPC) which was forwarded by the Working Committee to the Executive Committee with its comments, was accordingly discussed and approved by the Executive Committee. The EC members emphasized the importance of strengthening secularism in the country and to resist the forces of religious fundamentalism. It

was recognized that the congregations need to be sensitized about this concern. Hence the NCCI Secretariat was urged to engage in this endeavor.

In the meeting of the National Programme Commission on 27th August 2018, the General Secretary presented the Annual Report for the period September 2017 to August 2018. The members of the Commission made the following two important observations:

- It was appreciated that though there were financial con straints, more than 80 programmes were conducted by the NCCI during the period under review. Efforts have also been made to integrate the programmes and that is a good attempt.

- A question was raised, whether in the present system when we have done away with separate programme commissions, and have constituted one National Programme Commission, and when efforts are being made to carry out the programmes in an integrated manner, whether the new system of a National Programme Commission would require a new programme structure?

The Working Committee noted the report.

2. *Report of the Treasurer [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (2)]*

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Working Committee, the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI Finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017 was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same.

b. CSA

The Managing Committee received and approved with appreciation the Report of the Treasurer on CSA Finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017.

3. *Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (3)]*

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Working Committee the Report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April2017 to 30th September 2017 was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The same was approved by the Executive Committee.

b. CSA

The Managing Committee received the Report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the CSA accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 and approved of the same.

4. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2017 [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (4)]

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Working Committee the Report on NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same.

b. CSA – Local

The Managing Committee received the Report on the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 and approved of the same.

c. CSA-FC

The Managing Committee received the Report on the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 and approved of the same.

5. Budget for the year 2018-2019 [[Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (5)]

a. Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19

As resolved by the Working Committee the Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19 was forwarded to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval. It was accordingly approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to the General Body for approval.

b. Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19

The Managing Committee received and approved of the Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19 and forwarded the same to the Annual Meeting of the CSA General Body for approval, as per statutory requirement.

6. Matters from the Finance Committee [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (6)]

i. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: As proposed by the Working Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretaries are exploring partnerships and funding for their programmes.

ii. Letters have also been written to constituent members of NCCI asking them to pay their annual membership fees.

iii. As proposed by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee approved of writing off the long pending unsettled advances of Rev.Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/-. This matter will be placed before the Annual Meeting of the Christian Service Agency on 28th August 2018 as per statutory requirements.

iv. As proposed by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, the salaries of Secretaries and Staff would be revised and implemented after the fund position stabilizes. A draft of the salary revision scheme will be presented to the Finance Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

v. As proposed by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, the resignation of Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons, was accepted. Accordingly, his retirement benefit of Gratuity has been paid, while his Provident Fund payment is being attended to, and he has started receiving his Pension.

7. *Report of the General Secretary [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (7)]*
The Working Committee received an integrated report of the Secretariat for the period February 2017 to January 2018 given by the General Secretary and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same with appreciation.

8. *Service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar/Appointment of new PGPW-Ex.Sec./ Service of Rev. Caesar David [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (8)]*

a. *Mr. Samuel Jayakumar:*
As resolved by the Working Committee, the term of service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness was extended by one month, that is until April 30, 2018 to help facilitate the project evaluation process.

b. *So also, as resolved by the Working Committee, the post of Executive Secretary*- Policy Governance and Public Witness was advertised. Accordingly, the Working Committee inter viewed four candidates namely, Mr. Angelious Michael, Mr. G. Jayakumar, Rev. Dr. Joseph Prabhakar, and Mr. Deepak Daniel Mohan. Since the Working Committee was not satisfied with the candidates, it was resolved to re-advertise the post with a modified set of requirements. In response to this adver tisement, four applications were received. Of the four, two applicants did not fulfill all the requirements. Therefore, the

remaining two candidates were called for an interview by the President-NCCI on 3rd July 2018. However, one of the two candidates withdrew his application. The President and the General Secretary interviewed the lone candidate Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew B.A., M.A., B.D., and Ph.D. from the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. He has already served the Mar Thoma Syrian Church for 18 years in various positions as Vicar, Missionary, and Theological Educator. With regard to experience in matters related to the position in NCCI, he was actively involved in political issues during his student days. He is the Convener of the Socio—Political Commission of the Mar Thoma Church. He has had close associations with the recently retired Vice Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Mr. P.J. Kurien and has good contacts with some other MPs. He has been in association with socio-political scholars like Dr. T.K. Oommen. He has knowledge of Hindi, since he did his M.A. Studies in History from Agra and has worked in Jaipur from 2003 to 2007 and in Noida from 2015 till date.

The President and the General Secretary were impressed by the candidate and have therefore recommended to the Working Committee to consider appointing him to the position of Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness.

The Working Committee discussed the matter and finally decided to propose to the Executive Committee that Rev.Dr. Abraham Mathew be appointed as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018, if the Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church released him from that date. It was resolved

Res.No.18/WC/2018

i. To propose to the Executive Committee that Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew be appointed as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018 for a period of 5 years.

ii. He will operate from NCCI Delhi Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.

c. *Rev. Caesar David*

Since the term of Rev. Caesar David Executive Secretary- Communications was coming to an end by mid-March 2018, the Working Committee resolved to propose to the Executive Committee that Rev. Caesar. David be granted a second term of five years from mid-March 2018, and that he be expected to give three months

advance notice in case he decides to move on to another service after completing around two years of service in his second term. The Executive Committee approved of the proposal of the Working Committee. Rev. Caesar David has started his second term as Executive Secretary-Communications.

9. *Selection and Appointment of a new General Secretary for NCCI [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (9)]*

The Working Committee discussed the matter of the process of getting a new General Secretary, and resolved the following.

1. The Executive Committee be advised to form a Search Committee
2. The Search Committee would consist of the President of NCCI as Convener-Chair, the three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Rev. G.S. Lytton, Lieut. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas.
3. The Executive Committee would be informed of the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee for its approval.
4. The Search Committee will bring its proposal, on the basis of the Terms of Reference, to the Executive Committee for its approval or otherwise.

The Executive Committee approved of the proposal of the Working Committee. Accordingly, the Search Committee was formed and has gone about fulfilling its task.

10. *Report on Mythri House [Ref. WC:2018: 17 (a)(i)]*

i) The Working Committee received the Report from the General Secretary about the efforts made to find suitable tenants for Mythri House, Connaught Place, New Delhi. One branch of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) occupied the first floor from February 2018. However, the other three floors were still unoccupied.

The Working Committee advised that all legal precautions should be taken in ensuring that the ownership of Mythri House is secure when signing agreements with tenants. Even the periods of tenancy should be carefully ascertained. Longer periods of tenancy should be divided into smaller periodic terms, ensuring that the right of ownership is not taken away by the tenants.

Subsequently the second floor of Mythri House has been occupied by BIRD Travels Private Limited from 16th July 2018. The other two floors are still lying vacant.

11. *Financial Situation of NCCI [Ref. WC: 2018: 17 (a)(iii)]*

Since Mythri House has not been fully occupied, the NCCI is going through severe financial constraints. The Working Committee

discussed the matter and was of the opinion that bigger constituent members of NCCI be requested to grant an interest-free minimum loan of Rs. 5 Lakh each to the NCCI, and the NCCI would pay back the same once its financial position stabilizes.

Accordingly, requests were sent to the constituent members. However, the response was not encouraging. We have received Rs. 2 lakh grant from PCI, Rs. 2 lakh grant from CNI, Rs. 3 lakh grant from BSI, and Rs. 2 lakh grant from BCM. We have also received Rs. 2 lakh loan from CBCNEI, and Rs. 5 lakh loan from UELCI.

The financial position of NCCI has been further affected by the massive flooding that happened on 6th July 2018 in Nagpur. In the flood 230 feet length of the compound wall of the NCCI Secretariat collapsed, the surging waters eroded the surface of the road and flooded Azariah House, and the roof of the main building was damaged. Repair work will cost around Rs. 20 lakh.

WC:2018:26 New Business

1. Report of the Treasurer

a. NCCI

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with apprecition. It was resolved

Res.No.19/WC/2018

To approve the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 and to forward the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for further approval.

b. CSA

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation. It was resolved

Res.No.20/WC/2018

To approve the Report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 and to forward the same to the CSA General Body for further approval.

2. Report of the Internal Auditor

a. NCCI

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. It was resolved:

Res.No.21/WC/2018

The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be approved, and forwarded the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

b. CSA

Rev.Dr.Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. It was resolved

Res.No.22/WC/2018

The Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be approved, and forwarded the same to the CSA General Body for approval.

3. Approval of Annual Account (Report of the Statutory Auditor)

a. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval. After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.23/WC/2018

The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval.

b. CSA - Local

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the CSA-Local account for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. The Annual Accounts of the Company and the Report was received by the Managing Committee and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

After due consideration, the Managing Committee resolved:

Res.No.24/WC/2018

The Annual Accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report of the Christian Service Agency Local account for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be approved, and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

c. CSA- FC

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the CSA- FC account for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. The Annual Accounts of the company and the Report was received by the Managing Committee and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

After due consideration, the Managing Committee resolved:

Res.No.25/WC/2018

The Annual Accounts of the Company and the Statutory Auditor's report of the Christian Service Agency- FC account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 be approved, and forwarded to the General Body of CSA for approval.

4. Appointment of Auditors

i. Internal Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for both NCCI and CSA.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.26/WC/2018

(i) To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for NCCI.

(ii) To recommend to the General Body of CSA that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for CSA.

ii. Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 both for NCCI and CSA.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.27/WC/2018

(i) To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be re-appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for NCCI

(ii) To recommend to the General Body of CSA that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be re-appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for CSA.

5. Authorization of Company Secretary to file ROC documents

The Secretary presented the need for a resolution to appoint Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other e-Forms for the year 2018 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.After due consideration, it was resolved:

Res. No. 28/WC/ 2018

Mr. Aamrendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) be appointed for filing the annual and other eForms for the year 2018 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

6. Matters from Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented a draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA. It outlined a scheme of 10%, 15% and 20% increment in the existing salaries. However, it was pointed out that the salaries cannot be revised until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House was assured. Therefore, it was proposed to suggest to the Working Committee and Executive Committee that the salary revision be kept on hold until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured. It was resolved

Res No.29/WC/2018

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee that the salaries of the Secretaries and Staff of NCCI/CSA be revised only after the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured, and an appropriate scheme of increment be adopted depending upon the financial resources.

7. Matters from Membership Committee

The Membership Committee went through the Proceedings of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI (which was held in Jabalpur from April 27-30, 2016). It addressed the discussion of the Assembly on membership concerns. It was observed that as the Assembly took up the applications of different churches, there was a recurring suggestion that the matter of the membership of each church be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

The members of the Membership Committee were of the opinion that since a Membership Committee already existed under the General Body, the General Body need not appoint another committee to look into membership concerns. The NCCI Membership Committee could thus be authorized to do the needful in addressing the applications of the different churches and Christian organizations.

The Working Committee noted and approved the proposal of the Membership Committee. It was resolved:

Res.No.30/WC/2018
To recommend to the NCCI General Body that the NCCI Membership Committee be authorized to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings/ recommendations to the General Body.

The Working Committee was informed of the views of the Membership Committee regarding Believers Church, Church of the Nazarene, Evangelical Church in India, Vishwa Vani Church, Seva Bharat & Interserve India. Regarding Evangelical Church in India, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.31/WC/2018
Letters be sent to all NCCI related churches in Chennai, seeking their opinion about the life and ministry of Evangelical Church in India, in addition to the letter sent to Madras Diocese, CSI. Opinion of Tamilnadu Christian Council could also be sought.

The Working Committee was also informed that Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and Telangana Council of Churches had sent the required documents to the NCCI Secretariat, and that their applications will be placed before the NCCI General Body.

The Working Committee was also informed about the views of the Membership Committee regarding Malankara Suriyani Knanaya Arch Diocese, Bengal Odisha Bihar Baptist Churches' Association, Baptist Church Trust Association, Council of Baptist Churches in North India, Christian Endeavour Union, and Christian Union of India.

8. Report of the General Secretary

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI/CSA, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.32/WC/2018

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI/CSA be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval.

WC:2018:27 Any Other Business

1. Request of Fr. Thomas Ninan

The General Secretary presented the request of Fr. Thomas Ninan for allowing him to operate from New Delhi as his base because of certain difficulties. After much discussion the Working Committee was of the opinion that since Fr. Thomas Ninan is a project worker and not an Executive Secretary, and since he has been facing difficulties, he be allowed to operate from New Delhi, provided he ensures that the work is done efficiently and without any increment in his basic salary.

It was resolved

Res.No.33/WC/2018

Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator-ESHA, be allowed to operate from New Delhi, provided he ensures that the work of ESHA is done efficiently and without any increment in his basic salary.

2. Request of Mr.Prakash Meshram

The General Secretary presented the request of Mr. Prakash Meshram, Electrician for being appointed as a permanent worker. Mr. Prakash Meshram has been working on contract basis since April 2015. The Working Committee discussed his request and was of the opinion that his request could be considered after the financial position of NCCI/CSA stabilizes, i.e. after the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured.

It was resolved

Res.No.34/WC/2018

The request of Mr. Prakash Meshram could be considered after the financial position of NCCI/CSA stabilizes, i.e. after the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured.

3. The resignation of Dn.Moumita Biswas

The General Secretary reported that Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, submitted her resignation on 1st June 2018 stating that she has been called back by the Bishop of North East India Diocese of CNI, to prepare for her ordination on 2nd September 2018. She therefore would be relinquishing her position as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns w.e.f. 1st September 2018.

The Working Committee noted her resignation. It was of the opinion that Dn. Moumita Biswas should settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to.

It was resolved

Res.No.35/WC/2018

While noting the resignation notice of Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, she is expected to settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to.

4. Consent of members for shorter notice: Since it was necessary to hold the CSA General Body Meeting on 28th August 2018, the members of the CSA Managing Committee were asked to sign a certificate of consent of members for shorter notice in order to present Statutory Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2018 before the CSA General Body. The members of the CSA Managing Committee approved of signing the consent notice.

It was resolved:

Res.No.36/WC/2018

To sign the certificate of consent of members for shorter notice under the Companies Act 2013 [pursuant to section 101(1)].

WC:2018:28 Date of next meeting

The General Secretary informed that a WCC delegation in connection with the WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Programme will be visiting New Delhi, India on 1st and 2nd March 2019. The delegation would like to meet the members of the NCCI Executive Committee. Therefore, the NCCI President has suggested that the NCCI Meetings be held as follows:

28th February 2019 - Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Working Committee

1st March 2019 - Executive Committee
2nd March 2019 - Meeting with WCC delegation

Since the WCC delegation will be visiting New Delhi, the NCCI President has arranged that the CNI Synod will host the meetings. Committee members will be accommodated in CNI Bhawan and in the National YMCA House.

WC:2018:29 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2018:30 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Johan Dang and benediction by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 a.m. 28th August, 2018,
CSI Synod Secretariat, No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai

EC:2018:20 Opening Devotion

The Morning Devotion was conducted by the NCCI Interns. The President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh delivered the message.

EC:2018:21 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
8. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
9. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
10. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
11. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
12. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
13. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
14. Rev.Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
15. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
16. Mr. K. Abraham,
17. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
18. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
19. Mr. Angelious Michael,
20. Deacon Vikal P.Rao
21. Mrs.Basanti Biswas,
22. Rev. G.S. Lyttan,
23. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
24. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
25. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
26. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
27. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
28. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
29. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.
3. Rev. R. Zohmingliana,
4. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,

5. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
6. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
7. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
8. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
9. Ms. Ani Koshy,
10. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
11. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
12. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
13. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
14. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
15. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
16. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
2. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
3. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
4. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,

IV. Invitees

1. Mr.Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

V. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar
2. Rev. Caesar David,
3. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
4. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan

VI. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

EC:2018:22 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee.

EC:2018:23 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier. It was resolved:

Res. No. 13/EC/2018

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2018:24 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No. 14/EC/2018

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mrs. Rachna Singh be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2018:25 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary read out the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

i. Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan, Mar Thoma Church, who passed away on 18 April, 2018.

ii. Prof. Dr. Z. C. Devadanam who served as Treasurer of National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) from 2004 to 2008, passed away on May 10, 2018.

iii. Bishop Julias Santosh, former Bishop of the Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church and former NCCI Executive Committee & General Body member during the quadrennial 2012 – 2016, who passed away on 7 August 2018.

iv. Most. Rev. Shiblal Soren, Former Moderator of Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (NELC), NCCI Executive Committee & General Body member during the quadrennial 2008-2012, who passed away on August 12, 2018.

v. His Grace the Most Rev. Thomas Mar Athanasius, Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Church, Chengannur Diocese, passed away on August 24, 2018.

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo offered prayer.

II. Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the following names who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

i. Fr Joseph Puthenpura CMI, General Secretary of AIACHE w.e.f. 23-03-2018.

ii. Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran has been consecrated as the new bishop of the Trichy- Tanjore Diocese of the Church of South India on 28th May 2018. He is the sixth Bishop of the Diocese.

iii. Rt. Rev. George Cornelious T. is the new bishop of the Krishna Godavari Diocese of the Church of South India

iv. Rev.Dr. Anuparthi John Prabhakar has been appointed as the new Principal of Andhra Christian Theological College on 15th June 2018

v. Rev.Dr. D.John Samuel Ponnusamy has been appointed as the Principal of Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute

vi. Rt. Rev. Sandeep Suresh Vibhute, elected as Bishop of Kolhapur Diocese of CNI

vii. Rt.Rev. Paritosh Canning, elected as Bishop of Barrackpore Diocese of CNI

The President, Most Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh, felicitated Fr.Joseph Puthenpura who was attending the NCCI Executive Committee for the first time in place of Dr.Daniel Ezhilarasu, who relinquished his services as the General Secretary of AIACHE.

EC:2018:26 Confirmation of the Minutes of 21st February 2018

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive committee meeting held on 21st February 2018 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received.
It was resolved

Res.No. 15/EC/2018

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 13th August 2016 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2018:27 Action taken/Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

I. Matters from the Finance Committee (Ref. EC:2018:10)

1. Responsibilities of Executive Secretaries: As proposed by the Working Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretaries are exploring partnerships and funding for their programmes.

2. Letters have also been written to constituent members of NCCIasking them to pay their annual membership fees.

3. As proposed by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee in its previous meeting approved of writing off the long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs.Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/-. This matter will be placed before the Annual Meeting of the Christian Service Agency on 28th August 2018 as per statutory requirements.

4. As proposed by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting, the salaries of Secretaries and Staff would be revised and implemented after the fund position stabilizes. A draft of the salary revision scheme will be presented to the Finance Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

5. As proposed by the Working Committee and approved by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting, the resignation of Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mythri House, New Delhi with effect from 1st March 2018 on account of health reasons, was accepted. Accordingly, his retirement benefit of Gratuity has been paid, while his Provident Fund payment is being attended to, and he has started receiving his Pension.

II. *Matters from the Working Committee (Ref. EC:2018:11)*

1. *Service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar/Appointment of new PGPW-Ex.Sec./ Service of Rev. Caesar David [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (8)]*

   a. *Mr. Samuel Jayakumar:*
   As resolved by the Working Committee, the term of service of Mr. Samuel Jayakumar, Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness was extended by one month, that is until April 30, 2018 to help facilitate the project evaluation process.

   b. So also, as resolved by the Working Committee, the post of Executive Secretary- Policy Governance and Public Witness was advertised. Accordingly, the Working Committee interviewed four candidates namely, Mr. Angelious Michael, Mr. G. Jayakumar, Rev. Dr. Joseph Prabhakar, and Mr. Deepak Daniel Mohan. Since the Working Committee was not satisfied with the candidates, it was resolved to re-advertise the post with a modified set of requirements. In response to this advertisement, four applications were received. Of the four, two applicants did not fulfill all the requirements. Therefore, the remaining two candidates were called for an interview by the President-NCCI on 3rd July 2018. However, one of the two candidates withdrew his application. The President and the General Secretary inter viewed the lone candidate Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew B.A., M.A., B.D., and Ph.D. from the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. He has already served the Mar Thoma Syrian Church for 18 years in various positions as Vicar, Missionary, and Theological Educator. With regard to experience in matters related to the position in NCCI, he was actively involved in political issues during his student days. He is the Convener of the Socio—Political Commission of the Mar Thoma Church. He has had close associations with the recently retired Vice Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Mr. P.J. Kurien and has good contacts with some other MPs. He has been in association with socio-political scholars like Dr. T.K. Oommen. He has knowledge of Hindi, since he did his M.A. Studies in History from Agra and has worked in Jaipur from 2003 to 2007 and in Noida from 2015 till date.

The President and the General Secretary were impressed by the candidate and have therefore recommended to the Working Committee to consider appointing him to the position of Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness.

c. *Rev. Caesar David*
Since the term of Rev. Caesar David Executive Secretary-Communications was coming to an end by mid-March 2018, the Working Committee resolved to propose to the Executive Committee in its previous meeting that Rev. Caesar David be granted a second term of five years from mid-March 2018, and that he be expected to give three months advance notice in case he decides to move on to another service after completing around two years of service in his second term. The Executive Committee approved of the proposal of the Working Committee. Rev. Caesar David has started his second term as Executive Secretary-Communications.

2. *Selection and Appointment of a new General Secretary for NCCI [Ref. WC: 2018: 08 (9)]*
The Working Committee discussed the matter of the process of getting a new General Secretary, and resolved the following.
1. The Executive Committee be advised to form a Search Committee
2. The Search Committee would consist of the President of NCCI as Convener-Chair, the three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Rev. G.S. Lytton, Lieut. Col. Daniel Raju Dasari, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas.
3. The Executive Committee would be informed of the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee for its approval.
4. The Search Committee will bring its proposal, on the basis of the Terms of Reference, to the Executive Committee for its approval or otherwise.

The Executive Committee in its previous meeting approved of the proposal of the Working Committee. Accordingly, the Search Committee was formed and has gone about fulfilling its task.

III. *Report of the Treasurer (Ref. EC:2018:12)*

a. NCCI
As resolved by the Working Committee, the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI Finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017 was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee in its previous meeting for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same.

b. CSA

The Managing Committee received and approved with appreciation the Report of the Treasurer on CSA Finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2017.

IV. Statement of Accounts (Ref. EC:2018:13)

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Working Committee the Report on NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 was received and recommended to the Executive Committee in its previous meeting for approval. The Executive Committee approved of the same.

b. CSA – Local

The Managing Committee received the Report on the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 and approved of the same.

c. CSA-FC

The Managing Committee received the Report on the CSA-FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 and approved of the same.

V. Internal Audit Report (Ref. EC:2018:14)

a. NCCI

As resolved by the Working Committee the Report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee in its previous meeting for approval. The same was approved by the Executive Committee.

b. CSA

The Managing Committee received the Report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the CSA accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 and approved of the same.

VI. Budget for 2018-2019 (Ref. EC:2018:15)

a. Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19

As resolved by the Working Committee the Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2018-19 was forwarded to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval. It was accordingly approved by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting and forwarded to the General Body for approval.

b. Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19

The Managing Committee received and approved of the Budget of the CSA for the FY 2018-19 and forwarded the same to the Annual Meeting of the CSA General Body for approval, as per statutory requirement.

VII. *Report of the General Secretary (Ref. EC:2018:16)*

The Working Committee received an integrated report of the Secretariat for the period February 2017 to January 2018 given by the General Secretary and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee in its previous meeting approved of the same with appreciation.

EC:2018:28 Report of the Treasurer (including approval of Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts)

I. Treasurer's Report (Appendix No.1)

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018. The members were glad about the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 16a/EC/2018

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No. 16b/EC/2018

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 be approved with appreciation.

II. Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts

i. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.

It was resolved

Res. No. 17/EC/2018

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved.

ii. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.

It was resolved

Res. No.18/EC/2018

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved.

iii. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.

It was resolved

Res. No. 19/EC/2018

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 be approved.

EC:2018:29 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2017-18 both for NCCI and CSA.

I. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No. 20/EC/2018:

To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2018-2019.

II. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 21/EC/2018:

To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2018-2019.

EC:2018:30 Appointment of Internal Auditors

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for both NCCI and CSA.

I. Internal Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved:

Res. No.22/EC/2018:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2018-2019.

II. Internal Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res.No.23/EC/2018:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2018-2019.

EC:2018:31 Matters from Working Committee

I. Appointment of new PGPW-Executive Secretary

The General Secretary reported that the Working Committee discussed the matter and finally decided to propose to the Executive Committee that Rev.Dr. Abraham Mathew be appointed as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018, if the Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church released him from that date.

It was resolved:

Res.No.24/EC/2018

i. Rev.Dr.Abraham Mathew be appointed as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018 for a period of 5 years.

ii. He will operate from NCCI Delhi Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.

II. Matters from Finance Committee

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee discussed a draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA. It outlined a scheme of 10%, 15% and 20% increment in the existing salaries. However, it was pointed out that the salaries cannot be revised until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House was assured. Therefore, it was proposed to suggest to the Working Committee and Executive Committee that the salary revision be kept on hold until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured.

It was resolved:

Res No.25/EC/2018

The salaries of the Secretaries and Staff of NCCI/CSA be revised only after the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured, and an appropriate scheme of increment be adopted depending upon the financial resources.

III. Matters from Membership Committee

The Membership Committee went through the Proceedings of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI (which was held in Jabalpur from April 27-30, 2016). It addressed the discussion of the Assembly on membership concerns. It was observed that as the Assembly took

up the applications of different churches, there was a recurring suggestion that the matter of the membership of each church be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter.

The members of the Membership Committee were of the opinion that since a Membership Committee already existed under the General Body, the General Body need not appoint another committee to look into membership concerns. The NCCI Membership Committee could thus be authorized to do the needful in addressing the applications of the different churches and Christian organizations. The Working Committee noted and approved the proposal of the Membership Committee and decided to forward it to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval.
It was resolved:

Res.No.26/EC/2018
To recommend to the NCCI General Body that the NCCI Membership Committee be authorized to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings / recommendations to the General Body.

IV. The resignation of Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, Women Concerns

The General Secretary reported that Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, submitted her resignation on 1st June 2018 stating that she has been called back by the Bishop of North East India Diocese of CNI, to prepare for her ordination on 2nd September 2018. She therefore would be relinquishing her position as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns w.e.f. 1st September 2018.

The Working Committee noted her resignation. It was of the opinion that Dn. Moumita Biswas should settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to.
It was resolved:

Res.No.27/EC/2018
While noting the resignation notice of Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, she is expected to settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to.

EC:2018:32 Report of the General Secretary & Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-II).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.28/EC/2018:
The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns were also received and accepted with appreciation.
It was resolved:

Res. No.29/EC/2018
The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns be received with appreciation.

EC:2018:33 Appointment of the new General Secretary of NCCI

The Search Committee, which had been appointed by the Executive Committee, presented its report to the Executive Committee. It recommended the name of Rev.Asir Ebenezer to be appointed as the new General Secretary of NCCI with effect from January 2019. The members discussed the proposal of the Search Committee. After due deliberation, it was resolved:

Res. No.30/EC/2018
Rev.Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA be appointed as General Secretary of NCCI with effect from 1st January 2019 for a period of five years.

EC: 2018:34 Writing off the long pending advances:

As proposed by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee in its previous meeting approved of writing off the long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/-. This matter will be placed before the Annual Meeting of the Christian Service Agency on 28th August 2018 as per statutory requirements.

Res. No.31/EC/2018
The long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- be written off.

EC:2018:35 Any Other Business

Draft Resolutions for i) Kerala flood, ii) Kandhamal Issue and iii) Ensuing General Elections and Assembly elections in certain States:

The Executive committee had requested Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mrs. Rachana Singh to prepare a draft proposed resolution on the aforesaid three issues for consideration and adoption at the General Body meeting to be held on the next day.

EC:2018:36 Dates of next meeting

The General Secretary informed that a WCC delegation in connection with the WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Programme will be visiting New Delhi, India on 1st and 2nd March 2019. The delegation would like to meet the members of the NCCI Executive Committee. Therefore, the NCCI President has suggested that the NCCI Meetings be held as follows:

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2nd March 2019 - Meeting with WCC delegation

Since the WCC delegation will be visiting New Delhi, the NCCI President has arranged that the CNI Synod will host the meetings. Committee members will be accommodated in CNI Bhawan and in the National YMCA House.

EC:2018:37 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their contribution in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Rev.Dr. D.R. Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2018:38 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Johan Dang and benediction by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mrs.Rachana Singh
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
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HELD ON AUGUST 29, 2018 AT 09:30 A.M.
AT CSI SYNOD SECRETARIAT, NO.5, WHITES ROAD, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI

GB:2018:01 Devotion

The President of NCCI, the Rt. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh delivered the message in the morning devotion.

GB:2018:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
8. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
9. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
10. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
11. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
12. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
13. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi,
14. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
15. Mr. K. Abraham,
16. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
17. Rev. Yesunath D. Kalekar,
18. Mr. Angelious Michael,
19. Deacon Vikal P. Rao,
20. Rev. G. S. Lyttan,
21. Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari,
22. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
23. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
24. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
25. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
26. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
27. Rev. Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,
28. Rev. K. Sardar,
29. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
30. Mrs. Ekta Peters,
31. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
32. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,
33. Rev. Dr. P.Syamala Sukumar,
34. Rev. Prof. Dr. Mathews Emmanuel Thathapudi,
35. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,

36. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
37. Mr. Shaju V. Joseph
38. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
39. Rev. Joshua Peter,
40. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar,
41. Rev. S.Asok Kumar,

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Mrs. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.,
4. Rev. R.Zohmingliana,
5. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
6. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
7. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
8. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
9. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
10. Ms. Ani Koshy,
11. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
12. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
13. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
14. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
15. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
16. Bishop Fred C. Marihal,
17. Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar
18. Dr. Sushant Agrawal,
19. Rev. Pradeep Jyotish,
20. Rev. Dr. Hemantkumar Parmar,
21. Rev. Arun Barwa,
22. Rev. Alfred Tiwade,
23. Rev. R. Lalnunzira,
24. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
25. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
26. Rev. Vinay Peter,
27. Dr. William Stanley,
28. Mrs. Mary George,
29. CH. R.P. Mani Kumar,
30. Dr. Mary Verghese,
31. Ms. Vinodhini Moses,
32. Dr. Bimal Charles,
33. Dr. Sunil Chandy,
34. Rev. Anupama Hial

III. Absentees

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
2. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
3. Rev. Dr. I.P. Asheervadam,

4. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
5. Rt. Rev. P.P. Marandih,
6. Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal Council of Churches,
7. Christian Endeavour in India,
8. Christian Union of India
9. Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga

IV. Observers

1. Mr. Abraham George, representing TLMI
2. Mr. Koshy Mathews, representing YMCA
3. Ms. Imtimenla Aier, representing CMAI

V. Autonomous Bodies

1. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC
2. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, URM

VI. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators

1. Rev. R.Christopher Rajkumar,
2. Rev. Caesar David,
3. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
4. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,

VII. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention,
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India,
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church,
5. Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches,

GB:2018:03 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present were 41 out of 89 (more than the required quorum), the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2018:04 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, which had been circulated earlier from the NCCI Secretariat, was adopted.

GB:2018:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.01/GB/2018:

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mrs. Rachana Singh be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

GB:2018:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. *Obituaries*

The house paid homage to the following persons who passed away:

i. Colonel Chelliah Mony, Territorial Commander India Central Territory of The Salvation Army, who passed away on 25 September, 2017.

ii. Rt. Rev. Dr. Samuel Amritham, a great ecumenical figure from India, and former Bishop of the South Kerala Diocese of the Church of South India, who passed away on September 26, 2017.

iii. H.G. Zachariah Mar Theophilos, Metropolitan of Malabar Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church who passed away on Oct 24.

iv. Rev. Dr. Liangao Soto, Principal of Indian Theological Seminary, Avadi, Chennai who passed away on 1st Feb 2018.

v. Rt. Rev. Dr. G. T. Abraham, former Bishop in the Diocese of Nandyal of the Church of South India, who passed away on 15.2.2018.

vi. Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan, Mar Thoma Church, who passed away on 18 April, 2018.

vii. Prof. Dr. Z. C. Devadanam who served as Treasurer of National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) from 2004 to 2008, who passed away on May 10, 2018.

viii. Bishop Julias Santosh, former Bishop of the Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church, who passed away on 7th August 2018.

ix. Most. Rev. Shiblal Soren, Former Moderator of Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (NELC), who passed away on August 12, 2018.

x. His Grace the Most Rev. Thomas Mar Athanasius, Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Church, Chengannur Diocese, who passed away on August 24, 2018.

The members stood up and observed a moment of silence after which Bishop Mar Awgin offered a word of prayer, thanking God for their life and work, and remembering their bereaved families.

II. *Felicitations*

During the period under review the following persons were ap pointed/elected to important positions:

i. Mrs. Sujaya Kujur the first woman General Secretary of GELC

ii. New Office Bearers of CNI Synod: (1) Most Rev. Dr. P.C.Singh, Moderator, (2) Rt. Rev. Dr. Probal Kanto Dutta, Deputy Moderator, (3) Mr. Alwan Masih, General Secretary, (4) Mr. Jayant Agarwal, Hony. Treasurer

iii. New Office Bearers of UELCI for the next triennium 2018-2020:
(1) Most. Rev. Dr. K.F. Paradesi Babu (AELC), President,
(2) Rt. Rev. Johan Dang (GELC), Rev. Nivedita Horo (JELC),

(3) Ms. Ratnakumari (GSELC),
(4) Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar (ALC), Executive Secretary, UELCI & LWF National Committee (I),
(5) Mr. B.N. Sahay, (ELC in MP), Joint Secretary,
(6) Rev. Dr. Stanley Jose (CLC), Treasurer,
(7) Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu, (NELC), Joint Treasurer

iv. Dr. J.V. Peter, Director of CMC Vellore for 2017-2022
v. Fr Joseph Puthenpura CMI, General Secretary of AIACHE w.e.f. 23-03-2018.
vi. Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran has been consecrated as the new bishop of the Trichy- Tanjore Diocese of the Church of South India on 28th May 2018. He is the sixth Bishop of the Diocese.
vii. Rt. Rev. George Cornelious T. is the new bishop of the Krishna Godavari Diocese of the Church of South India.
viii. Rev.Dr. Anuparthi John Prabhakar has been appointed as the new Principal of Andhra Christian Theological College on 15th June 2018.
ix. Rev.Dr. D.John Samuel Ponnusamy has been appointed as the Principal of Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute.
x. Rt. Rev. Sandeep Suresh Vibhute, elected as Bishop of Kolhapur Diocese of CNI
xi. Rt.Rev. Paritosh Canning, elected as Bishop of Barrackpore Diocese of CNI

GB:2018:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of 23rd August 2017

Since no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 23rd August 2017 which had been circulated earlier, it was resolved:

Res. No.02/GB/2018:
The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 23rd August 2017, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2018:08 Action Taken Report/Matters from General Body & Executive Committee Meetings

Action Taken Report/Matters from General Body

1. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches [Ref. GB:2017:08 (1)]: At General Body Meeting in 2017 it was resolved:

Res. No.03/GB/2017:

(i) The TSCC be asked to make corrections in its minutes.

(ii) The TSCC should fill up all the positions of Office Bearers and Members of its committee.

(iii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the TSCC, and then sent to the NCCI.

(iv) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the TSCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned three conditions.

(v) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

Res. No.04/GB/2017:

(i) The APCC be asked to make necessary corrections in its minutes.

(ii) The draft Constitution should be finalized and approved by the APCC, and then sent to the NCCI.

(iii) Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the APCC only after they fulfill the above mentioned two conditions.

(iv) Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI.

Accordingly, the Telangana Council of Churches and the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches have sent the required documents. Therefore, the General Body was of the opinion that as resolved in the previous General Body meeting of 2017, TCC & APCC be granted provisional membership and that full affiliation would be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI in 2020. It was resolved:

Res. No.03a/GB/2018

i. Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the Telangana Council of Churches.

ii. Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI in 2020.

iii. The matter of representatives of the Salvation Army in TCC be addressed by the concerned authorities.

Res. No.03b/GB/2018

i. Provisional membership will be granted by the General Body to the Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches.

ii. Full affiliation can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI in 2020.

iii. The matter of representatives of the Salvation Army in APCC be addressed by the concerned authorities.

2. **Consent Letters and No Objection Letters** [Ref. GB:2017:08 (2)]**:** In the spirit of the resolutions of the last General Body Meeting, the members of the General Body were asked to sign two certificates, namely:

   (i) A Consent Letter expressing their willingness to serve on the General Body and its Committees along with any Office to which they might be elected; and

   (ii) A No Objection Certificate to relinquish their membership of the General Body and its committees, including any office they hold at the end of the quadrennium.

   It was reported that a few members are still to submit their Consent Letters and No Objection Certificates.

3. **Mythri House matters** [Ref. GB:2017:08 (5) (A)]: Mythri House, Connaught Place, New Delhi was vacated by Nestle India Limited last September. Efforts have been on to find suitable tenants. One branch of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) occupied the first floor from February 2018. The second floor has been occupied by BIRD Travels Private Limited from 16th July 2018. The other two floors are still lying vacant.

   The General Body noted the information.

4. **Finance Manuals** [Ref. GB:2017:08 (5) (B)]: As suggested by the General Body in its meeting last year, soft copies of the NCCI & CSA Finance Manuals have been sent to all the General Body members.

Matters from Executive Committee Meeting of 28th August 2018

I. Appointment of new PGPW-Executive Secretary [Ref. EC:2018:31(I); Res. No. 24/EC/2018)]
The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee resolved to appoint Rev.Dr.Abraham Mathew as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018 for a period of 5 years. He will operate from NCCI Delhi Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.
The General Body noted the information.

II. Draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA Secretaries and Staff [Ref. EC:2018:31(II); Res. No. 25/EC/2018)]
The General Body was informed that the Finance Committee had discussed a draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA. It outlined a scheme of 10%, 15% and 20% increment in the existing salaries. However, it was pointed out that the salaries cannot be

revised until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House was assured. Therefore, Working Committee and Executive Committee resolved that the salary revision for NCCI/CSA Secretaries and staff be kept on hold until the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured, and an appropriate scheme of increment be adopted depending upon the financial resources.
The General Body noted the information.

III. Matters of NCCI Membership [Ref. EC:2018:31(III);Res. No. 26/EC/2018)]
The Membership Committee went through the Proceedings of the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI (which was held in Jabalpur from April 27-30, 2016). It addressed the discussion of the Assembly on membership concerns. It was observed that as the Assembly took up the applications of different churches, there was a recurring suggestion that the matter of the membership of each church be referred to the NCCI General Body which will constitute a committee to look into the matter. The Membership Committee re solved to recommend to the NCCI General Body that the NCCI Membership Committee be authorized to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings/recommendations to the General Body.

The General Body approved of the suggestion of the Membership Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.04/GB/2018
The NCCI Membership Committee be authorized to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings/ recommendations to the General Body.

IV. The resignation of Dn.Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, Women Concerns [Ref. EC:2018:31(IV); Res. No. 27/EC/2018)]
The General Body was informed that Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, submitted her resignation on 1st June 2018 stating that she has been called back by the Bishop of North East India Diocese of CNI, to prepare for her ordination on 2nd September 2018. She therefore would be relinquishing her position as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns w.e.f. 1st September 2018. The Executive Committee noted the resignation notice of Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, and resolved that she is expected to settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to.

The General Body noted the information.

V. Appointment of the new General Secretary of NCCI (Ref. EC:2018:33; Res. No.30/EC/2018)

The General Body was informed that the Search Committee, which had been appointed by the Executive Committee, presented its report to the Executive Committee. It recommended the name of Rev.Asir Ebenezer to be appointed as the new General Secretary of NCCI with effect from January 2019. The members discussed the proposal of the Search Committee. After due deliberation, it was resolved that Rev.Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA be appointed as General Secretary of NCCI with effect from 1st January 2019.

The General Body received the information with appreciation.

GB:2018:09 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI/CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 (see Appendix-I). The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI/CSA and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation. It was however advised that care should be taken while mentioning the names of overseas partners to avoid any unnecessary problems.

It was resolved

Res. No.05a/GB/2018:

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 be approved with appreciation.

Res. No.05b/GB/2018:

The report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 be approved with appreciation.

The President of the NCCI made an appeal to the members, that since the NCCI has been going through financial constraints because all the four floors of Mythri House have not been taken on rent, and because the NCCI Campus suffered damage during the floods in Nagpur on 6th July 2018, that they may graciously consider rendering financial help to the NCCI Secretariat. The President himself volunteered to contribute Rs. 2 lacs. Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar granted Rs. 50,000/- on behalf of UELCI. The NCCI had also received gracious grants from CASA, BSI, PCI, CNI, and BCM. So also, interest-free loans were received from UELCI, CBCNEI, and ICSA.

The President made an appeal to the constituent members to ensure that their respective units pay the NCCI membership fee regularly.

GB:2018:10 Audited Statement of Accounts

I. NCCI

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.
It was resolved

Res. No. 06/GB/2018:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved.

II. CSA-Local

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.
It was resolved

Res. No. 07/GB/2018:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved.

III. CSA-FC

The Treasurer presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018.
It was resolved

Res. No.08/GB/2018:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-FC for the period 1st April 2017 to 31stMarch 2018 be approved.

GB:2018:11 Appointment of Statutory Auditors

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-19 both for NCCI and CSA.

I. Statutory Auditors for NCCI

It was resolved

Res. No.09/GB/2018:
To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2018-2019.

II. Statutory Auditors for CSA

It was resolved:

Res. No. 10/GB/2018:
To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for CSA for the year 2018-2019.

GB:2018:12 Appointment of Internal Auditors
It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-19 for both NCCI and CSA.

I. Internal Auditors for NCCI
It was resolved:

Res. No. 11/GB/2018:
To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year 2018-2019.

II. Internal Auditors for CSA
It was resolved:

Res. No. 12/GB/2018:
To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for CSA for the year 2018-2019.

GB:2018:13 Budget for 2018-2019
The Treasurer also drew the attention of the General Body to the budget of NCCI and CSA for the 2018-2019 Financial Year. It had al ready been passed by the Executive Committee in its meeting on 21st February 2018. Therefore, it was resolved:

Res. No.13a/GB/2018:
The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2018-2019 be received with approval.

Res. No.13b/GB/2018:
The budget of the CSA for the financial year 2018-2019 be received with approval.

GB:2018:14 Report of the General Secretary
The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA (see Appendix-II).
The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.
It was resolved:

Res. No.14/GB/2018:
The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

GB:2018:15 Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns & Autonomous Bodies

The following Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors presented their reports:

1. Rev.Christopher Rajkumar – Unity and Mission (including IDEA and NEFGSD)
2. Rev. Caesar David – Communications
3. Mr. Pradip Bansrior – Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns
4. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei – Youth concerns
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan – ESHA
6. Mr. Kasta Dip – IPC

It was resolved:

Res. No.15/GB/2018:
The reports of the Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors be received with appreciation.

GB:2018:16 Reports from Related Agencies:

The General Body received the reports of Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, and Christian Medical Association of India. The reports were taken as read.

This year the General Body did not receive reports from AISSA, CLS, CISRS, ECLOF India, and HMI.

GB:2018:17 Any Other Business

The Executive Committee had directed the recording secretaries to come up with a draft statement on behalf of the NCCI. Mr. Arthur Sadhanandham read out the draft statement, particularly focusing on the floods in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamilnadu; 10 years of the Kandhamal carnage; and the forth coming general elections in 2019. The members of the General Body asked the recording secretaries to finalize the statement in the light of the comments and suggestions that were made. [(see Appendix-III) (Mr. Arthur Sadhanandham is expected to send the final statement)].

The General Secretary reported that in pursuance of Agenda item no. GB:2017:18 the NCCI Secretariat has been communicating national concerns to all the constituent members through the electronic media. The constituent members are expected to be doing the needful. Members are also being encouraged to observe 26th November as Democracy Day. They are also encouraged to focus their educational ministries in the rural areas of the country.

GB:2018:18 Date of Next Meeting

As resolved by the Executive Committee, the following dates have been suggested:

28th February 2019- Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Working Committee

1st March 2019 - Executive Committee
2nd March 2019 - Meeting with WCC delegation

Since the WCC delegation will be visiting New Delhi, the NCCI President has arranged that the CNI Synod will host the meetings. Committee members will be accommodated in CNI Bhawan and in the National YMCA House.

The dates of the next meeting of the General Body will be intimated subsequently.

GB:2018:19 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and the Recording Secretaries for their contribution in the efficiently conduct of the General Body meeting. He particularly thanked Rev.Dr. D.R. Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI for graciously hosting all the meetings.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mrs.Rachana Singh
Recording Secretary

Minutes
2019

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
3 January 2019 at 11:30 a.m.,
NCCI Secretariat, Christian Council Campus, Civil Lines, Nagpur

WC:2019:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

WC:2019:02 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2019:03 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice President*
5. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
8. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

Apology

1. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)

WC:2019:04 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Res. No. 01/WC/2019

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2019:05 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2019:06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th August 2018 which had been circulated on 6th September 2018, was confirmed.

WC:2019: 07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 27th August 2018

The General Secretary reported the following:

1. **Appointment of Rev.Dr. Abraham Mathew as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness** [Ref. WC:2018:25 (8) (b)]: As proposed by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee of 28th August 2018 approved that Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew be appointed as Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness with effect from 1st October 2018 for a period of 5 years, and that he will operate from NCCI Delhi Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi (Res.No.24/EC/2018).

   Accordingly, after having received official permission from the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Rev.Dr. Abraham Mathew has taken up the charge of Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness from 1st October 2018.

2. **Rev. Caesar David** [WC:2018: 25 (8) (c)]: Though it was reported in the meeting of the Working Committee on 27th August 2018 that Rev. Caesar David has started his second term as Executive Secretary-Communications from mid-March 2018, Rev. Caesar David tendered his resignation with effect from 1st November 2018, as he was planning to move to USA to take on a new assignment. After a due process of consultation, the Rev. Caesar David was relieved from the services of the NCCI. It was also reported by the General Secretary that Rev. Caesar David has paid three months' salary in lieu of three months notice.

3. **Appointment of Auditors** [Ref. WC:2018:26 (4)]: As recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee, and as approved by the Executive Committee of 28th August 2018, that M/s. Subodh Kanetkar & Co. and M/s. Lancy D'Souza & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors and Statutory Auditors respectively for the FY 2018-2019 for NCCI. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

4. **Salary revision** (Ref. WC:2018:26 (6): As recommended by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee of 28th August 2018 resolved that the salaries of the Secretaries and Staff of NCCI/CSA be revised only after the rental income from all the four floors of Mythri House is assured, and an appropriate scheme of increment be adopted depending upon the financial resources (Res No.25/EC/2018).

5. **Matters from Membership Committee:** As proposed by the Membership Committee and recommended by the Working Committee, the General Body of 29th August 2018 approved of authorizing the Membership Committee to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings / recommendations to the General Body (Res. No.04/GB/2018).

With regard to the membership applications Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches and Telangana Council of Churches, the General Body of 20th August 2018 resolved that the two Councils be granted Provisional membership, and that full membership can be granted only by the Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI in 2020. In the meantime, matters of representatives of the Salvation Army in both the Councils be appropriately resolved (Res. No.03a & b/GB/2018). The Members of the membership committee and the respective applicants have been informed of the decision.

6. Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator, ESHA moves to Delhi [Ref. WC:2018:27 (1)]

The Working Committee in its meeting of 27th August 2018 had resolved to grant the request of Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator-ESHA, to operate from New Delhi, provided he ensures that the work of ESHA is done efficiently and without any increment in his basic salary. Accordingly, Fr. Thomas Ninan moved to New Delhi in September 2018.

7. The resignation of Dn. Moumita Biswas [Ref. WC:2018:27 (3)]

The Working Committee in its meeting of 27th August 2018 had resolved that while noting the resignation notice of Dn. Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns, she is expected settle all matters regarding her work, her accounts, and all properties of NCCI which are in her custody. Only on fulfilling these requirements will her salary matters be attended to. It was reported as learnt from the former General Secretary that the Secretariat completed all the requirements with Rev. Moumita Biswas and settled all her dues.

WC:2019:08 New Business

1. Resignation of outgoing General Secretary

The General Secretary reported that since the term of Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad as General Secretary of NCCI and Director/Secretary of CSA has concluded, therefore as per the company requirement for CSA he submitted his resignation. It was resolved to accept his resignation.

Res. No.02/WC/2019

Resolved that resignation of Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad from the post of Director of company be and is hereby accepted.

"Resolved further that any of the Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to digitally sign and submit the Form-DIR-12 with Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi & Haryana."

2. Authorization of the new General Secretary

The General Secretary reported that as per the decision of the Executive Committee which met on 28th August 2018, Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA was appointed as General Secretary of NCCI with effect from 1st January 2019 for a period of five years. Therefore, it was resolved to appoint him as Director of CSA for the quadrennium 2016-2020.

Res. No. 03/WC/ 2019

Resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Rev. Asir Ebenezer S/o Mr. Thomas Jefferson David, be and is hereby appointed as Director of the company.

"Resolved further that any of the Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to digitally sign and submit the Form-DIR-12 with Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi & Haryana."

3. Information to Charity Commissioner and Registrar of Companies

The General Secretary reported that as per the decision of the Executive Committee which met on 28th August 2018, Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA was appointed as General Secretary of NCCI with effect from 1st January 2019 for a period of five years. It was resolved to file a change report of his appointment as a Trustee of NCCI for a period of 5 years.

Res. No. 04/WC/ 2019

Resolved to file a change report with the Charity Commissioner that Rev. Asir Ebenezer be appointed as a trustee of NCCI for a period of 5 years with effect from 1st January 2019.

Further resolved to authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary NCCI as the reporting trustee for matters pending before the Charity Commissioner.

4. Change of Signatories of all the Bank Accounts of NCCI & CSA

In view of Rev. Asir Ebenezer joining as the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), it was decided that he will be one of the signatories and operator of Bank accounts along with Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer. It was resolved that:

Res. No. 05/WC/ 2019

i. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary, will be a signatory and operator of all Bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) with effect from 3rd January 2019 in place of Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad.

ii. *Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Secretary of Christian Service Agency, will be a signatory and operator of all Bank accounts of the Christian Service Agency (CSA) with effect from 3rd January 2019 in place of Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad.*

5. Rental registration of 3rd Floor of Mythri House for BIRD Travels

It was resolved:

Res.No.06/WC/2019

Rev Asir Ebenezer, Secretary of the Christian Service Agency, being the Chief Executive Functionary, be authorized to sign the agreement with Bird Travels Pvt. Ltd. for the occupation of the Third Floor of Mythri House, M-5A, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110 001

6. Staff matters:

a. Ratification of action taken with regard to the resignation of Rev.Caesar David, Executive Secretary, NCCI-Communications

The committee received the report of the General Secretary and decided to ratify the decision of the Office Bearers to relieve Rev. Caesar David, from his services as Executive Secretary, NCCI-Communications with effect from 1st November 2018. It was resolved:

Res.No.07/WC/2019

i. *Rev. Caesar David be relieved from the service of NCCI with effect from 1st November 2018.*
ii. *Place on record the appreciation of the NCCI for the services rendered by the Rev. Caesar David as the Executive Secretary of the NCCI Communications.*

b. Requests for accommodation in NCCI Campus (Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad & Rev. Christopher Rajkumar)

The President informed the committee that a request was received from the Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad and Rev. Christopher Rajkumar to permit stay on campus until 31st March 2019 and until 15th June 2019 respectively.

The Working Committee decided to permit the stay of Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad on campus in a quarter other than the General Secretary's quarters, on the completion of his term, until 31st March 2019.

The Working committee decided to permit the stay of Rev. Christopher Rajkumar in the same quarters, after the completion of his term, until 31st May 2019

It was resolved:

Res.No.08/WC/2019

i. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad's family be granted permission to stay in NCCI Campus, in a quarter other than the General Secretary quarters, after the completion of his term on 2nd January 2019, upto 31st March 2019.

ii. Rev. Christopher Rajkumar's family be granted permission to stay in NCCI Campus, in the same quarter, after the completion of his term on 31st March 2019, upto 31st May 2019.

c. Request of Mr. Prakash Meshram for appointment as permanent worker (WC:2018:27, Res.no. 34/WC/2018)
It was decided to defer decision on this matter and to request the General Secretary to study the staff structure and report in the next meeting. It was resolved:

Res.No.09/WC/2019
Decision on the request of Mr. Prakash Meshram be taken up after the General Secretary's study and report of the staff structure in the next meeting.

7. Preparations of NCCI-Executive Committee Meeting
The General Secretary reported that the preparations for NCCI Executive Committee Meeting is going on well. The Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator of CNI Synod and the President of NCCI, is hosting the meetings.

i. The Finance committee and the Working committee will meet at 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm respectively on 28th February 2019
ii. The Executive Committee will meet on 1st March 2019 at 9:30 am
iii. The meetings will take place in CNI Bhawan, 16 Pandit Marg, New Delhi
iv. Accommodation is arranged at CNI Bhawan and the National Council YMCAs
v. Local transportation from National YMCA to CNI Bhawan is also arranged

8. Preparations of WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Programme
The General Secretary reported that a WCC team of 11 people from different countries will visit India on a pilgrimage of justice and peace particularly focusing on issues related to discrimination of Dalits and dalit Christians. They will arrive on 27th February 2019 and will leave on 3rd March 2019. Mr.Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary, NCCI-Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns will accompany the team. Mr. S.Raju, Administrative Officer, NCCI will make all the logistic

arrangements. The team will stay in YMCA Tourist Hostel in New Delhi. All the expenses will be borne by WCC.

Apart from different projects the team will also be visiting ISPCK and CNI Delhi Brotherhood Society.

WC:2019:09 Any Other Business

1. *Request from the Dharma Jyoti Vidya Peeth for the services of the Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew as visiting faculty*

The General Secretary placed the letter from the Principal of the Dharma Jyoti Vidya Peeth requesting the services of Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew to be the visiting faculty. After due discussion it was decided that the request cannot be entertained.

Res.No.10/WC/2019

Resolved that the services of the Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew cannot be given to the Dharma Jyoti Vidya Peeth as a visiting faculty since his position in the NCCI is full time and requires his full concentration.

WC:2019:10 Date of next meeting

As suggested in the last Executive Committee Meeting held on 28th August 2018 the next date for the Working Committee Meeting will be 28th February 2019 at CNI Bhawan, New Delhi, hosted by the President, NCCI and the Moderator of CNI Synod.

WC:2019:11 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked all the members and specially the President for the time thought and suggestions given during the meeting.

WC:2019:12 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Collin Theodore and benediction by the President.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
held at 2:30 pm on 28th February 2019,
CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

FC:2019:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C Singh

FC:2019:02 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2019:03 Roll Call

The Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh chaired the meeting since Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer could not attend the meeting and send his apology

Members Present

Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President NCCI*
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Mrs. Rachna Singh
Mr. K. Jaya Rao
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary NCCI*
Mr Ashish. P. Mane, *Finance Officer, (Invitee)*

Apologies

1. Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer NCCI*
2. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
3. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2019:04 Adoption of Agenda

The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2019:05 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel / Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2019:06 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee

As no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th August 2018 at CSI Synod Secretariat, Chennai, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No. 01/FC/2019:
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th August 2018 be confirmed.

FC:2019:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2018** (NCCI\CSA) [Ref. FC:2018:23]
   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Report of the Internal Auditor for NCCI Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2018, was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Report of the Internal Auditor for CSA Accounts for period ended 31st March 2018, was forwarded through the Managing Committee to the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

2. **Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2018 of** (NCCI\CSA) [Ref. FC:2018:24]
   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2018 (NCCI/CSA), was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to CSA Accounts year ending 31st March 2018 (NCCI/CSA), was forwarded through the Managing Committee to the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

3. **Receipts and Payments A/C for the period from 01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 NCCI & CSA** [Ref. FC:2018:25]
   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018, was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

   As resolved by the Finance Committee, the CSA-Local & FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018, was forwarded through the Managing Committee to the General Body for approval, and the same was duly approved.

4. **Appointment of Internal Auditors – (NCCI\CSA)** [Ref. FC:2018:26]
   As recommended by the Finance Committee, Working Committee, and the Executive Committee to the General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2018-19 for NCCI. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

As recommended by the Finance Committee, and the Managing Committee, to the General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2018-19 for CSA. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

5. Appointment of Statutory Auditors – (NCCI\CSA) [Ref. FC:2018:27]
As recommended by the Finance Committee, Working Committee, and the Executive Committee to the General Body that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2018-19 for NCCI. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

As recommended by the Finance Committee, and the Managing Committee, to the General Body that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2018-19 for CSA. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

FC:2019:08 Report on Finances of NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Res No. 02/FC/2019:
Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation.

FC:2019:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2018 to 31st December, 2018) :
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Res No. 03/FC/2019 :
Resolved that the NCCI Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018, be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2019:10 Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2018 to 30th Sept 2018)
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018

Res No. 04/FC/2019:
Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2019:11 Salary Revision (2018-2021)

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Draft proposal of NCCI-Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021. The proposal was for merging Present Basic and Present D.A to form the New Basic and new D.A were proposed @ 10%, 15%, 20%, on new Basic, all other allowances be same as was applicable in the present salary structure.

Res No. 05(A)/FC/2019:
Resolved that the NCCI-Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021 by merging present Basic & Present D.A to form New Basic be accepted and to pay D.A @10% on new basic retrospectively from 1st April 2018 onwards. All other allowances be same as were allowable in the present structure be paid in the New Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021

Res No. 05(B)/FC/2019:
The New Salary Revision Scheme be applicable from 1st April 2019 and the Arrears of Salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 be paid in installment as per the financial position of the organization

Res No. 05(C)/FC/2019:
The Committee has suggested that the Scheme of 10% D.A on new Basic is accepted till the arrears of salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is paid and the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes. Then the salary may further be revised to 15% of D.A on the new Basic.

FC:2019:12 Budget for the year 2019-2020

(i) Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-20

The Finance Officer presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY2019-20. After discussion it was decided to receive the NCCI Budget for the FY 2019-20 and recommend the same to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

Res No. 06/FC/2019:
Resolved to receive the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-20 and to recommend the same to the Working Committee.

FC:2019:13 Property matters : Mr. Ashish Mane gave a brief Report on NCCI Property Matters, Mr Ashish Mane sensitized on the issue of Maharastra Governments decision on allowing Nazul Lease land renewal Process, and its Nazul Rent of Rs 10,00,000/- P.A for NCCI Properties (i.e NCCI Campus property of Rs 7,50,000/- and Church House property of Rs 2,50,000/-) as from the year 2016 onwards.

Res No. 07/FC/2019:
Resolved to authorize Rev Asir Ebenezer to do such acts as required for renewing the NCCI Nazul properties and to pay the nazul rent for the NCCI Campus @ of Rs 7,50,000/- and for the Church House Property @ Rs 2,50,000/- P.A from the year 2016 onwards.

FC:2019:14 Any Other Business

Resolved:

A) Rev Asir Ebenezer explained in details the need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI

Res No.08(A)/FC/2019 :
NCCI should initiate the process of securing FCRA Certificate for itself in due course of time.

B) Mr Ashish Mane shared that the amount held in the NCCI P.F trust for following employees namely

1) Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad Rs 6,80,179.11/-
2) Ms Ushakiran Herold Rs 4,35,346.82/-
3) Mr M. T. Thomas Rs 7,22,592.29/-
4) Ms Moumita Biswas Rs 2,52,181/-

be settled as these employees have either reached the age of 58 yrs or have left NCCI services.

Res No.08(B)/FC/2019 :
that the amount held in NCCI PF trust in the name of
(1) Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad for Rs 6,80,179.11/-
(2) Ms. Ushakiran Herold for Rs 4,35,346.82/-
(3) Mr. M.T Thomas for Rs 7,22,592.29/- and
(4) Ms Moumita Biswas for Rs 2,52,181/-
be settled as these employees have either reached the age of 58 yrs or have left NCCI Services, after the following requisite procedures

Res No.08(C)/FC/2019:
That the fixed deposit held for the P.F due in the NCCI P.F Trust be withdrawn & paid to the concerned employees

C) Mr Ashish Mane presented the draft General Secretaries Salary Structure for fixation of Salary of General Secretary

Res No.08 (D)/FC/2019:
That the salary structure of General Secretary be accepted as follows

Basic Salary	***Rs 59,760/-,***
D.A(15%)	***Rs 8,974,***
CCA	***Rs 1,000/-***

Management Contribution to P.F @ 12% on Basic and DA, one month's Basics as Holiday Allowance every year, Christmas gift of Rs 10,000/- P.A, Reimbursement of Medical Expenses of Rs 10,000/- P.A. apart from this Rev Asir Ebenezer be provided with other amenities as per the NCCI Policy.

D) Mr Ashish Mane presented the report on the conditions of Vehicle at NCCI Office and a need for disposing Old Vehicle and to purchase a new Vehicle

Res No.08(E)/FC/2019 :
that vehicle having Reg. No MH31-CP-3073 purchased on 31-03-2007 be disposed off after following due process and to purchase of new vehicle.

E) Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh President has advised that NCCI should start the initiative of reviving the Regional Councils and take, such steps as required for enthusing fresh momentum in the work of Regional Councils including organizing programmes for Pastors, independent ministries/Pastors, to have more visibility of NCCI Ministries at the regional\grassroots level.

F) Rev Asir Ebenezer shared that there is a need for having a third signatory for NCCI Bank Accounts on account of our Treasurer is facing some health issues.

Res No.08(F1)/FC/2019 :
To add Ms. Rachna Singh member of Finance Committee along with Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) and Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer) as the third signatory for all NCCI Bank Accounts, w.e.f 1st March 2019

Res No.08(F2)/FC/2019 :

i) That all cheques below Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary)

ii) And that all cheques above Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) along with any one of the following signatory namely
1) Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar
2) Ms Rachna Singh.

FC:2019:14(A): **Matters from Christian Service Agency, a Service Wing of National Council of Churches in India**

FC:2019:14(A1): **Report on Finances of CSA**
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Res No. 09(A1)/FC/2019: Resolved that the report on the finances of CSA be received with appreciation.

FC:2019:14(A2): **Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2018 to 31st December, 2018) :**
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Res No. 09(A2a)/FC/2019:
Resolved that the CSA-Local Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Res No. 09(A2b)/FC/2019:
Resolved that the CSA-FC Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018, be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.

FC:2019:14(A3): **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2018 to 30th Sept 2018)**
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to CSA for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018

Res No. 09(A3)/FC/2019:
Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 be received and to recommend the same to the CSA Managing Committee for approval.

FC:2019:14(A4): Salary Revision (2018-2021)

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Draft proposal of CSA-Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021. The proposal was for merging Present Basic and Present D.A to form the New Basic and new D.A were proposed @ 10%, 15%, 20%, on new Basic, all other allowances be same as was applicable in the present salary structure.

Res No. 09(A4a)/FC/2019:
Resolved that the CSA-Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021 by merging present Basic & Present D.A to form New Basic be accepted and to pay D.A @10% on new basic retrospectively from 1st April 2018 onwards. All other allowances be same as were allowable in the present structure be paid in the New Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021

Res No. 09(A4b)/FC/2019:
The New Salary Revision Scheme be applicable from 1st April 2019 and the Arrears of Salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 be paid in installment as per the financial position of the organization

Res No. 09(A4c)/FC/2019:
The Committee has suggested that the Scheme of 10% D.A on new Basic is accepted till the arrears of salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is paid and the financial condition of CSA stabilizes. Then the salary may further be revised to 15% of D.A on the new Basic.

FC:2019:14(A5): Budget for the year 2019-2020

(ii) Budget of the CSA for the FY 2019-2020

The Finance Officer presented the budget of the CSA for the FY 2019-20. After discussion it was decided to receive the CSA Budget for the FY 2019-20 and recommend the same to the Management Committee for approval

Res No. 09(A5)/FC/2019:
Resolved to receive the budget of the CSA for the FY 2019-20 and to recommend the same to the Management Committee

FC:2019:14(B): Other CSA Matters

1. FC:2019:14(B1): Mr Ashish Mane informed that the ratification decision is required for the service charges paid\payable to

1) M\S Khosla Builders India Pvt Ltd Rs 7,00,000/- for securing tenant for 2nd floor,

2) M\S Khosla Builders Pvt Ltd Rs 6,00,000/- for securing tenant for 3rd floor,
3) Service charges of Rs 8,40,000/- for securing tenant for 1st floor and
4) Realistic Realtors Pct Ltd Rs 6,30,000/- for securing tenant for 4th floor of Mythri House building New Delhi.

Res No.10(B1)/FC/2019:
That the ratification decision be made for the service charges paid\payable

1) M\S Khosla Builders India Pvt Ltd Rs 7,00,000/- for securing tenant for 2nd floor,
2) M\S Khosla Builders Pvt Ltd Rs 6,00,000/- for securing tenant for 3rd floor,
3) Service charges of Rs 8,40,000/- for securing tenant for 1st floor and
4) Realistic Realtors Pct Ltd Rs 6,30,000/- for securing tenant for 4th floor of Mythri House building New Delhi.

2) **FC:2019:14 (B2):** It was brought to the notice of the Finance Committee that Mr. S. Raju who has worked diligently for securing reliable and credible tenants at Mythri house Building at New Delhi. After discussion it was decided to present Mr. S. Raju with a Letter of Appreciation along with a token of Rs. 50,000/-. As an acknowledgement for his good work done.

Res No.10(B2)/FC/2019 :
To present Mr. S. Raju a Letter of Appreciation along with a token of Rs 50,000/- as an acknowledgement for his good work done with regard to securing reliable and credible tenants at Mythri house Building at New Delhi.

3) FC:2019:14(B2A): Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh President has advised that CSA should start the initiative of reviving the Regional Councils and take, such steps as required for enthusing fresh momentum in the work of Regional Councils including organizing programmes for Pastors, independent ministries/ Pastors, to have more visibility of CSA Ministries at the regional \ grassroots level.

4) FC:2019:14(B3): Mr Ashish Mane presented the report on the conditions of Vehicle at CSA Office and a need for disposing Old Vehicle and to purchase a new Vehicle

Res No.10(B3)/FC/2019 :
that vehicle having Reg. No MH31-CS-4980 purchased on 29-06-20019 be disposed off after following due process and to Purchase a new vehicle for Secretary CSA in the range of 10-12 lakhs. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh suggested consider "Mahindra Maaja" vehicle

5) FC:2019:14(B4): Rev Asir Ebenezer shared that there is a need for having a third signatory for CSA Bank Accounts on account of our Treasurer facing some health issues.

Res No.09(B4a)/FC/2019 :
To add Ms. Rachna Singh along with Rev Asir Ebenezer (Secretary) and Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer) as the third signatory for all CSA Bank Accounts, w.e.f 1st March 2019

Res No.09(B4b)/FC/2019 :

i) That all cheques below Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (Secretary)

ii) And that all cheques above Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (Secretary) along with any one of the following signatory namely
1) Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar
2) Ms Rachna Singh

FC:2019:15 Vote of Thanks
The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh. for taking time out to chair the meeting. And also thanked all the other members who were present for their presence and en couraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2019:16 Closing Prayer and Benediction
The meeting concluded with prayer by Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 28th February 2019 at 4:30 p.m.,
at CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

WC:2019:13 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

WC:2019:14 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2019:15 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
6. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
7. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*

WC:2019:16 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res. No. 11/WC/2019

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2019:17 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2019:18 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Working Committee held on 3rd January 2019 which had been circulated on 21st January 2019, was confirmed.

WC:2019:19 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on 3rd January 2019

I. Information to Charity Commissioner and Registrar of Companies:
As resolved by the Working Committee to file a change report with the Charity Commissioner that Rev. Asir Ebenezer be appointed as a trustee of NCCI for a period of 5 years with effect from 1st January 2019 and further resolved to authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary NCCI as the reporting trustee for matters pending before the Charity Commissioner. It was reported that the process for filing change report is underway.

II. Change of Signatories of all the Bank Accounts of NCCI:
As resolved by the Working Committee Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary, will be a signatory and operator of all Bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) with effect from 3rd January 2019 in place of Rev.Dr. Roger Gaikwad. It was reported that the change has been effected in all the bank accounts of NCCI.

III. Requests for accommodation in NCCI Campus (Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad & Rev. Christopher Rajkumar):
As resolved by the Working Committee that Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad's family be granted permission to stay in NCCI Campus, in a quarter other than the General Secretary quarters, after the completion of his term on 2nd January 2019, upto 31st March 2019 and Rev. Christopher Rajkumar's family be granted permission to stay in NCCI Campus, in the same quarter, after the completion of his term on 31st March 2019, upto 31st May 2019. It was reported by the General Secretary that the decision was communicated that permission granted and the families are staying in the NCCI Campus.

IV. Request from the Dharma Jyoti Vidyapeeth for the services of the Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew as visiting faculty:
As resolved by the Working Committee the services of the Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew cannot be given to the Dharmajyoti Vidyapeeth as a visiting faculty since his position in the NCCI is full time and requires his full concentration. It was reported that the decision was communicated to Dharma Jyoti Vidyapeeth with a copy marked to Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew.

WC:2019:20 New Business

I. Report of the Treasurer
The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances and decided to forward the same to the Executive Commit tee (see Appendix-I).

It was resolved:

Res.No.12/WC/2019

To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2018 to the Executive Committee for approval.

II. Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2018 to 30th Sept 2018)

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 (see Appendix-II). The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved

Res.No.13/WC/2019

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 be received and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

III. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2018 to 31st December 2018

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018 (see Appendix-III). It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.14/WC/2019

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

IV. Budget for the year 2019-2020

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-20 (see Appendix-IV). It was decided to receive the NCCI Budget for the FY 2019-20 and to forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.15/WC/2019

The budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-2020 be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

V. Matters from Finance Committee

1. Salary Revision (2018-2021)

The General Secretary reported that the draft proposal of Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021 was for merging Present Basic

and Present D.A to form the New Basic and the proposed new D.A was @ 10%, 15%, 20%, on new Basic, all other allowances were the same as was applicable in the present salary structure. The Working Committee received and approved the draft proposal of salary revision by merging present Basic & present D.A. to form new Basic and to pay D.A. @ 10% on new Basic w.e.f. 1st April 2018 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.16/WC/2019

i. To receive and approve the proposal of Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021 by merging present Basic &Present D.A to form New Basic and to pay D.A @10% on new basic retrospectively from 1st April 2018 onwards and forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval. All other allowances be same as were allowable in the present structure be paid in the New Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021

ii. To receive and approve the revised salaries to be paid from 1st April 2019 and the arrears of salaries from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 in installments as per the financial position of the organization and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

iii. To receive and approve the suggestion of the Committee that the Scheme of 10% D.A on new Basic is accepted till the arrears of salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is paid and the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes. Then the salary may further be revised to 15% of D.A on the new Basic and forward the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. FCRA Certificate for NCCI

The General Secretary explained in details the need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI.

It was resolved:

Res.No.17/WC/2019

NCCI should initiate the process of securing FCRA Certificate for itself in due course of time.

3. P.F. Settlement:

The General Secretary reported that the amount held in the NCCI P.F trust for following employees namely

1) Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad Rs. 6,80,179.11/-
2) Ms Ushakiran Herold Rs. 4,35,346.82/-
3) Mr M.T.Thomas Rs. 7,22,592.29/-
4) Ms Moumita Biswas Rs. 2,52,181/- be settled as these employees have either reached the age of 58 yrs or have left NCCI services. The Working Committee noted and approved that the fixed deposit held for P.F. due in the NCCI P.F. Trust be withdrawn and paid to the concerned employees.

It was resolved:

Res.No.18/WC/2019

i. To recommend to the Executive Committee that the amount held in NCCI P.F. trust in the name of
1) Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad for Rs. 6,80,179.11/-
2) Ms. Ushakiran Herold for Rs. 4,35,346.82/-
3) Mr. M.T Thomas for Rs. 7,22,592.29/- and
4) Ms Moumita Biswas for Rs. 2,52,181/- be settled as these employees have either reached the age of 58 yrs or have left NCCI Services after the following requisite procedures.

ii. Further resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee that the fixed deposit held for the P.F due in the NCCI P.F Trust be withdrawn and paid to the concerned employees.

4. Sale of old office vehicle:

The General Secretary reported that the condition of Vehicle No. MH31 CP3073 purchased on 31.03.2007 at NCCI Office, needs to be disposed of and to purchase a new Vehicle. The committee discussed the matter and suggested to dispose of the old vehicle and purchase a new vehicle with due process.

It was resolved:

Res.No.19/WC/2019

To recommend to the Executive Committee that Vehicle No. MH31 CP3073 purchased on 31.03.2007 be disposed off after following due process and to purchase a new vehicle.

5. Third Signatory:

The General Secretary shared that there is a need for having a third signatory for NCCI Bank Accounts on account of our Treasurer facing some health issues. The Working Committee discussed the matter and decided to add Ms. Rachna Singh, member of the Finance Committee along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) and

Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer) as the third signatory for all NCCI Bank Accounts with effect from 1st March 2019.

It was resolved:

Res.No.20/WC/2019

i. To approve and to recommend to the Executive Committee to add Ms. Rachna Singh member of Finance Committee along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) and Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer), as the Third Signatory for all NCCI Bank Accounts, w.e.f. 1st March 2019.

ii. To approve and to recommend to the Executive Committee that all the cheques below Rs. 48,000/- will be signed by Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary.

iii. To approve and to recommend to the Executive Committee that all the cheques above Rs. 48,000/- will be signed by Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary along with any one of the following signatories namely;
(a) Rev. Dr. A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar;
(b) Ms. Rachna Singh.

VI. Report of the General Secretary

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI, and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.

It was resolved

Res.No.21/WC/2019

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee.

VII. Staff matters

1. CSA Administrative Officer

The General Secretary reported that Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer of CSA is nominated as the Administrative Officer of NCCI, on an honorary capacity.

It was resolved

Res.No.22/WC/2019

Mr. S. Raju, Administrative Officer of CSA is nominated as the Administrative Officer of NCCI, on an honorary capacity.

2. Employees needing extension of contract

The General Secretary reported that Ms. Neelam Gaikwad, Programme Assistant, Communications-NCCI, Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure, Programme Assistant-Documentation-NCCI, and Mr. Peter Sebastian, Accountant-NCCI are finishing their contract with NCCI on 31st March 2019 and 31st May 2019 respectively. It was recommended that they be given an extension of contract service for a period of 3 years.

It was resolved:

Res No.23/WC/2019

i. The contract service of Ms. Neelam Gaikwad as Programme Assistant Communications-NCCI be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019.

ii. The contract service of Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure as Programme Assistant Documentation-NCCI be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019.

iii. The contract service of Mr. Peter Sebastian, as Accountant-NCCI be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st June 2019.

It was further reported that contract of 7 contractual daily wages workers (Mrs. Lalita Kore; Mrs. Aarti Zanjhote; Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade; Ms. Saraswati Bele; Mrs. Sunita Rawate; Mr. Santosh Atram and Mr. Nikhil Chauhan) who are working in the administrative office, garden, and guest house also needs extension. The committee discussed the matter and recommended that they be given an extension of contract for a period of 11 months.

It was resolved:

Res No. 24/WC/2019

The contract service of contractual daily wages workers (Mrs. Lalita Kore; Mrs. Aarti Zanjhote; Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade; Ms. Saraswati Bele; Mrs. Sunita Rawate; Mr. Santosh Atram and Mr. Nikhil Chauhan) be extended for a period of 11 months on contract with effect from 1st April 2019.

3. Confirmation of Mr. Prakash Meshram

The General Secretary recommended to confirm the services of Mr. Prakash Meshram as Electrician and put him in scale of NCCI with effect from 1st April 2019.

It was resolved:

Res No. 25/WC/2019

The services of Mr. Prakash Meshram as Electrician be confirmed with effect from 1st April 2019.

4. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concerns

The General Secretary informed that the post of Executive Secretary for Women Concerns is vacant and needs to be filled in. The committee discussed the matter and asked the General Secretary to advertise the post and process of shortlisting, interview and appointment be followed. The Committee preferred that the candidate should be P.G. with theological education and 30+ minimum and maximum 40 years of age with experience of working in/with women's work of the church. President, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Ms. Hanabalhun Kharbuki, and the General Secretary, NCCI to form interview panel. The General Secretary will communicate the decision of interview panel to the members of Working Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res No. 26/WC/2019

The post of Executive Secretary for Women Concerns be filled after the due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and interview.

WC:2019:21 Any Other Business

I. Internships:

It was reported that the present system interns work as Program Assistant for respective ministries, and that it will be good to revive the general "Internship" program under the Youth Ministry based on the existing guidelines. It was decided to call for interns under the Youth Ministry based on the existing internship guidelines. Program Assistants may be recruited as required and subject to availability of funds under respective projects/programs for which they will be recruited.

II. Mission Guidelines:

The Mission guidelines forwarded by Unity and Mission Program of NCCI was place before the committee. The same was forwarded to the Executive Committee for receiving and further processing.

III. Disability Guidelines:

The IDEA guidelines forwarded by NCCI-IDEA was place before the committee. The same was forwarded to the Executive Committee for receiving and further processing.

IV. NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board:

The General Secretary reported that a letter received from Rev. Dr. Ashish Amos, General Secretary of ISPCK, related to nominate a representative from NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2019-2022. The Committee discussed the matter and unanimously proposed the name of Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President of NCCI in the ISPCK General Body for the period 2019-2022.

It was resolved:

Res No. 27/WC/2019

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President, NCCI is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2019-2022.

V. Letter from M. Nirmala, claiming to be Secretary of SALC, reference from UELCI:

The General Secretary reported that a letter dated 9th February 2019 received from one Ms. M. Nirmala, claiming to be Secretary, SALC regarding the newly elected Officers and Chairman of Boards. The letter was sent to the Executive Secretary, UELCI for guidance and reference. The General Secretary reported that according to UELCI this is a group that has gone against the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur, the church that is on record with the NCCI.

It was resolved:

Res No. 28/WC/2019

To affirm the membership of the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur as member of the NCCI.

VI. Case before the Deputy Charity Commissioner, Nagpur:

The General Secretary informed that one Mr. Manoj Soni, former staff of CSA, filed a complaint before the Deputy Charity Commissioner of Nagpur. The committee discussed the matter and authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI to handle the case of Mr. Manoj Soni before the Dy. Charity Commissioner.

It was resolved:

Res No. 29/WC/2019

To authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI to handle the case of Mr. Manoj Soni before the Dy. Charity Commissioner, Nagpur.

VII. Kandhmal follow up

The General Secretary reported that 7 Christians are still in jail relating to violence in Kandhmal, severe efforts are taken to release them.

It was resolved:

Res No. 30/WC/2019

To authorize the General Secretary to explore the possibilities to expedite the release of 7 Christians who are languishing in jail in connection with attack on Christians in Kandhamal.

VIII. Strengthen the Regional Christian Councils

The President advise that the Regional Christian Councils (RCC) should be strengthened and that in earlier times NCCI use to give a small grant to RCCs for programmes.

It was resolved:

Res No. 31/WC/2019

To advise NCCI Secretariat to work in close consideration with Regional Christian Councils so that this working relationship will strengthen ecumenism in the 18 regions represented by the RCCs.

WC:2019:22 Date of next meeting

The proposed dates for the next meetings of NCCI Finance Committee, Working Committee, Executive Committee and the General Body were 18, 19, and 20 September 2019.

WC:2019:23 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2019:24 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice President, NCCI and benediction was pronounced by the Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 a.m. 1st March, 2019,
CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

EC:2019:01 Opening Devotion

The morning Devotion was led by the participants using World Day of Prayer liturgy. The President gave the homily.

EC:2019:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
6. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
7. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
8. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
9. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
10. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
11. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
12. Mr. K. Abraham,
13. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
15. Mr. Angelious Michael,
16. Most Rev.Cyril Mar Baseliose,
17. H.G. Issac Mor Osthathios,
18. Ms. Ani Koshy,
19. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
20. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
21. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
22. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
23. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
24. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
25. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
26. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
27. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
28. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
29. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
3. Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G.
4. Rev. R. Zohmingliana,

5. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
6. Mr.M. Rajakara Rao
7. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi
8. Rt.Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
9. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
10. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
11. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
12. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
13. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal
14. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
15. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim
16. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
17. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
18. Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar

III. Absentees

1. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
2. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,

IV. Invitees

1. Mr. Ashish Mane, *Finance Officer, NCCI*

V. Executive Secretaries/Coordinators

1. Rev. R. Christopher Rajkumar
2. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
3. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
4. Rev Dr Abraham Mathew
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan

VI. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

EC:2019:03 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee.

EC:2019:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

Res. No. 01/EC/2019

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2019:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mrs. Rachna Singh were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 02/EC/2019

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mrs. Rachna Singh be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2019:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary read out the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat, he also mentioned about passing away of mother of Mrs. Basanti Biswas, NCCI-Executive Committee Member:

i. Rev. Fr. Samuel Rayan, Jesuit priest and scholar, passed away in Kozhikode, Kerala, on 2 Jan 2019 at the lovely age of 98. He was the former Principal of Indian School of Ecumenical Theology (ISET), Bangalore. A great theologian, and ecumenical leader.

ii. Rev. Dr. Gnana Robinson, the former Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, and a prominent ecumenical leader, entered into the eternal glory on 3rd Feb 2019. He hails from the Kanyakumari Diocese of the Church of South India (CSI).

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose offered prayer.

II. Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the following names who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

i. Lieut Colonel John Kumar Dasari, new National Executive Officer, of the Salvation Army
ii. Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan, new Bishop of Diocese of Bhopal, CNI w.e.f. 5th Jan 2019.
iii. Bishop Dr. V. M. Jurri is the new Moderator and Rev. Madhukant Masih is the new Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church in India, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh w.e.f. 1st Jan 2019.
iv. The new Office Bearers of BSI for the Triennium 2019-2022:
    - Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh - President, BSI
    - Dr. Mrs. Leela Bose - Vice President, BSI
    - Rev. Premkumar Soans - Treasurer, BSI
v. The new Office Bearers of CASA for 2019-2022:
    - H.G. Dr. Yakob Mar Irenaios - Chairperson
    - Bishop Subodh C. Mondal - Vice-Chairperson
    - Rev. S.C. David - Treasurer
vi. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim, new Administrative Secretary of PCI

The following persons who were present in the meeting were felicitated: Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, and Rev. Madhukant Masih. The President welcomed Rev. Madhukant Masih who was attending the NCCI Executive Committee for the first time in place of Deacon Vikal Rao, who relinquished his services as the Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church in India.

EC:2019:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 28th August 2018 had been circulated on 4th October 2018 and no adverse comments were received. It was resolved:

Res.No. 03/EC/2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 28th August 2018 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2019:08 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2018

I. Salary Revision [Ref. EC:2018:27 (I)(4)]: As proposed by the Working Committee and approved by the last Executive Committee a 10% hike from 1st April 2018 to be given. As the Mythri House has been given for tenancy, hence the same is approved. Only DA has been revised @ 10%.

II. Report of the Treasurer (including approval of Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts) [Ref. EC:2018:28 (I)]:
The Report of the Treasurer on NCCI Finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2018 was received and approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th August 2018 and forwarded the same to the General Body for approval.

III. Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts [Ref. EC:2018:28 (II)]:
The Statutory Auditor's Report & Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was received and approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th August 2018 and forwarded the same to the General Body for approval.

IV. Appointment of Statutory Auditors [Ref. EC:2018:29 (I)]
As recommended by the Finance Committee, and the Working Committee the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th August 2018 re-appointed of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co. as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2018-2019 for NCCI.

V. Appointment of Internal Auditors [Ref. EC:2018:30]
As recommended by the Finance Committee, and the Working Committee the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th August 2018 re-appointed of M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2018-2019 for NCCI.

VI. Membership matters [Ref. no. EC:2018:31 (III)]
The General Secretary reported that a letter was sent to the Membership |Committee on 20th December 2018 to do the needful. The Committee discussed the matter and decided that the application for the new membership has to processed through the Working Committee and then it should go to the Membership Committee. Those membership applications rejected cannot be processed.

VII. The resignation of Dn.Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, Women Concerns [Ref. EC:2018:31 (IV)]
The Secretariat completed all the requirements with Rev. Moumita Biswas and settled all her dues.

VIII. Appointment of the new General Secretary of NCCI
[Ref. EC:2018:33]
As recommended by the Search Committee to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th August 2018 appointed Rev. Asir Ebenezer as the new General Secretary of NCCI w.e.f. 1st January 2019 for a period of 5 years, and were installed on 3rd January 2019.

EC:2019:09 Matters from the Finance Committee

I. Salary Revision (2018-2021)
The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee discussed the draft proposal of Salary Revision for the year 2018 - 2021 for merging Present Basic and Present D.A to form the New Basic and the proposed new D.A was @ 10%, 15%, 20%, on new Basic, all other allowances were the same as was applicable in the present salary structure. The Working Committee received and approved the draft proposal of salary revision by merging present Basic & present D.A. to form new Basic and to pay D.A. @ 10% on new Basic w.e.f. 1st April 2018 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.04/EC/2019

i. The proposal of Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021 by merging present Basic &Present D.A to form New Basic and to pay D.A @10% on new basic retrospectively from 1st April 2018 be approved. All other allowances be same as were allowable in the present structure be paid in the New Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021

ii. The revised salaries to be paid from 1st April 2019 and the arrears of salaries from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 in installments as per the financial position of the organization be approved.

iii. The suggestion of the Committee that the Scheme of 10% D.A on new Basic is accepted till the arrears of salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is paid and the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes. Then the salary may further be revised to 15% of D.A on the new Basic be approved.

II. FCRA Certificate for NCCI

The General Secretary explained in detail the need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI in order to receive grants from NCCI overseas partners.

It was resolved:

Res.No.05/EC/2019

To authorize the General Secretary to initiate the process of obtaining registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to receive funds from overseas partners of NCCI.

III. P.F. Settlement:

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee discussed that the amount held in the NCCI P.F trust for following employees namely

1) Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad Rs. 6,80,179.11/-
2) Ms Ushakiran Herold Rs. 4,35,346.82/-
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be settled as these employees have either reached the age of 58 yrs or have left NCCI services. The Working Committee noted and approved that the fixed deposit held for P.F. due in the NCCI P.F. Trust be withdrawn and paid to the concerned employees.

It was resolved:

Res.No.06/EC/2019

i. The amount held in NCCI P.F. trust in the name of
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   (2) Ms. Ushakiran Herold for Rs. 4,35,346.82/-
   (3) Mr. M.T Thomas for Rs. 7,22,592.29/- and
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IV. Sale of old office vehicle:

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee discussed the matter of condition of Vehicle No. MH31 CP3073 pur chased on 31.03.2007 at NCCI Office, and decided that it needs to be disposed of and to purchase a new Vehicle. The committee discussed the matter and suggested to dispose of the old vehicle following due process and purchase a new vehicle.

It was resolved:

Res.No.07/EC/2019

Vehicle No. MH31 CP3073 purchased on 31.03.2007 be disposed off after following due process and to purchase a new vehicle.

V. Third Signatory:

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It was resolved:

Res.No.08/EC/2019

i. To add Ms. Rachna Singh member of Finance Committee along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) and Rev. Dr. A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer), as the Third Signatory for all NCCI Bank Accounts, w.e.f. 1st March 2019.

ii. All the cheques below Rs. 48,000/- will be signed by Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary.

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EC:2019:10 Matters from the Working Committee

I. Internships

It was reported that in the present system interns work as Program Assistant for respective ministries, and that it will be good to revive the general "Internship" program under the Youth Ministry based

on the existing guidelines. It was decided to call for interns under the Youth Ministry based on the existing internship guidelines. Program Assistants may be recruited as required and subject to avail ability of funds under respective projects/programs for which they will be recruited.

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IV. Letter from SALC, reference from UELCI

The General Secretary reported that a letter dated 9th February 2019 received from one Ms. M. Nirmala, claiming to be Secretary, SALC regarding the newly elected Officers and Chairman of Boards and that the letter was sent to the Executive Secretary, UELCI for guidance and reference. The General Secretary reported that according to UELCI this is a group that has gone against the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur, the church that is on record with the NCCI.

It was resolved:

Res No. 09/EC/2019

To affirm the membership of the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur as member of the NCCI.

EC:2019:11 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2018. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI and resolved to approve the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 10/EC/2019

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2018 were received and approved with appreciation.

EC:2019:12 Statement of Accounts

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

It was resolved

Res. No. 11/EC/2019

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st Dec 2017 be approved.

EC:2019:13 Internal Audit Report (from 1st April to 30th September 2018)

1. Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No. 12/EC/2019

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 be approved.

EC:2019:14 Budget for 2019-2020

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Office, NCCI presented the draft Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2019-20.

It was resolved

Res. No. 13/EC/2019

The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2019-20 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

EC:2019:15 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented a report for the period September 2018 to February 2019. After hearing the report the committee suggested a correction in page no.5 of the General Secretary's report, "that the Membership Committee to forward to the Working Committee and then to the General Body. The applications who are rejected should be set aside."

It was resolved

Res. No.14/EC/2019

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be approved with the suggested changes with appreciation.

EC:2019:16 Preparations for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Secretary placed before the committee a list containing dates, venues and themes of the previous NCCI Quadrennial Assemblies. The committee after due deliberations authorized the General Secretary to write to the NCCI Constituent bodies requesting any offers to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020.

EC:2019:17 Staff matters

I. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concerns

The General Secretary reported that the post of Executive Secretary for Women Concerns is vacant and needs to be filled in. The committee discussed the matter and authorised the General Secretary to advertise the post and follow process of short-listing, interview and appointment at the earliest. The Committee proposed that the candidate should be Post Graduate with theological education, and age between 30 to 40 years with minimum 5 years of experience working with in women's group in the church. The last date of receiving applications is 10th April 2019.

It was resolved:

Res No. 15/EC/2019

The post of Executive Secretary for Women Concerns be filled at the earliest after following due process of advertisement, shortlisting of applicants and interview.

II. Employees needing extension of contract

The General Secretary reported that Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure, Library Assistant, and Mr. Peter Sebastian, Accountant-NCCI are finishing their contract with NCCI on 31st March 2019 and 31st May 2019 respectively. It was recommended that they be given an extension of contract service for a period of 3 years.

It was resolved:

Res No.16/EC/2019

i. The contract service of Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure as Library Assistant be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019.

ii. The contract service of Mr. Peter Sebastian, as Accountant-NCCI be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st June 2019.

It was further reported that contract of 7 daily wages workers (Mrs. Lalita Kore; Mrs. Aarti Zanjhote; Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade; Ms. Saraswati Bele; Mrs. Anit Benny; Mrs. Sunita Rawate; Mr. Santosh Atram) who are working in the administrative office, garden, and guest house also needs extension. The committee discussed the matter and recommended that they be given an extension of contract for a period of 11 months.

It was resolved:

Res No. 17/EC/2019

The contract service of daily wages workers (Mrs. Lalita Kore; Mrs. Aarti Zanjhote; Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade; Ms. Saraswati Bele; Mrs. Anit Benny; Mrs. Sunita Rawate; Mr. Santosh Atram) be extended for a period of 11 months with effect from 1st April 2019.

III. Confirmation of Mr. Prakash Meshram

The General Secretary recommended to confirm the services of Mr. Prakash Meshram as Electrician and put him in scale of NCCI with effect from 1st April 2019.

It was resolved:

Res No. 18/EC/2019

The services of Mr. Prakash Meshram as Electrician be confirmed with effect from 1st April 2019.

IV. Extension of services of Fr.Thomas Ninan and Mr. Vijayan Pillay

The General Secretary reported that the contract service of Fr. Thomas Ninan as General Coordinator, ESHA is concluding on 31st August 2019, likewise the contract service of and Mr. Vijayan Pillay as Programme Coordinator and Office Assistant, ESHA is also concluding on 31st August 2019.

After due deliberation it was resolved:

Res No.19/EC/2019

i. The contract service of Fr. Thomas Ninan as General Coordinator, ESHA be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st September 2019, subject to an appraisal by the General Secretary.

ii. The contract service of Mr. Vijayan Pillay, as Programme Coordinator and Office Assistant, ESHA be extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st June 2019, subject to an appraisal by the General Secretary.

V. Case before the Deputy Charity Commissioner, Nagpur:

The General Secretary informed that one Mr. Manoj Soni, former staff of CSA, filed a complaint before the Deputy Charity Commissioner of Nagpur. The committee discussed the matter and authorized Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI to deal with the case of Mr. Manoj Soni before the Dy. Charity Commissioner.

It was resolved:

Res No. 20/EC/2019

To authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI to deal with the case of Mr. Manoj Soni before the Dy. Charity Commissioner, Nagpur.

EC:2019:18 Any Other Business

I. NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board

The General Secretary reported that a letter was received from Rev. Dr. Ashish Amos, General Secretary of ISPCK, to nominate a representative from NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2019-2022. The Committee discussed the matter and unanimously proposed the name of Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President to represent NCCI in the ISPCK General Body for the period 2019-2022.

It was resolved:

Res No. 21/EC/2019

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President, NCCI is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2019-2022.

II. Kandhmal Follow up

The General Secretary reported that 7 Christians are still in jail relating to violence in Kandhmal, several efforts are taken to release them.

It was resolved:

Res No. 22/EC/2019

To authorize the General Secretary to explore the possibilities to expedite the release of 7 Christians who are languishing in jail in connection with attack on Christians in Kandhamal.

III. Strengthen the Regional Christian Councils

The President advised that the Regional Christian Councils (RCC) should be strengthened and to revive the practice where NCCI used to give a small grant to RCCs for programmes.

It was resolved:

Res No. 23/EC/2019

To advise NCCI Secretariat to work in close cooperation with Regional Christian Councils so that the working relationship will strengthen ecumenism in the 18 regions represented by the RCCs.

EC:2019:19 Dates of Next Meeting

The President proposed that September 18-20, 2019 be the dates of the next meetings. The Finance Committee and the Working Committee could meet on 18th September 2019. The Executive

Committee could meet on 19th September 2019 and the General Body could meet on 20th September 2019.

The venue of the meetings would be intimated soon.

EC:2019:20 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Office-Bearers, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their contribution in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator of CNI Synod and President of NCCI, for graciously hosting the meetings. He thanked Warden of CNI, General Secretary of CNI Synod, and also YMCA and YWCA Delhi for their cooperation in hosting the event.

EC:2019:21 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Johan Dang and benediction by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mrs. Rachna Singh
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
10:00 am 31st July 2019,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi

Minutes of the Meetings

FC:2019:17 Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C Singh

FC:2019:18 Welcome
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC: 2019:19 Roll Call
The Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh chaired the meeting since Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer could not attend the meeting and sent his apology.

Members Present
1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President NCCI*
2. Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
3. Mrs. Rachna Singh
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary NCCI*
5. Mr Ashish. P. Mane, *Finance Officer, (Invitee)*

Apologies
1. Rev. Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer NCCI*
2. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
3. Mr. K. Jaya Rao

Absent
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2019:20 Adoption of Agenda
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2019:21 Appointment of Recording Secretary
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2019:22 Confirmation of the minutes of 28th February 2019
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th February 2019 at CNI Bhavan, New Delhi, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.10 /FC/2019: ***Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th February 2019 be confirmed***

FC:2019:23 Matters arising from the minutes of 28th February 2019 /Action Taken Report

1. **Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2018 to 31st December, 2018)** [Ref. FC:2019:09]
   As resolved by the Finance Committee the NCCI Statement of accounts for the period from 1st July 2018 to 31st Dec 2018 was forwarded through the NCCI Working Committee to the Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

2. **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2018 to 30th Sept 2018)** [Ref. FC:2019:10]
   As Resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 *was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly Approved.*

3. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref. FC: 2019:11]
   As Resolved by the Finance Committee the NCCI-Salary Revision scheme 2018-2021 by merging present Basic & Present D.A to form New Basic and D.A to be added @10% on new Basic, keeping all other allowances same as were eligible in the present structure be implemented from 1st April 2019. Was forwarded to the Working Committee and the Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

   As resolved by the Finance Committee the New Salary Revision Scheme to be implemented retrospectively from 1st April 2018 and the Arrears of Salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 be paid in instalments. The arrears of salary would be paid in the due course of time depending on financial position of the organization.

   As resolved by the Finance Committee that the Scheme of 10% D.A on new Basic to be accepted until the arrears of salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is paid and the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes. And after that the salary may further be revised to accommodate 15% of D.A on the new Basic. This decision of Finance Committee will be adhered to.

4. **Budget for the year 2019-2020** [Ref. FC: 2019:12]
   As resolved by the Finance Committee the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-20 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive

Committee approved of the same and forwarded to the General Body for its approval.

5. Property matters [Ref. FC:2019:13]
As Resolved by the Finance Committee to authorize Rev Asir Ebenezer to do such acts as required for renewing the NCCI Nazul properties and to pay the nazul rent for the NCCI Campus @ of Rs 7,50,000/- and for the Church House Property @ Rs 2,50,000/- P.A from the year 2016 onwards. The Matter would be complied once the funds are arranged for payment of Nazul dues from year 2016 onwards.

6. The need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI [Ref. FC:2019:13A]
As resolved by the Finance Committee to initiate the process for securing F.C.R.A. registration certificate for NCCI in due course of time. The papers as required for FCRA registration are in process.

7. The Settlement of amount held in the NCCI P.F trust for following employees namely

1)	Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad	Rs	6,80,179.11/-
2)	Ms Ushakiran Herold	Rs	4,35,346.82/-
3)	Mr M. T. Thomas	Rs	7,22,592.29/-
4)	Ms Moumita Biswas	Rs	2,52,181/-

[Ref. FC:2019:13B] ***The PF Amount of Ms Ushakiran Herold and Mr M. T. Thomas had been settled. The PF Amount of Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad is pending on account of insufficient balance in the erstwhile NCCI PF trust account and after depositing the required amount the payment would be made. Regarding P.F. of Ms Moumita Biswas the payment is in process.***

8. Sale of old office vehicle: *To recommend to the Executive Committee that Vehicle No. MH31 CP3073 purchased on 31.03.2007 be disposed off after following due process and to purchase a new vehicle.* The Matter of disposing of old vehicle is in process. Due to Financial Constraints in the current Finance year, new vehicle would be purchased in next Finance year.

9. **NCCI to start the initiative of reviving the Regional Councils and take, such steps as required for enthusing fresh momentum in the work of Regional Councils.** [Ref. FC:2019:13D]
As per the advice of the President Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, NCCI has organized following programmes (i) ESHA- TNCC programme; (ii) Programme conducted by Youth department on migration issue.

More programmes are planned with 18 RCC's

10. **The need for having a third signatory for NCCI Bank Accounts on account of our Treasurer is facing some health issues** [Ref. FC:2019:13F]
Decision was duly approved and implemented.

FC:2019:24 **Report on Finances of (NCCI)**
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Res No. 11/FC/2019: ***Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation***

FC:2019:25 **Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2019 (NCCI)**
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Res No. 12/FC/2019: ***Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period* 1st April 2018 to 31st March *be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval***

FC:2019:26 **Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019 of (NCCI)**
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the NCCI accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Res No. 13/FC/2019 :
Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

FC:2019:27 Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019 NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019

Res No. 14 /FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the NCCI Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2019 to June 30, 2019 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.***

FC:2019:28 : Appointment of Statutory Auditor

It was resolved to recommend to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-20 for NCCI.

Res No. 16/FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2019-2020.***

FC:2019:29 : Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 for NCCI.

Res No. 15/FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the* FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21**

FC:2019:30 New Business

1. Ratification for purchase of A.C. installed at General Secretary's residence

Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that a Ratification decision is required for the Purchase of A.C at General Secretaries Residence

Res No.17(1)/FC/2019:

Resolved that the purchase of A.C. at General Secretaries residence be ratified.

2. Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office, New Delhi

Since the Leave and License Agreement for NCCI National Office at New Delhi was reported under process so no decision was made

3. Ratification Decision for Renovation/Interior expenses at NCCI Office, New Delhi

Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that a ratification decision is required for the Renovation/Interior expenses at NCCI Office, New Delhi.

***Res No.17(2)/FC/2019*: Resolved that the renovation/Interior expenses at NCCI Office, New Delhi be ratified.**

4. Ratification for Purchase of 2 ACs at Azariah Guest House

Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that a Ratification decision is required for the Purchase of 2 ACs at Azariah Guest House.

***Res No.17(3)/FC/2019* : Resolved that the Purchase of 2 ACs at Azariah Guest House be ratified.**

FC: 2019:31 Reporting from CSA

A. Report on Finances of (CSA)

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of CSA. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

***Res No.18(1)/FC/2019*: Resolved to receive the report as presented on the finances of CSA, with appreciation**

B. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2019 (NCCI)

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of CSA for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

***Res No.18(2)/FC/2019*: Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March be received, as presented**

C. Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019 of (CSA)

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts with regard to the NCCI accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Res No.18(3)/FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 be received as presented***

D. Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019 NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the CSA-Local and CSA FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019

Res No. 18(4)/FC/2019:

Resolution: ***It was resolved that the CSA Local and CSA FC Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2019 to June 30, 2019 be received as presented***

E. Appointment of Statutory Auditor

It was resolved to recommend considering the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-20 for CSA

Res No. 18(5)/FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to appoint and to recommend the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2019-2020.***

F. Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for CSA

Res No. 18(6)/FC/2019 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to appoint and to recommend to the CSA Managing Committee and CSA General Body for approval that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021***

G. Mr Ashish Mane informed the Finance Committee regarding Payables for CSA

1) CSA Staff Salary Arrears from FY 2018-19 - Rs 600,000/-
2) Brokerage amount to be paid to IOB Staff for securing tenancy from IOB - Rs 200,000/-
3) NDMC Tax for Vacant Property (Mythri House) for the year 2018-19 - Rs 800,000/-

After a brief discussion the Finance Committee duly noted the Payables for NCCI and

Res No. 18(7)/FC/2019 : ***Resolved to authorize the Secretary to pay all the CSA Payables in due course of time.***

H. Ratification for Purchase of new vehicle Mahindra XUV 300 out of own fund and to make a recurring deposit to recoup the amount

Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that a Ratification decision is required for the Purchase of new vehicle Mahindra XUV 300 out of own fund to save paying interest on Vehicle Loan.

Res No. 18(8)/FC/2019 : ***Resolved that the Purchase of new vehicle Mahindra XUV 300 out of own fund and to make a Recurring deposit to recoup the amount be ratified.***

I. A resolution for Fixed Deposit from out of idle funds of FCRA Account

Mr Ashish Mane informed that a resolution is required to make Fixed Deposit out of idle funds of FCRA Account

Res No. 18(9)/FC/2019 : ***Resolved to Authorise Rev Asir Ebenezer, Secretary, CSA to do such act as are required from time to time for making and withdrawing of Fixed Deposits out of Idle funds of FCRA Account.***

J. Mr Ashish Mane Informed that there is a request from the ESHA Steering Committee and from the funding partner of ESHA project namely KIA for opening of a new bank account for utilizing the funds received in CSA-FCRA Bank Account for efficient working of the project.

After a brief discussion the Finance Committee

Res No. 18(10)/FC/2019 : ***Resolved to open a new bank account in Indian Bank Nagpur for utilizing the designated funds as and when received for ESHA project in the CSA-FCRA Bank Account in SBI for efficient use of the funds.***

FC:2019:32 Any other business

1) Rev Asir Ebenezer informed the Committee that since both the NCCI properties are Nazul properties which are been leased by the Maharashtra Government for 30years at a time, So it's high time that NCCI should think about saving and investing its funds in purchasing of a Freehold plot of Land in and around Nagpur.
After a brief discussion it was

Res No. 19(1)/FC/2019: ***Resolved to Authorise Rev Asir Ebenezer and Mr Ashish Mane to identify suitable freehold plot of land and bring a recommendation to the committee for Purchase of the identified plot of Land.***

2. Mr Ashish Mane informed the Finance Committee regarding Payables for NCCI

(A) Salary Arrears of FY 2018-19 **Rs 8,00,000/-**

(B) Nazul lease rent from 2016 onwards @ of Rs 7,50,000/- for NCCI Campus and Rs 2,50,000/- for Church house property p.a total liability comes to Rs 10,00,000/- P.A for four years it comes to **Rs 40,00,000/-**

(C) CCA Membership Fees Arrears: CCA has enhanced membership fees from 500/- usd to 3000/- usd from 2016 onwards. NCCI has paid Rs 500/- usd for 2016 and 750/- usd for 2017 the CCA membership Fees arrears comes to **Rs 600,000/-** till date

After a brief discussion the Finance Committee duly noted the Payables for NCCI and

Res No.19(2)/FC/2019: ***Resolved to authorize the General Secretary to pay all the Payables in due course of time.***

3. Rev Asir Ebenezer explained in detail the need for creating a Dalit Christian Support Fund for raising of finance for cause and support of Dalit Christians in India

Res No. 19(3)/FC/2019: ***Resolved to authorise Rev Asir Ebenezer to do such act as required for creating a Dalit Christian Support Fund for raising of finance for cause and support of Dalit Christians in India.***

Res No. 19(4)/FC/2019 **:** ***Resolved to open a new bank account in the name of NCCI-Dalit Christian Support Fund for receiving Donation \Contribution for the Cause and support of Dalit Christians in India.***

4. Ashish Mane Informed that a Since NCCI is applying for the Registration under F.C.R.A. Act so a Resolution is needed for opening a new Bank Account designated for receiving of Foreign Contributions.

Res No. 19(5)/FC/2019

Resolved: ***To open a new bank account in the name of NCCI-Foreign Contribution Account for receiving Donation \Contribution from Overseas***

5. Rev Dr Packiam Samuel Suggested to make provision for the expenses of NCCI Quadrennial Assembly.

6. Rev Asir Ebenezer informed Finance Committee that a Contributory Lunch for NCCI and CSA Staff has been started from May 2019 onwards.

Finance Committee duly noted the above information.

FC:2019:33 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh. for taking time out to chair the meeting. And also thanked all the other members who were present for their presence and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2019:34 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev Dr Packiam T Samuel.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 31st July 2019 at 12:00 noon,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi

WC:2019:25 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer.

WC:2019:26 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2019:27 Roll Call

Member Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, President
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice President
3. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, Vice President
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary
5. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)
6. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
7. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

Apology

1. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, Vice President
2. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer

WC:2019:28 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Res. No. 32/WC/2019

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki were appointed as Recording Secretaries.

WC:2019:29 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2019:30 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th February 2019 which had been circulated on 18th March 2019, was confirmed.

WC:2019:31 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 28 February 2019/Action taken report

I. Budget for the year 2019-2020 [Ref. WC:2019:20 IV)]:

As resolved by the Working Committee the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-2020 was forwarded to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval. It was accordingly approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to the General Body for approval.

II. Salary Revision (2018-2021) [Ref. WC:2019:20 (V) 1]:
As resolved by the Working Committee the proposal of Salary Revision for the year 2018-2021 was forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was accordingly approved by the Executive Committee.

III. FCRA Certificate for NCCI [Ref. WC:2019:20 (V) 2]
As resolved by the Working Committee and the Executive Committee the application for the NCCI FCRA registration is in process.

IV. P.F. Settlement [Ref. WC:2019:20 (V) 3]
As resolved by the Working Committee the PF amount of Ms. Ushakiran Herold and Mr M.T.Thomas had been settled. The PF amount of Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad is pending on account of insufficient balance in the PF trust account and after depositing the required amount the payment would be made. Regarding the payment of Ms Moumita Biswas the payment had been made.

V. Sale of old office Vehicle [Ref. WC:2019:20 (V) 4]
The matter of disposing of old vehicle is in process. Due to Financial Constraints in the current Finance year, new vehicle would be purchased in next Finance year.

VI. Third signatory [Ref. WC:2019:20 (V) 5]
The name of Ms. Rachna was added as the third signatory in all the NCCI Bank Accounts w.e.f. 1st March 2019.

VII. Employees needing extension of contract [Ref. WC:2019:20 (VII) 1]
As resolved by the Working Committee to extend the contract services of Ms. Neelam Gaikwad as Programme Assistant Communications -NCCI, Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure as Programme Assistant Documentation -NCCI and Mr. Peter Sebastian, as Accountant-NCCI were extended for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019 (Ms. Neelam Gaikwad and Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure) and 1st June 2019.

Similarly, the contract services of 7 daily wages workers were also extended for a period of 11 months w.e.f. 1st April 2019. The office issued the letters to the concerned employees.

VIII. Confirmation of Mr. Prakash Meshram [Ref. WC:2019:20 (VII) 2]
As resolved by the Working Committee the services of Mr. Prakash Meshram as Electrician were confirmed and a letter of confirmation was issued to him.

IX. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concern [Ref. WC:2019:20 (VII) 3]
The post of Executive Secretary for Women Concerns was advertised and 7 applications were received. The names and details of each applicant were communicated to the Working Committee members.

After due deliberation it was decided to call for new applications since none of the applicants were fully eligible to be called for an interview.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 33/WC/2019

To authorize President, Vice-President Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and the General Secretary to peruse the new applications interview and appoint a suitable person by 1st September 2019.

X. Internships [Ref. WC:2019:21 (I)]

The General internship programme for ecumenical formation were revived and two persons have joined for internship from 1st July 2019.

XI. Mission Guidelines [Ref. WC:2019:21 (II)]

The same was forwarded to the Executive Committee for receiving and further processing. Executive Committee received and advised to circulate to constituents.

XII. Disability Guidelines [Ref. WC:2019:21 (III)]

The same was forwarded to the Executive Committee for receiving and further processing. Executive Committee received and advised to circulate to constituents.

XIII. NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board [Ref. WC:2019:21 (IV)]

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas was nominated in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2019-2022 and the same was communicated to ISPCK.

XIV. Letter from M.Nirmala, claiming to be Secretary of SALC, reference from UELCI [Ref. WC:2019:21 (V)]

As resolved by the Working Committee to affirm the membership of the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur as member of the NCCI. The General Secretary visited the office of the SALC on 23rd April 2019 and conveyed the decision to Bishop O. Michael Benhur in the presence of Mr. K. Jaya Rao.

XV. Case before the Deputy Charity Commissioner, Nagpur

[Ref. WC:2019:21 (VI)]

The Working Committee to authorize Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI to handle the case of Mr. Manoj Soni before the Dy. Charity Commissioner, Nagpur. The case was followed up. Investigation of the Dy. Charity Commissioner is now completed and letter received. PF of Mr. Manoj Soni was also settled as per EPFO advise.

XVI. Kandhmal follow up [Ref. WC:2019:21 (VII)]

To authorize the General Secretary to explore the possibilities to expedite the release of 7 Christians who are languishing in jail in connection with attack on Christians in Kandhamal. Contacted Mr. Anto Akkara who is working on the matter and the CBCI, EFI others for working on the matter. The General Secretary is in touch with all partners.

XVII. Strengthen the Regional Christian Councils [Ref. WC:2019:21 (VIII)]

As resolved by the Working Committee to advise NCCI Secretariat to work in close consideration with Regional Christian Councils so that this working relationship will strengthen ecumenism in the 18 regions represented by the RCC, all Executive Secretaries and Pro gram staff have been advised and programmes are being conducted accordingly.

WC:2019:32 New Business

I. Report of the General Secretary:

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secre tary on NCCI, and approved the same.

It was resolved:

Res.No.34/WC/2019

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received with appreciation.

II. Report of the Treasurer

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee (see Appendix-I).

It was resolved:

Res.No.35/WC/2019

To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2019 to the Executive Committee for approval.

III. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2019

The Working Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

It was resolved:

Res.No.36/WC/2019

The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 be approved, and forwarded the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

IV. Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019

The Working Committee received the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.37/WC/2019

The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2018 to 31stMarch 2019 be approved, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval.

V. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019

The Working Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019 (see Appendix-II). It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.38/WC/2019

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

VI. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2019-2020

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-20.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.39/WC/2019

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be re-appointed as the StatutoryAuditors for the FY 2019-20 for NCCI.

VII. Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res.No.40/WC/2019

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

VIII. Ratification of expenses

The following expenses were presented for ratification. It was resolved:

Res.No.41/WC/2019

i. to ratify the decision for the purchase of A.C. at General Secretaries residence.

ii. to ratify the decision for the Renovation/Interior expenses at NCCI Office, New Delhi

iii. to ratify the decision for the Purchase of 2 ACs at Azariah Guest House.

IX. Utilization of surplus funds, if any/ Purchase of land

It was reported that since both the NCCI properties are Nazul properties which have been leased by the Maharashtra Government for 30 years at a time, it's high time that NCCI should think about investing its surplus funds in purchasing of land in and around Nagpur. It was resolved:

Res.No.42/WC/2019

To authorize the General Secretary and Finance Officer to identify suitable plot of land bring proposals for the purchase of land in and around Nagpur.

X. Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office, New Delhi

It was reported that the Leave and License Agreement for NCCI National Office at New Delhi is in the process of being finalized.

The reporting was noted.

XI. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The Working Committee discussed the following;

i. The tentative dates for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly will be 20th to 25th April 2020

ii. The venue for the Assembly will be Henry Martyn Institute (International Center for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation), 6-3-128/1 Beside National Police Academy, Shivrampally, Hyderabad.

iii. The Henry Martyn Institute (International Center for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation) is willing to host the Assembly.

iv. That the Assembly should be an opportunity and occasion for Rejoicing, Reflection, Rejuvenation of Ecumenical partnership in mission.

v. On the advise of the General Secretary, Ms. Shiluinla Jamir from

CBCNEI was appointed as Coordinator of the Assembly for a period of one year from 1st Sept 2019.

XII. Public Witness Issues

It was decided to write to the members of the General Body inviting issues/concerns (along with Draft wordings if possible) to be addressed by the NCCI and that which should be debated in the General Body.

WC:2019:33 Any Other Business

I. Dalit Christian Support Fund

The General Secretary explained in detail the need for creating a Dalit Christian Support Fund for raising of finance for cause and support of Dalit Christians in India. It was resolved:

Res.No.43/WC/2019

i. To authorise Rev Asir Ebenezer to do such act as required for Creating a Dalit Christian Support Fund for raising of finance for cause and support of Dalit Christians in India.

ii. To open a new bank account in the name of NCCI- Dalit Christian Support Fund for receiving Donation \Contribution for the Cause and support of Dalit Christians in India.

II. Local Resource Mobilization Desk

The General Secretary advised the members of the Working Committee that there is a possibility of mobilizing local resources and that a local resource mobilization desk in the National Office with a full time Coordinator is necessary.

The members of the Working Committee received the suggestion with appreciation and authorized the General Secretary to implement the proposal in consultation with the Office Bearers.

III. Two new areas of ecumenical witness

The General Secretary proposed that two new areas of ecumenical witness is of importance:

i. Christian Schools
ii. Christian Entrepreneurs

It was decided to authorize the General Secretary to bring a suitable proposal to address the needs and concerns of school education and the ethical witness of Christian entrepreneurs in market place/ public space.

WC:2019:34 Date of next meeting

It was decided to fix the next date of the Working Committee in consultation with the Office Bearers.

WC:2019:35 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2019:36 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose
Recording Secretary

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 a.m. 19th September, 2019,
Hotel Bliss, #45, Near Ramanuja Circle, Renigunta Road,
Tirupati, Chittoor Dist, A.P.

EC:2019:22 Opening Devotion

The morning devotion was conducted by the NCCI Interns. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose said the opening prayer. SALC choir presented a song. The President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh delivered the message.

EC:2019:23 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
6. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
7. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
8. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
9. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
10. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
11. Mr. K. Abraham,
12. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
13. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
14. Mr. Angelious Michael,
15. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
16. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
17. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
18. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
19. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
20. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
21. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
22. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
23. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
24. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,

II. Apologies

1. Rev.Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
3. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
4. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
5. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
6. Mrs. Rachana Singh,

7. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
8. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
9. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
10. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
11. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
12. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
13. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
14. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
15. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
16. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
17. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
18. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
19. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
20. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
21. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
22. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
2. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
3. Ms. Ani Koshy,
4. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,

IV. Invitees

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness
4. Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator, NCCI-ESHA
5. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, Coordinator, NCCI-VCLC
6. Mr. V. Shitovi Sema, Coordinator, NCCI-NEIAD
7. Mr.Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

EC:2019:24 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, the SALC Office Bearers and invitees.

EC:2019:25 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier. It was resolved

Res. No. 24/EC/2019

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2019:26 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 25/EC/2019

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2019:27 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary read out the name of Dr. K.P. Pothen, a renowned activist from Indore, who passed away on 22nd July 2019 according to information that was received by the NCCI Secretariat. The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Colonel John Kumar Dasari offered prayer.

II. Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

i. The Office Bearers of NWICC for the term 2019-2021 on 29th April 2019:
   - Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos (MTC) - *President*
   - Dr. Priya John (CMAI) - *Vice President*
   - Bishop Collin C. Theodore - *Vice President*
   - Rev. Sujeev Dass (MCI) – *Secretary/Treasurer*

ii. Dr. Priya John, new General Secretary of CMAI, 5th July 2019

iii. Rt. Rev. Dr. Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah, elected as new Bishop of CSI Kanyakumari Diocese on 7th July.

iv. Rt. Rev. V.S. Francis, elected as new Bishop of CSI East Kerala Diocese on 8th July.

v. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady, elected as Bishop-President, of ALC for the period 2019-2024 from 5th Aug 2019.

vi. Rt. Rev. Bijay Kumar Nayak, Bishop of CNI Phulbani Diocese elected as the Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India on 23rd August 2019.

vii. The Office Bearers of BCM for the term 2019-2021:
   - General Secretary: Rev. F. Ramdinmawia
   - Associate General Secretary i/c Mission : Rev. Dr. C. Vanlaldika
   - Associate General Secretary i/c Service : Rev. R. Lalbiakliana
   - Executive Secreray, Aizawl Area : Rev. Dr. R. Lalthanmawia
   - Executive Secretary, Lawngtlai Area : Rev. R. Lalnunzira
   - President (2019-2020) : Rev. PC. Liandula
   - President (2020-2021) : Rev. Dr. K. Lalrinthanga

viii. Adv. Prakash P. Thomas, Officiating General Secretary of Kerala Council of Churches

ix. The Office Bearers of Henry Martyn Institute:
- H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios, Metropolitan of Ahmedabad Diocese of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church elected as President
- Rt. Rev.Dr. Eggoni Pushpalalitha, Bishop of Nandyal Diocese, Church of South India elected as Vice-President
- Mr. Wilfred D'Souza, Treasurer

x. Rt. Rev. Sharma Nithiyanandham, elected as new Bishop of CSI Vellore Diocese.

The following persons who were present in the meeting were felicitated: Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady, Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj and Colonel John Kumar Dasari. The President welcomed Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady in place of Rt. Rev. Raja Socrates G and Colonel John Kumar Dasari in place of Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari.

EC:2019:28 Confirmation of the Minutes of 1st March 2019

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 28th August 2018 had been circulated on 6th April 2019 and no adverse comments were received.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 26/EC/2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 1st March 2019 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2019:29 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 1st March 2019 & Working Committee meeting held on 31st July 2019

I. Salary Revision (2018-2021) [Ref EC:2019:09 (I)]: The General Secretary reported that the employees started receiving revised salary from 1st April 2019, and the arrears of salaries from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 will be paid in installments as per the financial position of the organization.

II. FCRA Certificate for NCCI [Ref EC:2019:09 (II)]: The General Secretary reported that the process for applying for the NCCI FCRA registration is underway.

III. P.F. Settlement [Ref EC:2019:09 (III)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the last Executive Committee the PF amount of Ms. Ushakiran Herold and Mr M.T.Thomas had been settled. The PF amount of Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad is pending and the payment would be made. Regarding the payment of Ms Moumita Biswas information on Bank Account awaited.

IV. Sale of old office vehicle [Ref EC:2019:09 (IV)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the last Executive Committee the matter of disposing of old vehicle is in process. Due to Financial Constraints in the current Finance year, new vehicle would be purchased in next Finance year.

V. Third Signatory [Ref EC:2019:09 (V)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the last Executive the name of Ms. Rachna Singh was added as the third signatory in all the NCCI Bank Accounts w.e.f. 1st March 2019 along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) and Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar (Treasurer).

VI. Internships [Ref. No. EC:2019:10 (I)]
The General Secretary reported that the General internship programme for ecumenical formation was revived and three persons have joined for internship from 1st July 2019 and 1st August 2019.

VII. Mission Guidelines [Ref. No. EC:2019:10 (II)]
The General Secretary reported that the Mission guidelines forwarded by Unity and Mission Program of NCCI was placed before the committee. The same was received and forwarded to the Constituents for review and comments.

The Executive Committee approved the same.

VIII. Disability Guidelines [Ref. No. EC:2019:10 (III)]
The General Secretary reported that the IDEA guidelines forwarded by NCCI-IDEA was placed before the committee. The same was received and forwarded to the Constituents for review and comments.

The Executive Committee approved the same.

IX. Letter received from Mrs. M. Nirmala, claiming herself as Secretary-SALC, reference from UELCI [Ref. No. EC:2019:10 (IV)]
The General Secretary reported that further to NCCI decision to affirm the membership of the SALC headed by Bishop O. Michael Benhur as member of the NCCI he visited the office of the SALC on 23rd April 2019 and conveyed the decision to Bishop O. Michael Benhur in the presence of Mr. K. Jaya Rao, NCCI Executive Committee member.

X. Budget for 2019-2020 (Ref. No. EC:2019:14)
As resolved by the Working Committee the Budget of the NCCI for the FY 2019-2020 was forwarded to the Executive Committee and General Body for approval. It was accordingly approved by the Executive Committee in its previous meeting and forwarded to the General Body for approval.

XI. Preparations for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

(Ref. No. EC:2019:16)

The General Secretary reported that as authorized by the committee the letters were sent to the NCCI Constituent Bodies requesting to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020.

XII. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concerns

[Ref. No. EC:2019:17(I)]

The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee held on 31st July 2019 the President, Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Vice-President Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and the General Secretary were authorized to peruse the new applications interview and appoint a suitable person by 1st September 2019. The committee interviewed the candidate on 3rd September 2019, and proposed the Executive Committee that Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai from CNI be appointed as the Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns w.e.f. 1st October 2019 for a period of 5 years.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 27/EC/2019

i. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai from CNI is appointed as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns with effect from 1st October 2019 for a period of 5 years.

ii. She will operate from NCCI Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.

EC:2019:30 New Business

I. Dalit Christian Support Program

The General Secretary shared the concept and need of Dalit Christian Support Program to strengthen a nationwide network on the plight of Dalit Christians who are denied rights and privileges available to their peers practicing other faith traditions.

The concept was to build a network of persons/volunteers who are suggested by each NCCI General Body Members through their respective ten contacts. Each of the General Body members suggests ten volunteers who in turn suggests ten others each. There will thus be a network of 9000 persons across the country.

These volunteers commit to campaign for the rights of Dalit Christians and also commit to contribute a sum of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) each. The donations/contributions will be used to support education, health, capacity strengthening and such other initiatives for the well being of the Dalit Christians. The proposal was unanimously approved with much appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 28/EC/2019

i. To approve the setting up of the Dalit Christian Support Program under the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns and to authorise the General Secretary to appoint a suitable Programme Assistant to run the program

ii. To approve receive donations/contributions as detailed above ear marked for the Dalit Christian Solidarity Program

iii. To open a bank account in the name of 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program'

iv. To open a bank account in the name of 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program' to be operated by the General Secretary of NCCI, Treasurer of NCCI and Mrs. Rachna Singh, NCCI Finance Committee member

II. All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)

The General Secretary shared the concept of All India Council for Christian Schools as a new Related Agency to coordinate the educational ministry of the Churches at the School level. It is a new initiative and members appreciated the idea and approved the same. It was suggested:

- To prioritize the areas of intervention.
- To appoint a small group of educationists among the Executive Committee members with the General Secretary as the Convenor.
- To include Mrs. Basanti Biswas, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Mr. Raiston Prakash, Dr. K. Abraham, Mr. Suresh Jacob and representatives from CSI, UELCI, The Salvation Army in the small group.
- The small group will bring a proposal to the effect in the next meeting of the Executive Committee in Feb 2019.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 29/EC/2019

To appoint a small group to study the proposal of the AICCS and bring suitable proposal to the effect in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

III. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum

The General Secretary shared the vision to bring Christian Entrepreneurs together as a Related Agencies to strengthen their ecumenical/ Christian witness in the market place including addressing matters relating to business ethics in a profit-oriented market economy.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 30/EC/2019

To authorize the General Secretary to consult Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Bishop Mar Awgin and to come up with a proposal for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

IV. Local Resource Mobilization Desk

The General Secretary proposed to start a local resource mobilization desk at Delhi by appointing a person who will help in receiving resources available locally. The Local Resource Mobilization desk will explore various opportunities available in both the Government as well as in Public and Private sector and link the same to NCCI and the constituent Churches/Councils/Organizations/Agencies depending on the need, location, etc...

It was resolved:

Res.No. 31/EC/2019

To approve the setting up of the Local Resource Mobilization Desk in Delhi to raise local resources and to authorize the General Secretary to appoint a suitable person in consultation with the President.

V. Public Witness Resolutions

There were 11 draft resolutions on different issues and concerns, received by the Executive Committee.

1. Dalit Christian Rights
2. Land Rights
3. Response to a call from Palestine
4. Human Sexuality and Church's Response
5. Concerns of North East India and Church's Response
6. Uniform Civil Code and Church's Response
7. Usage of Conversion as a Political Tool and Church's Response
8. Dwindling Democratic Values in Governance in India and Church's Response
9. Capacity Building of Youth Leadership
10. Migration
11. Development of Competitive Ability in Civil Service

After due deliberations it was resolved to forward the same to the members of the General Body for their perusal and discussion in the General Body meeting on the next day.

It was resolved:

Res.No. 32/EC/2019

The 11 draft resolutions be received and forwarded to the General Body for approval.

EC:2019:31 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2019. The members were glad about the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI and resolved to approve of the same with appreciation (see Appendix-I).

It was resolved:

Res. No. 33/EC/2019

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2019 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2019:32 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2019

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved

Res. No. 34/EC/2019

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 be approved.

EC:2019:33 Audited Statement of Accounts (including Auditor's report, Balance Sheet, and Income & Expenditure statement)

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2018 to 31stMarch 2019.

It was resolved

Res. No. 35/EC/2019

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2018 to 31stMarch 2019 be approved.

EC:2019:34 Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019.

It was resolved

Res. No. 36/EC/2019

The Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019 be approved.

EC:2019:35 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 for NCCI.

It was resolved

Res. No. 37/EC/2019

To recommend to the General Body to re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2019-2020

EC:2019:36 Appointment of Internal Auditors FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for NCCI.

It was resolved:

Res. No.38/EC/2019:

To recommend to the General Body to re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for NCCI.

EC:2019:37 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Secretary reported that as authorized by the committee the letters were sent to the NCCI Constituent Bodies requesting to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020. No response received from the Constituent Bodies. Hence the NCCI approached the HMI and HMI is willing to host the Assembly 2020. The details of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 is as follows:

- Dates : 20th to 25th April 2019,
- Venue : HMI, Hyderabad
- Theme : "The hour has come" (Mark 12:41-44)
- Planning Committee: NCCI Office Bearers, Executive Secretaries, HMI Director and Telangana Council of Churches
- Ms. Shiluinla Jamir from Council of Baptist Churches in North East India is appointed as the Assembly Coordinator for a period of one-year w.e.f. 1st October 2019 to assist the General Secretary in conducting the Assembly.
- Ecumenical conversation, workshops.

EC:2019:38 Report of the General Secretary & Report from NCCI Ministries/ Concerns

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA for the period September 2018 to August 2019. (see Appendix-II). The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved

Res. No.39/EC/2019

The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns were also received and accepted with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No.40/EC/2019

The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns be received with appreciation.

EC:2019:39 Reporting from Christian Service Agency

I. Mythri House matters

The Secretary reported that all the four floors of Mythri House were rented out. The signing of agreement was also done.

II. Finance Manual

The Secretary reported that the CSA Finance Manual is endorsed and fully implemented.

III. Writing off the long pending advances

The Secretary reported that as resolved in the last meeting of the CSA General Body the long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- was written off.

IV. Revision of Salaries

The Secretary reported that as approved in the Managing Committee of 28th February 2019 the CSA employees started receiving revised salary with effect from 1st April 2019 and the arrears of salaries from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 will be paid in installments as per the financial position of the organization.

V. Services of Mr. Surinder Arora, AC and Lift Operator at Mytri House, New Delhi

The Secretary reported that as resolved by the CSA General Body the retirement benefits of Provident Fund and Gratuity was given to Mr. Surinder Arora and pension also started from March 2018.

VI. Appointment of Statutory Auditors

The Secretary reported that CSA General Body, re-appointed M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2018-19.

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The Secretary reported that CSA General Body appointed Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA as Director/Secretary of CSA with effect from 1st January 2019 for a period of five years and installed on 3rd January 2019.

IX. Report of the Treasurer

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body received the Report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 with appreciation.

X. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body received and approved the report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

XI. Audited Statement of Accounts (including Statutory Auditor's report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure)

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body approved the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA-Local and CSA-Foreign Contribution for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

XII. CSA Budget for the year 2019-2020

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body approved the Bud get of the CSA for the financial year 2019 -2020.

XIII. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body approved the CSA-Local Receipts and Payments Accounts and the CSA-Foreign Contribution Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019.

XIV. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body re-appointed M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020.

XV. Appointment of Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body re-appointed M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

XVI. Authorization of Company Secretary to file ROC documents

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body appointed Mr. Amarendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary as Consultant (Secretarial /Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other

e-Forms for the year 2019 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

The report from Christian Service Agency was received.

EC:2019:40 Any Other Business

I. CCA Assembly

The General Secretary reported that the CCA General Assembly will takes place from 4-9 September 2020 in Hotel Udaya Samudra, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

- The CCA member Churches in India and NCCI will sponsor food for each day of the Assembly. CCA will pay for the accommodation.
- NCCI will be the local host and issue letters and invitations for visa purpose.

The members unanimously welcomed the decision of CCA to hold theGeneral Assembly in India and authorized the General Secretary to extend all possible assistance to CCA in this regard.

EC:2019:41 Dates of next meeting

The President proposed that February 6-7, 2020 be the dates of the next meetings and Church of North India will host the meetings.

EC:2019:42 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their contribution in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Bishop Michael O Benhur, President SALC and Mr. K. Jayarao, Treasurer SALC for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2019:43 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Johan Dang.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT HOTEL BLISS, #45, NEAR RAMANUJA CIRCLE, RENIGUNTA ROAD, TIRUPATI, CHITTOOR DIST, A.P.

GB:2019:01 Devotion

The morning devotion was conducted by the NCCI Interns. SALC choir presented a song. The President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh delivered the message.

GB:2019:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
4. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
5. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
6. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
7. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
8. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
9. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
10. Dr. K. Abraham,
11. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
12. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
13. Mr. Angelious Michael,
14. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
15. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
16. Rev. Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
17. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
18. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
19. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
20. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
21. Rev. K. Sardar
22. Mrs. Ekta Peters,
23. Rev. Dr. Ramengliana,
24. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,
25. Rev. Prof. Dr. Mathews Emmanuel Thathapudi,
26. Rev. Vinay Peter,
27. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
28. Mr. Kishore Kumar Nag,
29. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
30. Rev. Joshua Peter,
31. Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga,

II. Apologies

1. Rev. Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
3. Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, *Treasurer*
4. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
5. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
6. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
7. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
8. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
9. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
10. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
11. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
12. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
13. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
14. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
15. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
16. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
17. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
18. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
19. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
20. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
21. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore,
22. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
23. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
24. Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
25. Dr. Sushant Agrawal
26. Rev. Pradeep Jyotish,
27. Rev. Arun Barwa,
28. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
29. Rev. Alfred Tiwade,
30. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
31. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
32. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,
33. Mrs. Mary George,
34. Mr. Bertram Devadas,
35. Ms. Vinodhini Moses,
36. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar,
37. Rev. S. Asok Kumar,
38. Rev. Anupama Hial

III. Absentees

1. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
2. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
3. Ms. Ani Koshy,
4. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
5. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
6. Rt. Rev. P.P. Marandih,

7. Rev. Dr. Hemantkumar Parmar,
8. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
9. Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal Council of Churches,
10. Rev. Dr. P. Syamala Sukumar,
11. Christian Endeavour in India,
12. Christian Union of India
13. Dr. William Stanley,
14. Dr. Mary Verghese,
15. Dr. Priya John,
16. Dr. Sunil Chandy,

IV. Invitees

1. Mr. G. Samuel Sudhir, APCC
2. Rev. T. Bhasker, TSCC
3. Mr. Gaurav Masih, CASA
4. Rev. Fr. Xavier Vedam SJ, AIACHE
5. Mr. D. Louis Sukumar, CLS
6. Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI
7. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai,
8. Ms. Shiluinla Jamir

V. Autonomous Bodies (Invitees)

1. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC
2. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, URM

VI. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators (Invitees)

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
4. Fr. Thomas Ninan
5. Mr. V. Shitovi Sema

VII. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention,
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India,
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

GB:2019:03 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present formed the required quorum, the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2019:04 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, which had been circulated earlier, was adopted.

GB:2019:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.01/GB/2019:
Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

GB:2019:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The house paid homage to the following persons who passed away:

i. Rev. Fr. Samuel Rayan, Jesuit priest and scholar, passed away in Kozhikode, Kerala, on 2 Jan 2019 at the lovely age of 98. He was the former Principal of Indian School of Ecumenical Theology (ISET), Bangalore. A great theologian, and ecumenical leader.
ii. Rev. Dr. Gnana Robinson, the former Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, and a prominent ecumenical leader, entered into the eternal glory on 3rd Feb 2019. He hails from the Kanyakumari Diocese of the Church of South India (CSI).
iii. Dr. K.P. Pothen, a renowned activist from Indore, passed away on 22nd July 2019.

The members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect after which Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh offered prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary presented the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

i. Lieut Colonel John Kumar Dasari, new National Executive Officer, of the Salvation Army
ii. Rt.Rev. Sharma Nithiyanandham elected as new Bishop of CSI Vellore Diocese
iii. Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan, new Bishop of Diocese of Bhopal, CNI w.e.f. 5th Jan 2019.
iv. Bishop Dr. V. M. Jurri is the new Moderator and Rev. Madhukant Masih is the new Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church in India, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh w.e.f. 1st Jan 2019.
v. New Office Bearers of BSI for the Triennium 2019-2022:
    - Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh - President, BSI
    - Dr. Mrs. Leela Bose - Vice President, BSI
    - Rev. Premkumar Soans - Treasurer, BSI
vi. New Office Bearers of CASA for 2019-2022:
    - H.G. Dr. Yakob Mar Irenaios, Chairperson
    - Bishop Subodh C. Mondal, Vice-Chairperson
    - Rev. S.C. David - Treasurer
vii. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim, new Administrative Secretary of PCI
viii. New Office Bearers of NWICC for the term 2019-2021:
    - Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos (MTC) - President
    - Dr. Priya John (CMAI) - Vice President
    - Bishop Collin C. Theodore - Vice President
    - Rev. Sujeev Dass (MCI) – Secretary/Treasurer

ix. Dr. Priya John, new General Secretary of CMAI, 5th July 2019
x. Rt. Rev. Dr. Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah, elected as new Bishop of CSI Kanyakumari Diocese on 7th July
xi. Rt. Rev. V.S. Francis, elected as new Bishop of CSI East Kerala Diocese on 8th July
xii. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady, elected as Bishop-President, of ALC for the period 2019-2024 from 5th Aug 2019
xiii. Rt. Rev. Bijay Kumar Nayak, Bishop of CNI Phulbani Diocese elected as the Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India on 23rd August 2019
xiv. New Office Bearers of BCM for the term 2019-2021:
- General Secretary: Rev. F. Ramdinmawia
- Associate General Secretary i/c Mission : Rev. Dr. C. Vanlaldika
- Associate General Secretary i/c Service : Rev. R. Lalbiakliana
- Executive Secreray, Aizawl Area : Rev. Dr. R. Lalthanmawia
- Executive Secretary, Lawngtlai Area : Rev. R. Lalnunzira
- President (2019-2020) : Rev. PC. Liandula
- President (2020-2021) : Rev. Dr. K. Lalrinthanga

xv. Adv. Prakash P. Thomas, Officiating General Secretary of Kerala Council of Churches
xvi. The Office Bearers of Henry Martyn Institute:
- H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios, Metropolitan of Ahmedababd Diocese of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church elected as President
- Rt. Rev.Dr. Eggoni Pushpalalitha, Bishop of Nandyal Diocese, Church of South India elected as Vice-President

The following persons who were present and attended the meeting for the first time were felicitated: Rev. Dr. Ramengliana, Secretary NEICC, Mr. Kishore Kumar Nag, Asst. Executive Director LWSIT and Rev. Asir Ebenezer the new General Secretary of NCCI.

GB:2019:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of 29th August 2018

Since no corrections or adverse comments were received on the minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 29th August 2018 which had been circulated earlier, it was resolved:

Res. No.02/GB/2019:
The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 29th August 2018, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2019:08 Matters arising from the minutes of General Body Meeting

I. Constituting Telangana Council of Churches & Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches [Ref. GB:2018:08 (1)]:

The General reported that as resolved by the General Body, provisional membership was granted to the Telangana Council of Churches and Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches. The Secretaries of both the Councils were invited for the General Body Meeting of 20th September 2019.

II. Consent Letters and No Objection Letters [Ref. GB:2018:08 (2)]:
The General Secretary shared that as reported in the last General Body, now there is a need of fresh No Objection Certificate from all the members of the General Body, as the new General Secretary is authorized to file the documents on behalf of NCCI with the concerned government departments at the end of the quadrennium (2016-2020).

III. Mythri House matters [Ref. No. GB:2018:08 (3)]
The General Secretary reported that all the four floors of Mythri House were rented out. The signing of agreement was also done.

IV. Draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA Secretaries and Staff [Ref. EC:2018:08(II); Res. No. 25/EC/2018)]
The General Secretary reported that the Secretaries and Staff started receiving the revised salary from 1st April 2019. The arrears of the salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 will be paid when the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes.

V. Matters of NCCI Membership [Ref. GB:2018:08(III); Res. No.04/GB/2018]
The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee held on 28th August 2018 [Ref. EC:2019:31 (III)] decided to recommend to the NCCI General Body that the NCCI Membership Committee be authorized to address all the membership applications that were placed before the XXVIII Quadrennial Assembly, and to bring their findings/recommendations to the General Body, and the General Body which met on 29th August 2018 accepted the recommendations of the Executive Committee. After that the Executive Committee held on 1st March 2019 [Ref. EC:2019:08 (VI)] had decided that the application for the new membership has to processed through the Working Committee and then it should go to the Membership Committee. Those membership applications rejected can not be processed.

VI. The resignation of Dn.Moumita Biswas, Executive Secretary, Women Concerns [Ref. GB:2018:08(IV)]
The General Secretary reported that Dn. Moumita Biswas settled all her work-related accounts and handed over all properties of NCCI which was in her custody.

VII. Appointment of the new General Secretary of NCCI (Ref. EC:2018:08 (V))
As resolved by the Executive Committee, Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director CSI-SEVA is appointed as General Secretary of NCCI with effect from 1st January 2019.

GB:2019:09 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2019 (see Appendix-I). The members received the same with appreciation.
It was resolved

Res. No.03/GB/2019:
The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2019 be received with appreciation.

GB:2019:10 Budget for 2019-2020

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Office, NCCI presented the budget of NCCI for the financial year 2019-2020. It had already been passed by the ExecutiveCommittee in its meeting on 1st March 2019. It was resolved:

Res. No.04/GB/2019:
The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2019-2020 be received with approval.

GB:2019:11 Audited Statement of Accounts for the FY 2018-2019

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2018 to 31stMarch 2019.

It was resolved

Res. No.05/GB/2019:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2018 to 31stMarch 2019 be approved.

GB:2019:12 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020.

It was resolved

Res. No.06/GB/2019:
To re-appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2019-2020.

GB:2019:13 Appointment of Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the re-appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

It was resolved:

Res. No.07/GB/2019:

To re-appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

GB:2019:14 Matters from Executive Committee

I. Dalit Christian Support Program

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee had received a proposal from the General Secretary on the need of Dalit Christian Support Program to strengthen a nationwide network on the plight of Dalit Christians who are denied rights and privileges available to their peers practicing other faith traditions.

The concept was to build a network of persons/volunteers who are suggested by each NCCI General Body Members through their respective ten contacts. Each of the General Body members suggests ten volunteers who in turn suggests ten others each. There will thus be a network of 9000 persons across the country.

These volunteers commit to campaign for the rights of Dalit Christians and also commit to contribute a sum of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) each. The donations/contributions will be used to support education, health, capacity strengthening and such other initiatives for the well-being of the Dalit Christians. The proposal was unanimously approved with much appreciation. The Executive Committee resolved:

Res.No. 28/EC/2019

i. To approve the setting up of the Dalit Christian Support Program under the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns and to authorise the General Secretary to appoint a suitable Programme Assistant to run the program

ii. To approve receive donations/contributions as detailed above ear marked for the Dalit Christian Solidarity Program

iii. To open a bank account in the name of 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program'.

The General Body noted the information.

II. All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee had received from the General Secretary a concept of All India Council for Christian Schools as a new Related Agency to coordinate the

educational ministry of the Churches at the School level. It is a new initiative and members appreciated the idea and approved the same. It was suggested:

- To prioritize the areas of intervention.
- To appoint a small group of educationists among the Executive Committee members with the General Secretary as the Convenor.
- To include Mrs. Basanti Biswas, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Mr. Raiston Prakash, Dr. K. Abraham, Mr. Suresh Jacob and representatives from CSI, UELCI, The Salvation Army in the small group.
- The small group will bring a proposal to the effect in the next meeting of the Executive Committee in Feb 2019.

The Executive Committee resolved to appoint a small group to study the proposal of the AICCS and bring suitable proposal to the effect in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The General Body noted the information.

III. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee had received from the General Secretary the vision to bring Christian Entrepreneurs together as a Related Agencies to strengthen their ecumenical/Christian witness in the market place including addressing matters relating to business ethics in a profit-oriented market economy. The Executive Committee resolved *to authorize the General Secretary to consult Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Bishop Mar Awgin and to come up with a proposal for the next meeting of the Executive Committee for an 'Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum.'*

The General Body noted the information.

IV. Local Resource Mobilization Desk

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee had received a proposal to start a local resource mobilization desk at Delhi by appointing a person who will help in receiving resources available locally. The Local Resource Mobilization desk will explore various opportunities available in both the Government as well as in Public and Private sector and link the same to NCCI and the constituent Churches/Councils/Organizations/Agencies depending on the need, location, etc... The Executive Committee resolved to approve the setting up of the Local Resource Mobilization Desk in Delhi to raise local resources and to authorize the General Secretary to appoint a suitable person in consultation with the President.

The General Body noted the information.

V. CCA Assembly

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee received a report from the General Secretary that the CCA General Assembly will takes place from 4-9 September 2020 in Hotel Udaya Samudra Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

- The CCA member Churches in India and NCCI will sponsor food for each day of the Assembly. CCA will pay for the accommodation.
- NCCI will be the local host and issue letters and invitations for visa purpose.

The members of the Executive Committee unanimously welcomed the decision of CCA to hold the General Assembly in India and authorized the General Secretary to extend all possible assistance to CCA in this regard.

The General Body noted the information.

VI. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Body was informed that the Executive Committee received a report from the General Secretary that the HMI is willing to host the Assembly 2020. The details of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 is as follows:

- Dates : 20th to 25th April 2019,
- Venue : HMI, Hyderabad
- Theme : "The HOUR has come: Let us get going" (Mark 12:41-44)
- Planning Committee: NCCI Office Bearers, Executive Secretaries, Assembly Coordinator, HMI Director and his nominee.
- Ms. Shiluinla Jamir from Council of Baptist Churches in North East India is appointed as the Assembly Coordinator for a period of one-year w.e.f. 1st October 2019 to assist the General Secretary in conducting the Assembly.
- Ecumenical conversation, workshops.

The General Body noted the information.

GB:2019:15 Public Witness Resolutions

The General Body received from the NCCI Executive Secretaries and Coordinators 11 draft resolutions on different issues and concerns, forwarded by the Executive Committee on: (see Appendix-II)

1. Dalit Christian Rights
2. Land Rights
3. Response to a call from Palestine
4. Human Sexuality and Church's Response
5. Concerns of North East India and Church's Response
6. Uniform Civil Code and Church's Response
7. Usage of Conversion as a Political Tool and Church's Response
8. Dwindling Democratic Values in Governance in India and Church's Response
9. Capacity Building of Youth Leadership
10. Migration
11. Development of Competitive Ability in Civil Service

After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No. 08/GB/2019

To receive and approve the 11 draft resolutions on different issues and concerns and authorize the Secretariat to operationalize the same.

GB:2019:16 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI (see Appendix-III).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No.09/GB/2019

The Annual Report of the NCCI, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

GB:2019:17 Reporting from CSA

I. Mythri House matters

The Secretary reported that all the four floors of Mythri House were rented out. The signing of agreement was also done.

II. Finance Manual

The Secretary reported that the CSA Finance Manual is endorsed and fully implemented.

III. Writing off the long pending advances

The Secretary reported that as resolved in the last meeting of the CSA General Body the long pending unsettled advances of Rev. Paranjyothy (while he was Secretary of Urban Rural Mission) amounting to Rs. 21,000/- and those of Mrs. Rachael Pradhan (while she was Executive Secretary of AICCW) amounting to Rs. 54,000/- was written off.

IV. Revision of Salaries

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(Secretarial/Registrar of Companies matters) for filing the annual and other e-Forms for the year 2019 with the Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana for and on behalf of the Christian Service Agency.

The report from Christian Service Agency was received.

GB:2019:18 Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns & Autonomous Bodies

The following Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors presented their reports:

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior – Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei – Youth concerns
3. Fr. Abraham Mathews – Policy Governance and Public Witness
4. Fr. Thomas Ninan – ESHA
5. Mr. V. Shitovi Sema – North East India Peace Project
6. Mr. Kasta Dip – IPC
7. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav - URM

It was resolved:

Res. No.10/GB/2019

The reports of the Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors be received with appreciation.

GB:2019:19 Reports from Related Agencies

The General Body received the reports of Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, Christian Medical Association of India, The Christian Literature Society, ECLOF India, AISSA. The reports were taken as read.

GB:2019:20 Any Other Business

I. Representation of NCCI to LWSIT

The General Secretary reported that we need to appoint two persons to the Board of LWSIT in place of (i) Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh and (ii) Mrs. Basanti Biswas, who are finishing their term as NCCI nominees on LWSIT Board w.e.f. 30th September 2019.

It was resolved:

Res. No.11/GB/2019

To appoint Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Rev. Madhukant Masih as representatives of NCCI to the Board of LWSIT for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st October 2019.

II. Representing NCCI in Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly (AEWA)

The General Secretary reported that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Mrs. Ella Sonawane will be representing NCCI in Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly (AEWA), scheduled to be held at Hsinchu, Taiwan from 21 to 27 November 2019.

III. Authorization given to Office Bearers for reviving NUCF

The General Body authorized the Office Bearers to work on reviving the National United Christian Forum (NUCF).

GB:2019:21 Dates of next meeting

The President suggested following dates:

6th February 2020 - Executive Committee
7th February 2020 - General Body

Since the representatives from United Church of Canada and Disciples Church will be visiting New Delhi, the NCCI President has arranged that the CNI Synod will host the meetings. Committee members will be accommodated in CNI Bhawan and other places as usual.

GB:2019:22 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Office Bearers, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and the Recording Secretaries for their contribution in the efficiently conduct of the General Body meeting. He particularly thanked Bishop Michael O Benhur, President SALC and Mr. K. Jayarao, Treasurer SALC for graciously hosting the meetings.

GB:2019:23 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Cyril Mar Baselious of Malabar Independent Syrian Church.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Appendix - II
NCCI- Resolutions

Resolution No. 1 - Dalit Christian Rights

The General Body of National Council of Churches in India believe and affirm that practice of caste is sin and caste-based discrimination is a crime. It is un fortunate to understand that there is segregation based on religion and caste which is legitimised in India through the infamous Presidential (Scheduled Caste) Order 1950 which was signed on 10th August 1950 by the then President of India. The order says,*"No person professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the scheduled caste"* which was later amended to include Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990). Considering this order as divisive and injustice to the Christian Dalits we demand to extent the **'Scheduled Caste'** status to the Dalit Christians on par with Dalits practising Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh faiths as an affirmation of non-discrimination based on religion. Also, the General Body of NCCI resolve that we stand firm with any appropriate action to be taken to revoke the presidential order.

Presenter: - Mr. Pradip Bansrior
The Executive Secretary

Resolution No. 2 - Land Rights

The General body of National Council of Churches in India reaffirm that Jal, Jungle, Jameen are the intrinsic components of the identity of Tribals/Adivasis.

The Scheduled Tribes (Adivasis) and other Traditional Forest Dwellers have asserted their right over their traditional life, livelihood and habitat for several generations. This was reemphasised through our Constitutional guarantees under Articles 15, 21, 46, 244 and 275. Further, the Union Government enacted the legislation in FRA, 2006, that directs the State Governments to implement and provide individual and community rights with the active participation of Tribal's traditional Gram Sabhas, defined under The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA). But Supreme Court order dated February 13th 2019 to evict millions of tribal families from their traditional habitats has dealt a blow to the psyche and being of vulnerable communities, triggering a constant imminent fear of being uprooted from their ancestral lands, culture, traditions, separating them from their intrinsic inter-generational relationship and identity with the forest.

Therefore, the General Body of NCCI resolved that NCCI will join to create mass awareness, strategic action plan for bringing suitable Ordinance for the rights under FRA to protect millions of adivasi people of this country.

Presenter: - Mr. Pradip Bansrior
T***he Executive Secretary***

Resolution No. 3 - Response to a call from Palestine

Palestinian Christians invite their sisters and brothers from churches around the world to "Come and See" the Holy Land through the eyes of the Palestinian people who, despite having suffered decades of occupation and dispossession-- maintain their dignity, faith, and capacity for hope. They invite us to be visionary pilgrims for peace with justice seeking authentic, face-to-face human encounters in the holy land, connecting especially with Palestinian Christians, as their numbers dwindle in the very land where Christianity took roots.

Palestinians today face a humanitarian crisis of gigantic proportions. This is mainly caused by severe and discriminatory restrictions on Palestinians' human rights; restriction of the movement of people and goods into and out of Palestinian territories. Israel continues to maintain its decade-long effective closure of Gaza that restricts access to basic human needs - water, medical care, education and economic opportunity. Approximately 70 percent of Gaza's 1.9 million people rely live in abject poverty and in need of humanitarian assistance.

In this context we the General Body of NCCI is recognizing that it is imperative to see the conflict between Israel and Palestine through the eyes of Palestinian people to have a clear picture about the situation and re-affirm our commitment with the victims of any violence and conflicts. The General Body also felt that it is imperative to develop Biblical hermeneutics in Palestinian perspectives to counter the Israel centred/ Zionistic interpretations of the Biblical narrations.

Presenter: - Mr. Pradip Bansrior
The Executive Secretary

Resolution No. 4 - Human Sexuality and Church's Response

We observe that in spite of rights that protect LGBTQI persons from violence and discrimination, such measures have been unduly radicalized as a threat to freedom of religion, despite the diversity of attitudes and beliefs about LGBTQI persons in religions around the world. As a result, individuals believed to be long to the LGBTQI community are continuously being punished in the name of protecting the family, traditional values and religious beliefs. The politicization of religion strengthens prejudice and stigma toward LGBTIQ people, resulting in acts of violence leading to murder and or suicidal death. In spite of such harsh realities, we recognize that for many LGBTQI people, religion remains a great source of emotional, psychological and spiritual support including in the face of overt violence and discrimination. Therefore, the General Body of NCCI resolve to affirm that the LGBTQI individuals, as all human beings, are entitled to have their spiritual and cultural identity recognized and respected, and they should not be disadvantaged in their quest to belong to a family, a society, a culture and a religion.

Presenter: - Fr Thomas Ninan
The Co-ordinator, ISHA Programme

Resolution No. 5 - Concerns of North East India and Church's Response

The causes of conflict in North-East India, to name a few are, general neglect of the socio-economic and political well-being of the masses, tensions between the north-eastern states and the central government, the ill-effects of globalization, tensions between native tribal people and migrants from other parts of India, inter-community conflicts, disrespect to the identity and dignity of tribals in particular, tribal disunity, land and territorial conflicts, human trafficking and abuse of human rights such as Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA 1958) and growing insurgency issues. In the midst of such conflict situations the message of peace is most needed in our time. The National Council of Churches in India urges all the churches and organisations in North East States of India to affirm and come together in solidarity to stand together to be a symbol of peace within the North East states and to continue to accompany with various peace working agents to bring peace and tranquillity within the society. The General Body of NCCI resolved to communicate to the Churches in the North East India to manifest our witness by actively participating in peace-building process. One must believe in it, and it is not enough to believe in it, one must work on it.

Presenter: - **Mr. Shitovi Sema**
The Co-ordinator,
North East India Action Desk

Resolution no. 6 - Uniform Civil Code and Church's Response

In the context of the discussion of the introduction of Uniform Civil Code in India, the General Body of the National Council of Churches in India affirm that personal laws are recognition of the sovereignty of minority communities within a sovereign state. However, we also understand that personal laws are supposedly not human rights friendly and gender equal, in which case we must endeavour to take the Communities into confidence in making them human rights friendly and gender equal.

Uniform Civil Code may not be able to take the diversities of culturally diverse communities that make up India. It may further alienate communities and prove counter-productive to the aim and purpose of national integration In keeping with the assertion of the PM that the trust of the minority communities must be won over, it will be prudent and affirming to mandate the National and State Minority commissions and National and State Human Rights commissions to evolve a consensus through initiating discussions with minority communities

The General Body of NCCI resolved that it is committed to initiate an internal discussion on the matter and come up with necessary solutions. Simultaneously it resolved to urge the Government to recognise the religious and cultural diversities and work on a unique model of integrated/ inter-related (rather than a Uniform) Civil Code.

Presenter: - **Rev Dr. Abraham Mathew**
The Executive Secretary

Resolution No. 7 - Usage of Conversion as a Political Tool and Church's Response

The General Body of NCCI expressed its serious concern of using the aspect of religious conversion as a political apparatus to divide people further in the name of religion. As a prophetic religion conversion is a theological aspect of Christianity and that brings transformation into the lives of individuals and communities. Therefore, we understand that Christians are the people with multiple conversions. Every day and every moment for us has to be a conversion experience through which we envisage our fellowship with God. Also, it is important to highlight that NCCI always took a stand against any forceful conversion through "fraudulent" means, or by "allurement" or "inducement" because for us conversion is one's own right and one's own choice. We stand with Indian constitution which guarantees the right of a citizen to practice, profess and propagate one's own religion. In this context we believe that any new introduction of laws that curtail the freedom of an individual to choose their religion or belief is denial of their fundamental right. Hence, the general body of NCCI resolved to express our dissent over the misrepresentation of conversion for a political purpose by some government agencies and political parties.

Presenter: **Rev Dr Abraham Mathew,**
The Executive Secretary

Resolution 8 - Dwindling Democratic Values in Governance in India and Church's Response

The National Council of Churches in India expresses its concern over the continuous erosion of credibility of democratic processes in India that are conveyed to the public through various enforcement of laws, media monitoring, curtailing political freedom and exclusion of a group of people based on their religious and caste affinity from the mainstream decision-making process.

The updated National Register of Citizens is a recent example of such an effort through which 19 lakh people were categorised as stateless people. The revoking of article 370 which assured special status to the state Jammu and Kashmir evoked fear among the North Eastern regions where they have the privilege of special status under the article 371.

The General Body of the National Council of Churches in India expresses its deep anguish over the shrinking space of democracy and erosion of democratic values from Indian polity and governance. Therefore, it urges all the churches in India to stand firm to keep the democratic values in our transactional spheres including ecclesiastical as well as political arenas. It resolved to encourage the members of churches to be active participants of the entire political process of nation building by actively involving in the election process with an imagination of a democratic India in which all individuals and communities celebrate their existence in relationship.

Presenter: - **Mr. Rajesh Jhadav,**
The Co-ordinator, URM

Resolution 9 - Capacity Building of Youth Leadership

Youth have the capacity and potential to achieve and bring change and has been the changing force of the society.

A youth leader has to develop the capacity as a youth worker and have a set of leadership capacities which are more than just skills. Values, attitudes and beliefs are what need to develop.

The General Body of NCCI affirms that the young people are no longer the subordinates in the church hierarchical order. Therefore, it resolved to urge the Churches to accompany the youth in accomplishing young leadership in the church by equipping the youngsters with the ecumenical leadership skills and proper training by providing them the right space and platform in the churches including decision making bodies.

Presenter: **Jianthaolung Gonmei**
The Executive Secretary

Resolution 10 - Migration

Migrants are a strong force of progress in the development of countries. While migration has always been a fact of life, it raises new economic, political, cultural and ecclesial concerns in today's globalized world.

Migration in a globalized world raises questions about inter-faith relations, identity, rights, justice, racism, advocacy and diakonia. New forms of migration, including trafficking and development-induced displacement threaten the human dignity of millions of people. Consequently, xenophobia is increasing.

The NCCI member churches and Organisations to engage and challenge the churches/organisations in their work with migrants, including refugees, internally displaced people and victims of trafficking. As the connections between xenophobia and racism are particularly strong, it emphasizes understanding new migration phenomena in a framework of transformative justice, which grew out of the NCCI's work on overcoming racism. Therefore, the General Body of NCCI resolved to approach the entire migration phenomena within the frame work of transformative justice issue so that the migrants can enjoy the basic rights in the society.

Presenter: **Jianthaolung Gonmei**
The Executive Secretary

Resolution 11 - Development of Competitive Ability in Civil Service

Young people in civil service play an all-important role in framing policy for the nation, including social programmes and development projects. They are the backbones who are responsible for any change that the country experiences. Civil service holds the right platform to raise the voice and positive influence on social upliftment.

However, there is a low level of representation and a basic lack of awareness and guidance about the significance of civil service. Moreover, the presence of the Christians in the social service and civil service sectors is very low.

The General body of NCCI recognises this scenario and hence resolved to encourage its member churches and organisations to support (materially and financially), providing them the platform (coaching centres and trainings) to encourage the youth in equipping themselves to be the voice and representatives of the people.

Presenter: **Jianthaolung Gonmei**
The Executive Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 16th December 2019 at 3:30 p.m., NCCI Office, Civil Lines, Nagpur

WC:2019:37 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop Johan Dang.

WC:2019:38 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2019:39 Roll Call

Obituary: **Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Treasurer, CSA**

The members remembered with gratitude to God the effective leadership of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar and his valuable contributions to NCCI as Treasurer.

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Bishop Johan Dang (GELC)
6. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore (NWICC)

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki (PCI)

WC:2019:40 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res. No. 01/WC/2019

Rev. Asir Ebenezer was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2019:41 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2019:42 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Working Committee held on 31st July 2019 which had been circulated on 12th September 2019, was confirmed.

WC:2019:43 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 31st July 2019

1. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref. WC:2019:31 (IV)]
   Regarding the payment of PF amount to Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad and Ms Moumita Biswas is in process.

2. **Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concern**
   [Ref. WC:2019:31 (IX)]
   Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai from CNI is appointed as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women Concerns with effect from 1st October 2019 for a period of 5 years.
   She started working from NCCI Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.

3. **Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019** [Ref. WC:2019:32 (IV)]
   The NCCI Executive Committee and General Body which met on 19th & 20th September 2019 approved the Statutory Auditors Report and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019.

4. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2019-2020**
   [Ref. WC:2019:32 (VI)]
   The General Body meeting held on 20th September 2019 in Tirupati, re-appointed M/s Lancy D'Souza as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 for NCCI.

5. **Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**
   [Ref. WC:2019:32 (VII)]
   The General Body meeting held on 20th September 2019 in Tirupati, re-appointed M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for NCCI.

6. **Utilization of surplus funds, if any/ Purchase of land**
   [Ref. WC:2019:32 (IX)]
   The utilization of surplus funds and to identify a suitable plot of land for the purchase in and around Nagpur are still pending.

7. **Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office, New Delhi**
   [Ref. WC:2019:32 (X)]
   The Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office with the CNI Synod, New Delhi is finalized, but not yet signed.

8. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref. WC:2019:32 (XI)]
   The General Secretary reported that as authorized by the committee the letters were sent to the NCCI Constituent Bodies requesting to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020. No response received from the Constituent Bodies. Hence the NCCI approached the HMI and

HMI is willing to host the Assembly 2020. The details of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 is as follows:

- Dates : 20th to 25th April 2019,
- Venue : HMI, Hyderabad
- Theme : "The hour has come" (Mark 12:41-44)
- Planning Committee: NCCI Office Bearers, Executive Secretaries, HMI Director and Telangana Council of Churches
- Ms. Shiluinla Jamir from Council of Baptist Churches in North East India is appointed as the Assembly Coordinator for a period of one-year w.e.f. 1st October 2019 to assist the General Secretary in conducting the Assembly.

9. Public Witness Issues [Ref. WC:2019:32 (XII)]

The following public witness resolutions presented by the NCCI Executive Secretaries and Coordinators in the General Body Meeting on 20th September 2019 were approved with appreciation. The Executive Secretaries are working out the execution of the resolutions

1. Dalit Christian Rights
2. Land Rights
3. Response to a call from Palestine
4. Uniform Civil Code and Church's Response:
5. Usage of Conversion as a Political Tool and Church's Response:
6. Dwindling Democratic Values in Governance in India and Church's:
7. Human Sexuality and Church's Response
8. Concerns of North East India and Church's Response
9. Capacity Building of Youth Leadership
10. Migration
11. Development of Competitive Ability in Civil Service

10. Dalit Christian Support Fund [Ref. WC:2019:33 (I)]

The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 19th September 2019 approved of the setting up of the Dalit Christian Support Program under the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi concerns and authorized the General Secretary to appoint a suitable Programme Assistant to run the program, Accordingly Mr. Shibi Peter from CSI had been appointed as Programme Assistant w.e.f. 1st October 2019 for a period of one year.

It was also resolved to approve receive donations/contributions as detailed for the Dalit Christian Solidarity Program and to open a bank account in the name of 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program'

11. Local Resource Mobilization Desk [Ref. WC:2019:33 (II)]

The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 19th Sept 2019, resolved to approve the setting up of the Local Resource Mobilization Desk in Delhi to raise local resources and to authorize the General Secretary to appoint a suitable person in consultation with the President.

12. Two new areas of ecumenical witness [Ref. WC:2019:33 (III)]

1) The General Secretary shared that the matter of All India Council for Christian Schools as a new Related Agency to coordinate the educational ministry of the Churches at the School level is pending implementation and will be initiated before next Executive Committee.

2) The General Secretary shared that the matter of bringing Christian Entrepreneurs together as a Related Agencies to strengthen their ecumenical/Christian witness in the market place including addressing matters relating to business ethics in a profit-oriented market economy is pending and after consulting Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Bishop Mar Awgin will come up with a proposal in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Working Committee noted the above information.

WC:2019:44 New Business

1. Appointment of Treasurer

Since the position of Treasurer of NCCI is vacant due to unfortunate death of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, it was proposed that Rev. A. Joshua Peter, Executive Secretary of UELCI and a member of the NCCI General Body be appointed as the Treasurer of NCCI in place of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar for the current period of the Quadrennium (2016-2020). The Committee after due deliberation resolved:

Res. No. 02/WC/2019

Rev. A. Joshua Peter be appointed as Treasurer of NCCI in place of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar for the current period of the Quadrennium (2016-2020).

2. Authorization to sign agreement with MSETCL (Jubilee House 1st floor)

The General Secretary reported that MSETCL is interested to occupy the first floor of Jubilee House building in Civil Lines, Nagpur and after finalizing the terms and conditions of Leave & License the agreement will be made. The Working Committee discussed the matter and resolved:

Res. No. 03/WC/2019

The General Secretary, Rev. Asir Ebenezer is authorized to sign the agreement with MSETCL.

3. To open a new bank a/c in the name of CCA for receiving contributions on behalf of CCA from CCA members in India and well wishers & friends of CCA

The General Secretary reported that there is a need to open a new bank account in the name of Christian Conference of Asia for receiving contributions on behalf of CCA from CCA members in India and well-wishers & friends of CCA. The Working Committee discussed the matter and resolved:

Res. No. 04/WC/2019

i. To open a bank account in the name of Christian Conference of Asia for receiving contributions of CCA from CCA members in India and well-wishers and friends of CCA.

ii. To open a bank account in the name of Christian Conference of Asia to be operated by the General Secretary of NCCI, Treasurer of NCCI and Mrs. Rachna Singh, NCCI Finance Committee member.

4. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly planning matters

The General Secretary briefed the members about the preparations of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly.
The information was received.

5. The conflict between Jacobite and Orthodox churches in Kerala – offer of NCCI arbitration

The General Secretary reported the conflict between Jacobite and Orthodox churches in Kerala and the offer of NCCI arbitration as per the constitution. The members discussed the matter and it was decided to make a pastoral visit to both the churches. The Office Bearers will form the delegation. The General Secretary will take an appointment from heads of both the churches and facilitate the visit before the meeting of the Executive Committee in February 2020.

6. Representation from NCCI to CCA assembly

The General Secretary reported that nominations of official delegates from NCCI to the 15th General Assembly of CCA, which will be held at Kovalam in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India from 3 to 9 September 2020 is due. The members discussed the matter and suggested names from churches who are not members of CCA. It was resolved to write to Mennonite Church in India, Baptist Church of Mizoram and the Salvation Army to send one name from their respective churches for the 15th General Assembly of CCA.

Res. No. 05/WC/2019

One layman from Mennonite Church in India, one lay woman from the Baptist Church of Mizoram and one youth (male/female) from the Salvation Army Territories in South India will be nominated for the upcoming CCA Assembly to be held in Kerala, India. General Secretary will be one of the four nominees.

7. Staff matters

The General Secretary reported that an application is received from Mr. M.T. Thomas regarding extension of his services in NCCI as Circulation Assistant for one year after his retirement. Mr. Thomas retired on 30th November 2019 after completion of 65 year of age. The members discussed the matter and resolved:

Res. No. 06/WC/2019

The request for extension to Mr. M.T. Thomas is not granted.

WC:2019:45 Any Other Business

1. Present situation in the country:
   The members expressed their concerns about the present situation in the country arising out of passing of the Citizen Amendment Act. A draft statement prepared by Rev. Fr. Abraham Mathew was discussed and changes were suggested for revision.

2. Payables of NCCI
   The General Secretary reported that payables of NCCI amount to Rs. 54,00,000/-:

   i. CCA Membership Fees Arrears Rs. 6,00,000/- till date.
   ii. Salary Arrears of FY 2018-2019 is Rs. 8,00,000/-
   iii. Nazul lease rent from 2016 onwards @ of Rs. 7,50,000/- for NCCI Campus and Rs. 2,50,000/- for Church House property per annum. Total liability comes to Rs. 10,00,000/- p.a. for four years it comes to Rs. 40,00,000/-.

3. The General Secretary reported that the help of an Advocate is taken in the case of the notice issued by the Labour Welfare Officer relating to Mr. Manoj Soni a staff of CSA. The matter is being pursued.

4. Membership fees
   The General Secretary reported that the membership fees dues from the NCCI Constituent members is amounting to Rs. 10,22,000/-. The matter is being pursued.

5. CASA+CLS

The General Secretary reported that the outstanding dispute between CASA and CLS South Zone Headquarter building remains unresolved, and that on offer of arbitration is extended to the Chief Executives of both the organizations. Their replies are awaited.

WC:2019:46 Date of next meeting

The proposed date for the next Working Committee meeting is 5th February 2020 and the place for the meeting is CNI Bhavan, New Delhi.

WC:2019:47 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2019:48 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Collin Theodore, and benediction was pronounced by the Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Minutes
2020

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
02:00 pm 5th February 2020,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi.

Minutes of the Meetings

FC:2020:01 Opening Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Rev Dr Packiam Samuel.

FC:2020:02 Welcome
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2020:03 Roll Call
The Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh chaired the meeting.

The Finance Committee Offered Condolences for the life and service of Rev Dr Augustine Jeyakumar. A moment of silence was observed for the departed soul.

Members Present
Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President NCCI*
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
Rev. A. Joshua Peter
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary NCCI
Mr Ashish. P. Mane, Finance Officer, (Invitee)

Apologies
Mr. K.Jaya Rao
Mrs. Rachana Singh

Absent
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2020:04 Adoption of Agenda
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2020:05 Appointment of Recording Secretary
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2020:06 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st July 2019 at NCCI Office, CNI Bhawan, New Delhi, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.01 /FC/2020:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st July 2019 be confirmed

FC:2020:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1) Salary Revision (2018-2021) *[Ref. FC: 2019:11]*
The Salary Revision scheme was approved and Decision was implemented. It was informed to the committee that the arrears of Salary from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, will be paid in due course of time. Out of the total Salary arrears liability 22% of the Salary Arrears is cleared.

2) Property matters *[Ref. FC:2019:13]*
As Resolved by the Finance Committee to authorize Rev Asir Ebenezer to do such acts as required for renewing the NCCI Nazul properties and to pay the nazul rent for the NCCI Campus @ of Rs 7,50,000/- and for the Church House Property @ Rs 2,50,000/- P.A from the year 2016 onwards. The Matter would be complied once the funds are arranged for payment of Nazul dues from year 2016 onwards. It was informed to the committee that Rupees Forty Lakhs would be required to be paid as nazul rent before processing the papers

3) The need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI *[Ref. FC:2019:13A]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee, to initiate the process for securing FCRA registration certificate, for NCCI in due course of time. The papers as required for FCRA registration are in process.

4) The Settlement of amount held in the NCCI P.F trust *[Ref. FC:2019:13B]*
for following employees namely

1) *Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad Rs 6,80,179.11/-*
2) *Ms Ushakiran Herold Rs 4,35,346.82/-*
3) *Mr M. T. Thomas Rs 7,22,592.29/-*
4) *Ms Moumita Biswas Rs 2,52,181/- [Ref. FC:2019:13B]*

The PF Amount of Ms Ushakiran Herold, Mr M. T. Thomas, and of Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad had been settled. In case of Ms Moumita Biswas we are awaiting for the bank details and required forms to be filled by her. Matter is in process.

5) Sale of old office vehicle and purchase of a new vehicle
[Ref. FC:2019:13D] :
On reviewing the matter it was found that the old vehicle is useful for Azariah House facility for purchasing and other works, so the vehicle was not disposed off. Due to Financial Constraints in the current Finance year, new vehicle would be purchased in next Finance year.

6) Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019) *[Ref. FC:2019:25]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

7) Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2019 *[Ref. FC: 2019:26]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

8) Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019 NCCI *[Ref. FC:2019:27]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

9) Appointment of Statutory Auditor *[Ref. FC:2019:28]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the appointment of M\s L. D'Souza and Company as Statutory Auditor for the F.Y 2019-20 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

10) Appointment of Internal Auditor *[Ref. FC:2019:29]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the appointment of M\s Subodh Kanetkar and Company as Internal Auditor for the F.Y 2019-20 and F.Y. 2020-21 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

11) (a) Identifying suitable freehold plot of land for purchase. *[Ref. FC:2019:32/1]*
The Search for the suitable Freehold Plot of Land is in process

(b) To open a new bank account in the name of NCCI- Dalit Christian Support Fund *[Ref. FC:2019:32/2]*
The Bank Accounts has been opened.

(c) To open a new bank account in the name of NCCI- Foreign Contrlbution Account *[Ref.FC:2019:32/3]*
The opening of new bank account in the name of NCCI-Foreign Contribution Account is in process.

FC:2020:08 Report on Finances of NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation

Res No. 02/FC/2020:

Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation

FC:2020:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2019 to 31st December, 2019)

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019.

Res No. 03/FC/2020:

Resolved that the statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019 of NCCI be received

FC:2020:10 Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019)

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019

Res No. 04/FC/2020:

Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval

FC:2020:11 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

Mr Ashish Mane presented the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 budget. After a brief discussion the committee approved the budget Res No. 05/FC/2020:

Resolved that the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 budget be approved and recommend the same to the NCCI Working committee and Executive Committee.

Res No. 05(1)/FC/2020 :

Resolved further that the Registration fees for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly participants be Rs 1000/- per head. And a memento\ handbag\water flask costing less than Rs 1000/- may be presented to every XXIX Assembly participants.

Res No. 05 (2)/FC/2020 :

Resolved to publish a NCCI Souvenir for fundraising carrying fraternal greetings of national and global leaders and share some of the key milestones of NCCI.

FC:2020:12 Budget for the Financial year 2020-2021

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Budget for the F.Y 2020-2021 budget. After a brief discussion the committee approved the budget

Res No. 06/FC/2020:

Resolved that the F.Y 2020-2021 budget be approved and recommend the same to the NCCI Working committee and Executive Committee.

FC:2020:13 Any Other Business

1) Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that NCCI should pay Nazul rent on priority and execute the Nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible.

Res No. 07/FC/2020 :

Resolved to authorise General secretary to pay nazul rent and execute the nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible.

2) Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that NCCI should pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis on the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facility.

Res No. 08/FC/2020 :

Resolved to authorise General secretary to do such acts as required to pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis for the portion of land utilized for NCCI lawns and Guest house facility.

3) Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that XXIX Quadrennial Assembly participants be encouraged to intimate NCCI if they book their own accommodation. The NCCI secretariat was advised to incorporate into the Participants Assembly Registration form whether delegates need accommodation.

4) Most Rev Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that all the pending Payable including the salary arrears be cleared within six months

Res No. 09/FC/2020:

Resolved to authorize General secretary to do such acts as required for paying all the pending payables including the salary arrears within six months

5) Most Rev Dr. P.C. Singh has advised to rethink the Membership fees applicable to the member organisation so as to justify the membership fees amount.

6) The Finance Committee has advised that the funded programmes should be conducted in the Azariah House Guest facility as far as possible to increase the revenue of NCCI

Res No. 10/FC/2020:

Resolved to authorize General secretary to issue such notice\ circular\advisory to all NCCI\CSA Staff to plan to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah House Guest Facility to increase the revenue of NCCI

7) Rev Asir Ebenezer has shared that he has been invited for the WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020

Res No. 11/FC/2020:

Resolved to approve the travel subsidy for the NCCI General Secretary to travel for WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020.

8) The Finance Committee duly noted the Christian Service Agencies Finance Report, Receipt and payment account for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019, Internal Audit Report for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th Sept 2019 and the Budget for the F.Y 2020-2021.

9) Rev Asir Ebenezer informed the Finance Committee that the working Committee held on 16 Dec 2019 has appointed Rev. A. Joshua Peter as the Treasurer of NCCI\CSA in place of Late Rev. Dr. A.G.Augustine Jeyakumar.

Res No. 12/FC/2020:

Resolved to authorize Rev. A. Joshua Peter to operate all NCCI\CSA bank accounts in place of Late Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar along with 1) Rev Asir Ebenezer 2) Mrs Rachna Singh

Res No. 12(1)/FC/2020: Resolved further

i) That all cheques below Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) singly

ii) And that all cheques above Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) along with any one of the following signatories namely 1) Ms Rachna Singh 2) Rev. A. Joshua Peter

FC:2020:14 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked the Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh for taking time out to chair the meeting. He also thanked all the members for their presence and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2020:15 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 5th February 2020 at 5:30 p.m.,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi – 110 001

WC:2020:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop Johan Dang.

WC:2020:02 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2020:03 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang
7. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

WC:2020:04 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res. No. 01/WC/2020

Rev. Asir Ebenezer was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2020:05 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members with a change in item no. WC:2020:08 (3) Report of the Internal Auditor, period mentioned was (from 1st April 2019 to 31st December 2019) has to be replace with (from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019).

WC:2020:06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Working Committee held on 16th December 2019 which had been circulated on 21st December 2019, was confirmed.

WC:2020:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on 16th December 2019

1. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref. WC:2019:43 (1)]
   The General Secretary reported that the PF amount to Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad had been settled, but so far, we have not received the bank details of Ms. Moumita Biswas so it's pending.

2. **Utilization of surplus funds, if any/ Purchase of land**
   [Ref. WC:2019:43 (6)]
   The General Secretary reported that the utilization of surplus funds and to identify a suitable plot of land for the purchase in and around Nagpur are still pending.

3. **Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office, New Delhi**
   [Ref. WC:2019:43 (7)]
   The General Secretary reported that the Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office with the CNI Synod, New Delhi is finalized, but not yet signed.

4. **Dalit Christian Support Fund** [Ref. WC:2019:43 (10)]
   The General Secretary reported that a bank account in the name 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program' is started.

5. **Local Resource Mobilization Desk** [Ref. WC:2019:43 (11)]
   The General Secretary reported that Mr. S. Raju, Hon. Administrative Officer has been asked to assist in this for the time being.

6. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [Ref. WC:2019:43 (12)]
   1) The General Secretary reported that the matter of All India Council for Christian Schools as a new Related Agency to coordinate the educational ministry of the Churches at the School level is pending implementation.

   2) The General Secretary reported that the matter of bringing Christian Entrepreneurs together to strengthen their ecumenical/ Christian witness in the market place including addressing matters relating to business ethics in a profit-oriented market economy is pending.

7. **Appointment of Treasurer** [Ref. WC:2019:44 (1)]
   The General Secretary reported that after following the due procedure of the appointment of Treasurer, a letter was sent to Rev. A. Joshua Peter informing about his appointment as Treasurer of NCCI for the remaining period of the Quadrennium (2016-2020) in place of late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar.

8. **To open a new bank a/c in the name of CCA for receiving contributions on behalf of CCA from CCA members in India and well-wishers & friends of CCA** [Ref. WC:2019:44 (3)]
The General Secretary reported that as resolved in the last meeting of the Working Committee a bank account in the name 'Christian Conference of Asia' is started.

9. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly planning matters** [Ref. WC:2019:44 (4)]
The General Secretary briefed the members about the preparations of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly, that the letters had been sent to the Constituent members for nominations with a deadline of receiving the names by 5th February 2020. Invitations had been sent to the fraternal delegates and some responses also received. First planning meeting held on 10-11 Dec 2019. Appeal letters along with Order form for advertisement in souvenir had been sent to NCCI Constituent members, Heads of Churches, Executive and General Body members. Letters informing exhibition space available during the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly were also sent to some organizations and received positive responses.

WC:2020:08 New Business

1. **Report of the Treasurer (report on the finances of NCCI)**
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

2. **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019)**
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019. The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved

Res.No.02/WC/2020

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019**
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019. It was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.03/WC/2020

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019, be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. Budget for the Financial year 2020-2021

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2020-2021. It was received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.04/WC/2020

The budget of the NCCI for the FY 2020-2021 be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

5. Matters from Finance Committee

i. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The Working Committee received and approved the budget for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for approval. Also, received a proposal of Registration fees for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly per participants be Rs 1000/-. And a memento\handbag\water flask costing less than Rs 1000/- may be presented to every Assembly participant. A proposal to publish a NCCI Souvenir carrying fraternal greetings of national and global leasers and share some of the key milestones of NCCI. As fund raising drive. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res.No.05/WC/2020

i. The budget of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

ii. The registration fees for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be Rs. 1000/- per participant. And a memento/hand bag/water flask costing less than Rs. 1000/- may be presented to every Assembly participant.

iii. To publish a NCCI Souvenir carrying fraternal greetings of national and global leaders and share some of the key milestones of NCCI. As a fund-raising drive.

ii. NCCI Property matters

a. The General Secretary shared the concern of Nazul rent and lease agreement of NCCI headquarter property. The

members of the Working Committee discussed the matter and advised that NCCI should pay Nazul rent on priority and execute the Nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible. The General Secretary is authorized to do the needful. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res No.06/WC/2020 :
To authorize the General Secretary to pay nazul rent and execute the nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible.

b. The members of the Working Committee advised that NCCI should pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis on the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facilities and the General Secretary is authorized to do the needful. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res No.07/WC/2020
To authorize General Secretary to do such acts as required to pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis for the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facilities.

iii. The members of the Working Committee advised that XXIV Quadrennial Assembly participants be encouraged to book their own accommodation and to incorporate into the Participants Assembly Registration form whether they need accommodation.

iv. The members of the Working Committee advised that all the pending Payable including the salary arrears be cleared within six months.
It was resolved:

Res No.08/WC/2020
To authorize the General secretary to do such acts as required for paying all the pending payables including the salary arrears within six months.

v. The members of the Working Committee advised to re think the Membership fees applicable to the member organization so as to justify the membership fees amount.

vi. The General Secretary reported that to increase the NCCI revenue it is suggested by the Finance Committee to avail the facilities of the Azariah House Guest for conducting

future funded programmes of NCCI. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res No.09/WC/2020:
To authorize General Secretary to issue such notice\ circular\ advisory to all NCCI\CSA Staff to plan to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah House Guest Facility to increase the revenue of NCCI.

vii. The General Secretary shared the decision of Finance Committee recommended approval of the travel subsidy of the NCCI General Secretary for attending the WCC meet ing to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020. The Working Committee noted the information and approved the travel subsidy.

Res No. 10/WC/2020
To approve the travel subsidy for the NCCI General Secretary to travel for WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020.

viii. The Working Committee duly noted the Christian Service Agencies Finance Report, Receipt and payment account for the period from 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019, Internal Audit Report for the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th Sept 2019 and the Budget of F.Y 2020-2021.

ix. As resolved by the Working Committee held on 16th Dec 2019 Rev. A. Joshuva Peter was appointed as the Treasurer of NCCI\CSA in place of Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar. The General Secretary informed that we need resolutions replacing Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar's name with Rev. A. Joshuva Peter's name as Treasurer for operating all bank accounts of NCCI. It was resolved:

Res No. 11/WC/2020

i. To authorize Rev. A. Joshuva Peter to operate all NCCI bank accounts in place of Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar along with
1) Rev Asir Ebenezer 2) Mrs Rachna Singh.

ii. That all cheques below Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) singly.

iii. And that all cheques above Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) along with any one of the following signatories namely
1) Ms Rachna Singh 2) Rev. A. Joshuva Peter.

6. Report of the General Secretary
The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI, and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.

It was resolved
Res.No.12/WC/2020
The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee.

WC:2020:09 Any Other Business
There was no other business.

WC:2020:10 Date of next meeting
Date for the next meeting will be finalized and circulated to the members.

WC:2020:11 Vote of Thanks
The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2020:12 Prayer and Benediction
The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by the Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
09:30 a.m. 6th February 2020,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

EC:2020:01 Opening Devotion

The morning devotion started with a word of prayer by Bishop Subodh Mondal followed by Bible reading from gospel according to Luke 7:36-48 by Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai and the message delivered by Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, the President of NCCI.

EC:2020:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
8. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
9. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
10. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
11. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
12. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
13. Dr. K. Abraham,
14. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
15. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
16. Mr. Angelious Michael,
17. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
18. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
19. Ms. Ani Koshy,
20. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
21. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
22. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
23. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
24. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
25. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
26. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore,
27. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
28. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
29. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
30. Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
31. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
3. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
4. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
5. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
6. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
7. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
8. Rev. Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
9. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
10. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
11. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula
12. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
13. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
14. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,

III. Absentees

1. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
2. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
3. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
4. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
5. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,

IV. Observer

1. Pastor K. Sunni Vilas, STBC

V. Invitees

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness
4. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai, Executive Secretary, Women Concerns
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator, NCCI-ESHA
6. Ms. Shiluinla Jamir, Assembly Coordinator, NCCI
7. Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

VI. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

EC:2020:03 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2020:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier with a change in item no. EC:2020:12 Internal Audit Report, period mentioned was (from 1st April 2019 to 31st December 2019) has to be replaced with (from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019).

It was resolved

Res. No. 01/EC/2020

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted with suggested change.

EC:2020:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 02/EC/2020

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2020:06 Interim Treasurer

The General Secretary reported that the Working Committee which met on 16th December 2019 appointed Rev. A. Joshuva Peter as the Treasurer of NCCI for an interim period upto 31st March 2020 after the sudden demise of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar following the due process. The minutes related to this was circulated to the members of the Executive Committee and no comments were received on the decision of the Working Committee. Therefore, Rev. A. Joshuva Peter was intimated of his appointment as Treasurer for the remaining period of the quadrennium. The General Secretary also informed that we need resolutions replacing Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar's name with Rev. A. Joshuva Peter's name as Treasurer for operating all bank accounts of NCCI. After due delib eration the committee ratified the decision of the Working Committee and resolved:

Res. No. 03/EC/2020

i. To ratify the decision that Rev. A. Joshuva Peter be appointed as the Treasurer of NCCI in place of Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar for the current period of the Quadrennium (2016-2020).

ii. To authorize Rev. A. Joshuva Peter to operate all NCCI bank accounts in place of Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar along with 1) Rev Asir Ebenezer
2) Mrs Rachna Singh.

iii. That all cheques below Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) singly.

iv. And that all cheques above Rs 48,000/- will be signed by Rev Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary) along with any one of the following signatories namely 1) Mrs Rachna Singh 2) Rev. A. Joshuva Peter.

EC:2020:07 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

I. Passing away of NCCI Treasurer

The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) pays respectful homage to the living memories and rich heritage of its Treasurer Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Executive Director of the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI), who received his home call on Reformation Day Thursday 31st October 2019. The President and the Office Bearers of the NCCI recognize and acknowl edge with deep gratitude the guidance and services of the Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar, both as a member of the NCCI Executive Committee since 2008 and as its Treasurer since the year 2012; a tall ecumenical leader of the LutheranReformation tradition.

A committed servant to the liberating Gospel of Jesus the Christ, Dr. Jeyakumar endeared himself to the most deprived persons of the community, the dalits and all persons of the marginalized sections of the society, in the realization of their dreams and aspirations. He had a keen eye to spot talent and groomed such persons for the service of the church in society.

The Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar was first and foremost a churchman. His deep passion for the ministries of the Church was evident in both his perspective of churches' mission as well as in the implementation of its projects. He desired the relevance of church in society and spent all his life working toward the realization of this desire.

A keen ecumenist, a shrewd administrator, a challenging yet reliable partner in mission, a friend, deep thinker, strategist and architect of many a plan, Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar stood a head above shoulder amidst his well-wishers and critics alike. His penchant for discipline and commitment to keep to deadlines stood him in good stead.

In the National Council of Churches in India he is fondly remembered for thinking through his heart, his sharp observations and guidance in the fields of governance, administration and finance,

his deep love for all staff and the support staff in particular, and his motivation and unwavering support to the Executive Secretaries in the discharge of their duties.

May his memory abide in the remembrance of the everlasting love that he showered on us all; may he be remembered in our walk of faith and persistence toward life affirmation; and may his tribe in crease as we emulate his passion for the justice to all God's people and every creation of God.

The President requested the members to stand and observe a moment of silence after which Bishop Collin C. Theodore was asked to offer a word of prayer thanking God for the life and work of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar and interceding for the bereaved family.

II. Passing away of church leaders:

i. Ms Sadhona Ganguli, former National General Secretary of YWCA of India and Acting Director of India Peace Centre, passed away on 16th December 2019.

ii. Adv. Rajendra Sail, a noted human rights activist a member of NCCI-URM and ecumenist, passed away on 26th January 2020.

iii. Rev. V.E. Christopher, Former President AELC and NCCI Executive Committee member.

The President asked the members to stand and observe a moment of silence following which Fr. Joseph Puthenpura offered a word of prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Office:

i. Rt. Rev. Sameer Khimla, elected as the new Bishop of CNI Durgapur Diocese.
ii. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, new Executive Secretary of UELCI
iii. Rt. Rev. E. Vijaya Bhaskar, new Bishop-Elect of South Andhra Lutheran Church
iv. Ms. Joyce Pereira, new National General Secretary of Young Women's Christian Association of India
v. New Office Bearers of ATTWI for 2020 – 2023: (7th Jan 2020)

President	:	Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder
Vice President	:	Ms. J. S. Hogla Thabitha
Secretary	:	Rev. Dr. N. Gnana Prasuna
Treasurer	:	Rev. Salome Joshua

vi. New Office Bearers of CSI Synod:

The Most Rev. A. Dharmaraj Rasalam	-	Moderator, CSI & Bishop in South Kerala diocese
The Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark	-	Deputy Moderator,CSI & Bishop in Karimnagar diocese
Adv. C. Fernandas Rathina Raja	-	General Secretary, CSI
Prof. Dr. B. Vimal Sukumar	-	Hon. Treasurer, CSI

EC:2020:08 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 19th September 2019 had been circulated on 29th October 2019 and with a minor correction (in item no. EC:2019:37 the dates of NCCI Quadrennial Assembly is April 2020 instead of April 2019) it was confirmed. It was resolved:

Res. No. 04/EC/2020

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19th September 2019 which had been previously circulated, were confirmed with a minor correction in item no. EC:2019:37 the dates of NCCI Quadrennial Assembly is April 2020.

EC:2020:09 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2019

I. Salary Revision (2018-2021) [Ref EC:2019:29 (I)]:

The General Secretary reported the arrears of salaries from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 is partially paid to 20% to 25% of staff and rest 80% will be paid before the closing of this financial year 2019-2020.

II. FCRA Certificate for NCCI [Ref EC:2019:29 (II)]:

The General Secretary reported that the process for applying for the NCCI FCRA registration is underway.

III. P.F. Settlement [Ref EC:2019:29 (III)]:

The General Secretary reported that the PF amount to Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad had been settled, but so far, we have not received the bank details of Ms Moumita Biswas so it's pending.

IV. Sale of old office vehicle [Ref EC:2019:29 (IV)]:

The General Secretary reported that the matter of disposing of old vehicle is not done as the Council started using this vehicle for Azariah Guest House work.

V. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Women's concerns

[Ref. No. EC:2019:29(XII)]

The General Secretary reported that Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai from CNI is appointed as Executive Secretary, NCCI Women

Concerns with effect from 1st October 2019 for a period of 5 years. She started working from NCCI Office located in CNI Bhawan, New Delhi.

VI. Dalit Christian Support Program [Ref. No. EC:2019:30 (I)]
The General Secretary reported that Mr. Shibi Peter from CSI had been appointed as Programme Assistant of the Project- Dalit Christian Support Programme of the NCCI w.e.f. 1st October 2019 for a period of one year. The process of opening a bank account in the name 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program' is started. Brochures and other literature for the campaign is ready. The General Body members have started providing their contacts to build the network.

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IX. Local Resource Mobilization Desk [Ref. No. EC:2019:30 (IV)]
The General Secretary reported that for setting up of the Local Resource Mobilization Desk in Delhi to raise local resources, Mr. S. Raju, Hon. Administrative Officer has been asked to assist in this for time being.

X. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2019-2020
[Ref. No. EC:2019:35]
The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s L.D'Souza and Co. was re-appointed as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2019-2020.

XI. Appointment of Internal Auditors FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
[Ref. No. EC:2019:36]
The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. was re-appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for NCCI.

XII. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 [Ref. No. EC:2019:37]
The General Secretary reported that this is a separate item in the Agenda having no. EC:2020:15, therefore the report and decisions will be shared and recorded there.

EC:2020:10 Matters from:

I. Finance Committee

Those matters from Finance Committee is forwarded to Working Committee and recorded in agenda item no. EC:2020:10 (II).

II. Working Committee

i. NCCI Property matters [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (ii)]

a. The General Secretary shared the concern of Nazul rent and lease agreement of NCCI headquarter property. He also shared the financial situation of NCCI and mentioned that it is necessary to liquidate the fixed deposits to clear off the nazul fees. The members of the Working Committee discussed the matter and advised that NCCI should pay Nazul rent on priority and execute the Nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible. The General Secretary is authorized to do the needful. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No. 05/EC/2020

i. To authorize the General Secretary to pay nazul rent and execute the nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible.

ii. To approve to liquidate the Fixed Deposits for the payment of Nazul fees of 30 to 40 lacs.

b. The members of the Working Committee advised that NCCI should pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis on the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facilities and the General Secretary is authorized to do the needful. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No. 06/EC/2020

To authorize General Secretary to do such acts as required to pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis for the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facilities.

ii. The members of the Working Committee advised that the all the pending Payable including the salary arrears be cleared within six months. The Executive Committee discussed the matter and resolved:

Res. No. 07/EC/2020

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iii. The members of the Working Committee advised to rethink the Membership fees applicable to the member organization so as to justify the membership fees amount. The General Secretary will bring a proposal about the status of the organisations in the General Body for discussion and decision.

iv. The General Secretary reported that to increase the NCCI revenue as suggested by the Finance Committee and approved by the Working Committee to avail the facilities of the Azariah House Guest for conducting future funded programmes of NCCI. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No. 08/EC/2020
To authorize General Secretary to issue such notice\ circular\advisory to all NCCI\CSA Staff to plan to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah House Guest Facility to increase the revenue of NCCI.

v. The General Secretary shared the decision of Working Committee to approve the travel subsidy of the NCCI General Secretary for attending the WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020. The Executive Committee noted the information and approved the travel subsidy. It was resolved:

Res. No. 09/EC/2020
To approve the travel subsidy for the NCCI General Secretary to travel for WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020.

EC:2020:11 Report of the Treasurer

The Executive Committee received the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2019. The members appreciated the efforts made to strengthen the finances of the NCCI and resolved to approve the same with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 10/EC/2020
The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st July to 31st December 2019 were received and approved with appreciation.

EC:2020:12 Internal Audit Report (from 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019)

The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 11/EC/2020

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 be approved.

EC:2020:13 Budget for 2020-2021

The Executive Committee received the draft Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2020-2021 and forwarded the same to the General Body for approval.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 12/EC/2020

The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2020-21 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

EC:2020:14 Statement of Accounts (from 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019)

The Executive Committee received the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 13/EC/2020

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019 be approved.

EC:2020:15 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Secretary reported that letters had been sent to the Constituent members for nominations with a deadline of receiving the names by 5th February 2020. Appeal letters along with Order form for advertisement in souvenir had been sent to NCCI Constituent members, Heads of Churches, Executive and General Body members, Friends and Well-wishers. Letters informing exhibition space available during the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly were also sent to some organizations and received positive responses. The other details of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 is as follows:

- Dates : 20th to 25th April 2020,
- Venue : HMI, Hyderabad
- Theme : 'The Hour has come: Let us get Going' (cf. Mark 12:41-44)
- Accommodation: (i) HMI-120 persons, (ii) Hotels-200 persons
- Local transportation is arranged for those staying in hotels
- Breakfast is arranged in staying play
- Assembly sessions will be conducted in HMI
- Programme Schedule includes (One keynote address, 3 Bible studies, Thematic Plenary, Parallel Workshops, One Plenary for

setting priority, one more Plenary for ecumenical regional expressions, and one cultural evening)

The following proposals were received, discussed and approved in the Working Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for further approval:

- Budget for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020
- A Registration fee of Rs. 1,000/- per participants for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly
- Publishing a Souvenir as a fund raising drive with fraternal greetings of national and global leaders.
- Exhibition of different organisations displaying their activities.

After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res. No.14/EC/2020

i. To approve the aforesaid proposal relating to the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020.

ii. The budget of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be received, and approved.

iii. The registration fees for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be Rs. 1000/- per participant. And a memento/handbag/ water flask costing less than Rs. 1000/- may be presented to every Assembly participant.

iv. To publish a NCCI Souvenir carrying fraternal greetings of national and global leaders and share some of the key milestones of NCCI. As a fund-raising drive.

EC:2020:16 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented a report for the period September 2019 to January 2020. The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 15/EC/2020

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and approved with appreciation.

EC:2020:17 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

EC:2020:18 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Office-Bearers, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their contribution in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Executive Committee meeting. He particularly thanked Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator of CNI Synod and President of NCCI, for graciously hosting the meetings. He thanked Warden of CNI Bhawan, General Secretary of CNI Synod, and also General Secretary YMCA Delhi for their cooperation in hosting the event.

EC:2020:19 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Colonel John Kumar Dasari.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2020 AT 02:20 P.M.
NCCI OFFICE, CNI BHAVAN, 16 PANDIT PANT MARG, NEW DELHI-110 001

GB:2020:01 Devotion

The Devotion was conducted by the President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh.

GB:2020:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
8. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
9. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
10. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
11. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
12. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
13. Dr. K. Abraham,
14. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
15. Mr. Angelious Michael,
16. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
17. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
18. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
19. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
20. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
21. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore,
22. Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar
23. Dr. Sushant Agrawal
24. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
25. Rev. Dr. Ramengliana,
26. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
27. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,
28. Rev. Prof. Dr. Mathews Emmanuel Thathapudi,
29. Rev. Vinay Peter,
30. Dr. William Stanley
31. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,
32. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
33. Mr. Kishore Kumar Nag,
34. Mr. Bertram Devadas,

35. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
36. Rev. Joshuva Peter,
37. Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga,
38. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar,
39. Rev. S. Asok Kumar,
40. Dr. Priya John

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
3. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
4. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
5. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
6. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
7. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
8. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
9. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
10. Rev. Dr. I.P. Asheervadam,
11. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
12. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
13. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
14. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
15. Mr. K. Jaya Rao
16. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
17. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
18. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
19. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
20. Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
21. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
22. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
23. Mrs. Mary George,
24. Dr. Mary Verghese,

III. Absentees

1. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
2. Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
3. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
4. Rev. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
5. Dr. Saramma Varghese,
6. Ms. Ani Koshy,
7. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
8. Rev. K. Sardar
9. Rt. Rev. P.P. Marandih,
10. Rev. Pradeep Jyotish,
11. Rev. Dr. Hemantkumar Parmar,
12. Rev. Arun Barwa,
13. Mrs. Ekta Peters,

14. Rev. Alfred Tiwade,
15. Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal Council of Churches,
16. Christian Endeavour in India,
17. Christian Union of India
18. Dr. Sunil Chandy,
19. Rev. Anupama Hial

IV. Invitees

1. Mr. G. Samuel Sudhir, APCC
2. Rev. T. Bhasker, TSCC
3. Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder, ATTWI
4. Ms. Joyce Pereira, YMCA
5. Mr. Roshan Hansdak, SCC
6. Lt. Co. Rajkumar

V. Autonomous Bodies (Invitees)

1. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC
2. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, URM

VI. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators (Invitees)

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
4. Rev Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai,
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan
7. Ms. Shiluinla Jamir
8. Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

VII. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention,
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India,
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

GB:2020:03 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present formed the required quorum, the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2020:04 Welcome

The General Secretary welcomed the Presidium and the members of the General Body.

GB:2020:05 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, which had been circulated earlier, was adopted.

GB:2020:06 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.01/GB/2020:
Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

GB:2020:07 Obituaries & Felicitations

Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

I. Passing away of NCCI Treasurer

The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) pays respectful homage to the living memories and rich heritage of its Treasurer Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Executive Director of the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI), who received his home call on Reformation Day Thursday 31st October 2019. The President and the Office Bearers of the NCCI recognize and acknowledge with deep gratitude the guidance and services of the Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar, both as a member of the NCCI Executive Committee since 2008 and as its Treasurer since the year 2012; a tall ecumenical leader of the Lutheran Reformation tradition.

A committed servant to the liberating Gospel of Jesus the Christ, Dr. Jeyakumar endeared himself to the most deprived persons of the community, the dalits and all persons of the marginalized sections of the society, in the realization of their dreams and aspirations. He had a keen eye to spot talent and groomed such for the service of the church in society.

The Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar was first and foremost a churchman. His deep passion for the ministries of the Church was evident in both his perspective of churches' mission as well as in the implementation of its projects. He desired the relevance of church in society and spent all his life working toward the realization of this desire.

A keen ecumenist, a shrewd administrator, a challenging yet reliable partner in mission, a friend, deep thinker, strategist and architect of many a plan, Dr. Augustine Jeyakumar stood a head above shoulder amidst his well-wishers and critics alike. His penchant for discipline and commitment to keep to deadlines stood him in good stead.

In the National Council of Churches in India he is fondly remembered for thinking through his heart, his sharp observations and guidance in the fields of governance, administration and finance, his deep love for all staff and the support staff in particular, and his motivation and unwavering support to the Executive Secretaries in the discharge of their duties.

May his memory abide in the remembrance of the everlasting love that he showered on us all; may he be remembered in our walk of faith and persistence toward life affirmation; and may his tribe in crease as we emulate his passion for the justice to all God's people and every creation of God.

The President requested the members to stand and observe a moment of silence after which Bishop Collin C. Theodore was asked to offer a word of prayer thanking God for the life and work of Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar and interceding for the bereaved family.

II. Passing away of church leaders:

i. Ms Sadhona Ganguli, former National General Secretary of YWCA of India and Acting Director of India Peace Centre, passed away on 16th December 2019.
ii. Adv. Rajendra Sail, a noted human rights activist a member of NCCI-URM and ecumenist, passed away on 26th January 2020.
iii. Rev. V.E. Christopher, Former President AELC and NCCI Executive Committee member.

The President asked the members to stand and observe a moment of silence following which Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Thathapudi offered a word of prayer.

Felicitations

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Office:

i. Rt. Rev. Sameer Khimla, elected as the new Bishop of CNI Durgapur Diocese.
ii. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, new Executive Secretary of UELCI
iii. Rt. Rev. E. Vijaya Bhaskar, new Bishop-Elect of South Andhra Lutheran Church
iv. Ms. Joyce Pereira, new National General Secretary of Young Women's Christian Association of India
v. New Office Bearers of ATTWI for 2020 – 2023: (7th Jan 2020)

President	:	Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder
Vice President	:	Ms. J. S. Hogla Thabitha
Secretary	:	Rev. Dr. N. Gnana Prasuna
Treasurer	:	Rev. Salome Joshua

vi. New Office Bearers of CSI Synod:

The Most Rev. A. Dharmaraj Rasalam	-	Moderator, CSI & Bishop in South Kerala diocese
The Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark	-	Deputy Moderator, CSI & Bishop in Karimnagar diocese
Adv. C. Fernandas Rathina Raja	-	General Secretary, CSI
Prof. Dr. B. Vimal Sukumar	-	Hon. Treasurer, CSI

The following persons who were present and attended the meeting for the first time were felicitated: Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, new Executive Secretary of UELCI, and Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder, President ATTWI.

GB:2020:08 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 20th September 2019 had been circulated to the members with a minor correction [in item no. GB:2019:14 (VI) the dates of NCCI Quadrennial Assembly is April 2020 instead of April 2019] it was confirmed. It was resolved:

Res. No. 02/GB/2020

The minutes of the meeting of the General Body held on 20th September 2019 which had been previously circulated, were confirmed with a minor correction in item no. GB:2019:14 (VI) the dates of NCCI Quadrennial Assembly is April 2020.

GB:2020:09 Matters arising from the minutes of General Body Meeting

I. Consent Letters and No Objection Letters [Ref. GB:2019:08 (II)]:
The General Secretary shared that the draft is made ready. Members will sign it today.

II. Draft proposal of salary revision for NCCI/CSA Secretaries and Staff [Ref. GB:2019:08(IV)]
The General Secretary reported that the Secretaries and Staff started receiving the revised salary from 1st April 2019. The arrears of the salary from 1st April 2018 to March 2019 will be paid when the financial condition of NCCI stabilizes.

III. Dalit Christian Support Program [Ref. GB:2019:14(I)]
The General Secretary reported that Mr. Shibi Peter from CSI had been appointed as Programme Assistant of the Project- Dalit Christian Support Programme of the NCCI w.e.f. 1st October 2019 for a period of one year.

The process of opening a bank account in the name 'NCCI Dalit Christian Support Program' is started.

Brochures and other literature for the campaign is ready. The General Body members have started providing their contacts to build the network.

IV. All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS) [Ref. GB:2019:14(II)]
The General Secretary reported that the group could not meet to study the proposal of the AICCS but before the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly they will meet and bring suitable proposal to the effect.

The General Body noted the information.

V. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum [Ref. GB:2019:14(III)]
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The General Body noted the information.

VI. Local Resource Mobilization Desk [Ref. GB:2019:14(IV)]
The General Secretary reported that for setting up of the Local Resource Mobilization Desk in Delhi to raise local resources, Mr. S. Raju, Hon. Administrative Officer has been asked to assist in this for time being.

VII. CCA Assembly [Ref. GB:2019:14(V)]
The General Secretary reported that the Planning Core Group is being formed, and efforts to register conference in appropriate Govern ment of India agencies for visa of delegates is pursued.

VIII. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 [Ref. GB:2019:14(VI)]
The General Secretary reported that this is a separate item in the Agenda having no. GB:2020:19, therefore the report and decisions will be shared and recorded there.

IX. Representation of NCCI to LWSIT [Ref. GB:2019:20(I)]
The General Secretary reported that as resolved in the last General Body Meeting to appoint Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Rev. Madhukant Masih as representatives of NCCI to the Board of LWSIT for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st October 2019, the information was sent to LWSIT on 12 November 2019.

X. Representing NCCI in Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly (AEWA) [Ref. GB:2019:20(II)]
The General Secretary reported that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Mrs. Ella Sonawane represented NCCI in Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly (AEWA), held at Hsinchu, Taiwan from 21 to 27 November 2019.

XI. Authorization given to Office Bearers for reviving NUCF
[Ref. GB:2019:20(III)]
The General Body reported that steps have been taken with CBCI & EFI to get on board.

GB:2020:10 Matters from Executive Committee held on 6th February 2020

I. NCCI Property matters [Ref no. EC:2020:10 (II) (i) a]

a. The General Secretary shared the concern of Nazul rent and lease agreement of NCCI headquarter property. He also shared

the financial situation of NCCI and mentioned that it is necessary to liquidate the fixed deposits to clear off the nazul fees. The members of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee discussed the matter and advised that NCCI should pay Nazul rent on priority and execute the Nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarterproperty as soon as possible. The General Secretary was authorized to do the needful. The Executive Committee also resolved to liquidate the Fixed Deposits for the payment of nazul fees.

The General Body noted the information.

b. The members of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee advised that NCCI should pay Municipal taxes on commercial basis on the portion of land utilized for NCCI Lawns and Guest house facilities and the General Secretary is authorized to do the needful.

The General Body noted the information.

II. The members of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee advised that the all the pending Payable including the salary arrears be cleared within six months. The General Secretary was authorized to do such acts as required for paying all the pending payables including the salary arrears within six months.

The General Body noted the information.

III. Membership Fees: The members of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee advised to rethink the Membership fees applicable to the member organization so as to justify the membership fees amount. The General Secretary was asked to bring a proposal about the status of the organizations to the General Body for discussion and decision. After due deliberation it was resolved

Res. No.03 /GB/2020
To authorize the General Secretary to decide the matter in consultation with the Office Bearers.

IV. The General Secretary reported that to increase the NCCI revenue as suggested by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee to avail the facilities of the Azariah House Guest for conducting future funded programmes of NCCI.

The General Body noted the information.

V. The General Secretary shared the decision of the Executive Committee to approve the travel subsidy of the NCCI General Secretary for attending the WCC meeting to be held during 18th to 24th March 2020.

The General Body noted the information.

GB:2020:11 Membership matters

The General Secretary reported that there is no proposal for membership to be forwarded to the Assembly, except the membership matters of Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches & Telangana Council of Churches. It was resolved:

Res. No.04 /GB/2020

i. To recommend the application of Andhra Pradesh Council of Churches for full membership under the category of Regional Christian Council.

ii. To recommend the application of Telangana Council of Churches for full membership under the category of Regional Christian Council.

GB:2020:12 Constitution matters

1. National Programme Commission: Referring to the General Body Meeting minutes item no. GB:2017: 08 (2) Matters related to structure reorganization [Ref:GB:2016:32 (C)]: The General Secretary informed the members of the General Body that the matter relating to amendment of bye laws creating one National Programme Commission and integration of AICCW in the ministries of NCCI is not filed with the Charity Commissioner till date. In the ensuing discussion members also expressed their opinion that different Commissions for different concerns was a better option to accompany and guide the work of the Executive Secretaries. The formation of different Commissions served as a reference group and Advisory Body apart from providing opportunities for participation of the constituents as well as an expression of ownership of the ministries of NCCI.

2. Change report relating to constitutional amendments Article VI.1(b) regarding membership of Executive Committee of persons in ex-officio capacity from the constituent units : Referring to the minutes item no. 5 (a): of Special Meeting of the General Body wherein the amendment to the constitution of Article VI.1(b) was given effect, the General Secretary reported that the change reports has not been filed with the Charity Commissioner due to pendency of previously filed change application.

The General Body decided to take up the matter after the Assembly.

GB:2020:13 Arbitration matters

The General Secretary reported that there are no Bye laws relating to operationalizing the Constitutional provisions relating to arbitration. The General Body decided to pursue the matter after the Assembly. It was resolved:

Res. No.05 /GB/2020

To authorized the General Secretary to initiate the process of amending the bye laws to make the Constitutional provisions of arbitration operational.

GB:2020:14 Report of the Treasurer

The General Body received the Report of the finances of NCCI for the period 1st July to 31st December 2019. The members received the same with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.06 /GB/2020

The report of the finances of NCCI for the period 1st July to 31st December 2019 be received with appreciation.

GB:2020:15 Internal Audit Report (from 1st April to 30th September 2019)

The General Body received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019. The report was received and approved. It was resolved:

Res. No.07/GB/2020

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 be approved.

GB:2020:16 Budget for 2020-2021

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Office, NCCI presented the budget of NCCI for the financial year 2020-2021. It had already been passed by the Executive Committee in its meeting on 6th February 2020.

It was resolved:

Res. No.08/GB/2020:

The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2020-2021 be received with approval.

GB:2020:17 Statement of Accounts (from 1st July to 31st December 2019)

The General Body received the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019.

It was resolved:

Res. No.09/GB/2020

The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019 be received and approved.

GB:2020:18 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the Report of the NCCI activities for the period October 2019-January 2020 (see Appendix-II).

The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation.

It was resolved:

Res. No.10/GB/2020

The General Secretary's Report of the NCCI activities for the period October 2019-January 2020, be received with appreciation.

GB:2020:19 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Secretary reported that letters had been sent to the Constituent members for nominations with a deadline of receiving the names by 5th February 2020. Appeal letters along with Order form for advertisement in souvenir had been sent to NCCI Constituent members, Heads of Churches, Executive and General Body members, Friends and Well-wishers. Letters informing exhibition space available during the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly were also sent to some organizations and received positive responses. The other details of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 is as follows:

- Dates : 20th to 25th April 2020,
- Venue : HMI, Hyderabad
- Theme : 'The Hour has come: Let us get Going' (cf. Mark 12:41-44)
- Accommodation : (i) HMI-120 persons, (ii) Hotels-200 persons
- Local transportation is arranged for those staying in hotels
- Breakfast is arranged in staying play
- Assembly sessions will be conducted in HMI
- Programme Schedule includes (One keynote address, 3 Bible studies, Thematic Plenary, Parallel Workshops, One Plenary for setting priority, one more Plenary for ecumenical regional expressions, and one cultural evening)

The following proposals were received, discussed and approved in the Executive Committee meeting held on 6th February 2020;

- To approve the aforesaid proposal relating to the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020.
- The budget of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be received, and approved.
- The registration fees for XXIX Quadrennial Assembly be Rs. 1000/- per participant. And a memento/handbag/water flask costing less than Rs. 1000/- may be presented to every Assembly participant.

- To publish a NCCI Souvenir carrying fraternal greetings of national and global leaders and share some of the key milestones of NCCI. As a fund-raising drive.

The General Body resolved:

Res. No.11/GB/2020

To approve the preparations made for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly as reported by the General Secretary.

GB:2020:20 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Office Bearers, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and the Recording Secretaries for their contribution in the efficiently conduct of the General Body meeting. He particularly thanked Bishop P.C. Singh, President NCCI & Moderator of CNI for graciously hosting the meetings.

GB:2020:21 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. A. Joshuva Peter and benediction pronounced by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President-NCCI.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE
17th March 2020 at 11:00 a.m.,
NCCI Office, CNI Bhavan, 4th Floor, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

WC:2020:13 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with prayer.

WC:2020:14 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2020:15 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
4. Bishop Johan Dang
5. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore

Apology

1. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
4. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

WC:2020:16 Appointment of Recording Secretary

It was resolved:

Res. No. 13/WC/2020

Rev. Asir Ebenezer was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2020:17 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI

The General Secretary shared that in view of the evolving situation relating to the corona virus infection and the various measures taken by the government including advisories against mass gatherings, the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April 2020 in Hyderabad needs to be postponed. The Working Committee looking into the situation discussed the matter and decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI which was scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April, 2020 and asked the General Secretary to send the information to the constituent members, delegates, fraternal delegates, invitees and others whom the invitation was sent. It was resolved

It was resolved

Res.No.14/WC/2020

i. To postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India which was scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April 2020 in Hyderabad.

ii. The General Secretary is authorized to send the information to all the constituent members, official delegates, fraternal delegates, and invitees about the postponement of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India.

WC:2020:18 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the emergency meeting with a short notice.

WC:2020:19 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by the Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
11:00 am 28th Sept 2020, (via Zoom).

Minutes of the Meeting

FC:2020:16 Opening Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Rev Dr Packiam Samuel.

FC:2020:17 Welcome
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2020:18 Roll Call
Rev. A. Joushuva Peter (Treasurer) chaired the meeting.

Members Present
Rev. A. Joshuva Peter (Treasurer)
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Mr. K.Jaya Rao
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary NCCI
Mr. Ashish. P. Mane, Finance Officer, (Invitee)

Apologies
Mrs. Rachana Singh
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios

FC:2020:19 Adoption of Agenda
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2020:20 Appointment of Recording Secretary
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2020:21 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5th Feb 2020, at NCCI Office, CNI Bhawan, New Delhi, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.13 /FC/2020:
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5th Feb 2020, be confirmed

FC:2020:22 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1) ***The need for obtaining FCRA certificate for NCCI*** *[Ref. FC:2019:13A]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee, to initiate the process for securing FCRA registration certificate, for NCCI in due course of time. The papers as required for FCRA registration are in process.

2) ***The Settlement of amount held in the NCCI P.F trust*** *[Ref. FC:2019:13B]*
Of Ms Moumita Biswas Rs 2,52,181/- *[Ref. FC:2019:13B]:*
we are awaiting for the bank details and required forms to be filled and sent to the NCCI Office by Ms Moumita Biswas. Matter is in process. The General Secretary informed that several attempts were made to ask her for the acknowledgement, and that he had spoken to her last week to send the acknowledgement at the earliest

3) ***Sale of old office vehicle and purchase of a new vehicle***
[Ref. FC:2019:13D] :
On reviewing the matter it was found that the old vehicle is useful for Azariah House facility for purchasing and other works, so the vehicle was not disposed off. Due to Financial Constraints in the current Finance year, new vehicle would be purchased in next Finance year.

4) (a) ***Identifying suitable freehold plot of land for purchase.*** *[Ref. FC:2019:32/1]*
The Search for the suitable Freehold Plot of Land is in process

(b) ***To open a new bank account in the name of NCCI- Foreign Contribution Account*** *[Ref.FC:2019:32/3]*
The opening of new bank account in the name of NCCI-Foreign Contribution Account would be processed after the application for registration with FCRA is submitted.

5) ***Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-07-2019 to 31-12-2019 NCCI*** *[Ref. FC:2020:09]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

6) ***Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2019 to 30th Sept 2019)*** *[Ref. FC:2020:10]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2019 to 30thSep 2019 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

7) ***Budget of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020*** *[Ref.FC:2020:11]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the budget of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval. The Working Committee and the Executive Committee approved the same

8) ***Budget for the Finance Year 2020-21*** *[Ref. FC: 2020:12]*
As resolved by the Finance Committee the budget for the FY 2020-21 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee and the General Body approved the same.

9) ***Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that NCCI should pay Nazul rent on priority and execute the Nazul lease agreement of NCCI head quarter property as soon as possible.*** *[Ref. FC:2020:13]*
Due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and its adverse effect on NCCI Financial Situation we were unable to pay Nazul rent, We will work on the payment of Nazul rent in future as per the financial situation of NCCI permits.

10) ***Most Rev Dr. P.C. Singh has advised that all the pending Payable including the salary arrears be cleared within six months.***
[Ref. FC:2020:13]
Due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and its adverse effect on NCCI Financial Situation we were unable to pay, we will work on it as per the financial situation of NCCI.

11) ***To authorize Rev. A. Joshua Peter to operate all NCCI\CSA bank accounts in place of Late Rev. Dr. A. G. Augustine Jeyakumar along with 1) Rev Asir Ebenezer 2) Mrs Rachna Singh*** *[Ref: FC:2020:13]*
Due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and restrictions on Courier, Postage and technical problem faced during the period we were unable to add Rev. A. Joshuva Peter as signatory to all NCCI Bank Accounts. The matter would be complied soon.

FC:2020:23 Report on Finances of NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation

Res No. 14/FC/2020:
Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation

FC:2020:24 Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2020
Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Res No. 15/FC/2020:

Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2020 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval

FC:2020:25 Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020

Res No. 16/FC/2020:

Resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020 be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI working Committee and Executive Committee Meeting for approval

FC:2020:26 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st April 2020 to 30th June, 2020)

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.

Res No. 17/FC/2020:

Resolved that the statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 of NCCI be received and to recommend it to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2020:27: Appointment of Statutory Auditor

M/S L. D'Souza and Co was recommended for the appointment as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-21.

Res No. 18/FC/2020 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2020-21.***

FC:2020:28: Appointment of Internal Auditor

M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co, was recommended for the appointment as the Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2021-22.

Res No. 19/FC/2020 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2021-22.***

FC:2020:29 Any Other Business

1) Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that the Financial situation at NCCI has been devastated due to ongoing corona crises and Lockdown measure imposed, NCCI has lost its prospective tenant M\S M.S.E.T.C.L. electricity company which had shown interest in occupying the Jubilee house 1st floor premises from April 2020 but due to the prevailing situation had changed their mind. The Rental Losses is around 10,62,000/- and Losses in Lawns and Hospitality Income is around Rs 40,10,000/- total losses is approx Rs 50,72,000/- apart from the losses we have to refund the booking amount to the tune of Rs 6,00,000/- to the parties who had booked lawn during this period. The Matter was received with grave concern.

2) It was also informed to the finance committee that to cope with the fast deteriorating financial condition we had to utilize the amount received on maturity of recurring deposit and further had to utilize the fixed deposit amount to tide over the unprecedented crises during this period

3) Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI informed that in order to tide over the situation of lock down and inability to send and receive cheques by courier the NCCI Working committee with a circular resolution has appointed Mr Ashish Mane Finance Officer as one of the signatory to all NCCI Bank Accounts along with Rev Asir Ebenezer and Mrs Rachna Singh

4) Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee regarding NCCI Pending Liabilities as follows, 1) Nazul Rent @ Rs 10 Lakh per anum from the year 2016 to 2020 of Rs 50 Lakhs. 2) CNI Rent from Feb 2020 to Sept 2020 of Rs 14 Lakhs. 3) Gratuity of Mr M.T.Thomas Rs 10 Lakhs, 4) Gratuity of Mrs Usha Herold Rs 8 Lakhs, 5) Old Approx Arrears of Gratuity fund maintained by LIC Rs 35 Lakhs.
Total pending Liabilities comes to approx Rs 1 crore 17 Lakhs.

5) Rev Asir Ebenezer sought the wisdom of the Finance Committee, to tide over the NCCI financial crises, NCCI`s pending liabilities, changing Laws governing Trust and Charitable societies and its implications,

Res No. 20/FC/2020.

After a brief discussion the Finance committee resolved that they would meet in the month of Oct 2020 for half a day to brainstorm and try to come up with a plan to stabilize NCCI Financial Situation and response to the changing Laws applicable to NCCI.

FC:2020:30 Reporting from CSA

Mr Ashish Mane presented CSA Local and CSA FC Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31st March 2020, CSA Consolidated, CSA Local and FC, Statutory Auditors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020 and the CSA Local and CSA FC, Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.

The Finance Committee duly noted the Christian Service Agency's Internal Audit Report, Statutory Audit Report and Audited Statement of Accounts and Receipt and payment account for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.

FC:2020:31 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked Rev. A. Joshuva Peter for taking time out to chair the meeting. He also thanked all the members for their presence and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2020:32 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. A. Joshuva Peter.

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
Treasurer, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
Held on 28th September 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

WC:2020:20 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

WC:2020:21 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2020:22 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
7. Bishop Johan Dang

Apology

1. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

WC:2020:23 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No.15/WC/2020

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2020:24 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members with two additions in item no. WC:2020:27 (10) Statutory Compliance matter and (10) Staff matters.

WC:2020:25 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th February 2020 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2020:26 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 5th February 2020 & 17th March 2020/Action taken report

1. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref No. WC:2020:07 (1)]:
The acknowledgement of PF calculation is awaited. Payment will be received once the acknowledgement is received.

2. **Utilization of surplus funds, if any/ Purchase of land**
[Ref No. WC:2020:07 (2)]: Pending

3. **Leave & License agreement of NCCI National Office, New Delhi**
[Ref No. WC:2020:07 (3)]: Pending

4. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [Ref. WC:2020:07 (6)]:
For All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS) letters for nominations in the group was sent to CSI, UELCI & The Salvation Army. And received the nominations in the month of August 2020. A meeting of the group will be called to discuss the matter and bring a proposal before the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly.

   The matter of Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum is still pending. As resolved in the last meeting after consulting Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Bishop Mar Awgin a Draft proposal will be prepared and present in the Executive Committee for their approval.

5. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (i) & WC:2020:17]: As this is a separate agenda item so it will be reported there.

6. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (iv)]: The Covid-19 situation has posed a huge challenge to the financial position of the NCCI. The situation appears to be grim at least until December 2020.

   The payments will be made once the situation improves.

7. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (v)]:
A proposal about the status of the organization was brought in the General Body for discussion and after due deliberations it was resolved (Res. No.03 /GB/2020) to authorize the General Secretary to decide the matter in consultation with the Office Bearers.

   The matter is under consideration. As the meeting with the Office Bearers was not held. The General Secretary shared the concern that Rs. 20 lacs are due from membership fees.

8. **To avail the facilities of the Azariah House Guest for revenue increase** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (vi)]:
The decision of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee which met on 6th Feb 2020, was informed to all NCCI/

CSA Staff to plan and to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah House Guest facility to increase the revenue of the NCCI.

The matter is pursued.

9. Change of signatories [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) (ix)]: As resolved by the Executive Committee held on 6th Feb 2020, the process of replacing Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar's name with Rev. A. Joshuva Peter's name as Treasurer for operating all bank accounts of NCCI is being processed. Due to nationwide lockdown it could not be completed.

In the meantime, Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer NCCI has been added as one of the signatories in all the bank accounts of NCCI for smooth functioning due to lockdown situation vide circular resolution No.NCCI:CR:2020:01 dated 7th May 2020.

The circular resolution is presented in this meeting for ratification of approval.

WC:2020:27 New Business

1. Report of the General Secretary

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval. It was resolved:

Res.No.16/WC/2020

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. Report of the Treasurer

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee. It was resolved:

Res.No.17/WC/2020

To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2020 to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2020

The Working Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

It was resolved:

Res.No.18/WC/2020

The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 be approved, and forwarded the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

4. Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020

The Working Committee received the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 19/WC/2020

The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2019 to 31stMarch 2020 be approved, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval.

5. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020

The Working Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 (see Appendix-II). It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/WC/2020

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

6. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-21.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 21/WC/2020

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-21 for NCCI.

7. Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2021-2022

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2021-2022.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 22/WC/2020

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2021-2022.

8. Ratification of Circular Resolution [NCCI:2020:01]

The General Secretary informed the committee that a Ratification decision is required for the appointment of Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer as one of the signatories to all bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India, which was already circulated on 7th May 2020 and approved by the Working Committee members.

It was resolved:

Res. No.23/WC/ 2020

(i) That the ratification decision be made to appointment of Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer as one of the signatories to all bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India.

(ii) All cheques will be signed jointly by any two authorised signatories.

9. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Body which met on 7th Feb 2020 has approved the preparations made for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly as reported.

The Emergency Meeting of the Working Committee which was held on 17th March 2020 decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India which was scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April 2020 in Hyderabad due to pandemic (Covid-19) and the various measures taken by the government including advisories against mass gatherings, etc.

Information was sent to all the constituent members, official delegates, fraternal delegates, and invitees about the postponement of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India.

The Working Committee discussed the matter and proposed the new dates April 20-25, 2021 for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India with the same venue. The final

decision on new dates will be taken in the next meeting of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee in February 2020 in UELCI looking into the situation of pandemic and cities.

10. Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No. 24/WC/2020

The General Secretary is authorized to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner.

11. Staff matters:

i. Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns are finishing their terms on 31st December 2020. And looking into the situation and their availability he recommended their first term appointment extension by one year. The Working Committee discussed the matter and approved their first term appointment extension by one year and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for fur ther approval.

It was resolved:

Res No. 25/WC/2020

Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns be extended for one year of their first term appointment with effect from 1st January 2021 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

ii. Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020:

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Shibi Peter, Programme Assistant of the Project Dalit Christian Support Programme, completing his term on 30th September 2020 and needs extension. The Committee discussed the matter and recommended that he be given an extension of one more year w.e.f. 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021.

Res No. 26/WC/2020

The contract service of Mr. Shibi Peter as Programme Assistant, of the Project Dalit Christian Support Programme be extended for a period of one year with effect from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021.

iii. **Ms. Ushakiran Herold's retirement on 30th November 2020:** The General Secretary reported that Ms. Ushakiran Herold, Administrative Assistant is getting retired on 30th November 2020. She served NCCI for 30 years. The members thanked her and appreciated her services in NCCI.

WC:2020:28 Any Other Business

1. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC:** The General Secretary reported that the office received a letter from Rev.Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary CBCNC related to representation from CBCNC in NCCI. But as per our office record Mr. Rajakarao is the Secretary of CBCNC and representing CBCNC in NCCI Executive Committee and General Body since past many years. The Committee authorized the General Secretary to look into the matter and bring it in the Working Committee of December 2020.

2. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church:** The General Secretary reported that he has received a letter from Dr. Kuriakose Theophilus Metropolitan, President Ecumenical Office, Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church requesting an immediate and appropriate intervention in the ongoing dispute between their church and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. The Committee discussed the matter and proposed the names of Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda and Rev. A. Joshuva Peter along with the General Secretary to talk and listen to both the churches authorities for peaceful settlement and bring a proposal to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

3. **Bengal Christian Council (BCC):** The General Secretary reported that there is a change in leadership of the Bengal Christian Council, but officially not received any information from their side. The Committee authorized the General Secretary to enquire and bring a proposal to the next meeting of the Working Committee as to the new leadership of the BCC.

4. **Property matter:**
   i. **Authorization to sign lease agreement of SBI Civil Lines Branch for ground floor premises at Jubilee house:** The General Secretary shared that the lease agreement of SBI Civil Lines Branch for ground floor at Jubilee House property of NCCI is expiring on 6th November 2020, and need a resolution to renew the lease agreement. The Committee discussed the matter and it was resolved:

Res No. 27/WC/2020

The General Secretary is authorized to complete the formalities of renewal of lease agreement with SBI Civil Lines Branch for ground floor at Jubilee House property and sign the required documents on behalf of the NCCI.

WC:2020:29 Date of next meeting

The proposed dates for the NCCI Working Committee meeting were last week of November 2020 or 6th or 12th December 2020 and the place for the meeting is Jabalpur.

WC:2020:30 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the virtual meeting.

WC:2020:31 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Bishop Johan Dang.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
29th September 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

EC:2020:20 Opening Devotion

The meeting began with a prayer by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President.

EC:2020:21 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice President*
5. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer,*
6. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
7. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
8. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
9. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
10. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
11. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
12. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
13. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
14. Mr. K. Abraham,
15. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
16. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
17. Mr. Angelious Michael,
18. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
19. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
20. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
21. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
22. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
23. Colonel John Kumar Dasari,
24. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
25. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
26. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
27. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
28. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
29. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
30. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura,
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III. Absentees

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4. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
5. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
6. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
7. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
8. Ms. Ani Koshy,
9. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
10. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
11. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,

IV. Invitees

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2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary, Policy Governance and Public Witness
4. Rev. Jyoti S Singh Pillai, Executive Secretary, Women Concern
5. Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator, NCCI-ESHA
6. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, Coordinator, NCCI-VCLC
7. Mr.Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

EC:2020:22 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2020:23 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier with two additions as separate item no. EC:2020:37 Statutory Compliance and item no. EC:2020:38 Staff mattes.

It was resolved

Res.No.16/EC/2020:

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted with two additions item no. EC:2020:37 Statutory Compliance matter and item no. EC:2020:38 Staff matters.

EC:2020:24 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries. It was resolved:

Res. No. 17/EC/2020

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2020:25 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

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The President requested Bishop Issac Mor Osthatheos to pray thanking God for their lives and interceding for their families.

II. *Felicitations*

The General Secretary presented the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization

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Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda was asked to pray for the new leaders.

EC:2020:26 **Confirmation of the minutes of 6th February 2020**

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2020 had been circulated and no adverse comments were received. It was resolved:

Res. No. 18/EC/2020

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2020 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2020:27 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 6th February 2020 & Working Committee meeting held on 5th February and 17th March 2020**

1. **Interim Treasurer** [Ref no. EC:2020:06]: As resolved by the Executive Committee held on 6th Feb 2020, the process of replacing Late Rev. Dr. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar's name with Rev. A. Joshuva Peter's name as Treasurer for operating all bank accounts of NCCI was started. But due to nationwide lockdown it was not completed.

For the smooth functioning of the NCCI the name of Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer of NCCI was added as one of the signatories vide circular resolution no. NCCI:CR:2020:01 dated 7th May 2020. The Working Committee held on 28th September 2020 ratified the resolution.

2. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref no. EC:2020:09 (I)]: The General Secretary reported that the financial situation is not stable due to pandemic. Income gone down and therefore the arrears of salaries was not cleared off.

It will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

3. **FCRA Certificate for NCCI** [Ref no. EC:2020:09 (II)]: The General Secretary reported that it is held back for the moment because of the unfavourable mood in the country.

The documents are being kept ready to file at an appropriate time.

4. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref no. EC:2020:09 (III)]: The Acknowledgement of the PF calculations is pending from the side of Ms. Moumita Biswas.

The General Secretary informed that several attempts were made to ask her for the acknowledgement, and that he had spoken to her last week to send the acknowledgement at the earliest.

Once the acknowledgement and the signed requisition is received, we can release the fund.

5. **All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)** [Ref. No. EC:2020:09 (VII)]: Letters for nominations in the group was sent to CSI, UELCI & The Salvation Army. Names were received in the month of August.

A meeting of the group will be called to discuss the matter and bring a proposal before the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly.

6. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. No. EC:2020:09 (VIII)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter was shared with the Working Committee members and it was suggested to bring a proposal and suggestions to the Executive Committee.

The three persons (Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Bishop Mar Awgin) nominated to bring a proposal to the Assembly have met and have made suggestions to the Executive Committee:

The Proposed Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum to be mandated as the program of NCCI, located for the time being within the Policy, Governance and Public Witness Program Cluster, with the following main thrusts:

a) To focus on providing ecumenical fellowship to Christian entrepreneurs and those belonging to different faiths and foster ethics in the market place.
b) To serve as the platform for exchange of information and supporting each other in their respective businesses.
c) To coordinate with existing local fora of business people.
d) To encourage the forum to mentor younger entrepreneurs particularly those from Christian and other religious and ethnic marginalised communities.
e) to mandate the present group of three persons to organize and ecumenical entrepreneur meet and explore possibilities of organizing the forum.

7. **NCCI Property matters** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) ii (a)]
The fixed deposit was liquidated and brought into the Savings Bank account.

8. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) iv]: The financial situation is not stable due to pandemic. Income gone down and therefore the pending payables including salary arrears were not cleared off.

   It will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

9. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) v]: As per the decision of the General Body held on 7 Feb 2020. The General Secretary is authorized to decide the matter in consultation with the Office Bearers.

   The General Secretary reported that due to covid-19 pandemic situation and other engagements, he was not able to contact the organizations particularly the ECoDAWM and ATTWI who shared their inability to pay membership fees and also a raise in membership fees. So, there was no meeting held with the Office Bearers.

10. **To avail the facilities of the Azariah Guest House for revenue increase** [Ref No. WC:2020:08 (5) vi]:: It was informed to all NCCI/ CSA Staff to plan and to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah Guest House facility to increase the revenue of the NCCI.

    The implementation has started.

11. **Budget for 2020-2021** [Ref No. EC:2020:13]: The General Body met on 7 Feb 2020 approved the Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2020-2021.

12. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref No. EC:2020:15]: As this is a separate agenda item, so will be reported there.

EC:2020:28 Report of the Treasurer

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter presented the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2020.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 19/EC/2020

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2020 be approved with appreciation.

Pending liabilities

The Treasurer asked the Finance Officer to present the list of pending liabilities which are follows:

- Nazul rent 10 lakhs per annum (from 2016 to 2020) it comes to Rs. 50 lakhs till date
- CNI Rent from Feb 2020 to Sept 2020 is Rs. 14 lakhs
- Gratuity of Mr. M.T. Thomas Rs. 10 lakhs who got retired in Nov 2019
- Gratuity of Mrs. Usha Herold Rs. 8 lakhs
- Arears of Gratuity fund maintained by LIC is Rs. 35 lakhs
- Salary arrears of staff 5 lakhs

Total liabilities are 1 crore 17 lakhs.

The President asked how we will be able to meet these expenses? The Treasurer shared that the Finance Committee decided to meet in the month of Oct 2020 to come up with some solutions to move forward and come back to the Executive Committee with some solutions.

The General Secretary reported that Rs. 24 lakhs are due from membership fees and the committee suggested to send soft reminders to the Constituent Bodies for the payment of membership fees.

EC:2020:29 Report of Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2020

The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. The report was received and approved.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/EC/2020

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 be approved.

EC:2020:30 Audited Statement of Accounts (including Auditor's Report, Balance Sheet, and Income & Expenditure statement)

The Executive Committee received the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2019 to 31stMarch 2020. It was resolved:

Res. No. 21/EC/2020

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2019 to 31stMarch 2020 be approved.

EC:2020:31 Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020

The Executive Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 22/EC/2020

The Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 be approved.

EC:2020:32 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021 for NCCI.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 23/EC/2020

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s. L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2020-2021.

EC:2020:33 Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2021-2022

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2021-2022 for NCCI. 2

It was resolved:

Res. No.24/EC/2020:

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for FY 2021-2022 for NCCI.

EC:2020:34 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 [Ref No. EC:2020:15]

The General Body which met on 7th Feb 2020 approved the preparations made for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly as reported.

In the Emergency Meeting of the Working Committee which was held on 17th March 2020, it was decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India which was scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April 2020 in Hyderabad due to pandemic (CoVID 19) and the various measures taken by the government including advisories against mass gatherings etc.

Information was sent to all the constituent members, official delegates, fraternal delegates, and invitees about the postponement of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India.

It was recommended by the Working Committee the proposed new dates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India are April 20-25, 2021 with the same venue. The final decision on new dates will be taken in the next meeting of the Executive Committee in February 2020 in UELCI, Chennai looking into the situation of pandemic and cities.

The committee discussed the matter of postponement and new dates of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in length in the light of the NCCI Constitution, and because of the government protocols it has to be held later and there is no other way. It was decided that due to Covid-19 pandemic the proposed new dates for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India are 20-25 April 2021 at Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad and the same will be finalized in the next meeting of the Executive Committee in Feb 2021 looking into the situation of pandemic and cities. It was resolved:

Res. No.25/EC/2020

To approve the proposed new dates for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India I.e. 20-25 April 2021 at Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad subject to further review in February 2021 meeting of the Executive committee.

The members also suggested to make amendments in the NCCI Constitution as nothing is mentioned there related to unprecedented situations. The General Secretary urged to hold on this matter till assembly and discuss it in Assembly and take it forward.

EC:2020:35 Report of the General Secretary & Report from NCCI Ministries/ Concerns

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA for the period September 2019 to August 2020. The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.26/EC/2020

The Annual Report of the NCCI and CSA, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

The Executive Secretaries presented their reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns. The house received and accepted with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.27/EC/2020

The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns be received with appreciation.

EC:2020:36 Reporting from CSA

The GS reported that the Management Committee and the General Body meetings of the CSA are conducted regularly and that legal and statutory compliances are up to date.

The information was received.

EC:2020:37 Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No. 28/EC/2020

The General Secretary is authorized to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner.

EC:2020:38 Staff matters

I. Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns are finishing their terms on 31st December 2020. And looking into the situation and their availability he recommended their first term appointment extension by one year. It was recommended by the Working Committee to consider their first term appointment extension by one year. It was resolved:

Res No. 29/EC/2020

To extend the first term appointment of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns for one year with effect from 1st January 2021.

II. Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Shibi Peter, Programme Assistant, DATA Concerns is completing his term on 30th September 2020 and as decided by the Working Committee be given an extension of one more year w.e.f. 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2020.

The Executive Committee noted the information.

III. Ms. Usha Herold's retirement on 30th November 2020

The General Secretary reported that Ms. Ushakiran Herold, Administrative Assistant is retiring on 30th November 2020. She served NCCI for 30 years. A motion of thanks from the members

were recorded for completing 30 years of her service in NCCI. It was resolved:

Res No. 30/EC/2020
To thank Ms. Ushakiran Herold, Administrative Assistant for her services.

EC:2020:39 Any Other Business

I. CCA Assembly

The General Secretary reported NCCI was hosting the CCA Assembly but due to Covid-19 pandemic it was postponed and we have not received any communication regarding the new dates and place of the CCA Assembly.

EC:2020:40 Dates of next meeting

The proposed dates for the NCCI Executive Committee meeting were 15-16 February 2021 in Chennai and UELCI will host the meeting.

EC:2020:41 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the virtual meeting.

EC:2020:42 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Bishop Johan Dang.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
29th September 2020 at 03:00 p.m.

GB:2020:22 Devotion

The Devotion was conducted by the President of NCCI, the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh

GB:2020:23 Roll Call

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35. Rev. Alfred Tiwade,
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37. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
38. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
39. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,
40. Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder,
41. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
42. Dr. William Stanley,
43. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,
44. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
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15. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
16. Mrs. Ekta Peters,
17. Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal Council of Churches,
18. Rev.Prof.Dr. Matthews Emmanuel Thathapudi,
19. Rev. Vinay Peter,
20. Christian Endeavour in India,
21. Christian Union of India

22. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
23. Dr. Mary Verghese,
24. Rev. Dr. Hmingthansanga,
25. Rev. Anupama Hial

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1. Mr. G. Samuel Sudhir, APCC
2. Rev. T. Bhasker, TSCC
3. Ms. Aruna Jacob, YWCA

V. Autonomous Bodies (Invitees)

1. Mr. Kasta Dip, IPC
2. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, URM

VI. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators (Invitees)

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2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
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GB:2020:24 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present formed the required quorum, the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2020:25 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, which had been circulated earlier, was adopted. The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members with two additions as separate item no. GB:2020:41 Statutory Compliance matter and item no. GB:2020:42 Staff matters. It was resolved:

Res.No.12/GB/2020:

The agenda for the General Body, as circulated earlier, be adopted with two additions item no. GB:2020:41 Statutory Compliance matter and item no. AGM:2020:42 Staff matters.

GB:2020:26 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.13/GB/2020:

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Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko was asked to pray for the new leaders.

GB:2020:28 Confirmation of the Minutes of 7th February 2020

Since no adverse comments were received on the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 7th February 2020 which had been circulated earlier, it was resolved:

Res. No.14/GB/2020:

The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 7th February 2020, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2020:29 Matters arising from the minutes of General Body Meeting

I. All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS) [Ref. GB:2020:09 (IV)]:
The General Secretary informed the House that Letters for nomination to AICCS was sent to CSI, UELCI & The Salvation Army and names nominated have been received. A meeting of the AICCS will be called to discuss issues and other matters related to AICCS and the Committee will bring a proposal in the next Executive Committee meeting.

II. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum [Ref. GB:2020:09(V)]:
Three persons (Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Bishop Mar Awgin) were nominated as members to Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum and were to meet and bring proposals to the Assembly. The General Secretary informed the House that the three-member Committee have met and have placed their suggestion to the Executive Committee:

The Proposed Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum to be mandated as the program of NCCI, located for the time being within the Policy, Governance and Public Witness Program Cluster, with the following main thrusts:

a) To focus on providing ecumenical fellowship to Christian entrepreneurs and those belonging to different faiths and foster ethics in the market place.
b) To serve as the platform for exchange of information and supporting each other in their respective businesses.
c) To coordinate with existing local forum of business people.
d) To encourage the forum to mentor younger entrepreneurs particularly those from Christian and other religious and ethnic marginalized communities.
e) to mandate the present group of three persons to organize and ecumenical entrepreneur meet and explore possibilities of organizing the forum.

III. CCA Assembly [Ref. GB:2020:09VII)]:
The General Secretary informed the House that NCCI was hosting the CCA Assembly but due to Covid-19 pandemic it was postponed and we have not received any communication regarding the new dates and place of the CCA Assembly.

IV. NCCI Property matters [Ref no. EC:2020:10 (I) a]:
The General Secretary informed the House that the Fixed deposits have not been renewed due to the lockdown and the present ongoing pandemic situation.

The payment of nazul is delayed due to government procedures and financial stress on the organization due to Covid situation. The same will be carried out at the earliest.

V. Pending Payables [Ref no. EC:2020:10 (II)]:
The General Secretary informed the House that the financial situation of NCCI is not stable due to pandemic. The Income has gone down and therefore the pending payables including salary arrears were not cleared. It will be cleared as soon as the financial situation normalizes.

The Secretariat is also taking efforts to strengthen the financial position of the NCCI. The General Secretary also informed that the Finance Committee has met and will be meeting again to frame policies which are practical and will enable the organization to over come the present financial deficit.

VI. Membership Fees [Ref no. EC:2020:10 (III)]:
The process of reconsideration of membership fee for organization like ECoDawn, ATTWI and AISSA are under process and will be looked into before the Assembly.

VII. To avail the facilities of the Azariah House Guest for revenue increase [Ref no. EC:2020:10 (III)]:
It was informed to all NCCI/CSA Staff to plan and to organize their funded programmes in the Azariah House Guest facility to increase the revenue of the NCCI. The decision is since implemented.

VIII. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 [Ref No. GB:2020:19]:
The General Body which met on 7th Feb 2020 has approved the preparations made for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly as reported.

In the Emergency Meeting of the Working Committee which was held on 17th March 2020, it was decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India which was scheduled to be held between 21st and 24th April 2020 in Hyderabad due to pendamic (Covid 19) and the various measures taken by the government including advisories against mass gatherings etc.

Information was sent to all the constituent members, official delegates, fraternal delegates, and invitees about the postponement of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India.

The General Secretary informed the House that the Working Committee and the Executive Committee had met and has proposed new dates for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly which will be 20th – 25th April 2021. The venue will be the same. Various matters need to be discussed keeping the pandemic in mind such as shared accommodations, travel of members above 60 years of age and maintaining social distance during the meeting.

The General Body approved the matters arising from the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 7th February 2020.

GB:2020:30 Report of the Treasurer

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer, NCCI presented the Treasurer's report for the period 1st January to 30th June 2020 to the General Body, which was accepted with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.15/GB/2020:
The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2020 be received with appreciation.

GB:2020:31 Budget for 2020-2021

The General Secretary informed the House that the Budget for 2020 – 2021 was placed before the General Body in its meeting dated 7th February 2020. The copy of the same had been circulated to all members. The same was referred to the General Body for approval and adoption. It was resolved:

Res. No.16/GB/2020:
The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2020-2021 be received with approval.

GB:2020:32 Audited Statement of Accounts for the FY 2019-2020

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 was placed before the General Body for approval. It was resolved

Res. No.17/GB/2020:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 be approved.

GB:2020:33 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021. It was resolved

Res. No.18/GB/2020:
To appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2020-2021.

GB:2020:34 Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2021-2022

It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2021-2022. It was resolved:

Res. No.19/GB/2020:
To appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year FY 2021-2022.

GB:2020:35 Matters from Executive Committee

The General Secretary informed the House that the matter of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly was referred by the Executive Committee to the General Body.

The matter has been discussed in details under Matters Arising Agenda No. GB:2020:29 (VIII).

GB:2020:36 Public Witness Resolutions

The General Secretary referred two draft Public Witness Resolutions for approval by the General Body.

I. Passing of three legislations impacting agriculture in general and farmers in particular in the recent session of the parliament. The General Body unanimously approved and voted unanimously and passed the resolution. It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/GB/2020

a. The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) expresses its deep concern at the passing of the three legislations relating to agriculture and farmers in the recent session of the parliament amidst the distress caused by the CoVID pandemic, without adequate consultations with the farmers who are the primary stakeholders, and even in the context of requests from different quarters in Civil Society and in Parliament for deferring the passing of the same, and referring it to the parliamentary standing committee for further study and research.

The space for the involvement of the national and international corporates, the consequent unequal competition between the farmers and corporate, and the withdrawal of the Government from protecting the interests of the farmers are bound to have a deep

impact on the status of farming and the standard of living of the farmers. The legislations have a deep impact on food sovereignty of the country and food security of its citizens.

The NCCI expresses its deep anguish and its solidarity to the farming community and those related small and medium local entrepreneurs, and urges the government agencies to listen to the wisdom of the farmers and take the public opinion of the civil society and its community-based organizations into consideration, and to put the legislation on hold until sound logic and consensus is arrived at regarding the maintainability of the Act, its implementation and in framing the rules.

b. *To receive and approve the draft resolution on 'Passing of three legislations impacting agriculture in general and farmers in particular in the recent session of the parliament' And authorize the Secretariat to operationalize the same.*

II. Reported derogatory remarks of Shri. Satya Pal Singh MP in parliament regarding the late Graham Staines. The General Body unanimously approved and voted unanimously and passed the resolution. It was resolved:

Res. No. 21/GB/2020

a. *The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) expresses shock and dismay at the derogatory re marks made by Shri Satya Pal Singh MP in the floor of the parliament on Graham Staines, who was murdered on 22 January, 1999 at Manoharpur village in Odisha. This is a deliberate attempt to create a new story to tarnish the missionaries and Christian community altogether.*

The NCCI condemns such blatant misuse of insulated privileges by a member of parliament to tarnish a dead person and through that entire Christian community and their noble works. The NCCI considers such acts as lowering the dignity and the decorum of the house and its strong democratic and parlimentary traditions, that which the Indian parliamentary democracy is known for several decades.

The National Council of Churches in India appeals to the President of India, the leaders of the Government and leaders of all political parties to condemn such acts that stoke suspicion and disharmony among communities.

The NCCI appeals to the National Minorities Commission to take cognizance of the matter and uphold the dignity and rights of the members of the Christian Community, and recognize and acknowledge the extreme conditions under which its frontline workers and missionaries work in bringing about trans formation in society and affirming the rights and dignities of peoples who are historically discriminated and socio-economically disadvantaged due to the prevalence of the hegemonic system of caste and the debilitating anti-poor and anti-worker economic and social policies and conditions.

b. *To receive and approve the draft resolution on 'derogatory remarks of Shri. Satya Pal Singh MP in parliament regarding the late Graham Staines,'And authorize the Secretariat to operationalize the same.*

GB:2020:37 Report of the General Secretary

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI presented a detailed report of the activities undertaken during the period September 2019 – August 2020.

The same was circulated to all members for ready reference. The report was accepted with thanks and appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.22/GB/2020

The Annual Report of the NCCI, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

GB:2020:38 Reporting from CSA

I. Report of the Treasurer

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body received the Report of the Treasurer on CSA finances for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 with appreciation.

II. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body received and approved the report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

III. Audited Statement of Accounts (including Statutory Auditor's report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure)

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body approved the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the CSA Consolidated A/c, CSA-Local and CSA Foreign Contribution A/c for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

IV. Budget for the year 2020-2021

The Secretary reported that the CSA General Body approved the Budget of the CSA for the financial year 2020 -2021.
The report from Christian Service Agency was received.

GB:2020:39 Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns & Autonomous Bodies

The following Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors presented their reports:

i) Policy, Governance and Public Witness – Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew.
ii) Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns - Mr. Pradeep Bansrior.
iii) Women concern - Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai.
iv) Youth Concerns - Mr. Jianthaolung Gommei
v) ESHA Project - Father Thomas Ninan
vi) IDEA – Ms. Lalremsiami
vii) India Peace Centre – Rev. Kasta Dip

It was resolved:

Res. No.23/GB/2020

The reports of the Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors be received with appreciation.

GB:2020:40 Reports from Related Agencies

The General Body received the reports of Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, The Christian Literature Society, Christian Medical Association of India, ECLOF India, and Henry Martyn Institute. The following persons presented brief reports:

i. Dr. Sushant Agrawal presented a brief summary of the activities of CASA.
ii. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar presented a brief summary of the activities of CISRS.
iii. Dr. Priya John presented a brief summary of the activities of CMAI.

GB:2020:41 Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No. 24/GB/2020

The General Secretary is authorized to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner.

GB:2020:42 Staff matters

I. Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020: The General Secretary shared that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020 and he recommended for extending their first term by one year i.e. upto 31st December 2021 (if they are willing to serve). The members of the Executive Committee discussed the matter and approved the proposal.
The information was received.

II. Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020:
The General Secretary shared that Mr. Shibi Peter, Programme Assistant, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns is completing his term on 30th September 2020 and recommended to extend his service for another one year i.e. upto 30th September 2021. The members of the Working Committee discussed the matter and approved to extend his service for another one year i.e. upto 30th September 2021.
The information was received.

III. Ms. Usha Herold's retirement on 30th November 2020:
The General Secretary shared that Ms. Ushakiran Herold, Administrative Assistant will be retiring from her service on 30th November 2020. The Committee expressed her thanks and appreciation for the services rendered by Ms. Usha Herold.

GB:2020:43 Any Other Business

The General Secretary informed the House that the FCRA bill has been signed by the President and is now an ACT. There are a lot of new regulations and procedures which is mandatory and we need to be well-versed in the same.

A webinar will be held in October 2020 to acquaint the NCCI constituents with the new regulations and procedures.

GB:2020:44 Dates of next meeting

The General Secretary informed the house that due to the upcoming meeting of the Quadrennial Assembly in April 2021, the date of the next meeting will be announced later.

GB:2020:45 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the invitees, the Executive Secretaries, Interns and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the virtual meeting.

GB:2020:46 Closing Prayer

Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh. Chairman, NCCI offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Rt. Rev.Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Minutes
2021

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
11:00 am 26th February 2021,
UELCI, Martin Luther Bhavan, 95, Purasawalkam High Road, Kellys, Chennai

Minutes of the Meeting

FC:2021:01 **Opening Prayer**
The meeting began with prayer.

FC:2021:02 **Welcome**
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2021:03 **Roll Call**
NCCI Treasurer Rev A. Joshuva Peter chaired the meeting
Members Present
Rev. A. Joshua Peter
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Mr. K. Jayarao
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary NCCI

Apologies
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
Mrs. Rachana Singh
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2021:04 **Adoption of Agenda**
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2021:05 **Appointment of Recording Secretary**
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel was appointed as the Recording Secretary.

FC:2021:06 **Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee**
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.01 /FC/2021:
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th sept 2020 be confirmed.

FC:2021:07 **Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting**

1) **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020) [Ref. FC:2020:25]**
The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 was received by the finance committee and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

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2) Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020 [Ref. FC: 2020:26]
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 was received by the finance committee and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

3) Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-04-2020 to 30-06-2020 NCCI [Ref. FC:2020:27]
The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 was received by the finance committee and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

4) Appointment of Statutory Auditor [Ref. FC:2020:28]
The appointment of M\s L. D'Souza and Company as Statutory Auditor for the F.Y 2020-21 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

5) Appointment of Internal Auditor [Ref. FC:2020:29]
As Resolved by the Finance Committee the appointment of M\s Subodh Kanetkar and Company as Internal Auditor for the F.Y. 2021-22 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

FC:2021:08 Report on Finances of NCCI
Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Res No. 02/FC/2021:
Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation.

FC:2021:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st July 2020 to 31st December, 2020) :
Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Res No. 03/FC/2021:
Resolved that the statement of Accounts for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020 of NCCI be received.

FC:2021:10 Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2020 to 30th Sept 2020)
Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020.

Res No. 04/FC/2021:

Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2021:11 Budget for the Financial year 2021-22

Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI presented the Budget for the F.Y 2021-2022 budget. After a brief discussion the committee approved the budget.

Res No. 06/FC/2021:

Resolved that the F.Y 2021-2022 budget be approved and recommend the same to the NCCI Working committee and Executive Committee.

FC:2021:12 Matters from CSA

Rev Asir Ebenezer General Secretary NCCI Presented CSA Report on Finances, Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th Sept 2020, Statement of Accounts CSA Local and CSA FC, for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st Dec 2020, and CSA Budget for the F.Y 2021-22.

The Finance Committee duly noted the Christian Service Agencies Finance Report, Internal Audit Report, and Receipt and Payment account.

FC:2021:13 Any Other Business

The Finance Committee was concerned about the financial position of the NCCI and decided that it will be looking at options for strengthening the same. These options can then be forwarded to Working Committee for guidance.

FC:2021:14 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked the Rev A Joshuva Peter for taking time out to chair the meeting. He also thanked all the members for their presence and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2021:15 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer.

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
Chairperson

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 26th February 2021 at 4:00 p.m.,
Church Women Centre, Gurukul/UELCI Campus,
#95 Purasawalkam High Road, Kellys, Chennai-600 010

WC:2021:01 Opening Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop Johan Dang.

WC:2021:02 Welcome
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2021:03 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Bishop Johan Dang
6. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

Apology

1. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
3. Rt. Rev. Collin C. Theodore

WC:2021:04 Appointment of Recording Secretaries
It was resolved:

Res.No.01/WC/2021
Bishop Johan Dang and Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki were appointed as Recording Secretaries.

WC:2021:05 Adoption of Agenda
The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2021:06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th September 2020 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2021:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 28th September 2020/Action taken report

1. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref No. WC:2020:26 (1)]:
   The General Secretary reported that the acknowledgement of PF calculation and signed requisition received from Ms. Moumita Biswas and the fund was released.

2. **Utilization of surplus funds, if any/ Purchase of land** [Ref. WC:2020:26 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the utilization of surplus funds and to identify a suitable plot of land for the purchase in and around Nagpur is not possible now and will be considered at a later date.

3. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [Ref. WC:2020:26 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that a zoom meeting of the working group was held on 31st Oct 2020 to discuss the matter and also an online webinar on "Education in COVID times and beyond..." by the Working group was conducted on 20th November 2020. About 221 people attended the webinar. Preparation of draft Constitution and Bye-laws is under process.

4. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. WC:2020:26(4)]: The General Secretary reported that the three persons (Dr. Moses Manohar, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Bishop Mar Awgin) nominated to bring a proposal to the Assembly have met and have made suggestions to the Executive Committee:

   The Proposed Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum to be mandated as the program of NCCI, located for the time being within the Policy, Governance and Public Witness Program Cluster, with the following main thrusts:

   a) To focus on providing ecumenical fellowship to Christian entrepreneurs and those belonging to different faiths and foster ethics in the market place.

   b) To serve as the platform for exchange of information and supporting each other in their respective businesses.

   c) To coordinate with existing local fora of business people.

   d) To encourage the forum to mentor younger entrepreneurs particularly those from Christian and other religious and ethnic marginalized communities.

   e) to mandate the present group of three persons to organize and ecumenical entrepreneur meet and explore possibilities of organizing the forum.

The General Secretary and the Executive Secretary, PGPW along with Bishop Mar Awgin met the Christian Businessmen Forum of Ernakulam (online) and developed some clarity for further discussion.

5. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2020:26 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that the Covid-19 situation has posed a huge challenge to the financial position of the NCCI. It will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

6. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2020:26 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that due to covid-19 pandemic situation and other engagements, he was not able to contact the organizations particularly the ECoDAWM and ATTWI who shared their inability to pay membership fees and also a raise in membership fees. So, there was no meeting held with the Office Bearers.

7. **Change of signatories** [Ref No. WC:2020:26 (9)]: It was reported that the General Secretary reported that due to the mandate given to Bank during Corona pandemic adding Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer as one of the signatories, a fresh resolution is required for adding the name of Treasurer in all Bank accounts. It was resolved:

   Res.No.02/WC/2021

   i) To add Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer of NCCI along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary), Ms. Rachna Singh and Mr.Ashish Mane as one of the signatories for all the bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India with immediate effect.

   ii) All cheques will be signed jointly by any two authorized signatories.

8. **Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (3)]: It was reported that the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body which met on 29th September 2020 approved the Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2020.

9. **Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (4)]:It was reported that the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body which met on 29th September 2020 approved the Statutory Auditors Report and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2020.

10. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2020-2021** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (6)]: It was reported that the General Body meeting held on 29th September 2020, appointed M/s Lancy D'Souza as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021 for NCCI.

11. **Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2021-2022**
[Ref No. WC:2020:27 (7)]: The General Body meeting held on 29th September 2020, appointed M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2021-2022 for NCCI

12. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (9)]:
As this is a separate agenda item, so will be reported there.

13. **Statutory Compliance matters** [Ref No. WC:2020:27(10)]: The General Secretary reported that Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner is done.

14. **Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (11) (i)]: The Executive Committee held on 29th Sept 2020 approved the extension of the first terms of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns for one year with effect from 1st January 2021.

15. **Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (11) (ii)]: The General Secretary reported that the contract service of Mr. Shibi Peter as Programme Assistant, of the Project Dalit Christian Support Programme was extended for a period of one year with effect from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021. But Mr. Shibi Peter requested to be relieved and was relieved on 30th September 2020.

16. **Ms. Ushakiran Herold's retirement on 30th November 2020** [Ref No. WC:2020:27 (11) (iii)]: The General Secretary reported that Ms. Ushakiran Herold was relieved from the services of NCCI after completing 30 years on 30th November 2020.

17. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC** [Ref No. WC:2020:28 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that he has received a letter from Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, stating that he is the Secretary of CBCNC and not Mr. Rajakarrao. The Committee authorized General Secretary to enquire the matter.

18. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** [Ref No. WC:2020:28 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that he is trying to get in touch with Fr. Ashwin Fernandis regarding the representation made by the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church with regard to their conflict with the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. No progress was possible without getting through the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and because of the pandemic.

19. **Bengal Christian Council (BCC)** [Ref No. WC:2020:28(3)]: The General Secretary reported that on 8th Jan 2021 received an email from the newly elected President of Bengal Christian Council Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning about the revival of BCC and its new Office Bearers.

20. **Property matter: Authorization to sign lease agreement of SBI Civil Lines Branch for ground floor premises at Jubilee house** [Ref No. WC:2020:28 (4) (i)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is under process in the SBI side opinion from legal department of SBI awaited on draft lease agreement.

WC:2021:08 New Business

1. Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020)
   The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020. The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

   Res.No.03/WC/2021
   The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020**
   The Treasurer presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st Dec 2020. It was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

   Res.No.04/WC/2021
   The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st Dec 2020, be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. **Budget for the Financial year 2021-2022**
   The Treasurer presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2021-2022. It was received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

   Res.No.05/WC/2021
   The budget of the NCCI for the FY 2021-2022 be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. Renewal of 12A registration

It was reported that the process of renewal of 12A registration has to be initiated. It was resolved:

Res.No.06/WC/2021

To authorize the General Secretary to take all such actions required to renew the 12A registration of National Council of Churches in India.

5. Matters from Finance Committee

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee was concerned about the financial position of the NCCI and that it will be looking at options for strengthening the same. Those options will then be forwarded to Working Committee for guidance.

6. Report of the General Secretary

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI for the period October 2020 to December 2020, and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee. It was resolved:

Res.No.07/WC/2021

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI for the period October 2020 to December 2020 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee.

7. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020

The General Secretary reported that it may not be possible to hold the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in September 2021 as decided earlier. After further discussion, the Committee unanimously decided to postpone the Assembly to April 2022, and to review the decision in the next meeting in September 2021. It was resolved:

Res.No.08/WC/2021

To postpone the meeting of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2022 in view of the COVID Pandemic and to review the decision in the next meeting in September 2021.

8. Update on Stamp duty case

The General Secretary reported that the matter is being pursued. The order from Collector on stamp duty is awaited.

9. Organisational Development Process

The General Secretary reported that a programmatic streamlining was required with regard to NCCI Program clusters particularly with regard to the NCCI activities, and the NCCI activities supported by CSA. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful with

regards to strengthening the program activities of NCCI and distinguishing the same from those of its service wing. It was also decided that each Program cluster and the Executive Secretaries will be accompanied by one Office Bearer as follows:

1. Policy Governance & Public Witness – Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda
2. DATA Concerns – Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
3. Women Concerns – Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
4. Youth Concerns – Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose

It was further decided that the Executive Secretaries may form one (or more) Working Groups in consultation with the respective Office Bearers to accompany them in their activities. It is hoped that the Working Groups will enrich the work of the program clusters, and is purely advisory in nature. It was also decided that this arrangement will continue till the next meeting of the Quadrennial Assembly.

10. Membership matters

The General Secretary reported that the ECI was pursuing their application for membership. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful as decided by the last Assembly and subsequent meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, and the Membership Committee.

11. Dalit Christian Support Programme

The General Secretary reported that he is in conversation with the CSI General Secretary for the services of Mr. Daniel Solomon Raja to be leined from CSI for one year. The General Secretary was authorized to process the appointment at the earliest.

12. Opening of ATTWI Bank Account

The General Secretary communicated the letter from Association of Theologically Trained Women of India requesting help in opening a bank account for ATTWI. After discussion it was decided to organise a meeting of the ATTWI Office Bearers with NCCI Office Bearers to review the activities and future plans of ATTWI before deciding on helping to open the bank account.

13. AISSA Office Opening in NCCI Campus

The General Secretary reported that as per the earlier requests of All India Sunday School Association, the AISSA office will function from NCCI Campus, and a house should be allotted for the AISSA Secretary as before. The information as noted and the General Secretary was authorised to do the needful.

WC:2021:09 Any Other Business

The was no other business.

WC:2021:10 Date of next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Working Committee will be announced later.

WC:2021:11 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the meeting.

WC:2021:12 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with Lord's prayer prayed together by the members. The President pronounced the benediction.

Rt. Rev. Dr.P.C Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Bishop Johan Dang
Recording Secretary

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
10:30 a.m. 27th February 2021,
Zeigenbalg Auditorium, Gurukul-UELCI Campus, #95,
Purasawalkam High Road, Kellys, Chennai-600 010, Tamil Nadu

EC:2021:01 Opening Devotion

The meeting began with a prayer and devotion by Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President NCCI.

EC:2021:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer,*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
6. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
7. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
8. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
9. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
10. Dr. K. Abraham,
11. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
12. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
13. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
14. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
15. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
16. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
17. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
18. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
19. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,

II. Apologies

1. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
4. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
5. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
6. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
7. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
8. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
9. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
10. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo,
11. Rev. Yesunath D.Kalekar,
12. Mr. Angelious Michael,
13. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,

14. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
15. Rt. Rev.Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
16. Rev.Dr. I. P. Asheervadam,
17. Rev. Madhukant Masih,
18. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
19. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
20. Rev. Rolianthanga Lalsim,
21. The Salvation Army,
22. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
23. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
24. Rt. Rev. Collin C.Theodore,
25. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
26. All India Association for Christian Higher Education
27. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
28. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
2. Ms. Ani Koshy,
3. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

IV. Invitees

1. Rev. Jyoti S Singh Pillai, Executive Secretary, Women Concern
2. Fr. Thomas Ninan, General Coordinator, NCCI-ESHA

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church

EC:2021:03 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2021:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

It was resolved
Res. No. 01/EC/2021
The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2021:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries. It was resolved:

Res. No. 02/EC/2021
Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham and Mr. Suresh Jacob be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2021:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. *Obituaries*

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

- H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church passed away on 18th October 2020.
- The Rt.Rev. Dr. P.G. Kuruvilla, former Bishop of the erstwhile North Kerala Diocese of the CSI passed away on 14 Dec 2020
- Dr. Satish Gyan, a Theologian and an Ecumenical Social Activist passed away on 6th Feb 2021. He was the General Secretary of SCM and Director of RCDRC.
- Bishop Anam Chandra Khosla, former Bishop of JELC passed away on 12th Feb 2021
- Rev. Stephen Murmu, Principal of Santal Theological College

The President requested H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos to pray thanking God for their lives and interceding for their families.

II. *Felicitations*

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Executive Secretary of UELCI felicitated the Office Bearers and members of the NCCI Executive Committee on behalf of UELCI.

The General Secretary read out the names of persons to be felicitated:

- Ms. Kalpana David, National General Secretary of YWCA of India
- Colonel. Lalhmingliana is appointed as National Executive Officer of the Salvation Army wef 1st November 2020
- Rev Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ, appointed as the new General Secretary of AIACHE
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu K. Cherian is selected as the new Bishop in the Madhya Kerala Diocese of CSI on 16th Jan 2021
- Mr. Subroto Gorai from Diocese of Durgapur is appointed as new Treasurer of CNI Synod
- Rt.Rev. Peyyala Isaac Varaprasad is selected as the New Bishop of the Rayalaseema Diocese of the CSI
- Bishop Johan Dang, Moderator of GELC is appointed as President of LWSIT
- Mr. Roy P. Thomas, member of the Mar Thoma Church is appointed as Election Commissioner of Pondicherry State
- Mr. V. P. Joy , MJSOC, is appointed as Chief Secretary of Kerala State
- Ms. G. Hanabalhun Kharbuki, received her Doctorate on Khasi music

Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady was requested to pray for the new leaders.

EC:2021:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2020 had been circulated and no comments were received. It was resolved:

Res. No. 03/EC/2021

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2020 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2021:08 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2020

1. **Interim Treasurer** [EC:2020:27 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that due to the mandate given to Bank during Corona pandemic adding Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer as one of the signatories, a fresh resolution is required for adding the name of Treasurer in all Bank accounts.

   Res. No. 04/EC/2021

   i) To add Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer of NCCI along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary), Ms. Rachna Singh and Mr. Ashish Mane as one of the signatories for all the bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India with immediate effect.

   ii) All cheques will be signed jointly by any two authorized signatories.

2. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref no. EC:2020:27 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the arrears relating to 2018 will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

3. **FCRA Certificate for NCCI** [EC:2020:27 (3)] **:**The General Secretary reported that the documents are being kept ready to file but not yet processed.

4. **P.F. Settlement** [Ref [EC:2020:27 (4)]: The acknowledgement of PF calculation and signed requisition received from Ms. Moumita Biswas and the fund was released.

5. **All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)** [Ref. No. [EC:2020:27 (5)]: The General Secretary reported that a zoom meeting of the working group was held on 31st Oct 2020 to discuss the matter and also an online webinar on "Education in COVID times and beyond…" by the Working group was conducted on 20th November 2020. About 221 people attended the webinar.

   Preparation of draft Constitution and Bye-laws is under process.

6. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. No. EC:2020:27 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that he and the Executive Secretary, PGPW along with Bishop Mar Awgin met the Christian Businessmen Forum of Ernakulam (online) and developed some clarity for further discussion.

7. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. EC:2020:27 (8)]:The General Secretary reported that it will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal. It was further discussed that in future members or their sending churches/ councils/ organizations/ agencies of the various committees should take care of their travel expenses to the Executive Committee and the General Body as their contribution to the NCCI activities and that this will help to clear the payable of the NCCI and to tide over the financial crises. It was resolved:

   Res. No. 05/EC/2021
   The members of NCCI Committees or their sending Churches/Councils/Organisations/Agencies will take care of their travel expenses when attending NCCI Executive Committee and General Body as a contribution to the activities of NCCI.

8. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. EC:2020:27 (9)]:The General Secretary reported that due to covid-19 pandemic situation and other engagements, he was not able to contact the organizations particularly the ECoDAWM and ATTWI who shared their inability to pay membership fees and also a raise in membership fees. So, there was no meeting held with the Office Bearers. It is in process.

9. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2020-2021** [Ref No. EC:2020:32]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s L. D'Souza and Co. was appointed as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2020-2021.

10. **Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2021-2022** [Ref No. EC:2020:33]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. was appointed as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the FY year 2021-2022.

11. **Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020** [Ref No. EC:2020:38 (I)]: A letter was sent by the General Secretary to Mr. Pradip Bansrior and Mr. Jianthaolung informing about one year extension of their services w.e.f. 1st Jan 2021.

    On 4th Jan 2021 the office received their acceptances to continue their services in NCCI for one more year.

12. Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020 [Ref No. EC:2020:38 (II)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee Mr. Shibi Peter, Programme Assistant, DATA Concerns had been given an extension of one more year w.e.f. 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021. But Mr. Shibi Peter requested to be relieved and was relieved on 30th September 2020.

EC:2021:09 Matters from:

Working Committee

The General Secretary presented the following matters as recommended by the Working Committee that was held on 26th February 2021

1. Organisational Development Process

The General Secretary reported that a programmatic streamlining was required with regard to NCCI Program clusters particularly with regard to the NCCI activities, and the NCCI activities supported by CSA. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful with regards to strengthening the program activities of NCCI and distinguishing the same from those of its service wing. It was also decided that each Program cluster and the Executive Secretaries will be accompanied by one Office Bearer as follows:

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The General Secretary reported that the ECI was pursuing their application for membership. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful as decided by the last Assembly and subsequent meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, and the Membership Committee.

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The General Secretary reported that he is in conversation with the CSI General Secretary for the services of Mr. Daniel Solomon

Raja to be leined from CSI for one year. The General Secretary was authorized to process the appointment at the earliest.

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5. AISSA Office Opening in NCCI Campus

The General Secretary reported that as per the earlier requests of All India Sunday School Association, the AISSA office will function from NCCI Campus, and a house should be allotted for the AISSA Secretary as before. The information as noted and the General Secretary was authorised to do the needful.

The recommendations of the Working committee was accepted.

EC:2021:10 Internal Audit Report (from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020):
The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020. The report was received and approved. It was resolved:

Res. No. 06/EC/2021
The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 be approved.

EC:2021:11 Budget for 2021-2022:
The Executive Committee received the draft Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2021-2022 and forwarded the same to the General Body for approval. It was resolved:

Res. No. 07/EC/2021
The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2021-22 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

EC:2021:12 Statement of Accounts (from 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020):
The Executive Committee received the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020. It was resolved:

Res. No. 08/EC/2021
The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020 be approved.

EC:2021:13 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020:

The General Secretary presented the recommendation of the Working committee that it may not be possible to hold the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 in September 2021 as decided earlier due to the instability caused by the pandemic. After further discussion, the Committee unanimously decided to postpone the Assembly to April 2022, and to review the decision in the next meeting in September 2021. It was resolved:

Res.No.09/EC/2021

To postpone the meeting of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2022 in view of the COVID Pandemic and to review the decision in the next meeting in September 2021.

Members of the Executive Committee expressed a need to have a clause in the constitution to deal with the extraordinary situations as the corona pandemic so that the administration and governance can be conducted smoothly without any impasse. It was resolved:

Res.No.10/EC/2021

To authorize the GS to look into the constitutions of different NCCI constituents and propose a possible solution which will be discussed for suitable amendment.

EC:2021:14 Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented a report for the period September 2020 to January 2021. The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No. 11/EC/2021

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and approved with appreciation.

EC:2021:15 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The next meeting of Executive Committee will be in September date to be finalized later.

EC:2021:16 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the meeting. He particularly thanked Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Executive Secretary UELCI for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2021:17 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham
Recording Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
10:00 am 21st Sept 2021, (via Zoom)

Minutes of the Meeting

FC:2021:16 Opening Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Rt Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios

FC:2021:17 Welcome
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2021:18 Roll Call
Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer chaired the meeting.

Members Present
Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
Mr. K.Jaya Rao,
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
Mrs. Rachana Singh,
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary NCCI*
Mr Ashish. P. Mane, *Finance Officer (Invitee)*

Absent
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2021:19 Adoption of Agenda
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2021:20 Appointment of Recording Secretary
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2021:21 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th Feb 2021, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.06/FC/2021:
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th Feb 2021 be confirmed

FC:2021:22 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1) Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-07-2020 to 31-12-2020 NCCI [Ref. FC:2021:09]
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st Dec 2020 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

2) Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2020 to 30th Sept 2020) [Ref. FC:2020:10]
As resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2020 to 30thSept 2020 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

3) Budget for the Financial Year 2021-22 [Ref. FC: 2020:11]
As resolved by the Finance Committee the budget for the FY 2021-22 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee and the General Body approved the same.

FC:2021:23 Report on Finances of NCCI
Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation.

Res No. 07/FC/2021:
Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation.

FC:2021:24 Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2021
Mr.Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2021

Res No. 08/FC/2021:
Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2021 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2021:25 Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021
Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Res No. 09/FC/2021:
Resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021 be receivedand to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

FC:2021:26 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st April 2021 to 30th June, 2021)

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021.

Res No. 10/FC/2021:

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 of NCCI be received and to recommend it to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee for approval.

FC:2021:27: Appointment of Statutory Auditor

It was resolved to recommend to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-22.

Res No. 11/FC/2021 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2021-22, for approval .***

FC:2021:28: Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2022-23.

Res No. 12/FC/2021 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2022-23.***

FC:2021:29 New Business

Raising the limit of Payment of Gratuity, as per the Gratuity Act 1972 Rev Asir Ebenezer informed the committee that the payment of Gratuity to retired staff has to be increased to Rs 20 Lakhs to be in line with the amendment made in the Gratuity Act 1972.

Res No. 13/FC/2021

Resolution: ***It was resolved to enhance the payment of Gratuity to retired staff to Rs 20 Lakhs to be in line with the amendment made in the Gratuity Act 1972.***

FC:2021:30 Any Other Business

Rev Asir Ebenezer informed the committee that we have to pay the Nazul Rent of Rs 10 Lakhs per annum from 2016 onwards, we have the pay to the approx Rs. 40 Lakhs to the Gratuity Fund of LIC for the payment of the gratuity to retired/retiring staff, NCCI has to be self-reliant. NCCI National office rent for 16 months has to be cleared as well. This all added upto to Rs. 5 to 6 crores. Apart from this NCCI needs its sources of income to be increased by at least Rs. 2 crores per annum to sustain financially and to face new challenges.

Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, and Rev. Joshuva Peter expressed their concern on the financial situation of NCCI and proposed that a sub-committee be formed to find some solutions for income generation / Property Development.

Res No. 14/FC/2021 :

Resolution: ***Resolved that a sub-committee be formed consisting of Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Joshuva Peter, and Rev Asir Ebenezer to bring some proposal for Income Generations / Property Development to the Finance Committee for further discussions.***

FC:2021:31 Reporting from CSA

Mr Ashish Mane presented CSA Local and CSA FC Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31st March 2021, CSA Consolidated and CSA Local and FC Statutory Auditors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 and the CSA Local and CSA FC Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021.

The Finance Committee duly noted the Christian Service Agency's Internal Audit Report, Statutory Audit Report and Audited Statement of Accounts and Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021.

FC:2021:30 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev Asir Ebenezer thanked Rev. A. Joshuva Peter for taking time out to chair the meeting. He also thanked all the members for their presence and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2021:31 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel.

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
Treasurer, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
Held on 22nd September 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

WC:2021:13 Opening Prayer
The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop P.C. Singh, President, NCCI.

WC:2021:14 Welcome
Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2021:15 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

WC:2021:16 Appointment of Recording Secretaries
It was resolved:

Res.No.09/WC/2021
The General Secretary was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2021:17 Adoption of Agenda
The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2021:18 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th February 2021 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2021:19 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 26th February 2021/Action taken report

1. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [Ref. WC:2021:07 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that for the All India Council for Christian Schools we formed a working group and that working group met. They decided that we should have a Constitution and Bye Laws then only we can decide whether the schools can directly be members of this forum or the

regional boards of the respective churches must be members. So that task was given to Mr. S. Raju to get professional help from Delhi to register it in Delhi. While Mr. Raju was doing that he passed away, so now Fr. Abraham Mathew is continuing it with the suggestions from working group we are trying to draw out that Constitution and then the working group will consider that and then it will come to Working Committee.

2. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. WC:2021:07(4)]: The General Secretary reported that earlier we thought that we will have all the entrepreneurs becoming members in our National forum then we realized that in different places they are having different kinds of Christians entrepreneurs forum. So now we are considering whether we give them guidelines to function and incorporate them as members so the different forums will become members of the national forum. This is still under consideration. Bishop Mar Awgin, Mr. Moses Manohar and Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar these three people are the members of the Working group, the matter is assigned to Fr. Abraham Mathew and is located in the Policy Governance and Public Witness Cluster.

3. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (5)]:
The General Secretary reported that the Covid-19 situation has posed a huge challenge to the financial position of the NCCI. It will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

4. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (6)]:
The General Secretary reported that the matter is being pursued.

5. **Change of signatories** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (7)]:
The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee held on 26th February 2021 the name of Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer of NCCI was added as one of the signatories in all the bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary), Ms. Rachna Singh and Mr. Ashish Mane with immediate effect.

6. **Executive Secretaries:** Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020 [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (14)]:
The General Secretary reported that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns have already finished their first term and were given one year extension from

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 by the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2020. Now they will be finishing their extension period for one year also on 31st December 2021.

The General Secretary presented the report of the work done by both the Executive Secretaries. The Working Committee noted their work and asked Mr. Pradip Bansrior to give his self-assessment to the General Secretary. The Working Committee after discussion recommended that Mr. Pradip Bansrior be considered for the second term of service in the NCCI for another 5 years with effect from 1st January 2022. It was resolved:

Res.No.10/WC/2021
The services of Mr. Pradip Bansrior as Executive Secretary for DATA Concerns be renewed for a sec ond term in the NCCI for a period of another 5 years with effect from 1st January 2022 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

Further the General Secretary reported that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns has asked to be relieved from 31st December 2021. The Working Committee discussed the matter and resolved:

Res.No.11/WC/2021
To relieve Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns from 31st December 2021 and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

7. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (17)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is being pursued.

8. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (18)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is being pursued. Due to rising covid cases in Kerala the meet was not possible.

9. **Bengal Christian Council (BCC)** [Ref No. WC:2021:07(19)]: The General Secretary reported that as per the conventional practice Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning is invited for the General Body Meeting (via zoom) of the NCCI, which will be held on 22nd September 2021.

10. **Property matter: Authorization to sign lease agreement of SBI Civil Lines Branch for ground floor premises at Jubilee house** [Ref No. WC:2021:07 (20)]: The General Secretary reported that opinion from SBI legal department is still awaited. To authorize Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the lease deed when the legal opinion is received from SBI.

    The Working Committee noted the matter and resolved:

    Res.No.12/WC/2021
    To authorize Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the lease deed when the legal opinion is received from SBI.

11. **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020)** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 27th February 2021 has approved the Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020.

12. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2020** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 27th February 2021 has approved the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2020 to 31st Dec 2020.

13. **Budget for the Financial year 2021-2022** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 27th February 2021 has approved the Budget for the Financial year 2021-2022 and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

14. **Renewal of 12A registration** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that renewal of 12A registration was done and we have received the provisional certificate.

15. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Working Committee and will take decision on the matter in the next meeting in September 2021. The matter is listed as separate agenda item.

16. **Update on Stamp duty case** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (8)]: The General Secretary reported that the order of the Collector of Stamps is still awaited. The matter is being pursued.

17. Organisational Development Process [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (9)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter was communicated to the Executive Secretaries. The Executive Secretaries have contacted the respective office bearers. The list of working group members has been drawn. The formation of the working group is to be ratified in this committee. After receiving the names the Working Committee suggested to include one person with disability (male or female) and one trans person in all the Program Clusters and also a male person in Women concerns and it was resolved:

Res.No.13/WC/2021
To ratify the formation of the following working groups of different Program Clusters

Policy Governance And Public Witness
- Rev.Dr.Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Chairperson*
- Dr. Moses P. Manohar
- Rev. Dr. Limatula Longkumer
- Ms. Santa Khurai
- Dr Aiswarya Rao
- Rachana (Trans person)
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, *Executive Secretary*

DATA Concerns
- Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Chairperson*
- Mr. Pradip Bansrior, *Executive Secretary*

Adivasi Concerns:
- Rt. Rev. Johan Dang
- Rt. Rev. Sameer Khimla
- Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu
- Ms. Ramalia Hembrom
- Usha Kiran Nayak

Tribal Concerns:
- Rt. Rev. Michael Herenz
- Rev. L. D. Nongsiej
- Dr. Lalrindiki Ralte
- Rev. Dr. Ramengliana

Dalit Concerns:
- Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa
- Ms. Hannah Dhanaraj
- Rev. Logan Samuel
- Rev. Samuel Mall
- Grace Bano

Eco- Justice Concerns:

- Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad
- Mr. Angelious Michael
- Ms. Renemsongla Ozukum

Kairos India Partnership:

- Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar (CISRS)
- Rev. Inbaraj Jeyakumar (SCMI)
- Rev. Dr. Vincent Manoharan (NDCW)

Women Concerns

- Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Chairperson*
- Ms Jasmine Alley
- Mrs. Basanti Biswas
- Ms Prerna Mathew
- Ms Insamneile Riame
- Col. Annamma Simon
- Ms Archna Netram
- Mrs Anita Paul
- Rev.Fr. Aswin Fernandis
- Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai, *Executive Secretary*

Youth Concerns

- Dr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Chairperson*
- Rev. John C Mathew
- Rev. Ch. John Nischal Kumar
- Ms. Sahana Rani Benya
- Mr. Jacob Abhinav Sarkar
- Captain Latha Cheeli
- Mr. Malthyus Sangma
- Dr. Manoj Paul
- Rev. Silo Karedi
- Dr. Duncun Kingsley
- Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, *Executive Secretary*

Editorial Board of NCC Review

- The General Secretary (Rev. Asir Ebenezer), Editor
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, *Managing Editor*
- Dr. Y. Pammeleena,
- Ms. Ella Sonawane,
- Dr. Vinay Raj,
- Dr. Siju Sam Varghese

18. Membership matters [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (10)]:
The General Secretary reported that the matter of membership of ECI, Seva Bharat, Believers Church and such other things came to the Jabalpur Assembly is still pending. It was remitted to the

membership committee and so the membership committee will meet and bring suggestion. Because of the pandemic it is difficult to meet personally as the members are senior. The matter is being pursued.

19. **Dalit Christian Support Programme** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (11)]: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Daniel Solomon Raja is appointed as Coordinator of the Project – Dalit Christian Support Programme of the NCCI DATA Concerns from 16th April 2021 to 15th April 2022 on lien from the CSI Synod. He is operating from Chennai.

20. **Opening of ATTWI Bank Account** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (12)]: The General reported that ATTWI has requested to help in opening the bank account, the matter is being pursued. As it is a separate item in the agenda the detail will be reported there.

21. **AISSA Office Opening in NCCI Campus** [Ref No. WC:2021:08 (13)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is being pursued. Allocation of office space and housing for the AISSA Secretary will be done after the appointment of the AISSA Secretary.

WC:2021:20 New Business

1. **Report of the General Secretary**

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.
It was resolved:

Res.No.14/WC/2021
The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. **Report of the Treasurer**

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.
It was resolved:

Res.No.15/WC/2021
To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021 to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2021
The Working Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

It was resolved:

Res.No.16/WC/2021

The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 be approved, and forwarded the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

4. Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021

The Working Committee received the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Report was received by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 17/WC/2021

The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for theperiod 1st April 2020 to 31stMarch 2021 be approved, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval.

5. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021

The Working Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021. It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 18/WC/2021

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

6. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2021-2022

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-22.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 19/WC/2021

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-22 for NCCI.

7. Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2022-2023

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2022-2023.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 20/WC/2021

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2022-2023.

8. Matters from Finance Committee

The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee took serious note of the financial difficulties that we are facing and we estimated that we have a deficit of about Rs. 5 crores to 6 crores, and every year we need at least Rs. 2 crores to keep the organization running. We also saw that were heavily dependent on Christian Service Agency our social service wing to support our activities. Taking all this into consideration the Finance Committee has appointed a four-member team to look into these matters and bring proposals to the Finance Committee and Working Committee which will be considered elaborately for strengthening the financial position. The four-member team includes Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer as Chair, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and the General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer. The Committee approved the same.

The General Secretary further reported on second matter from Finance Committee that the Gratuity limit has been increased by the government as Rs. 3.5 lacs to Rs. 10 lacs and now Rs. 20 lacs. We have communicated to the Gratuity scheme in LIC that the sealing will be Rs. 10 lacs. But those who have retired recently are eligible to receive higher gratuity. Therefore, we have to increase the limit, and it is brought to the notice of the Working Committee through the Finance Committee that we will communicate to the LIC that we are increasing the limit to Rs. 20 lacs so that our employees can benefit. If we do not increase this limit the NCCI has to pay the remaining money. The Working Committee approved the same. It was resolved:

Res.No.21/WC/2021

To raise the limit of payment of gratuity as per government norms and communicate to the LIC through the Gratuity Trust.

9. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The Working Committee discussed the matter and proposed the new dates September, 2022 for the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the

National Council of Churches in India with the same venue. The final decision on new dates will be taken in the next meeting of the Working Committee and the Executive Committee in February 2022 looking into the situation of pandemic and cities.

10. Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No.22/WC/2021

The General Secretary is authorized to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner.

11. AISSA matters

Rev. Dr. Daniel Kirubaraj, Professor in Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Head of the Department for Communication is doing his sabbatical with NCCI. He has been tasked to study the "Junior Ministry" of the Arcot Lutheran Church. For this purpose, he has also been asked to study AISSA work and work of Christian Education Ministries of all NCCI Member Churches. The matter was received.

12. ATTWI matters

The General reported that ATTWI has requested to help in opening the bank account as they were not able to find the constitution and registration certificate etc., so they were also in a doubt whether they were registered at all? So, we thought that we will have a meeting with the Office Bearers with the Office Bearers of ATTWI. But before we convene this meeting the General Secretary thought to do some research and found that ATTWI is a registered organisation also registered under the FCRA. The General Secretary is now helping the ATTWI Office Bearers to find the document in the Registrar offices in Secunderabad/Hyderabad so that they can open their own bank account. This is important because ATTWI constitution authorises their President and Treasurer as co-signatories of bank account. This will not be possible if NCCI opens ATTWI bank account.

WC:2021:21 Any Other Business

1. **Training young people in Civil Services:** The General Secretary reported that we are able to now start training for young people in Civil Services not only in IAS or IPS all cadres of civil services from deputy collector or RDO or Tahsildar and village administrator etc. There are about 600 plus levels of civil services available in the country. He also reported that we found one Vedhik Institute which is run by retired DGPs from Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab and the core group is Christian and this core group want Christians in public services, so our ideology merges and the cost is one time cost of

30,000/- (i.e. for lifetime) and online training. So, we started discussion with them and they said if NCCI is able to take this to Christians across the country we will even do it for Rs. 25,000/- excluding GST for our candidates. The General Secretary suggested to receive it in principle and if required any two Office bearers can join in discussions with them and then we can roll it out. This will be located under Policy Governance and Public Witness Program Cluster and Fr. Abraham Mathew was requested to guide through this process and have a meeting with the Office Bearers and that group and then it will be taken forward.

2. **Executive Secretaries as invitees in the Working Committee as per the Constitution:** The General Secretary shared that as per the constitution the Executive Secretaries are invitees in the Working Committee and that he is bringing it to the notice of the Working Committee. It was decided to follow the constitution because here only they report extensively about the programmes. It was decided that in the next meeting we will invite them to the Working Committee.

3. **Membership issues:** The General Secretary reported that it will be good to have some guidelines of good standing for members of NCCI, since at times some members are not invited to Committees. He requested the permission of the Working Committee to remit this matter to the Membership Committee to bring guidelines on " members of good standing." So, from the Working Committee a mandate is needed to take this to the Membership Committee to draft guidelines for "members in good standing" and then it will bring to the Working Committee. The Working Committee resolved:

Res. No.23/WC/2021
The Membership Committee to draft guidelines of good standing for NCCI members and present it to the Working Committee meeting in February 2022.

WC:2021:22 Date of next meeting

The proposed date for the NCCI Working Committee meeting is 11th December 2021 and the place for the meeting is Jabalpur. The Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President NCCI, Moderator CNI Synod and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese will host the meeting. He also extended an invitation to the Working Committee members for the CNI Jabalpur Diocesan celebrations on 12th and 13th Dec 2021 in Jabalpur.

WC:2021:23 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the virtual meeting.

WC:2021:24 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and benediction pronounced by Bishop P.C. Singh.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh	**Rev. Asir Ebenezer**
President, NCCI	General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
22ND SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.

EC:2021:18 Opening Devotion

The meeting began with a prayer by Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice-President.

EC:2021:19 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *Director/ Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Mrs. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu
8. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennedy,
9. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
10. Mrs. Rachna Singh
11. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
12. Mr. K. Abraham,
13. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Mr. Angelious Michael,
15. Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandis
16. Ms. Ani Koshy,
17. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
18. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
19. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
20. Colonel Lalhmingliana,
21. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
22. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
23. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
24. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric
25. Rev. Dr. Pakiam T. Samuel,
26. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
3. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
4. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
5. Deacon Vikal P. Rao,
6. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,

III. Absentees

1. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
2. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
3. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
4. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
5. Rev. Prof. Aheto Sema
6. Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh
7. Hindustani Covenant Church
8. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
9. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
10. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
11. Mennonite Brethren Church
12. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
13. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
14. Presbyterian Church of India
15. Ms. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
16. Bishop Fred C. Marihal,
17. North West India Council of Churches
18. All India Association for Christian Higher Education

IV. Invitees

1. Dr. Margaret A. Perumalla, Mennonite Brethren Church
2. Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ, AIACHE
3. Mr.Pradip Bansrior,
4. Mr.Jianthaolung Gonmei,
5. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
6. Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai,
7. Mr. Ashish Mane

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church

Since Colonel. Lalhmingliana, and Deacon Vikal P.Rao were officially designated by their respective churches viz; The Salvation Army and Mennonite Church in India, to represent them on the NCCI Executive Committee, as per conventional practice, they were accepted as members of the Executive Committee for the present quadrennium.

EC:2021:20 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2021:21 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier. It was resolved:

Res. No. 12/EC/2021
The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2021:22 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. Suresh Jacob and Mrs. Basanti Biswas were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries. It was resolved:

Res. No. 13/EC/2021
Mr. Suresh Jacob and Mrs. Basanti Biswas be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2021:23 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

- Rev. Yeshunath Kalekar, Vice-Moderator of Hindustani Covenant Church and NCCI-Executive Committee member passed away due to Covid 19, on 18th March 2021.
- Mr. Sudhakar Ramteke, Founder and Director, PRAGATI and former First Chairman of Church of North India Synodical Board of Social Service (CNI-SBSS), New Delhi, and an international ecumenical leader and founder member of the NCCI-URM went to be with the Lord on Sunday the 21st March 2021 after a brief illness.
- Bishop Dr. Phillip Silas Masih, Bishop of the Methodist Church in India Lucknow Regional Conference and Bengal Regional Conference, entered glory on Tuesday the 13th April 2021.
- Rt. Revd. Collin Christopher Theodore, former Bishop of the Diocese of Rajasthan of the Church of North India, Working Committee & Executive Committee member of NCCI and the Vice-President of North West India Council of Churches passed away on 15th April 2021.
- Mr. S. Raju, Hon. Administrative Officer, National Council of Churches in India, National Office, New Delhi, & Administrative Office of the Christian Service Agency, passed away on Friday the 23rdApril 2021.
- Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo, Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church in MP, passed away on 23 April 2021 in Padhar Hospital, Betul district of MP.
- Rev. Prof. Dr. Thathapudi Matthews Emmanuel, Secretary BTESSC received his home call at around 10.30 p.m. on 24 April 2021
- Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom, former head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the longest-serving bishop in India, died due to age-related ailments on 5th May 2021.
- Rev. Dr. Santanu Patro, Registrar of Senate of Serampore University passed away on 5 May 2021

- Rev. Dr. Hawlngam Haokip, President of Manipur Baptist Convention and former General Secretary of Manipur Baptist Convention and Kuki Baptist Convention passed away on 5th May 2021.
- H.H. Basileos Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East, and Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church passed away on 12th July 2021
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Rajarathinam Trinity Baskeran, Former Bishop of the Vellore Diocese of the Church of South India, passed away on 17th July 2021
- Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Development Consultant & Founder Director of the Centre for Rural Health and Social Education, and Former Executive Secretary of NCCI passed away on 4th August 2021
- H.E. Most Rev. Dr. Jacob Mar Barnabas, The Metropolitan of the Eparchy of St. John Chrysostom of Gurgaon-Delhi, Bishop of Gurgaon Malankara Catholic Church passed away on 26th August 2021.
- Fr. Dr. Abraham Oommen (Abu Achen) from Calcutta Diocese, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, and Former National Affairs Secretary of NCCI passed away on 27th August 2021.

The President requested Rev. A. Joshuva Peter to pray thanking God for their lives and interceding for their families.

II. *Felicitations*

The General Secretary read out the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization and conveyed the felicitations of the National Council of Churches in India.

- Rt. Rev. Padma Rao Kodirekka, has been elected as the New Bishop of the Dornakal Diocese of the CSI
- His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa is invested as the Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church on 18th July 2021
- His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilose is invested as the Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church on 18th July 2021
- Deacon Vikal P. Rao, in the 109th MCI AGM held on 6th August 2021 elected as the new Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church in India
- H.G. Dr. Mathews Mar Severios, from Diocese of Kandanad West designated as the Catholicos of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
- Rt. Rev. Francis Hansda, elected as the new Bishop of CNI Diocese of Patna. The consecration will be held on 3rd October 2021.

EC:2021:24 Confirmation of the Minutes of 27th February 2021 meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2021 had been circulated and no comments were received. It was resolved:

Res. No. 14/EC/2021

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2021 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2021:25 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 27th February 2021

1. **Interim Treasurer** [EC:2021:08 (1)]:
The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Executive Committee the name of Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer of NCCI was added as one of the signatories in all the bank accounts of the National Council of Churches in India along with Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary), Ms. Rachna Singh and Mr. Ashish Mane with immediate effect.

2. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref no. EC:2021:08 (2)]:
The General Secretary reported that salary revised in 2019 with retrospective effect from 2018. From 2019 we have paid the increased salary but the arrears of 2018 is still pending and will pay that when financial situation of NCCI improves.

3. **All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)** [Ref. No. [EC:2021:08 (5)]:
The General Secretary reported that we had already made working group consisting of members from the NCCI Executive and others in the General Body. This group has met two times they also conducted a webinar and they decided that they will draft a Constitution and Bye-laws taking into consideration the different types of bodies that are there in their respective organizations and will come back to the committee. Mr. S. Raju, was helping in this with some professional help in Delhi, but after his demise, the matter was remitted to Fr. Abraham Mathew who is pursuing the matter under Policy Governance and Public Witness Cluster.

4. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. No. EC:2021:08 (6)]:
The General Secretary reported that in Ecumenical Entrepreneurs forum we were trying to see whether all the entrepreneurs can be directly members of national forum or we should have a forum based membership in the national forum. There are different forums in Kochi, Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai of Christian entrepreneurs, so we are trying to see whether we can haveNational forum with forum-based membership from these regional fora. Fr Abraham Mathew is accompanying this process and Bishop Mar Awgin, Dr. Moses Manohar and Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar are members of this core group.

5. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. EC:2021:08 (7)]:
The General Secretary reported that in the last meeting it was resolved that the members of NCCI Committees or their sending Churches/Councils/Organisations/Agencies will take care of their travel expenses when attending NCCI Executive Committee and General Body as a contribution to the activities of NCCI. The members reaffirmed the decision of the previous Executive Committee meeting. This will be communicated to the members whenever we are having physical meeting along with the notice.

6. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. EC:2021:08 (8)]:
The General Secretary reported that as it was shared in the last meeting there were huge arrears and when we approached Churches and the Christian organizations, many of them have paid and some of them are still taking time to pay. In due course and before the Assembly we hope to realize the entire membership fees arrears.

7. **Organisational Development Process** [Ref No. EC:2021:09 (1)]:
The General Secretary reported that it was decided that each Office Bearers will be attached to each Program Clusters and the Office Bearers and the respective Executive Secretaries will form working groups to accompany them and these names were brought to the Working Committee and it was ratified there. We have now working groups for:

- **Policy Governance And Public Witness,** under this we have and editorial team for NCC Review
- **DATA Concerns,** under this we have working groups for Adivasi Concerns, Tribal Concerns, Dalit Concerns, Eco- Justice Concerns, Kairos India Partnership:
- **Women Concerns,** has one working group
- **Youth Concerns,** has one working group

The Working Committee had gone through these names and approved it and they also suggested that each working group must have one person with disability (male or female) and also have a trans person as the member to visibly express our accompaniment with these communities. It was also decided that the group with women concerns have at-least one male person so that we express that in gender that we are men and women in partnership. The names of the working groups members with each Program Clusters were read out for ratification. It was resolved

Res.No.15/EC/2021
To ratify the formation of the following working groups of different Program Clusters.

Policy Governance And Public Witness

- Rev.Dr.Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Chairperson*
- Dr. Moses P. Manohar
- Rev. Dr. Limatula Longkumer
- Ms. Santa Khurai
- Dr Aiswarya Rao
- Ms. Rachana
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, *Executive Secretary*

DATA Concerns

- Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Chairperson*
- Mr. Pradip Bansrior, *Executive Secretary*

Adivasi Concerns:

- Rt. Rev. Johan Dang
- Rt. Rev. Sameer Khimla
- Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu
- Ms. Ramalia Hembrom
- Usha Kiran Nayak

Tribal Concerns:

- Rt. Rev. Michael Herenz
- Rev. L. D. Nongsiej
- Dr. Lalrindiki Ralte
- Rev. Dr. Ramengliana

Dalit Concerns:

- Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa
- Ms. Hannah Dhanaraj
- Rev. Logan Samuel
- Rev. Samuel Mall
- Grace Bano

Eco- Justice Concerns:

- Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad
- Mr. Angelious Michael
- Ms. Renemsongla Ozukum

Kairos India Partnership:

- Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar (CISRS)
- Rev. Inbaraj Jeyakumar (SCMI)
- Rev. Dr. Vincent Manoharan (NDCW)

Women Concerns

- Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Chairperson*
- Ms Jasmine Alley
- Mrs. Basanti Biswas

- Ms Prerna Mathew
- Ms Insamneile Riame
- Col. Annamma Simon
- Ms Archna Netram
- Mrs Anita Paul
- Rev.Fr. Aswin Fernandis
- Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai, *Executive Secretary*

Youth Concerns
- Dr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Chairperson*
- Rev. John C Mathew
- Rev. Ch. John Nischal Kumar
- Ms. Sahana Rani Benya
- Mr. Jacob Abhinav Sarkar
- Captain Latha Cheeli
- Mr. Malthyus Sangma
- Dr. Manoj Paul
- Rev. Silo Karedi
- Dr. Duncun Kingsley
- Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, *Executive Secretary*

Editorial Board of NCC Review
- The General Secretary (Rev. Asir Ebenezer), Editor
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Managing Editor
- Dr. Y. Pammeleena, CLS
- Dr. Ella Sonawane, ISPCK
- Dr. Vinay Raj
- Dr. Siju Sam Varghese

8. Membership matters [Ref No. EC:2021:09 (2)]:
The General Secretary reported that the ECI was pursuing their application for membership. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful as decided by the last Assembly and subsequent meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, and the Membership Committee. ECI, Believers Eastern Church, Seva Bharat and such other applications are pending. He also reported that this will be brought before the Membership Committee in a physical meeting and then bring the recommendations to the Working Committee. The Working Committee also decided that the Membership Committee will look into the matters relating to good standing of organisations and churches which are already members. He reported that we have some difficulties with the membership of the Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India, Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention and that there are also representations from Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church and Mennonite Brethren Church. He mentioned that these will also be remitted to the Membership Committee and they will look into it and they will form guidelines for members in good standing and recommend it to the Working Committee and afterwards it will be brought to the meeting of the Executive Committee.

9. **Dalit Christian Support Programme** [Ref No. EC:2021:09 (3)]:
The General Secretary reported that Mr. Daniel Solomon Raja is appointed as Coordinator of the Project in place of Mr. Shibi Peter, this is a programme under NCCI DATA Concerns program cluster. His term will be till 15th April 2022. He is on lien from the CSI Synod. He is operating from Chennai.

10. **Opening of ATTWI Bank Account** [Ref No. EC:2021:09 (4)]:
The General Secretary reported that we now realized that we can not open an account for ATTWI because there constitution says their President and their Treasurer will be the signatories and for us they cannot be the signatories if we open the account. So, we are still discussing with them and helping them to open their own bank account.

11. **AISSA Office Opening in NCCI Campus** [Ref No. EC:2021:09 (5)]:
The General Secretary reported that with regard to opening of AISSA office in NCCI Campus we have already received all the properties of AISSA in Nagpur. We have allotted one house. When the new AISSA Secretary takes over, he will be residing and operating from Nagpur.

12. **Budget for 2021-2022** [Ref No. EC:2021:11]:
As per the procedure the Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2021-22 approved and forwarded to the General Body for deliberations and approval.

13. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020** [Ref No. EC:2021:13]:
The XXIX Quadrennial Assembly we decided that we will postpone the assembly until April 2022. And review the matter in this meeting in September 2021. As it is listed as separate matter in the agenda item, it is recorded there.

EC:2021:26 Report of the Treasurer

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter presented the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021. It was resolved:

Res. No. 16/EC/2021

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2021:27 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2021

The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. The report was received and approved. It was resolved:

Res. No. 17/EC/2021

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 be approved and forwarded to the General Body.

EC:2021:28 Audited Statement of Accounts (including Auditor's report, Balance Sheet, and Income & Expenditure statement)

The Executive Committee received the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 31stMarch 2021. It was resolved:

Res. No. 18/EC/2021

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 31stMarch 2021 be approved and forwarded to the General Body for adoption.

EC:2021:29 Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021

The Executive Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021. It was resolved:

Res. No. 19/EC/2021

The Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 be approved.

EC:2021:30 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-2022

It was recommended by the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-2022 for NCCI. It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/EC/2021

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2021-2022.

EC:2021:31 Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2022-2023

It was recommended by the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2022-2023 for NCCI. It was resolved:

Res. No.21/EC/2021:

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for FY 2022-2023 for NCCI.

EC:2021:32 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The decision of the last Executive Committee which met in Chennai on Feb 26, 2021 was that we will be able to conduct the Assembly in the month of April 2022 and the same will be reviewed in this meeting in September 2021. The Working Committee deliberated on the matter and said that there are Standard Operating Procedures in different places differently which restricts movement of people from one place to another and also restricts large gatherings. Also, if we have to have 440 people, we need to have a space for 800 people with physical distancing etc. The imminent third wave is also upon us. An amount of Rs. 40 lacs will also be required for accommodation and organizing expenses which we do not have because of the short fall in income during corona times. Taking into consideration all these things and that the legal compliances are met through the regular meetings of the Executive Committee and General Body, the Working Committee felt that it may be wise to postpone the conduct of the Assembly to September 2022. The Working Committee also deliberated on the matter whether we can have a virtual Assembly but it was decided against it because the element of friendship, fellowship and worship together will not be there.

The Working Committee also recommended that while we postpone the conduct of Assembly to September 2022, we will request all Executive Secretaries in consultation with the respective Office Bearers and their working groups to conduct thematic conferences on the theme of the Assembly. So that the momentum will be kept up and the deliberations will be on. And when the time comes, we will be able to gather and thank God altogether in September 2022. This is submitted from the Working Committee for the deliberation of the Executive Committee.

After due deliberation the Executive Committee decided to approve the decision of the Working Committee to have the Assembly in September 2022 and it will be reviewed in the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.22/EC/2021:
To approve the proposal of conducting the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India in September 2022, subject to further review in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

EC:2021:33 Report of the General Secretary & Report from NCCI Ministries/ Concerns

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.23/EC/2021
The Annual Report of the NCCI, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

The Executive Secretaries presented their reports from NCCI Ministries /Concerns. The house received and accepted with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.24/EC/2021
The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns be received with appreciation.

EC:2021:34 Reporting from CSA
The General Secretary reported that the Management Committee and the General Body meetings of the CSA are conducted regularly and that legal and statutory compliances are up to date.

The information was received.

EC:2021:35 Statutory Compliance matters
The General Secretary reported that to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No. 25/EC/2021
The General Secretary is authorized to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner.

EC:2021:36 Staff matters
1. Appointment of Mr. Vinod Shemron: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Vinod Shemron has been appointed as Programme Executive for the Kairos India Partnership Program within the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasis Program Cluster. He will be supervised by Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns. The NCCI and SCMI will share his salary and we thank God for this partnership.

2. **Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns:** The General Secretary reported that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns who is finishing his extended first term on 31st December 2021, has requested that he be relieved from service with effect from 31st December 2021. We thank him for his services and we request the Executive Committee to relieve him from his responsibilities with effect from 31st December 2021. It was resolved:

Res. No. 26/EC/2021
Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns be relieved from his services with effect from 31st December 2021.

3. **Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns will be completing his term on 31st December 2021:** The General Secretary reported that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns will complete his extended first term on 31st December 2021. The Working Committee has recommended that his services as Executive Secretary for DATA Concerns be extended for one more term of five years with effect from 1st January 2022. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Working Committee. It was resolved:

Res No. 27/EC/2021
To extend the appointment of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns for second term for five years with effect from 1st January 2022.

EC:2021:37 Any Other Business

1. **Finance matters:** The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee has taken serious note of the financial situation of NCCI. He also reported we have a backlog of paying our nazul fees, the government is after us to pay Rs. 3 crores for stamp duty, our taxes are pending and many other things are pending, and we also need some money to stand on our own feet. Therefore, to strengthen the financial position of NCCI the Finance Committee has made a sub-committee to recommend proposals on income generation. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter will be the Convenor and Chair. Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and the General Secretary will be the members. These four people will explore possibilities of income generation and bring proposals to the Working Committee through the Finance Committee and then it will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval.

   We are proud of the fact that the National Council of Churches in India is one of the few National Councils in Asia to stand on its own feet. We are not dependent on Foreign Contributions and so we need to strengthen the financial situation of NCCI. This information was received.

2. **Training young people in Civil Services:** The General Secretary reported that one more matter from the Working Committee is about training young people in civil services. He said that we have been talking about this for long time, we have made some attempts and all these attempts were aimed at preparing people for IAS, IPS, and UPSC exams. He mentioned that now we realized that our young people are ready to go into different other types of services right from village administration officer right up to even Chief Election Commissioner. So, we can prepare people for 600 odd public services. There are so many areas where our young people can go into and we have found there is one group of Christians who are

working on this on an online training. They have been doing this for several years now, they also have campus training, if anyone is interested, we can partner with them for physical training. But this online training is very useful for young people to prepare for public services. It's not just IAS but they can attempt IAS and they can also attempt several other things.

He mentioned that in this training the ideal age is to enter when the student is studying in class VIII. They can enter anytime but ideal age is when they enter class VIII. The cost is also within our reach and is only 30,000/- plus GST one time, and then one is given permission and access to all the documents that are on the web. Further one can attempt any number of times any number of exams any number of platforms. This is very exciting because it run by a group of Christians who have been Director General of Police of different states and also senior officers in the Home Ministry other people who have been Advisors to the Governors. Such caliber people are also advisors to this. We have been in discussion with this group (Vedhik IAS Academy) and found that their idea is that we should have police officers in every station who are Christian, every Revenue office must have Christians, every Panchayat office must have Christians, so not only in the IAS level but every other level we should have Christians. On this we resonate with what these people are doing. They are willing to offer this course at Rs. 25,000/- plus GST if the students enroll through NCCI. This is onetime payment and if a student enrolls at the age of 13, they can go on attempting the exams until the age of 32. Since this seems to be a good thing and the Working Committee has said that we will have a joint meeting of the office bearers with this group and then go ahead in promoting this among our young people. This is brought to the knowledge of the Executive Committee for their inputs and the committee approved this idea of training young people in civil services.

EC:2021:38 Dates of next meeting

The proposal for having the physical meeting of the NCCI Executive Committee will be in February 2022 in Kolkata. Venue for the meeting is Kolkata Girl's High School (for food and conference facilities), but for lodging NCCI has to explore the possibilities for sponsorship.

EC:2021:39 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the virtual meeting. He said it is indeed a great joy to meet face to face even though it is virtual, on the meeting of the Executive Committee. And as we have taken some important decisions both in the Working Committee and do have approved it

in the Executive Committee, to uphold in prayers the implementation of these decisions of the Executive Committee as well as the decisions of the Working Committee. He also said to pray for the activities of the Program Clusters and the health of the Executive Secretaries and the staff as they carry out these decisions travelling to different places. He placed on record his thanks for the participation of members and thanked the Office Bearers for their accompaniment, he thanked Rev. Joshuva Peter for providing space in Gurukul Lutheran Theological College multimedia center for this virtual meeting and also thanked for the space for conducting day-to-day business of NCCI in times of need in his own office. He also placed on record his thanks to the Executive Committee to the Executive Secretaries, and the Program Executives attached to them for their hard work. He also thanked his colleagues in the administration and finance departments for their accompaniment and preparations for this Executive Committee. He said we have worked hard; we have taken good decisions and under God we grow together as resourceful ecumenical family helping our churches in their ministries and leading them to new areas of concern and ministry. He also thanked all Bishops for welcoming NCCI team when they visit to their places.

EC:2021:40 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Mrs. Basanti Biswas
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
22nd September 2021 at 02:00 p.m.

GB:2021:01 Devotion

The meeting begin with prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning

GB:2021:02 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Dr. Patta Deva Raju,
7. Mrs. K. Asha Kiran Paradesi Babu,
8. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
9. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
10. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
11. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
12. Dr. K. Abraham,
13. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
14. Mr. Angelious Michael,
15. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
16. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
17. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal
18. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
19. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu
20. Colonel. Lalhmingliana
21. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
22. Rt. Rev.D.Daniel Jayaraj
23. Bishop Fred C. Marihal,
24. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
25. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
26. Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
27. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric,
28. Rev. Dr. Packiam T.Samuel,
29. Dr. Sushant Agrawal
30. Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning
31. Rev. Dr. H.M. Watson,
32. Mrs. Ekta Peters,
33. Rev. Alfred Tiwade,
34. Rev. Dr. Ramengliana,
35. Rev. Vijay Kumar,
36. Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu,
37. Ms. Jyotsna Rani Patro,

38. Rev. M. Jyothi Sunder,
39. Rev. Dr. M. Mani Chacko,
40. Dr. William Stanley,
41. Mrs. Ella Sonawane,
42. Dr. Moses P. Manohar,
43. Mrs. Mary George,
44. Mr. Kishore Kumar Nag,
45. Mr. Bertram Devadas,
46. Rev. Christopher Vijayan,
47. Rev. Joshuva Peter,
48. Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar,
49. Dr. Priya John,
50. Dr. Sunil Chandy

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice President*
2. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
3. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
4. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
5. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
6. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
7. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
8. Deacon Vikal P. Rao
9. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
10. Dr. Y. Pammeleena,

III. Absentees

1. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
2. Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh
3. Hindustani Covenant Church
4. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
5. H. G. Issac Mor Osthatheos
6. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
7. Ms. Ani Koshy
8. Mennonite Brethren Church
9. Presbyterian Church of India,
10. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
11. North West India Council of Churches
12. All India Association for Christian Higher Education
13. Rt. Rev. P.P. Marandih,
14. Rev. Pradeep Jyotish,
15. Rev. Dr. Hemantkumar Parmar,
16. Rev. Arun Barwa,
17. Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal Council of Churches,
18. Board of Theological Education of Senate of Serampore College
19. Rev. Vinay Peter,
20. Christian Endeavour in India,

21. Christian Union of India
22. Dr. Mary Verghese,
23. Young Women's Christian Association of India,
24. All India Sunday School Association
25. Rev. Anupama Hial

IV. Invitees

1. Dr. Margaret A. Perumalla
2. Mr. G. Samuel Sudhir, APCC
3. Rev. T. Bhasker, TSCC

V. Autonomous Bodies (Invitees)

1. Mr. Rajesh Jadhav, URM

VI. Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators (Invitees)

1. Mr. Pradip Bansrior,
2. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei,
3. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
4. Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai,
5. Mr. Ashish Mane,

VII. Membership kept on hold

1. Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention,
2. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India,
3. India Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Since Deacon Vikal P. Rao, Colonel. Lalhmingliana and Rt. Rev. Paritosh Canning were officially designated by their respective church and organization viz; Mennonite Church in India, The Salvation Army and Bengal Christian Council, to represent on the NCCI General Body, as per conventional practice, they were accepted as members of the General Body for the present quadrennium.

GB:2021:03 Constituting the General Body

Since notice of the meeting had been sent as per requirements, and the members present formed the required quorum, the President declared that the General Body was duly constituted.

GB:2021:04 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, which had been circulated earlier, was adopted.

GB:2021:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved

Res. No.01/GB/2021:

Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Mrs. Lidwina Cedric be appointed as Recording Secretaries

GB:2021:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the names of the persons whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

- H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church passed away on 18th October 2020.
- The Rt.Rev. Dr. P.G. Kuruvilla, former Bishop of the erstwhile North Kerala Diocese of the CSI passed away on 14 Dec 2020
- Dr. Satish Gyan, a Theologian and an Ecumenical Social Activist passed away on 6th Feb 2021. He was the General Secretary of SCM and Director of RCDRC.
- Bishop Anam Chandra Khosla, former Bishop of JELC passed away on 12th Feb 2021
- Rev. Stephen Murmu, Principal of Santal Theological College
- Rev. Yeshunath Kalekar, Vice-Moderator of Hindustani Covenant Church and NCCI-Executive Committee member passed away due to Covid 19, on 18th March 2021.
- Mr. Sudhakar Ramteke, Founder and Director, PRAGATI and former First Chairman of Church of North India Synodical Board of Social Service (CNI-SBSS), New Delhi, and an international ecumenical leader and founder member of the NCCI-URM went to be with the Lord on Sunday the 21st March 2021 after a brief illness.
- Bishop Dr. Phillip Silas Masih, Bishop of the Methodist Church in India Lucknow Regional Conference and Bengal Regional Conference, entered glory on Tuesday the 13th April 2021.
- Rt. Revd. Collin Christopher Theodore, former Bishop of the Diocese of Rajasthan of the Church of North India, Working Committee & Executive Committee member of NCCI and the Vice-President of North West India Council of Churches passed away on 15th April 2021.
- Mr. S. Raju, Hon. Administrative Officer, National Council of Churches in India, National Office, New Delhi, & Administrative Office of the Christian Service Agency, passed away on Friday the 23rdApril 2021.
- Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Panchoo, Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church in MP, passed away on 23 April 2021 in Padhar Hospital, Betul district of MP.
- Rev. Prof. Dr. Thathapudi Matthews Emmanuel, Secretary BTESSC received his home call at around 10.30 p.m. on 24 April 2021
- Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom, former head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the longest-serving bishop in India, died due to age-related ailments on 5th May 2021.
- Rev. Dr. Santanu Patro, Registrar of Senate of Serampore University passed away on 5 May 2021
- Rev. Dr. Hawlngam Haokip, President of Manipur Baptist Convention and former General Secretary of Manipur Baptist

Convention and Kuki Baptist Convention passed away on 5th May 2021.

- H.H. Basileos Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East, and Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church passed away on 12th July 2021
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Rajarathinam Trinity Baskeran, Former Bishop of the Vellore Diocese of the Church of South India, passed away on 17th July 2021
- Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Development Consultant & Founder Director of the Centre for Rural Health and Social Education, and Former Executive Secretary of NCCI passed away on 4th August 2021
- H.E. Most Rev. Dr. Jacob Mar Barnabas, The Metropolitan of the Eparchy of St. John Chrysostom of Gurgaon-Delhi, Bishop of Gurgaon Malankara Catholic Church passed away on 26th August 2021.
- Fr. Dr. Abraham Oommen (Abu Achen) from Calcutta Diocese, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, and Former National Affairs Secretary of NCCI passed away on 27th August 2021.

The President requested Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar to pray thanking God for their lives and interceding for their families.

VIII. Felicitations

The General Secretary read out the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization and conveyed the felicitations of the National Council of Churches in India.

- Ms. Kalpana David, National General Secretary of YWCA of India
- Colonel. Lalhmingliana is appointed as National Executive Officer of the Salvation Army w.e.f. 1st November 2020
- Rev Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ, appointed as the new General Secretary of AIACHE
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu K. Cherian is selected as the new Bishop in the Madhya Kerala Diocese of CSI on 16th Jan 2021
- Mr. Subroto Gorai from Diocese of Durgapur is appointed as new Treasurer of CNI Synod
- Rt. Rev. Peyyala Isaac Varaprasad is selected as the New Bishop of the Rayalaseema Diocese of the CSI
- Bishop Johan Dang, Moderator of GELC is appointed as President of LWSIT
- Mr. Roy P. Thomas, member of the Mar Thoma Church is appointed as Election Commissioner of Pondicherry State
- Mr. V. P. Joy, MJSOC, is appointed as Chief Secretary of Kerala State
- Ms. G. Hanabalhun Kharbuki, received her Doctorate on Khasi music
- Mrs. Priyanka Kamble, a member of Hindustani Covenant Church

- Rt. Rev. Padma Rao Kodirekka, has been elected as the New Bishop of the Dornakal Diocese of the CSI
- His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa is invested as the Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church on 18th July 2021
- His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilose is invested as the Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church on 18th July 2021
- Deacon Vikal P. Rao, in the 109th MCI AGM held on 6th August 2021 elected as the new Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church in India
- H.G. Dr. Mathews Mar Severios, from Diocese of Kandanad West designated as the Catholicos of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
- Rt. Rev. Francis Hansda, elected as the new Bishop of CNI Diocese of Patna. The consecration will be held on 3rd October 2021.

GB:2021:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of 29th September 2020

Since no adverse comments were received on the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 29th September 2020 which had been circulated earlier, it was resolved:

Res. No.02/GB/2021:
The minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 29th September 2020, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

GB:2021:08 Matters arising from the minutes of General Body Meeting held on 29th September 2020

I. All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS) [Ref. GB:2020:29 (I)]: The General Secretary reported that we had already made working group consisting of members from the NCCI Executive and others in the General Body. This group has met two times they also conducted a webinar and they decided that they will draft a Constitution and Bye-laws taking into consideration the different types of bodies that are there in their respective organizations and will come back to the committee. Mr. S. Raju, was helping in this with some professional help in Delhi, but after his demise, the matter was remitted to Fr. Abraham Mathew who is pursuing the matter under Policy Governance and Public Witness Cluster.

Preparation of draft constitution and bye laws is in process and when it is done the working group will go through it pass it on to the General Body through the Working Committee and the Executive Committee.

II. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum [Ref. GB:2020:29(II)]:
The General Secretary reported that in Ecumenical Entrepreneurs

Forum we were trying to see whether all the entrepreneurs can be directly members of national forum or we should have a forum based membership in the national forum. There are different forums in Kochi, Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai of Christian entrepreneurs, so we are trying to see whether we can have National forum with forum-based membership from these regional fora. Fr Abraham Mathew is accompanying this process and Bishop Mar Awgin, Dr. Moses Manohar and Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar are members of this core group.

III. Pending Payables [Ref no. EC:2020:29 (V)]:
The General Secretary reported that it will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal. He also reported that in the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was resolved that the members of NCCI Committees or their sending Churches/Councils/ Organisations/Agencies will take care of their travel expenses when attending NCCI Executive Committee and General Body as a contribution to the activities of NCCI. The members reaffirmed the decision of the previous Executive Committee meeting. This will be communicated to the members whenever we are having physical meeting along with the notice.

IV. Membership Fees [Ref no. EC:2020:29 (VI)]:
The General Secretary reported that ECODAWM, ATTWI and AISSA has requested for a downward revision of their membership fees and we are working on it as it needs physical meeting with the CEOs to work it out. He also reported that as it was shared in the last meeting there was huge liabilities and when we approached Churches and the Christian organizations, many of them have paid and some of them are still taking time to pay. In due course and before the Assembly we hope to realize the entire membership fees arrears.

V. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2020 [Ref No. GB:2020:19]:
As the matter of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly is mentioned as separate agenda item no. GB:2021:20, hence the decision on this matter taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 22nd Sept 2021 is reported there.

VI. Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020 [Ref No. GB:2020:42 (I)]:
The General Secretary that on 4th Jan 2021 the office received the acceptances of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary, Dalit and Tribal/ Adivasi Concerns and Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, ExecutiveSecretary, Youth Concerns to continue their services in NCCI for one more year.

The NCCI Secretariat continued their services in NCCI for one more year upto 31st Dec 2021.

As the matter of Executive Secretaries is mentioned as separate agenda item no. GB:2021:21 as Staff Matters, hence the decision on this matter taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 22nd Sept 2021 is reported there.

VII. Mr. Shibi Peter, completing his term on 30th Sept 2020

[Ref No. GB:2020:42 (II)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee Mr. Shibi Peter, Programme Assistant, DATA Concerns had been given an extension of one more year w.e.f. 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021. But Mr. Shibi Peter requested to be relieved and was relieved on 30th September 2020.

So, Mr. Daniel Solomon Raja is appointed as Coordinator of the Project – Dalit Christian Support Programme of the NCCI DATA Concerns from 16th April 2021 to 15th April 2022 on lien from the CSI Synod. He is operating from Chennai.

VIII. Ms. Usha Herold's retirement on 30th November 2020

[Ref No. GB:2020:42 (III)]: The General Secretary reported that Ms. Ushakiran Herold, Administrative Assistant was relieved from the services of NCCI after completing 30 years on 30th November 2020.

GB:2021:09 Report of the Treasurer

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Treasurer, NCCI presented the Treasurer's report for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021 to the General Body, which was accepted with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.03/GB/2021:
The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021 be received with appreciation.

GB:2021:10 Budget for 2021-2022

The General Secretary informed the House that the Budget for 2021 – 2022 was placed before the Executive Committee in its meeting dated 27th February 2021. The copy of the same had been circulated to all members. The same was referred to the General Body for approval and adoption. It was resolved:

Res. No.04/GB/2021:
The budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2021-2022 be received with approval.

GB:2021:11 Audited Statement of Accounts for the FY 2020-2021

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 was placed before the General Body for approval. It was resolved

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Res. No.05/GB/2021:
The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2020 to 31stMarch 2021 be approved.

GB:2021:12 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-2022
It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-2022. It was resolved

Res. No.06/GB/2021:
To appoint M/s L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2021-2022.

GB:2021:13 Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2022-2023
It was recommended by the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2022-2023. It was resolved:

Res. No.07/GB/2021:
To appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for the year FY 2022-2023.

GB:2021:14 Matters from Executive Committee

I. Finance matters: The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee has taken serious note of the financial situation of NCCI. He also reported we have a backlog of paying our nazul fees, the government is after us to pay Rs. 3 crores for stamp duty, our taxes are pending and many other things are pending, and we also need some money to stand on our own feet. Therefore, to strengthen the financial position of NCCI the Finance Committee has made a sub-committee to recommend proposals on income generation. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter will be the Convenor and Chair. Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and the General Secretary will be the members. These four people will explore possibilities of income generation and bring proposals to the Working Committee through the Finance Committee and then it will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval.

We are proud of the fact that the National Council of Churches in India is one of the few National Councils in Asia to stand on its own feet. We are not dependent on Foreign Contributions and so we need to strengthen the financial situation of NCCI. This is for the information was received.

So, this is for the information of the Executive Committee members, that these four members committee will start working and bring

proposals to the Working Committee through the Finance Committee and then it will come to the Executive Committee for approval.

The General Body noted the information.

II. Organisational Development Process [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (7)]:
The General Secretary reported that it was decided in the last Executive Committee meeting held in Feb 2021 that each Executive Secretary of different Program Cluster will be accompanied by one Office Bearers, and the Office Bearers and the respective Executive Secretaries will form working groups to accompany them as a task force till the next meeting of the General Body. The names proposed for the working groups with each Program Cluster was approved by the Working Committee and the Executive Committee with some suggestions that each working group must have one person with disability (male or female) and also have a trans person as the member to express our identity and solidarity with these communities. It was also decided that the group with women concerns have at-least one male person so that we express that in gender that we are men and women in partnership. The names of the working groups members with each Program Clusters as ratified by the Executive Committee are:

Policy Governance And Public Witness, under this we also have an editorial team for NCC Review

Policy Governance And Public Witness

- Rev.Dr.Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Chairperson*
- Dr. Moses P. Manohar
- Rev. Dr. Limatula Longkumer
- Ms. Santa Khurai
- Dr Aiswarya Rao
- Ms. Rachana
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary

Editorial Board of NCC Review

- The General Secretary (Rev. Asir Ebenezer), Editor
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, *Managing Editor*
- Dr. Y. Pammeleena, CLS
- Ms. Ella Sonawane, ISPCK
- Dr. Vinay Raj
- Dr. Siju Sam Varghese

DATA Concerns, under this we have working groups for Adivasi Concerns, Tribal Concerns, Dalit Concerns, Eco- Justice Concerns, Kairos India Partnership:

DATA Concerns
- Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Chairperson*
- Mr. Pradip Bansrior, *Executive Secretary*

Adivasi Concerns:
- Rt. Rev. Johan Dang
- Rt. Rev. Sameer Khimla
- Mr. Joy Raj Eric Tudu
- Ms. Ramalia Hembrom
- Usha Kiran Nayak

Tribal Concerns:
- Rt. Rev. Michael Herenz
- Rev. L. D. Nongsiej
- Dr. Lalrindiki Ralte
- Rev. Dr. Ramengliana

Dalit Concerns:
- Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa
- Ms. Hannah Dhanaraj
- Rev. Logan Samuel
- Rev. Samuel Mall
- Grace Bano

Eco- Justice Concerns:
- Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad
- Mr. Angelious Michael
- Ms. Renemsongla Ozukum

Kairos India Partnership:
- Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar (CISRS)
- Rev. Inbaraj Jeyakumar (SCMI)
- Rev. Dr. Vincent Manoharan (NDCW)

Women Concerns, has one working group
- Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Chairperson*
- Ms Jasmine Alley
- Mrs. Basanti Biswas
- Ms Prerna Mathew
- Ms Insamneile Riame
- Col. Annamma Simon
- Ms Archna Netram
- Mrs Anita Paul
- Rev.Fr. Aswin Fernandis
- Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai, Executive Secretary

Youth Concerns, has one working group

- Dr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Chairperson*
- Rev. John C Mathew
- Rev. Ch. John Nischal Kumar
- Ms. Sahana Rani Benya
- Mr. Jacob Abhinav Sarkar
- Captain Latha Cheeli
- Mr. Malthyus Sangma
- Dr. Manoj Paul
- Rev. Silo Karedi
- Dr. Duncun Kingsley
- Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, *Executive Secretary*

The General Body noted the information.

III. Membership matters [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (8)]:
The General Secretary reported that the ECI was pursuing their application for membership. The General Secretary was authorised to do the needful as decided by the last Assembly and subsequent meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, and the Membership Committee. ECI, Believers Eastern Church, Seva Bharat and such other applications are pending. He also reported that this will be brought before the Membership Committee in a physical meeting and then bring the recommendations to the Working Committee. The Working Committee also decided that the Membership Committee will look into the matters relating to good standing of organisations and churches which are already members. He reported that we have some difficulties with the membership of the Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India, Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Convention and that there are also representations from Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church and Mennonite Brethren Church. He mentioned that these will also be remitted to the Membership Committee and they will look into it and they will form guidelines for members in good standing and recommend it to the Working Committee and afterwards it will be brought to the meeting of the Executive Committee.

The General Body noted the information.

IV. Training young people in Civil Services:
The General Secretary reported that one more matter from the Working Committee is about training young people in civil services. He said that we have been talking about this for long time, we have made some attempts and all these attempts were aimed at preparing people for IAS, IPS, and UPSC exams. He mentioned that now we realized that our young people are ready to go into different other types of services right from village administration officer right up to

even Chief Election Commissioner. So, we can prepare people for 600 odd public services. There are so many areas where our young people can go into and we have found there is one group of Christians who are working on this on an online training. They have been doing this for several years now, they also have campus training, if anyone is interested, we can partner with them for physical training. But this online training is very useful for young people to prepare for public services. It's not just IAS but they can attempt IAS and they can also attempt several other things.

He mentioned that in this training the ideal age is to enter when the student is studying in class VIII. They can enter anytime but ideal age is when they enter class VIII. The cost is also within our reach and is only 30,000/- plus GST one time, and then one is given permission and access to all the documents that are on the web. Further one can attempt any number of times any number of exams any number of platforms. This is very exciting because it run by a group of Christians who have been Director General of Police of different states and also senior officers in the Home Ministry other people who have been Advisors to the Governors. Such caliber people are also advisors to this. We have been in discussion with this group (Vedhik IAS Academy) and found that their idea is that we should have police officers in every station who are Christian, every Revenue office must have Christians, every Panchayat office must have Christians, so not only in the IAS level but every other level we should have Christians. On this we resonate with what these people are doing. They are willing to offer this course at Rs. 25,000/- plus GST if the students enroll through NCCI. This is onetime payment and if a student enrolls at the age of 13, they can go on attempting the exams until the age of 32. Since this seems to be a good thing and the Working Committee has said that we will have a joint meeting of the office bearers with this group and then go ahead in promoting this among our young people. This is brought to the knowledge of the Executive Committee for their inputs and the committee approved the idea of training young people in civil services.

The General Body noted the information.

GB:2021:15 Report of the General Secretary

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of NCCI presented a detailed report of the activities undertaken during the period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 and highlights the activities from April 2021 to August 2021.

The same was circulated to all members for ready reference. The report was accepted with thanks and appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.08 /GB/2021

The Annual Report of the NCCI, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

GB:2021:16 Reporting from CSA

The General Secretary of NCCI and Secretary of CSA reported that the Christian Service Agency is the service wing of NCCI and all the legal compliances has been done. Fr. Thomas Ninan was appointed as Executive Secretary for CSA-Projects for a period of 1 year in the February 2021 meeting of the CSA Managing Committee. His term was to be end on 28th Feb 2022. And in the meeting of the CSA Managing Committee held on 21st Sept 2021 he has been appointed as Executive Secretary for CSA Projects for next 5 years beginning from 1st March 2022. He will coordinate all Local and Foreign projects of CSA which NCCI is doing. As CSA is a separate legal entity, all projects are now consolidated and brought under one office and NCCI Executive Secretaries will accompany as consultants in those projects in which they are related. Some CSA employees are also leaned their services to NCCI as a contribution from CSA.

Fr. Thomas Ninan briefed the activities of CSA for the members of the General Body from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 related to (a) Ecumenical Solidarity for HIV and Aids, (b) Civil Society Joint Action for Pluralistic Society, (c) SHALOM Peace initiative among the youth, and (d) Disabilities.

The report from Christian Service Agency was received.

GB:2021:17 Report from NCCI Ministries/Concerns & Autonomous Bodies

The following Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators/Directors presented their reports:

i) Policy, Governance and Public Witness – Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew.
ii) Dalit and Tribal/Adivasi Concerns - Mr. Pradip Bansrior.
iii) Women concern - Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai.
iv) Youth Concerns - Mr. Jianthaolung Gommei
v) ESHA Project - Father Thomas Ninan

It was resolved:

Res. No.09/GB/2021

The reports of the Executive Secretaries/General Coordinators be received with appreciation.

GB:2021:18 Reports from Related Agencies

The General Body received the reports of All India Sunday School Association, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, and The Christian Literature Society.

GB:2021:19 Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No.10 /GB/2021

The General Secretary is authorized to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner.

GB:2021:20 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary shared the decision of the last Executive Committee which met in Chennai on Feb 26, 2021 was that we will be able to conduct the Assembly in the month of April 2022 and the same will be reviewed in this meeting in September 2021. The Working Committee deliberated on the matter and said that there are Standard Operating Principles in different places differently which restricts movement of people from one place to another and also restricts large gatherings. Also, if we have to have 440 people, we need to have a space for 800 people with physical distancing etc. The imminent third wave is also upon us. An amount of Rs. 40 lacs will also be required for accommodation and organizing expenses which we do not have because of the shortfall in income during corona times. Taking into consideration all these things and that the legal compliances are met through the regular meetings of the Executive Committee and General Body, the Working Committee felt that it may be wise to postpone the conduct of the Assembly to September 2022. The Working Committee also deliberated on the matter whether we can have a virtual Assembly but it was decided against it because the element of friendship, fellowship and worship together will not be there.

The Working Committee also recommended that while we postpone the conduct of Assembly to September 2022, we will request all Executive Secretaries in consultation with the respective Office Bearers and their working groups to conduct thematic conferences on the theme of the Assembly. So that the momentum will be kept up and the deliberations will be on. And when the time comes, we will be able to gather and thank God altogether in September 2022. This is submitted from the Working Committee for the deliberation of the Executive Committee.

After due deliberation the Executive Committee decided to approve the decision of the Working Committee to have the Assembly in September 2022 and it will be reviewed in the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It was resolved [Res. No.22/EC/2021] to approve the proposal of conducting the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches in India in September 2022, subject to further review in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The General Body noted the information.

GB:2021:21 Staff matters

I. Appointment of Mr. Vinod Shemron: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Vinod Shemron has been appointed as Programme Executive for the Kairos India Partnership Program within the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasis Program Cluster. He will be supervised by Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns. The NCCI and SCMI will share his salary and we thank God for this partnership.

II. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns: The General Secretary shared that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns who is finishing his extended first term on 31st December 2021, has requested that he be relieved from service with effect from 31st December 2021. The Executive Committee resolved that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns be relieved from his services with effect from 31st December 2021.

The information was received.

III. Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns will be completing his term on 31st December 2021: The General Secretary shared that Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns will complete his extended first term on 31st December 2021. And as recommended by the Working Committee the Executive Committee resolved to extend the appointment of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns for second term for five years with effect from 1st January 2022.

The information was received.

GB:2021:22 Any Other Business

I. The Government of Maharashtra has insisted to keep records of all our staff who are vaccinated. After they take 2 doses and after 15 days, they can attend the office. So, we are not able to open our office in full strength. We work only on 2 days i.e. Tuesday and Wednesday for those things that has to be done in office and all other things are done online from their respective homes.

The General Body noted the information.

GB:2021:23 Dates of next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting of the General Body will be announced later.

GB:2021:24 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the invitees, the Executive Secretaries, and Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the virtual meeting.

GB:2021:25 Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda. Vice-President, NCCI offered the closing prayer.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh President, NCCI	**Rev. Asir Ebenezer** General Secretary, NCCI
Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar Recording Secretary	**Mrs. Lidwina Cedric** Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 11th December 2021 at 4:00 p.m.,
CNI Diocesan Office, 2722, Napier Town, Jabalpur

WC:2021:25 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with prayer.

WC:2021:26 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2021:27 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
5. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
6. Bishop Johan Dang

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

Invitees

1. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary, NCCI-Policy Governance & Public Witness
2. Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary, NCCI-DATA Concerns
3. Rev. Jyoti Samuel Singh Pillai, Executive Secretary, NCCI-Women Concerns
4. Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, NCCI-Youth Concerns

WC:2021:28 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res. No. 24/WC/2021

Rev. Asir Ebenezer was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2021:29 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members with a correction in the agenda item no. WC:2021:32 (2) Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021 .

WC:2021:30 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Working Committee held on 22nd September 2021 which had been circulated on 25th November 2021, was confirmed.

WC:2021:31 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 22nd September 2021

1. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [Ref. WC:2021:19 (1)]:
The General Secretary reported that for the All India Council for Christian Schools we formed a working group and that working group met. They decided that we should have a Constitution and Bye Laws then only we can decide whether the schools can directly be members of this forum or the regional boards of the respective churches must be members. So that task was given to Mr. S. Raju to get professional help from Delhi to register it in Delhi. While Mr. Raju was doing that he passed away, so now Fr. Abraham Mathew is continuing it with the suggestions from working group we are trying to draw out that Constitution and then the working group will consider that and then it will come to Working Committee.

   Work on constitution in progress.
   We are hoping to introduce the Civil Services Program in all the schools through the All India Council for Christian Schools.

2. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. WC: 2021:19 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the online meeting with Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Meet was held on December 3rd 2021.
   Byelaws will be drawn out on formation and functioning of local fora and the National Forum.

3. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that it will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

4. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that follow up is being made.

5. **Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (6)]:
   (i) The General Secretary reported that as recommended by the Working Committee the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 22nd September 2021 resolved to extend the appointment of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns for second term for five years with effect from 1st January 2022. The letter is yet to be issued. Appraisal also is due.

(ii) The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 22nd September 2021 resolved that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns be relieved from his services with effect from 31st December 2021.

6. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that he had a meeting with Rev. Dr. Adduri SJDV Prasanna Kumar and heard his side. In the process it came to be known that there are several claimants to the legal body of the CBCNC. The matter is being pursued.

7. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (8)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is still not pursued and will be taken up in due course.

8. **Budget for the Financial year 2021-2022** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (13)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI General Body held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom approved the budget for the financial year 2021-2022.

9. **Update on Stamp duty case** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (16)]: The General Secretary reported that the order from the office of the Collector of Stamps is awaited.

10. **Organisational Development Process** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (17)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom ratified the formation of working groups of different Program Clusters.

11. **Membership matters** [Ref No. WC:2021:19 (18)]: The General Secretary reported that the Membership meeting is not yet called.

12. **Report of the General Secretary** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (1)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the NCCI Executive Committee held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom received and accepted with appreciation the Annual Report of the NCCI presented by the General Secretary.

13. **Report of the Treasurer** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (2)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the NCCI Executive Committee held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom approved with appreciation the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021.

14. **Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2021** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (3)]: As resolved by the Working Committee The NCCI Executive Committee and General Body which met on 22nd September 2021 via zoom approved the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

15. **Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (4)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body which met on 22nd September 2021 via zoom approved the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2020 to 31stMarch 2021.

16. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (5)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the NCCI Executive Committee held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom approved the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021.

17. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2021-2022** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (6)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the General Body meeting held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom, appointed M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co. as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-22 for NCCI. Letter of Appointment yet to be issued.

18. **Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2022-202** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (7)]: As resolved by the Working Committee the General Body meeting held on 22nd September 2021 via zoom, appointed M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2022-2023. Letter of Appointment yet to be issued.

19. **Matters from Finance Committee** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (8)]: As decided by the Working Committee the payment limit of gratuity has been raised as per government norms and also been communicated to the LIC through the Gratuity Trust.

20. **Statutory Compliance matters** [Ref No. WC:2021:20 (10)]: The General Secretary reported that the Annual filing for 2021 with the Charity Commissioner is in process.

21. **Executive Secretaries as invitees in the Working Committee as per the Constitution** [Ref No. WC:2021:21 (2)]: As per the decision of the Working Committee, the Executive Secretaries were invited as invitees in the Working Committee Meeting on 11th December 2021 in Jabalpur.

WC:2021:32 New Business

1. Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021. The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
It was resolved

Res.No.25/WC/2021

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021. It was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.26/WC/2021

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021, be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Vacancy of Youth Secretary

The General Secretary reported that 18 applications were received but only three had the endorsement of the Head of the Church to which they belonged. On review of the details of the three applications the members felt that the age of one of the three people was close to 30 years which was the upper age limit as advertised. Accordingly, it was decided to invite two of the applicants Mr. Asher Noah and Mr. Ribin John for a face-to-face interview. It was also decided that the interview panel would consist of Ms. Aleyamma Thomas, Rev. Joshua Peter and the General Secretary. Having seen the details of the candidates, it was decided to consider the appointment of one of the candidates for Youth Concerns and the other to coordinate the four ecumenical fora if both the candidates were found suitable.

The General Secretary was advised to convey the decision of the interview panel to the members of the Working committee and do the needful with regard to the appointment.

It was resolved:

Res.No.27/WC/2021

To constitute an Interview panel consisting of Ms. Aleyamma Thomas, Rev. Joshua Peter and the General Secretary to interview the shortlisted candidates and to authorize the General Secretary to do the needful with regard to the appointment in consultation with the members of the Working Committee

4. Staff matters

The General Secretary reported that the Internal Complaints Committee under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, is yet to be formed in the NCCI. It was decided to constitute the Internal Complaints Committee as provided by the said Act with the following members: Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, plus one external person to be identified by the General Secretary.

It was resolved:

Res.No.28/WC/2021

To constitute the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, plus one external person to be identified by the General Secretary.

WC:2021:33 Any Other Business

1. NCC Review

The General Secretary reported that the publication of the NCC Review is coordinated by Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary NCCI Program on Policy Governance and Public Witness from Delhi and therefore it will be useful to do all activities related to the publishing in Delhi. It was decided to coordinate the publication of the NCC Review from New Delhi and to do all activities relating to the publication from Delhi.

It was resolved:

Res.No.29/WC/2021

To coordinate the publication of the NCC Review from New Delhi and to carry out all activities relating to the publication from New Delhi itself.

2. Revival of Regional Councils

The General Secretary reported that many Regional Councils are struggling to stay afloat for various reasons. It was decided to authorize the General Secretary to do the needful along with Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary (Policy, Governance and Public Witness) in energizing all the Regional Councils.

3. Violence against Christians in Karnataka

The General Secretary briefed the members about the violence perpetuated on Christian communities in different parts of Karnataka in the wake of the proposed 'Anti-conversion' bill being passed in the Legislative Assembly and awaiting clearance in the Legislative Council. The General Secretary also briefed about his visit to Bengaluru and meetings with the CSI and Methodist Bishops and the meeting with the communities that are affected. The Working Committee authorized the General Secretary to do the needful in addressing the situation including taking legal measures where required.

It was resolved:

Res.No.30/WC/2021

To authorize the General Secretary to do the needful in addressing the situation of violence against Christians in Karnataka arising out of the passing of the Anti-conversion bill in the legislative assembly including taking legal measures where required.

4. Letter from Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC)

The General Secretary reported that a letter was received from one Rev. K. Vijaya Prasanna Kumar, who claims to be the Acting Moderator of the AELC, as the Rt Rev Dr. Pardesi Babu has supposedly gone on sabbatical leave. The General Secretary also reported that he had written back to Rev. K. Vijaya Prasanna Kumar, asking for details of the decision and the relevant documents from appropriate committees. He also reported that there is no information till date. It was also brought to the notice of the committee that a faction of the Church headed by one Rev. Elijah is in occupation of the Church office and has been disbursing salaries to Pastors, etc. It was also noted that this faction had conducted an ordination service in a grand manner.

After discussion, it was decided to keep the membership of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in abeyance, and refer the matter to the UELCI for clarification and advice.It was resolved:

Res.No.31/WC/2021

To keep the membership of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in abeyance, and refer the matter to the UELCI for clarification and advice.

5. Farmers Forum

Rev. Dr. Rathnakara Sadananda suggested exploring possibilities of an Ecumenical Farmers Forum in the light of NCCI's commitment to food security and the recent moves to form the Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum. The General Secretary was requested to work out modalities to address the issue of the Farmers across the country and the possibilities of forming this country wide ecumenical forum.

6. Membership Committee

In the light of the decision relating to the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) it was decided to reconstitute the Membership Committee with Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as the Chairperson and the following members Rt. Rev. Samuel Kennady, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa Victor, Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari.

The Membership committee was mandated to address the following:

a) to review the representations received from different member churches,
b) to consider and advise on the status of membership of Churches recorded as 'under suspension',
c) to suggest a guideline for ascertaining the status of members of the NCCI,
d) to consider matters of new membership referred to it from the General Body just after the 2016 Assembly.

It was resolved:

Res.No.32/WC/2021

To reconstitute the Membership Committee with Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as the Chairperson and Rt. Rev. Samuel Kennady, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa Victor, Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari as members with a mandate to address the following;

a) to review the representations received from different member churches,
b) to consider and advise on the status of membership of Churches recorded as 'under suspension',
c) to suggest a guideline for ascertaining the status of members of the NCCI,
d) to consider matters of new membership referred to it from the General Body just after the 2016 Assembly.

WC:2021:34 Date of next meeting

Date for the next meeting will be finalized and circulated to the members.

WC:2021:35 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation and also to the Executive Secretaries in the meeting.

WC:2021:36 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh	**Rev. Asir Ebenezer**
President, NCCI	General Secretary, NCCI

Minutes
2022

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
03:00 pm 14th March 2022, Via ZOOM

Minutes of the Meetings

FC:2022:01 **Opening Prayer**
The meeting began with a prayer by Rev Dr. Asir Ebenezer.

FC:2022:02 **Welcome**
The Treasurer and the General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2022:03 **Roll Call**
Rev. A. Joshuva Peter Treasurer chaired the meeting.

Members Present
Rev A. Joshuva. Peter. *Treasurer*
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Mr. K.Jaya Rao
Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary NCCI*
Mr Ashish. P. Mane, *Finance Officer, (Invitee)*

Apologies
Mrs. Rachana Singh
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios

Absent
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2022:04 **Adoption of Agenda**
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2022:05 **Appointment of Recording Secretary**
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2022:06 **Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee**
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st Sept 2021, held Via Zoom , it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.01 /FC/2022:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st Sept 2021 be confirmed

FC:2022:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1. **Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st April 2021 to 30th June, 2021)** (Ref: FC:2021:26)
   As Resolved by the Finance Committee the Statement of Accounts for period from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 was received and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and the same was duly Approved

2. **Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2021** (Ref: FC:2021:24)
   As Resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for year ending 31st March 2021 was received and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and the same was duly Approved

3. **Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021** (Ref: FC:2021:25)
   As Resolved by the Finance Committee the Statutory Auditor's report for year ending 31st March 2021 was received and recommended to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and the same was duly Approved

4. **Appointment of Internal Auditor** (Ref: FC:2021:27) As recommended by the Finance Committee to the Working Committee, Executive Committee and the General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2022-23 for NCCI. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

5. **Appointment of Statutory Auditor** (Ref: FC:2021:27)
   As recommended by the Finance Committee to the Working Committee, Executive Committee and the General Body that M/s L.D'Souza & Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2021-22 for NCCI. The Auditors have accordingly been appointed.

6. **New Business Raising the limit of Payment of Gratuity, as per the Gratuity Act 1972** (Ref: FC:2021:29) As resolved by the Finance Committee the Payment of gratuity to retired staff has been enhanced to Rs 20 Lakhs to be in line with the amendment made in the Gratuity Act 1972

7. **Any Other Business** (Ref: FC:2021:30) Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer informed the committee that we have to pay the Nazul Rent of Rs 10 Lakhs per anum from 2016 onwards, we have the pay to the approx Rs 40 Lakhs to the gratuity fund of LIC for the payment of the gratuity to retired/retiring staff, NCCI has to be self reliant and not to take contributions from CSA to pay salaries of NCCI staff, and CNI rent for 16 Months has to be cleared as well. This all added upto to Rs 5 to 6 crore , apart from this NCCI needs its sources of income to be increased by atleast Rs 2 crore per anum to sustain financially and to face new challenges.

Mrs Rachna Singh and Rev Dr Packiam Samuel, Rev. Joshua Peter expressed their concern on the financial situation of NCCI and proposed that a sub committee be formed to put heads together to find some solutions for income generation / Property Development

As decided by the Finance Committee we are exploring the viable options for income generations

FC:2022:08 Report on Finances of NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation Res No. 02/FC/2022: Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation

FC:2022:09 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st Oct 2021 to 31st December, 2021)

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st Oct 2021 to 31st December 2021.

Res No. 03/FC/2022:

Resolved that the statement of Accounts for the period from 1st Oct to 31st December 2021 of NCCI be received

FC:2022:10 Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)

Mr.Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021

Res No. 04/FC/2022:

Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 be received, and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee for approval

FC:2022:11 Budget for the Financial year 2022-23

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Budget for the F.Y. 2022-23, after a brief discussion

Res No. 05/FC/2022:

Resolved that the Budget for the F.Y. 2022-23 be received, and to recommend the same to the working Committee and Executive Committee for approval

FC:2022:12 Any Other Business

1. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2022 Committee expressed a concern since the financial condition of organizations has been impacted adversely due to pandemic situation and imposition of Lockdowns

it would be advisable that the days of NCCI Assembly sessions be reduced and to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly

Res No. 06/FC/2022:

Resolved that to recommend to NCCI Working committee and Executive Committee Meeting to consider reducing number of days of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly session and also to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly.

2. Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer and Mr Ashish Mane informed the committee that two proposals for intent to take Jubilee House First Floor on rental basis have been received M\s Raj Housing of Nagpur vide letter dated 11th March 2022 has expressed to take the 4500 sqft of First Floor premises on rental basis for Rs 1,90,000/-

M\s Rebel Foods Pvt. Ltd., vide email dt 14th march 2022 has also expressed their intent to take 2400 sqft of first floor on rental basis for Rs 1,85,000/- plus GST

After a thorough discussion the committee opined that rental agreement be entered with the organized business house and recommended that an agreement be entered with M\s Rebel Foods Pvt Ltd for 9 years period.

Res No. 07/FC/2022:

To Authorize Mr. Ashish Mane Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the Lease Deed Agreement for letting out 2400 sqft of First floor of Jubilee House premises with M\S Rebel Foods Pvt. Ltd. for 9 years period.

FC:2022:13 Vote of Thanks

The treasurer Rev. A. Joshuva Peter thanked the Committee members for taking their time out for finance committee meeting

FC:2022:14 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev Dr Packiam. T. Samuel.

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
Treasurer, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.

WC:2022:01 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Ms. Hanabalahun Kharbuki.

WC:2022:02 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2022:03 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
4. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
5. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
6. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
7. Bishop Johan Dang
8. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

WC:2022:04 Appointment of Recording Secretary

It was resolved:

Res.No.01/WC/2022

Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2022:05 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2022:06 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December 2021 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2022:07 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 11th December 2021/Action taken report

1. Two new areas of ecumenical witness [Ref. WC:2021:31 (1)]:

The General Secretary reported that the work on drafting a constitution is in progress. And the NCCI introduced the Civil Services Program in some schools through the All-India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS). He further reported that a new Executive Secretary is appointed Mr. Ribin John who will take care of all ecumenical fora including All India Council for Christian Schools. He joined on 21st March 2022 and soon will move to Nagpur and will be operating

from Nagpur. So when he joined we will be able to bring this to conclusion. He also shared that a discussion was held with the AICCS working group members to understand the specificities of different churches so that our constitution can take into consideration all these specificities as well as State Board Schools, CBSE Schools, ICSC Schools, Matriculation Schools, unregistered Private Schools run by our churches. So in the next meeting a draft constitution processed through the AICCS working group member will be placed before the Working Committee. One of the projects of AICCS is 'UN/UPSC Civil Service Exam Coaching Programme' done jointly by VEDHIK IAS Academy. This project requires a separate bank account. It was decided to open a separate bank account in the name of "NCCI Academy". The Committee after discussion resolved:

Res.No.02/WC/2022

i. To open a bank account in the name of NCCI Academy to be operated by the Rev. Asir Ebenezer (General Secretary of NCCI), Rev. A. Joshuva Peter (Treasurer of NCCI), Mrs. Rachna Singh (NCCI Finance Committee member) and Mr. Ashish Mane (Finance Officer of NCCI).

ii. All cheques will be signed jointly by any two authorised signatories.

2. Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum [Ref. WC: 2021:31 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the work on drafting a constitution is in progress.

3. Pending Payables [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that it will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal.

4. Membership Fees [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that follow up is being made and membership fees are al most up-to-date. The membership arrears are about 17 lacs which are very old dues.

5. Executive Secretaries: Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns & Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Youth Concerns will be completing their terms on 31st December 2020 [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (5) (i) & (ii)]: The General Secretary reported that the appointment letter for the second term of five years as the Executive Secretary DATA Concerns was given to Mr. Pradip Bansrior. His appraisal is also being done.

(ii) The General Secretary reported that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei was relieved from his services in NCCI as Executive Secretary, Youth Concerns with effect from 31st December 2021.

6. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter of CBCNC is referred to the Membership Committee of NCCI.

7. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is still not pursued and will be taken up in due course.

8. **Update on Stamp duty case** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (9)]: The General Secretary reported that the order from the office of the Collector of Stamps is awaited.

9. **Membership matters** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (11)]: The General Secretary reported that the Membership matter will be reported and discussed in agenda item no.18.

10. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2021-2022** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (17)]: The General Secretary reported that the letter of appointment to M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co. as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-22 was issued.

11. **Statutory Compliance matters** [Ref No. WC:2021:31 (20)]: The General Secretary reported that the Annual filing for 2021 with the Charity Commissioner was done.

12. **Vacancy of Youth Secretary** [Ref No. WC:2021:32 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that as mandated by the Working Committee held on 11th December 2021, two persons Mr. B. Asher and Mr. Ribin John were interviewed by Ms. Aleyamma Thomas, Rev. Joshua Peter and the General Secretary on 18th January 2022 in the Church Women Centre of the UELCI, Chennai.

    The interview panel found both the candidates excellent, talented and very suitable for selection. The panel was of the opinion that we should not lose the expertise and talents of the two young people particularly because they were groomed by us as interns. Accordingly, the panel recommended the following appointments:

    1. Appointment of Mr. B. Asher from STBC as the Executive Secretary (Youth Concerns) for a period of 5 years.

    2. Appointment of Mr. Ribin John from CSI as the Executive Secretary (Ecumenical Fora) for a period of 5 years.

    This recommendation was done in line with the recommendation of the Working Committee to consider the appointment of one of

the candidates for Youth Concerns and the other to coordinate the four Ecumenical Fora if both the candidates were found suitable. Mr. B. Asher is expected to join on 25th April 2022 and Mr. Ribin John is expected to join on 21st March 2022.
It was resolved:

Res.No.03/WC/2022

i. Mr. Ribin John from Church of South India be appointed as Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora for a period of 5 years with effect from 21st March 2022.
ii. He will operate from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur.
iii. Mr. B. Asher from Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches be appointed as Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns for a period of 5 years with effect from 25th April 2022.
iv. He will operate from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur.

13. Staff matters [Ref No. WC:2021:32 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that a meeting was called on 1st March 2022 to constitute the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following persons Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Ms. Namita Korkanti and the General Secretary to identify one or two external persons to be included in the ICC.

The names suggested were Adv. Aileen Marques from Mumbai and Dr. Yugal Rayulu from Nagpur. The Working Committee after discussion resolved:

Res. No.04/WC/2022

To recommend to constitute the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Adv. Aileen Marques and Dr. Yugal Rayulu.

14. Revival of Regional Councils [Ref No. WC:2021:33 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that revival of Regional Councils are under process.

15. Violence against Christians in Karnataka [Ref No. WC:2021:33 (3)]: The General Secretary briefed that along with the local church leaders he had a meeting with some of the victims. The matter is under process. The Karnataka Council of Churches is encouraged to take the matter forward.

16. **Letter from Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC)** [Ref No. WC:2021:33 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee(Res.No.31/WC/2021) to keep the membership of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in abeyance, and refer the matter to the UELCI for clarification and advice. The General Secretary is working in coordination with UELCI and APCC on this matter.

17. **Farmers Forum** [Ref No. WC:2021:33 (5)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter being discussed in working group of NCCI Eco Justice ministries.

18. **Membership Committee** [Ref No. WC:2021:33 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee (Res.No.32/WC/2021) to reconstitute the Membership Committee with Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as the Chairperson and Rt. Rev. Samuel Kennady, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa Victor, Lieut. Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari as members with a mandate to address the following; a) to review the representations received from different member churches, b) to consider and advise on the status of membership of Churches recorded as 'under suspension', c) to suggest a guideline for ascertaining the status of members of the NCCI, d) to consider matters of membership referred to it from the General Body just after the 2018 General Body Meeting.

    The meeting of reconstituted Membership Committee will be called in the second week of April 2022.

WC:2022:08 New Business

1. **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)**

    The Treasurer presented the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021. The report was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

    Res.No.05/WC/2022

    The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021**

    The Treasurer presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021. It was

received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

Res.No.06/WC/2022
The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021 be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Budget for the Financial year 2022-2023

The Treasurer presented the budget of the NCCI for the FY 2022-2023. It was received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. It was resolved:

Res.No.07/WC/2022
The budget of the NCCI for the FY 2022-2023 be received, approved and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. Matters from Finance Committee

i. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly: The General Secretary reported that the Finance Committee was concerned about the financial position of the NCCI and recommended the following related to XXIX Quadrennial Assembly of the NCCI:

- To reduce the number of days of Assembly sessions
- to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly (in addition to travel expenses already borne by the constituents)

ii. Jubilee House First Floor: The General Secretary reported that we have received two proposals for intent to take Jubilee House First Floor on rental basis the first one is M\s Raj Housing of Nagpur vide letter dated 11th March 2022 has expressed to take the 4500 sqft of First Floor premises and the second one is M\s Rebel Foods Pvt. Ltd., vide email dt 14th march 2022 has also expressed their intent to take 2400 sqft of First Floor. And the Finance Committee recommended that rental agreement be entered with the established and organized business house and an agreement be entered with M\s Rebel Foods Pvt Ltd for a period of 9 years and Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer is authorized to sign the lease deed agreement with M/s Rebel Food Pvt. Ltd. The Working Committee after due deliberations ratified and resolved:

Res.No.08/WC/2022

i. To make a lease deed agreement with M/s Rebel Food Pvt. Ltd for letting out 2400 sqft of First Floor of Jubilee House premises for a period of 9 years.

ii. To Authorize Mr. Ashish Mane Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the Lease Deed Agreement for letting out 2400 sqft of First floor of Jubilee House premises with M\S Rebel Foods Pvt. Ltd. for 9 years period.

5. Legal matters

i. Stamp duty case: The General Secretary reported that the order is yet to be received from the office of the Collector of Stamps.

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6. Property matters

The General Secretary reported that for property development initiatives the Finance Committee appointed a sub-committee with Treasurer Rev. A. Joshuva Peter as the Convenor, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and the General Secretary as members. The sub-committee is exploring different possibilities on how to maximize the income from the two properties in Nagpur and the work is in progress.

7. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary reported that it was decided to have the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in Sept 2022 subject to the decision of February 2022 Executive Committee meeting. The General Secretary further said that Working Committee has to deliberate on the matter and advice the Executive Committee in this regard. After much discussion the Working Committee decided to recommend the Executive Committee to postpone the meeting of the XXIX QuadrennialAssembly to April 2023 since the COVID situation is still unpredictable and an impending 4th wave is predicted during the latter part of 2022. After due deliberations it was resolved:

Res.No.09/WC/2022

To recommend to the Executive Committee to postpone the date of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2023.

8. Request from Bible Society of India

The General Secretary reported that a request letter was received from Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko, General Secretary of Bible Society of India to provide a space at NCCI Campus to set up a small office to process BSI's registration renewal with the Charity Commissioner office/Registrar of Societies office at Nagpur as they have their registration in Nagpur. The General Secretary recommended the request of BSI for providing space for office in NCCI Campus as their registered office, for a nominal rent of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of 35 months with an agreement. The members discussed the matter and resolved:

Res.No.10/WC/2022

To allot 70 sq. ft. of space in NCCI Campus as the registered office of Bible Society of India for a nominal rent of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of 35 months renewable as per mutual understanding.

9. NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board for 2022-2025

The General Secretary reported that a letter was received from Rev. Dr. Ashish Amos, General Secretary of ISPCK, to nominate a representative from NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025. The present incumbent is Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas. The Committee discussed the matter and unanimously proposed that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas will continue to represent NCCI in the board of ISPCK for 2022-2025. It was resolved:

Res.No.11/WC/2022

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025.

10. Staff matters

The General Secretary recommended to designate and confirm the services of following staff who were working under contract since last 5 to 7 years with effect from 1st April 2022: It was resolved:

Res.No.12/WC/2022

i. To confirm the service of Mrs. Neelam Gaikwad, and designate her as Programme Executive, NCCI Communications & Media w.e.f. 1st April 2022.

ii. To confirm the service of Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure, and designate her as Programme Executive, NCCI Documentation Librarian w.e.f. 1st April 2022.

iii. To confirm the service of Mr. Peter Sebastian, Accountant, NCCI w.e.f. 1st April 2022.

WC:2022:09 Any Other Business
There was no other business.

WC:2022:10 Date of next meeting
The proposed date for the NCCI Working Committee meeting is 29th April 2022 and the place for the meeting is Delhi.

WC:2022:11 Vote of Thanks
The General Secretary thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and participation in the virtual meeting.

WC:2022:12 Prayer and Benediction
The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Bishop Johan Dang.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh	**Rev. Asir Ebenezer**
President, NCCI	General Secretary, NCCI

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 a.m. 29th April 2022,
CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi-110 001

EC:2022:01: Opening Devotion

The morning devotion started with a word of prayer by Rev. A. Joshuva Peter followed by Bible reading from gospel according to Luke 10:25-37 by Ms. Namita Korkanti and the message delivered by Bishop Johan Dang.

EC:2022:02: Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer,*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Mr. Suresh C. Jacob,
6. Mrs. Rachana Singh,
7. Rev.Dr. Bethel Krupa,
8. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
9. Dr. K. Abraham,
10. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
11. Mr. Angelious Michael,
12. Ms. Ani Koshy,
13. Mrs. Basanti Biswas,
14. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
15. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
16. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
17. Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ,

II. Apologies

1. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice President*
3. Rt.Rev. V. Samuel Kennady,
4. Rev. R. Lalbiakliana,
5. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
6. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
7. Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema,
8. Ms. Timngneilhing Kipgen,
9. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
10. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
11. Deacon Vikal P. Rao,
12. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
13. Presbyterian Church of India,
14. Ms. G.Hanabalahun Kharbuki,

15. Colonel S.P. Simon,
16. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
17. Bishop Fred C.Marihal,
18. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
19. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
20. Mrs. Ledwina Cedric,
21. Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel,
22. Dr. Sushant Agrawal

III. Absentees

1. Evangelical Lutheran Church in M.P.
2. Hindustani Covenant Church,
3. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
4. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
5. Fr. Ashwin Fernandis,
6. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church,
7. Mennonite Brethren Church,
8. Rt. Rev. Bajel Murmu,
9. North West India Council of Churches,

IV. Invitees

1. Dr. Margaret A. Perumalla, Mennonite Brethren Church,
2. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary, NCCI-PGPW,
3. Mr. Ribin John, Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora,
4. Mr. B. Asher, Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church,
2. Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church,
3. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
4. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
5. India Evangelical Lutheran Church

Since Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ and Colonel S P Simon were officially designated by their respective organization and church viz; All India Association for Christian Higher Education and The Salvation Army, to represent on the NCCI Executive Committee, as per conventional practice, they were accepted as members of the Executive Committee for the present quadrennium.

EC:2022:03: Welcome

The General Secretary extended a warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2022:04 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 01/EC/2022

The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2022:05 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. Suresh Jacob and Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries. It was resolved:

Res. No. 02/EC/2022

Mr. Suresh Jacob and Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2022:06 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. Obituaries

The General Secretary mentioned the name of the person whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

- Rev. P.B. M. Basaiawmoit a prominent Church elder, minority and human rights activist especially concerned with indigenous people and Christians in Meghalaya and India, was called to meet his creator on 9th Feb 2022. He served as the Chairperson on NCCI Commission on Life, and also served as the Vice-President of NCCI between 2008-2012

  The President requested Rev. Abraham Mathews to pray thanking God for his life and interceding for his family.

II. Felicitations

The General Secretary read out the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization and conveyed the felicitations of the National Council of Churches in India.

- Colonel S P Simon, has been appointed as the National Executive Officer of the Salvation Army with effective from 1st November 2021,
- Rt. Rev. ARGST Barnabas, has been selected as the new Bishop of the Tirunelveli Diocese of the CSI. The consecration was held on 21st November 2021.
- Rt. Rev. Bidhan Kumar Nayak, has been elected as the new Bishop of JELC in its 67th Synod on 23rd Nov 2021. The consecration was held on 5th December 2021.
- Dr. Sujith John Chandy, is appointed as the new Secretary of the CMC Vellore Association & Council from 1st Feb 2022
- Rt. Rev. Denzal Peoples, has been elected as the new Bishop of CNI Chandigarh Diocese.
- Rt. Rev. Ajay Umesh James, has been elected as the new Bishop of CNI Chhattisgarh Diocese.
- Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, has been elected as the new Bishop of CNI Barrackpore Diocese.

- Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, Executive Secretary, UELCI & Treasurer NCCI was felicitated on being conferred the Doctor of Divinity (Honorius causa).
- Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator CNI Synod & President NCCI was felicitated on completing 18 years of Episcopal ministry.

It was also suggested to bring to the notice of the NCCI Secretariat the information about the constituents of NCCI who have completed their Episcopal ministries or about their achievements to be felicitated in the upcoming meetings.

EC:2022:07 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2021 had been circulated and no comments were received. It was resolved:

Res. No. 03/EC/2022

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2021 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2022:08 Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2021

1. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref no. EC:2021:25 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the arrears of 2018 will be cleared as soon as the financial situation gets normal. It is also to be noted that salary revision is due this year.

2. **All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)** [Ref. No. [EC:2021:25 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that work on constitution is in progress and soon it will bring it to the Executive Committee through the Working Committee. The Civil Services Programwas introduced in some schools through the All-India Council for Christian Schools. When the new Executive Secretary appointed he will take it forward.

3. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. No. EC:2021:25 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that work on constitution is in progress. Deliberations are going on with the committee members and when the new Executive Secretary will be appointed he will take it forward.

4. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (5)]: The General Secretary reported that the decision was notified to the members along with the notice for the Executive Committee Meeting of 29th April 2022.

5. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that follow up is being made. Present out standing is Rs. 12, 33, 750/- from 27 institutions (member churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organizations and Related Agencies).

6. **Membership matters** [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (8)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee held on 11th December 2021 to reconstitute the Membership Committee with Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as the Chairperson and Rt. Rev. Samuel Kennady, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa Victor, Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari as members with a mandate to address the following; a) to review the representations received from differentmember churches, b) to consider and advise on the status of membership of Churches recorded as 'under suspension', c) to suggest a guideline for ascertaining the status of members of the NCCI, d) to consider matters of new membership referred to it from the General Body just after the 2016 Assembly. The online meeting of reconstituted Membership Committee was called on 21st April 2022. The committee discussed the matter and resolved to ratify the decision of the Working Committee: It was resolved

Res. No. 04/EC/2022

To ratify the reconstitution of the Membership Committee with Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar as the Chairperson and Rt.Rev. Samuel Kennady, Mrs. Ekta Peters, Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa Victor, Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari as members with a mandate to address the following;

a) to review the representations received from different member churches,

b) to consider and advise on the status of membership of Churches recorded as 'under suspension',

c) to suggest a guideline for ascertaining the status of members of the NCCI,

d) to consider matters of new membership referred to it from the General Body just after the 2016 Assembly.

7. **Dalit Christian Support Programme** [Ref No. EC:2021:25 (9)]: The General Secretary reported that Rev.C.P. Charles SundaraKumar from Arcot Lutheran Church is appointed as Program Executive for Dalit Christian Support Programme of NCCI-DATA Concerns w.e.f. 16th March 2022 for a period of one year. He will replace Mr. Daniel Solomon Raja who has concluded his service.

8. **Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2021-2022** [Ref No. EC:2021:30]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s L. D'Souza and Co. was appointed as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2021-2022.

9. **Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2022-2023** [Ref No. EC:2021:31]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the General Body M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. was appointed as the Internal Auditors for NCCI for FY 2022-2023.

10. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly** [Ref No. EC:2021:32]: The General Secretary reported that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Working Committee it is suggested to the Executive Committee to consider reducing number of days of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly session and also to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly. As it is a separate agenda item the discussion and decision will be recorded there.

11. **Appointment of Mr. Vinod Shemron** [Ref No. EC:2021:36 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Vinod Shemron was appointed as Programme Executive for the Kairos India Partnership Program within the Dalit and Tribal/Adivasis Program Cluster from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 for a period of one year and started working from Bangalore.

12. **Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns** [Ref No. EC:2021:36 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Jianthaolung Gonmei, Executive Secretary Youth Concerns who finished his extended first term on 31st December 2021 was relieved from the services of NCCI on 31st December 2021.

13. **Mr. Pradip Bansrior, DATA Concerns will be completing his term on 31st December 2021** [Ref No. EC:2021:36 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Executive Committee held on 22nd September 2021, appointment of Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary DATA Concerns was extended for a second term of five years with effect from 1st January 2022. The letter of appointment was issued to him and received his acceptance.

14. **Finance matters** [Ref No. EC:2021:37 (1)]:The General Secretary reported that as decided by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to strengthen the financial position of NCCI the Finance Committee through a sub-committee to explore possibilities of income generation and bring proposals to the Working Committee through the Finance Committee is in process.

15. Training young people in Civil Services [Ref No. EC:2021:37 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that work on constitution is in progress and soon it will bring it to the Executive Committee through the Working Committee. The Civil Services Program was introduced in some schools through the All-India Council for Christian Schools. When the new Executive Secretary appointed he will take it forward.

EC:2022:09 Matters from:

I. Working Committee

i. Vacancy of Youth Secretary [Ref No. WC:2021:32 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that as mandated by the Working Committee held on 11th December 2021, two persons Mr. B. Asher and Mr. Ribin John were interviewed by Ms. Aleyamma Thomas, Rev. Joshua Peter and the General Secretary on 18th January 2022 in the Church Women Centre of the UELCI, Chennai. The interview panel found both the candidates excellent, talented and very suitable for selection. And recommended to the Working Committee to consider the appointment of both the candidates one for Youth Concerns and the other for Ecumenical Fora. The Working Committee after due deliberations resolved to appoint Mr. Ribin John from Church of South India as Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora for a period of 5 years with effect from 21st March 2022, and Mr. B. Asher from Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches as Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns for a period of 5 years with effect from 25th April 2022. Both will operate from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur. The Executive Committee was asked to ratify the decision of the Working Committee. The Executive Committee resolved:

Res.No.05/EC/2022

i. To ratify the appointment of Mr. Ribin John from Church of South India as Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora for a period of 5 years with effect from 21st March 2022.

ii. To ratify the appointment of Mr. B. Asher from Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches as Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns for a period of 5 years with effect from 25th April 2022.

It was further resolved:

iii. Both Mr. Ribin John and Mr. B. Asher will operate from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur.

ii. Staff matters: The General Secretary reported that as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, an Internal Complaints

Committee is constituted with the following members:
Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Adv. Aileen Marques and Dr. Yugal Rayulu. The Committee ratifies the decision of the Working Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.06/EC/2022

To ratify the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Adv. Aileen Marques and Dr. Yugal Rayulu.

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i. Stamp duty case: The General Secretary reported that the order is yet to be received from the office of the Collector of Stamps.

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The Committee noted the information.

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Res.No.07/EC/2022

To ratify the allotment of 70 sq. ft. of space in NCCI Campus as the registered office of Bible Society of India for a nominal rent of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of 35 months renewable as per mutual understanding.

v. NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board for 2022-2025:
The General Secretary reported that a letter was received from Rev. Dr. Ashish Amos, General Secretary of ISPCK, to nominate a representative from NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025. He further said that the present incumbent is Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and the Working Committee unanimously proposed and resolved that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas will continue to represent NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025. The Committee after due deliberation ratified the decision of the Working Committee: It was resolved:

Res.No.08/EC/2022
To ratify that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025

EC:2022:10 **Internal Audit Report (from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021):** The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021. The report was received and approved. It was resolved:

Res. No. 09/EC/2022
The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 be approved.

EC:2022:11 **Budget for 2022-2023:** The Executive Committee received the draft Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2022-2023 and forwarded the same to the General Body for approval. It was resolved:

Res. No. 10/EC/2022
The Budget of the NCCI for the financial year 2022-23 be approved and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

EC:2022:12 **Statement of Accounts (from 1st July 2021 to 31st December 2021):** The Executive Committee received the Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2021 to 31st December 2021. It was resolved:

Res. No. 11/EC/2022
The Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st July 2021 to 31st December 2021 be approved.

EC:2022:13 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary reported that it was decided to have the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in Sept 2022 subject to the decision of February 2022 Executive Committee meeting. The General Secretary further said that Working Committee had resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee to postpone the date of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2023 since the COVID situation is still unpredictable and an impending 4th wave is predicted during the latter part of 2022. It was also suggested by the Working Committee to consider reducing number of days of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly session and also to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly. The Committee discussed the matter and keeping in view of possibilities of accommodation problem and other practicability also suggested to change the venue from Hyderabad to Delhi and requested the CNI Synod to host the NCCI Assembly. The tentative dates suggested for the Assembly were last week of April 2023. It was resolved:

Res.No.12/EC/2022

To postpone the date of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2023 and venue is Delhi.

EC:2022:14 Any Other Business

Jubilee House First Floor: The General Secretary reported that the decision of the last Working Committee to make an agreement with M/s Rebel Food Pvt. Ltd for letting out 2400 sqft of First Floor of Jubilee House premises for a period of 9 years was cancelled as the proposal was not financially viable.

He further said that a proposal was received from A.E. Enterprises who are in Salon business and interested to take Jubilee House First Floor on rental basis to start a Unisex Family Salon and has expressed to take 3500 sqft of first floor at the rate of Rs. 60/- per sq. ft. + GST. It was decided to draw an agreement between NCCI and A.E. Enterprises and also to authorize Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer NCCI to sign the agreement with A.E. Enterprises. The Committee after due deliberations resolved:

Res.No.13/EC/2022

i. To make an agreement with A.E. Enterprises for letting out approximately 3500 sqft of First Floor of Jubilee House premises @ Rs. 60/- per sq.ft. for a period of 35 months renewable for 3 more terms of 35 months each.

ii. To authorize Mr. Ashish Mane Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the Agreement for letting out 3500 sq.ft. of First floor of Jubilee House premises with A..E. Enterprises.

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EC:2022:15 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the meeting. He particularly thanked Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, Moderator CNI Synod, and the General Secretary Rev. Dennis Lall for graciously hosting the meeting.

EC:2022:16 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ, General Secretary, AIACHE.

Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. Suresh Jacob
Recording Secretary

Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 am on 16th Sept 2022,
At Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad

Minutes of the Meeting

FC:2022:15 **Opening Prayer**
The meeting began with a prayer by Rev Dr Packiam Samuel

FC:2022:16 **Welcome**
The General Secretary welcomed the members.

FC:2022:17 **Roll Call**
Rev. Dr. A. Joshuva Peter (Treasurer) chaired the meeting.

Members Present
Rev. Dr. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
Rev. Dr. Packiam. T. Samuel
Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary NCCI*
Mr. Ashish. P. Mane, *Finance Officer, (Invitee)*

Apologies
Mr. K.Jaya Rao
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios
Mrs. Rachana Singh
Dr. Ms. Roja Princy

FC:2022:18 **Adoption of Agenda**
The members accepted and adopted the agenda.

FC:2022:19 **Appointment of Recording Secretary**
Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel and Mr. Ashish Mane were appointed as the Recording Secretaries.

FC:2022:20 **Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee**
As no corrections were received on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th March 2022, held via Zoom, it was decided to confirm the same.

Res No.08/FC/2022:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th March 2022 be confirmed

FC:2022:21 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

1) Receipts and Payments A\c for the period from 01-07-2020 to 31-12-2020 NCCI [Ref. FC:2022:09]

As resolved by the Finance Committee the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st Oct 2021 to 31st Dec 2021 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

2) Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2020 to 30th Sept 2020) [Ref. FC:2022:10]

As resolved by the Finance Committee the Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2021 to 30thSept 2021 was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and Executive Committee and the same was duly approved.

3) Budget for the Finance Year 2022-23 [Ref. FC: 2022:11]

As resolved by the Finance Committee the budget for the FY 2022-23 was forwarded through the Working Committee to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee and the General Body approved the same.

4) XXIX Quadrennial Assembly 2022 {Ref. FC: 2022:12}

As Resolved by the Finance Committee to recommend to NCCI Working committee and Executive Committee Meeting to consider reducing number of days of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly session and also to request the delegates of XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to take care of their accommodation expenses for attending Assembly. The Matter was recommended to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Working Committee recommended the matter to the Executive Committee.

FC:2022:22 Report on Finances of NCCI

Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer presented the report on the finances of NCCI. The Committee received the report with appreciation

Res No. 09/FC/2022:

Resolved that the report on the finances of NCCI be received with appreciation

FC:2022:23 Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2022

Mr. Ashish Mane presented the Internal Auditor's report of NCCI for the year ending 31st March 2022

Res No. 10/FC/2022:

Resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2022 be received, and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body for approval

FC:2022:24 Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2022

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2022

Res No. 11/FC/2022:

Resolved that the Statutory Auditors Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2022 be received and to recommend the same to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body Meeting for approval

FC:2022:25 Statement of Accounts (Receipts and Payments 1st April 2022 to 30th June, 2022)

Mr Ashish Mane presented the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022.

Res No. 12/FC/2022:

Resolved that the statement of Accounts fo the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022 of NCCI be received and to recommend it to the NCCI Working Committee, Executive Committee and General body for approval.

FC: 2022:26: Appointment of Statutory Auditor

It was resolved to recommend to consider the appointment of M/s L. D'Souza and Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2022-23.

Res No. 13/FC/2022 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the NCCI Working Committee and NCCI Executive Committee that M/s L. D'Souza and Co. be appointed as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2022-23, and recommend it NCCI Working committee, Executive Committee and General body for approval.***

FC:2022:27: Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was recommended to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2023-24.

Res No. 14/FC/2022 :

Resolution: ***It was resolved to recommend to the Working Committee, Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. be appointed as Internal Auditors for the forward FY 2023-24.***

FC:2022:28 Property Matter

Mr Ashish Mane Informed the committee that Nazul case is pending in the office of the Sub Inspector General of Registration and Deputy Controller of Stamps and the next date for hearing is on 10th Oct 2022 this case pertains to the short payment of Stamp duty on renewal of Jubilee house property Nazul Lease agreement, NCCI has paid the Stamp duty as determined by the then Honourable District Collector Nagpur, but the Department of Registration and Stamps Government of Maharashtra's Audit Department had assessed it as per the Market value of the Property.

Our Advocate Masood Sharif has advised us that the assessment of Audit department is not tenable as the assessment and payment of stamp duty was done as per the calculation given by the District Collector and the recent judgement given by Bombay High Court in Sukoon Construction Pvt Ltd Vs. The Collector of Stamp and Anr {(L) No. 6268 of 2022} is favourable to our case.

FC: 2022: 29 New Business

Rev Asir Informed the Committee that, as resolved by the Finance Committee which met on 21st Sept 2021, held via Zoom to form a fundraising committee to tide over the NCCI's financial crisis and also to increase NCCI sources of income so as to make NCCI able to face the new challenges.

Accordingly, a formal fundraising committee was called upon to discuss regarding two projects of fundraising activities, i.e. 1) Conference Centre at Church house Campus at C.K. Naydu Road Civil Lines, Nagpur and 2) Small Bank (Peoples Bank)

1) Initiation of Property Development plan at NCCI Church House Campus at Nagpur- Construction of AIKYA Bhavan
2) Draft plan for promotion of Financial Service Entity, to be established as a Small Finance Peoples Bank

After a brief discussion the Finance Committee received the recommendation of the Fund-raising Committee and recommended to further study this two proposal and submit it in next finance Committee Meeting.

FC:2022:30 Any Other Business

As there were no other businesses the meeting came to an end.

FC:2022:31 Vote of Thanks

The General Secretary Rev Dr Asir Ebenezer thanked the Rev. Dr. A. Joshuva Peter and Rev Dr Packiam Samuel for their wisdom, guidance and encouraging participation in the meeting.

FC:2021:31 Closing Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rev Dr Asir Ebenezer.

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter
Treasurer, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
Recording Secretary

Mr. Ashish Mane
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 16th September 2022 at 12:00 noon
Henry Martyn Institute, 6-3-128/1 Beside National Police Academy, Shivrampally, Hyderabad 500 052

WC:2022:13 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer by Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President, chaired the meeting.

WC:2022:14 Welcome

Rev. Asir Ebenezer, the General Secretary of NCCI welcomed the members.

WC:2022:15 Roll Call

Members Present

1. Rev. Dr. Daniel Ratnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki

Apology

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Bishop Johan Dang

Absent

1. Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*

Invitees

1. Mr.Pradip Bansrior,
2. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
3. Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai,
4. Mr. B. Asher,
5. Rev. Dn. Ribin John,
6. Mr. Ashish Mane,

WC:2022:16 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

It was resolved:

Res.No.13/WC/2022

The Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuk was appointed as Recording Secretary.

WC:2022:17 Adoption of Agenda

The committee adopted the agenda which had been circulated in advance among the members.

WC:2022:18 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th March 2022 which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

WC:2022:19 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings held on 24th March 2022/Action taken report

1. **Two new areas of ecumenical witness** [[Ref. WC:2022:07 (1)]:The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee, a bank account in the name of NCCI Academy was opened. Initial draft of AICCS constitution is getting ready.

2. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref. WC: 2022:07 (2)]:
The General Secretary reported that Work on drafting a constitution is in progress.
A National Conference of Christian Entrepreneurs is planned in November 2022 when the vision/mission document will be further discussed and sharpened.

3. **Pending Payables** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that as the financial situation is not stable due to pandemic the 2018 salary increment is not cleared off. And also, the salaries of Secretaries and Staff are revised every three years, so the next revision was also due from 2021.

4. **Membership Fees** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (4)]: The General Secretary reported that reminders were sent to the Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies. Present outstanding is Rs. 19,96,500/- from 39 institutions (Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organizations and Related Agencies).

5. **Representation from CBCNC (Letter & email dt 7.9.2020 by Rev. Dr. Adduri S J D V Prasanna Kumar, Secretary, CBCNC** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that the Membership Committee is seized of the matter.

6. **Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (7)]:
The General Secretary reported that discussions are on with responsible people in the Orthodox Church.

7. **Update on Stamp duty case** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (8)]: The General Secretary reported that the next hearing from the office of the Collector of Stamps is on 10th October 2022.

8. **Vacancy of Youth Secretary** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (12)]:The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified the appointment

of Mr. Ribin John from Church of South India as Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora for a period of 5 years with effect from 21st March 2022. And also ratified the appointment of Mr. B. Asher from Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches as Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns for a period of 5 years with effect from 25th April 2022. Both Mr. Ribin John and Mr. B. Asher were started working from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur.

9. **Staff matters** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (13)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee, the Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified to constitute the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Adv. Aileen Marques and Dr. Yugal Rayulu.

   The first meeting of the Internal Committee was held on 27th July 2022. In the light of SHWW-PPR Act 2013 the IC has recommended to review the NCCI Work Place Policy.

   Also, for the smooth functioning of two organisations the IC suggested to keep the same Internal Committee of NCCI as the Internal Committee of CSA with the inclusion of two members/employees on behalf of Christian Service Agency (CSA) in the Internal Committee.

10. **Revival of Regional Councils** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (14)]:
    The General Secretary reported that Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew and the General Secretary are working on the same.

11. **Violence against Christians in Karnataka** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (15)]:
    The General Secretary reported that the Archbishop of Bangalore Archdiocese and EFI have moved the Supreme court on the matter.

12. **Letter from Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC)** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (16)]: The General Secretary reported that matter is under process.

13. **Membership Committee** [Ref No. WC:2022:07 (18)]:
    The General Secretary reported that Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Chairperson of the Membership Committee and the NCCI General Secretary are following up on the decisions of the Membership Committee.

14. **Report of the Internal Auditor (from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 29th April 2022 approved the Report of the Internal Auditor for the period from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.

15. **Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met | on 29th April 2022 approved the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st July 2021 to 31st Dec 2021.

16. **Budget for the Financial year 2022-2023** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 29th April 2022 approved the Budget for the Financial year 2022-2023 and forwarded to the General Body as per procedure.

17. **Matters from Finance Committee - Jubilee House First Floor** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (4) ii]: The General Secretary reported that as per the decision of the last Working Committee to make an agreement with M/s Rebel Food Pvt. Ltd for letting out 2400 sqft of First Floor of Jubilee House premises for a period of 9 years was cancelled as the demands of the company made the proposal financially not viable.

    After that a proposal was received from A.E. Enterprises who are in Salon business and interested to take Jubilee House First Floor on rental basis to start a Unisex Family Salon and has expressed to take 3500 sqft of first floor at the rate of Rs. 60/- per sq. ft. + GST. The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 29th April 2022 resolved (Res.No.13/EC/2022) to make an agreement with A.E. Enterprises for letting out approximately 3500 sqft of First Floor of Jubilee House premises @ Rs. 60/- per sq.ft. for a period of 35 months renewable for 3 more terms of 35 months each. And also to authorize Mr. Ashish Mane Finance Officer, NCCI to sign the Agreement for letting out 3500 sq.ft. of First floor of Jubilee House premises with A..E. Enterprises.

    The agreement with A.E. Enterprises was signed on 27th July 2022.

18. **Property matters** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that a meeting of the sub-committee was held on 26th July 2022. Proposals are being studied further.

19. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 29th April 2022 resolved to postpone the date of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2023 and venue is Delhi. As it is a separate item in the agenda it will be discussed there.

20. **Request from Bible Society of India** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (8)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 29th April 2022 resolved to ratify the allotment of 70 sq. ft. of space to Bible Society of India in NCCI Campus as their

registered office for a nominal rent of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of 35 months renewable as per mutual understanding. The information was conveyed to the General Secretary and work on MoU is in process.

21. **NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board for 2022-2025** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (9)]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee which met on 29th April 2022 resolved to ratify that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025. The information sent to the General Secretary of ISPCK.

22. **Staff matters** [Ref No. WC:2022:08 (10)]**:** The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee the services of the following staff were confirmed and letters were also issued to them. (1) Mrs. Neelam Gaikwad, as Programme Executive, NCCI Communications & Media w.e.f. 1st April 2022. (2) Mrs. Preeti Waghchoure, as Programme Executive, NCCI Documentation / Librarian w.e.f. 1st April 2022. (3) Mr. Peter Sebastian, Accountant, NCCI w.e.f. 1st April 2022.

WC:2022:20 New Business

1. **Report of the General Secretary**

The Working Committee received the report of the General Secretary on NCCI, approved it and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee for further approval.

It was resolved:

Res.No.14/WC/2022

The report of the General Secretary on the NCCI be received and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

2. **Report of the Treasurer**

The Working Committee received the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022 and decided to forward the same to the Executive Committee.

It was resolved:

Res.No.15/WC/2022

To forward the report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022 to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. **Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March2022**

The Working Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI for the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st March2022.

It was resolved:

Res.No.16/WC/2022

The Internal Auditor's report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 be approved, and forwarded the same to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

4. Approval of Statutory Auditors Report & Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2022

The Working Committee received the Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and forwarded to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body for approval.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 17/WC/2022

The Annual Accounts of the Society and the Statutory Auditor's report of the National Council of Churches in India for the period 1st April 2021 to 31stMarch 2022 be received, and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee and the General Body for approval.

5. Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022

The Working Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of NCCI for the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022. It was received and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

It was resolved:

Res. No. 18/WC/2022

The NCCI Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022, be received and to recommend the same to Executive Committee for approval.

6. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the F.Y. 2022-2023

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2022-23.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 19/WC/2022

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co be appointed as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2022-23 for NCCI.

7. Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2023-2024

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2023-2024.

After due consideration, the Working Committee resolved:

Res. No. 20/WC/2022

To recommend to the NCCI Executive Committee and General Body that M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co. be appointed as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2023-2024.

8. Matters from Finance Committee

1. **Requests sent to the member churches for financial support:** The General Secretary reported that we had written to member churches asking some donations to support the NCCI ministries.

2. **Financial transparency, and accountability:** The General Secretary shared that in earlier days we had a project called National Ecumenical Campaign on Transparency, Accountability and Responsibility (NECTAR). The Finance Committee recommended to hold some kind of consultation for NCCI member churches to address the issues of financial accountability, transparency, and management and development of properties. Apart from promoting transparency this will also help in reducing the churches' and organisations' dependency on foreign funds and they will be able to guarantee income with their own properties and become self-sufficient. It was also suggested to prepare some policy guidelines or MOU must be signed with partner church/organisation for conducting programmes and managing funds.

3. **Income Generation and Fundraising:** The General Secretary reported that a meeting of the fundraising committee was held on 26th July 2022 and as per the discussions held following two projects of fundraising activities was presented;
   1) Initiation of Property Development plan at NCCI Church House Campus at Nagpur- Construction of AIKYA Bhavan (Conference Centre)
   2) Draft plan for promotion of Financial Service Entity, to be established as a Small Finance Peoples Bank

   But as the project proposals are in draft form and needs more study it was recommended to submit it in next finance Committee Meeting and then it will be forwarded to the Working Committee for consideration and approval.

9. Property matters

1. Jubilee House First Floor: The General Secretary reported that he has already reported under matters arising that A.E. Enterprises who are in Salon business had occupied the First Floor of Jubilee House on rental basis to start a Unisex Family Salon and NCCI has already signed the Agreement with A.E. Enterprises on 27th July 2022.

2. The General Secretary reported that he has already reported under matters arising about the pending case of Nazul in the office of the Sub Inspector General of Registration and Deputy Controller of Stamps relating to the short payment of Stamp duty on renewal of Jubilee house property Nazul Lease agreement, and the next date for hearing is on 10th Oct 2022.

10. NCCI representatives (two) to the Board of Trustees of LWSIT for 2023-2025

The General Secretary reported that an email received from Kishore Kumar Nag, Executive Director of LWSIT, related to nominate two representatives from NCCI in the Board of Trustees of LWSIT for the period 2023-2025. He further said that the present incumbents are Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Rev. Madhukant Masih, but as Rev. Madhukant Masih is retired from his church, he recommended to replace him with another member. The Working Committee after due deliberation unanimously proposed that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, will continue to represent NCCI along with Mrs. Basanti Biswas in the LWSIT Board of Trustees for the period 2023-2025.

It was resolved:

Res No. 21/WC/2022

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas, were nominated to represent the NCCI in the LWSIT Board of Trustees for the period 2023-2025.

11. Staff matters

1. The General Secretary recommended to confirm/regularise the services of the following staff with a proper job description who were working under contract since last 5 to 7 years with effect from 1st September 2022: It was resolved:

Res.No.22/WC/2022

i. To confirm the service of Mr. Nikhil Chauhan, Office Assistant, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

ii. To confirm the service of Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade as Gardener, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

iii. To confirm the service of Mrs. Lalita Kore as Gardener, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

2. **Request from Rev.Dn. Ribin John to study MA in Mass Communication:** The General Secretary shared that he has received a request from Rev. Dn. Ribin John, Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication from Nagpur University without disturbing his job responsibilities as Executive Secretary. As the classes will be online, the General Secretary recommended his request. The committee after discussion decided to approve the request of Rev. Dn. Ribin John Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication from Nagpur University without any disturbance to his job responsibilities and also mentioned that he has to take leave whenever he has to go for writing his exams. It was resolved:

Res.No.23/WC/2022

To give permission to Rev. Dn. Ribin John Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication without disturbing his job responsibilities as Executive Secretary and that he should take leave during the period of writing exams.

12. XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary reported that in the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in April 2023 and the place is New Delhi. The CNI Synod was requested verbally to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly. The General Secretary recommended that we should start the process of writing to Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies the information about the dates and place of the Assembly and also for sending the names of the delegates for the Assembly. It was resolved:

Res.No.24/WC/2022

To recommend to the Executive Committee to authorize the Secretariat to start the process of calling for nomination of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to the Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies.

13. Statutory Compliance matters

The General Secretary reported that to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. It was resolved:

Res. No.25/WC/2021

The General Secretary is authorized to file the documents with the Charity Commissioner.

WC:2022:21 Any Other Business

1. **Matter relating to the President, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI):** The Working Committee of the NCCI considered the situation arising out of the news in social media and national news about the Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh being interrogated under custody subsequent to the raid on his residence by the Economic Offences Wing of the Madhya Pradesh Police.

   The Working Committee also took note of the feelings of the Christian community that is disturbed and angry at the loss of credibility to the Christian community's witness in the society on account of the above.

   The Working Committee also took note of the decision of the Church of North India sending Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh on leave of absence on account of the episode adversely affecting the image of the Church, and subsequently on account of the incapacity to perform the activities of the Moderator of the Church of North India appointing a new Moderator until the next session of the Synod of the CNI.

   The Working Committee discussed the matter and decided that the above including the incapacitation to be head the Church has serious implications to the public witness of the Christian Community in India and the same should be discussed in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the NCCI. It was resolved:

   Res. No.26/WC/2021
   To remit the matters relating to the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, to the Executive Committee of the NCCI, for appropriate action to protect the interest of the Council and its members, considering the seriousness of present situation and of the sentiments of Ecumenical Communities in India.

2. **Request from NCCI Women Concerns:** On behalf of the NCCI Women Concerns the General Secretary thanked the member churches for observing the Fellowship of Least Coin and World Day of Prayer and requested the Executive Committee members to ask their churches to release the money collected for FLC and WDP.

3. **FCRA Registration Renewal of Member Organisations:**
   The General Secretary shared the concern that many NCCI churches and organizations are facing the difficulties in the renewal of FCRA. After due deliberations, the Committee suggested to identify the churches and organisations who are facing difficulties for FCRA renewal and help them by linking them up with and assisting in different government departments or Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. **Salary revision of Secretaries and Staff:** The General Secretary shared the concern that even though the salary revision was done from 2018, it was only from 2019 that it was implemented, the 2018 arrears part is still unpaid to staff. It was also brought to the notice of the Working Committee that the salary revision was due in 2021 but could not be done. After due deliberations the Working Committee asked the Finance Department to present a report on the matter of dues on revision of salaries and annual increment of secretaries and staff in the next meeting in order that an interim relief can be worked out if possible.

WC:2022:22 Date of next meeting

The tentative proposed date for the NCCI Working Committee meeting is December 2022 or February 2023.

WC:2022:23 Vote of Thanks

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, Vice-President thanked the members of the Working Committee for their presence and valuable participation in the meeting.

WC:2022:24 Prayer and Benediction

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Dn. Ribin John.

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki
Recording Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
16th September 2022 at 02:00 p.m.
Henry Martyn Institute, 6-3-128/1 Beside National Police Academy, Shivrampally, Hyderabad 500 052

EC:2022:17 Opening Devotion

The meeting began with a prayer by Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice-President. In the absence of the President, he chaired the meeting.

EC:2022:18 Roll Call

I. Members Present

1. Rev.Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, *Vice President*
2. Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, *Vice President*
3. Rev. A. Joshuva Peter, *Treasurer*
4. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, *General Secretary*
5. Mr. Suresh C.Jacob,
6. Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham,
7. Mr. M. Rajakara Rao,
8. Mr. Angelious Michael,
9. Deacon Vikal P. Rao,
10. Ms. G. Hanabalahun Kharbuki,
11. Mr. Raiston Prakash,
12. Dr. V. Esther Kathiroli,
13. Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar,
14. Mrs. Lidwina Cedric
15. Rev. Dr. Pakiam T. Samuel,
16. Dr. Margaret A. Perumalla,
17. Rev. S.T. Kaia Vaiphei,

II. Apologies

1. Mr. Liju Jacob Kuriakose, *Vice-President*
2. Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennedy,
3. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose,
4. Mrs. Rachna Singh
5. Rev. Dr. Bethel Krupa,
6. Rev. Prof. Aheto Sema,
7. Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen,
8. Dr. K. Abraham,
9. Rt. Rev. Johan Dang,
10. Most Rev. Cyril Mar Baseliose,
11. H.G. Issac Mor Osthatheos,
12. Dr. Ms. Roja Princy,
13. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios,
14. Ms. Ani Koshy,

15. Mrs. Basanti Biswas
16. Colonel S.P. Simon,
17. Mr. Judson Mathew Gundemadugula,
18. Mr. K. Jaya Rao,
19. Rt. Rev. D. Daniel Jayaraj,
20. Bishop Fred C. Marihal,
21. Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam SJ,
22. Dr. Sushant Agrawal,
23. Rev. R. Lalnunzira,
24. Rt. Rev. Surendra Kumar Sukka,
25. Rt. Rev. Isilash Basumatary,

III. Absentees

1. Most. Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, *President*
2. Rev. Fr. Aswin Fernandis
3. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
4. Bishop Subodh C. Mondal,
5. North West India Council of Churches
6. Mrs. Priyanka Kamble,

IV. Invitees

1. Mr.Pradip Bansrior,
2. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew,
3. Rev. Jyoti S. Singh Pillai,
4. Mr. B. Asher,
5. Rev. Dn. Ribin John,
6. Mr. Ashish Mane,
7. Rev. Kalva Murthy Babu, STBC

V. Membership kept on hold

1. Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church
2. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar-Baptist-Convention
3. Council of Baptist Churches of Northern India
4. India Evangelical Lutheran Church

Since Rev. R. Lalnunzira, Rt. Rev. Surendra Kumar Sukka, Mrs. Priyanka Kamble, Dr. Margaret A. Perumalla, Rt. Rev. Isilash Basumatary, and Rev. S.T. Kaia Vaiphei were officially designated by their respective churches viz; Baptist Church of Mizoram, Evangelical Lutheran Church in M.P., Hindustani Covenant Church, Mennonite Brethren Church, Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Presbyterian Church of India to represent them on the NCCI Assembly, as per conventional practice, they were accepted, received and seated as members of the Executive Committee for the present quadrennium.

EC:2022:19 Welcome

The General Secretary extended a very warm welcome to the Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee of NCCI, and the invitees.

EC:2022:20 Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed to adopt the agenda which had been circulated earlier. It was resolved:

Res. No. 14/EC/2022
The agenda for the Executive Committee, as circulated earlier, be adopted.

EC:2022:21 Appointment of Recording Secretaries

Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar and Mr. Angelious Michael were requested to serve as Recording Secretaries. It was resolved:

Res. No. 15/EC/2022
Mr. V.Inbaraj Jeyakumar and Mr. Angelious Michael be appointed as Recording Secretaries.

EC:2022:22 Obituaries & Felicitations

I. *Obituaries*

The General Secretary mentioned the name of the person whose information was received by the NCCI Secretariat:

- Rev. Dr. Johnson Sundara Raj, Principal of Allahabad Bible Seminary, was passed away on 21st June 2022.
- Rev. A. Joshuva Peter prayed thanking God for his life and interceding for his family.

II. *Felicitations*

The General Secretary read out the names of those who have assumed different offices in the service of the Church/Organization and conveyed the felicitations of the National Council of Churches in India.

- Rev. Dr. Limatula Longkumer, B.A., B.D., M.Th., D.Th. (Christian Ministry) appointed as the Registrar of the Senate, w.e.f. August 16, 2022.

- Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen, Professor of Physiology is appointed as the Secretary of Christian Medical College Vellore Association and Council on 3rd September 2022.

- Dr. Aswathy John (B.Sc., B.D. M.Th., M.A., (Public Admn.), M.A. (Phil), D.Th appointed as the new Dean of Research/SATHRI, w.e.f. September 15, 2022.

EC:2022:23 Confirmation of the Minutes of 29th April 2022 meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29th April 2022 had been circulated and no comments were received. It was resolved:

Res. No. 16/EC/2022

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29th April 2022 which had been previously circulated, be confirmed.

EC:2022:24 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 29th April 2022

1. **Salary Revision (2018-2021)** [Ref no. EC:2022:08 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that as the financial situation is not stable due to pandemic the 2018 salary increment is not cleared off. And also, the salaries of Secretaries and Staff are revised every three years, so the next revision was also due from 2021.

2. **All India Council for Christian Schools (AICCS)** [Ref no. EC:2022:08 (2)]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved by the Working Committee, a bank account in the name of NCCI Academy was opened.

   Initial draft of AICCS constitution is getting ready.

3. **Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum** [Ref no. EC:2022:08 (3)]: The General Secretary reported that work on drafting a constitution is in progress.

   A National Conference of Christian Entrepreneurs is planned in November 2022 when the vision/mission document will be further discussed and sharpened.

4. **Membership Fees** [Ref no. EC:2022:08 (5)]: The General Secretary reported that reminders were sent to the Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies. Present outstanding is Rs. 19,96,500/- from 39 institutions (Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organizations and Related Agencies).

5. **Membership matters** [Ref no. EC:2022:08 (6)]: The General Secretary reported that the Chair of the Membership Committee and the General Secretary are following up on the decisions of the Membership Committee.

6. **Dalit Christian Support Programme** [Ref No. EC:2022:08 (7)]: The General Secretary reported that Rev. C.P. Charles Sundara Kumar is visiting Churches and engaging people as Ambassadors of Dalit Christian Support Programme.

7. **Appointment of Mr. Vinod Shemron** [Ref No. EC:2021:36 (1)]: The General Secretary reported that Mr. Vinod Shemron has completed his term as Programme Executive for the Kairos India Partnership

Program on 30th June 2022. As per need of the Program he has given a re-appointment for a period of one more year with effect from 1st July 2022 and he is working from Bangalore.

8. **Finance matters** [Ref No. EC:2022:08 (14)]: The General Secretary reported that as decided by the Finance Committee and the Working Committee to strengthen the financial position of NCCI a meeting of the sub-committee was held on 26th July 2022. Proposals are being studied further.

9. **Vacancy of Youth Secretary** [Ref No. WC:2022:09 (I) i]: The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified the appointment of Mr. Ribin John from Church of South India as Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora for a period of 5 years with effect from 21st March 2022. And also ratified the appointment of Mr. B. Asher from Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches as Executive Secretary, NCCI Youth Concerns for a period of 5 years with effect from 25th April 2022. Both Mr. Ribin John and Mr. B. Asher were started working from NCCI Office located in Civil Lines, Nagpur.

10. **Staff matters** [Ref No. EC:2022:09 (I) ii]: The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified the appointment of the Internal Complaints Committee as mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members Ms. Namita Korkanti (Chair), Rev. Jyoti Singh, Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Adv. Aileen Marques and Dr. Yugal Rayulu.

The first meeting of the Internal Committee (IC) was held on 27th July 2022. In the light of SHWW-PPR Act 2013 the IC has recommended to review the NCCI Work Place Policy.

Also, for the smooth functioning of two organisations the IC suggested to keep the same Internal Committee of NCCI as the Internal Committee of CSA with the inclusion of two members / employees on behalf of Christian Service Agency (CSA) in the Internal Committee. The Committee resolved:

Res. No. 18/EC/2022
To keep the same Internal Committee of NCCI for Christian Service Agency (CSA) also with the inclusion of two members/employees from CSA.

11. **Legal matters - Stamp duty case** [Ref No. EC:2022:09 (I) iii (i)]: The General Secretary reported that the pending case of Nazul in the office of the Sub Inspector General of Registration and Deputy

Controller of Stamps relating to the short payment of Stamp duty on renewal of Jubilee House property Nazul Lease agreement, and the next date for hearing is on 10th Oct 2022.

12. **Case of Mr. Manoj Soni** [Ref No. EC:2022:09 (I) iii (ii)]: The General Secretary reported that the matter is yet to be put on Board of Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court.

13. **Request from Bible Society of India** [Ref No. EC:2022:09 (I) iv]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified the allotment of 70 sq. ft. of space to Bible Society of India in NCCI Campus as their registered office for a nominal rent of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of 35 months renewable as per mutual understanding. The decision was conveyed to BSI and work on MoU is in process.

14. **NCCI representative to the ISPCK Board for 2022-2025** [Ref No. EC:2022:09 (I) v]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 ratified that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas is nominated to represent the NCCI in the General Body of ISPCK for the period 2022-2025. The information sent to the General Secretary of ISPCK.

15. **XXIX Quadrennial Assembly** [Ref No. EC:2022:13]: The General Secretary reported that the NCCI Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 decided to postpone the date of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to April 2023 and venue is Delhi. As it is a separate item in the agenda it will be discussed there.

16. **Jubilee House First Floor** [Ref No. EC:2022:14]: The General Secretary reported that as resolved in the last NCCI Executive Committee held on 29th April 2022 the agreement with A.E. Enterprises was signed on 27th July 2022.

EC:2022:25 Report of the Treasurer

Rev. A. Joshuva Peter presented the Report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022. It was resolved:

Res. No. 19/EC/2022

The report of the Treasurer on NCCI finances for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022 be approved with appreciation.

EC:2022:26 Report of the Internal Auditor for the period ended 31st March 2022

The Executive Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor with regard to the NCCI accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. The report was received and approved. It was resolved:

Res. No. 20/EC/2022

The report of the Internal Auditor with regard to NCCI Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 be approved and forwarded to the General Body.

EC:2022:27 Audited Statement of Accounts (including Auditor's report, Balance Sheet, and Income & Expenditure statement)

The Executive Committee received the Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2021 to 31stMarch 2022. It was resolved:

Res. No. 21/EC/2022

The Statutory Auditor's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2021 to 31stMarch 2022 be approved and forwarded to the General Body for adoption.

EC:2022:28 Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022

The Executive Committee received the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022. It was resolved:

Res. No. 22/EC/2022

The Receipts and Payments Accounts of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022 be approved.

EC:2022:29 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY 2022-2023

It was recommended by the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Lancy D'Souza & Co., as the Statutory Auditors for the FY 2022-2023 for NCCI. It was resolved:

Res. No. 23/EC/2022

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s. L.D'Souza and Co. as the Statutory Auditors for NCCI for the year 2022-2023.

EC:2022:30 Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2023-2024

It was recommended by the Working Committee to consider the appointment of M/s Subodh Kanetkar and Co., as the Internal Auditors for the FY 2023-2024 for NCCI. It was resolved:

Res. No.24/EC/2022:

To recommend to the General Body to appoint M/s Subodh Kanetkar & Co. as the Internal Auditors for FY 2023-2024 for NCCI.

EC:2022:31 Matters from Working Committee

1. **Financial transparency, and accountability:** The General Secretary shared that in earlier days we had a project called National Ecumenical Campaign on Transparency, Accountability and Responsibility | (NECTAR). The Finance Committee recommended to hold some kind of consultation for NCCI member churches to address the issues of financial accountability, transparency, and management and development of properties. Apart from promoting transparency this will also help in reducing the churches' and organisations' dependency on foreign funds and they will be able to guarantee income with their own properties and become self-sufficient. It was also suggested to prepare some policy guidelines or MOU must be signed with partner church/organisation for conducting programmes and managing funds.The Committee noted the information.

2. **NCCI representatives (two) to the Board of Trustees of LWSIT for 2023-2025**

   The General Secretary reported that an email received from Kishore Kumar Nag, Executive Director of LWSIT, related to nominate two representatives from NCCI in the Board of Trustees of LWSIT for the period 2023-2025. He further said that the present incumbents are Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas and Rev. Madhukant Masih. But as Rev. Madhukant Masih is retired from his church, he recommended to replace him with another member and the Working Committee unanimously proposed and resolved that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas will continue to represent NCCI along with Mrs. Basanti Biswas in the LWSIT Board of Trustees for the period 2023-2025. The Committee after due deliberation ratified the decision of the Working Committee: It was resolved:

   Res. No.25/EC/2022:
   To ratify that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, and Mrs. Basanti Biswas, were nominated to represent the NCCI in the LWSIT Board of Trustees for the period 2023-2025.

3. **Request from NCCI Women Concerns:** The General Secretary on behalf of the NCCI Women Concerns thanked the member churches for observing the Fellowship of Least Coin and World Day of Prayer and requested the Executive Committee members to ask their churches to release the money collected for FLC and WDP.
   The Committee noted the information.

4. **Salary revision of Secretaries and Staff:** The General Secretary shared the concern that even though the salary revision was done from 2018, it was only from 2019 that it was implemented, the 2018 arrears part is still unpaid to staff. It was also brought to the notice of the Working Committee that the salary revision was due in 2021

but could not be done. After due deliberations the Working Committee asked the Finance Department to present a report on the matter of dues on revision of salaries and annual increment of secretaries and staff in the next meeting in order that an interim relief can be worked out if possible.

The Committee noted the information.

EC:2022:32 XXIX Quadrennial Assembly

The General Secretary reported that in the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to postpone the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly in April 2023 and the place is New Delhi. The CNI Synod was requested verbally to host the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly. He further said that the Working Committee had resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee to authorize the Secretariat to start the process of calling for nomination of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to the Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies. The Executive Committee after due deliberations resolved:

Res. No.26/EC/2022:
To authorize the Secretariat to start the process of calling for nomination of the XXIX Quadrennial Assembly to the Member Churches, Regional Christian Councils, All India Christian Organisations and Related Agencies.

The Office Bearers were authorized to take a final decision on the venue. It was also decided that the Office Bearers, General Secretary and the Executive Secretaries will form the Assembly Planning Committee. With regard to the theme members suggested to work around the themes of the 'Hour has come', 'Love,' 'Relationship,' and 'Reconciliation.'

EC:2022:33 Report of the General Secretary & Report from NCCI Ministries/ Concerns

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the NCCI for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. The house received the report and accepted it with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.27/EC/2022:
The Annual Report 2021-2022 of the NCCI, as presented by the General Secretary be received with appreciation.

The Executive Secretaries presented their reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns. The house received and accepted with appreciation. It was resolved:

Res. No.28/EC/2022:
The reports from NCCI Ministries/Concerns be received with appreciation.

EC:2022:34 Statutory Compliance matters
The General Secretary reported that to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner we need a resolution. Therefore, the members discussed and resolved:

Res. No.29/EC/2022:
The General Secretary is authorized to do the Annual filing with the Charity Commissioner.

EC:2022:35 Staff matters

1. The General Secretary recommended to confirm/regularise the services of the following staff with a proper job description who were working under contract since last 5 to 7 years with effect from 1st September 2022: It was recommended by the Working Committee to confirm the services of the following staff. The Executive Committee ratified the decision of the Working Committee. It was resolved:

Res.No.23/WC/2022

i. To ratify to confirm the service of Mr. Nikhil Chauhan, Office Assistant, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

ii. To ratify to confirm the service of Mr. Dadarao Brahmanwade as Gardener, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

iii. To ratify to confirm the service of Mrs. Lalita Kore as Gardener, NCCI w.e.f. 1st September 2022.

2. Request from Rev.Dn. Ribin John to study MA in Mass Communication:
The General Secretary shared that he has received a request from Rev. Dn. Ribin John, Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication from Nagpur University without disturbing his job responsibilities as Executive Secretary. As the classes will be online. The General Secretary recommended his request. The committee after discussion decided to approve the request of Rev. Dn. Ribin John Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication from Nagpur University without any disturbance to his job responsibilities and also mentioned that he has to take leave whenever he has to go for writing his exams. The Executive Committee ratified the decision of the Working Committee. It was resolved:

Res. No.30/EC/2022:

To ratify to give permission to Rev. Dn. Ribin John Executive Secretary, NCCI Ecumenical Fora to study MA in Mass Communication without disturbing his job responsibilities as Executive Secretary and that he should take leave during the period of writing exams.

The General Secretary informed that Mr. Ashish Mane, Finance Officer, NCCI has also completed his LLM. The house appreciated him.

EC:2022:36 Reporting from CSA

The General Secretary reported that the Management Committee and the General Body meetings of the CSA are conducted regularly and that legal and statutory compliances are up to date. He also reported that the FCRA renewal application is denied and is in the process of re-appeal.

The Committee noted the information.

EC:2022:37 Any Other Business

1. Recommendations from Finance Committee & Working Committee

i. Income Generation and Fundraising: The General Secretary reported that a meeting of the fundraising committee was held on 26th July 2022 and as per the discussions held following two projects of fundraising activities was presented;

a. Initiation of Property Development plan at NCCI Church House Campus at Nagpur- Construction of AIKYA Bhavan (Conference Centre)

b. Draft plan for promotion of Financial Service Entity, to be established as a Small Finance Peoples Bank

But as the project proposals are in draft form and needs more study it was recommended to submit it in next finance Committee Meeting and then it will be forwarded to the Working Committee for consideration and approval.

ii. Organisational Development Process: The General Secretary was asked to write to churches to ask for models and to look for expertise from among the ecumenical fraternity.

2. Matter relating to the President, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI)

The Executive Committee of the NCCI considered the situation arising out of the news in social media and national news about the Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh being interrogated under custody subsequent to the raid on his residence by the Economic Offences Wing of the Madhya Pradesh Police.

The Executive Committee also took note of the feelings of the Christian community that is disturbed and angry at the loss of credibility to the Christian community's witness in the society on account of the above and decided that strong action has to be taken to protect the image of the NCCI as well as that of the Churches, Councils, Organisations and the Agencies associated with the NCCI. The Executive Committee also took note of the decision of the Church of North India sending Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh on leave of absence on account of the episode adversely affecting the image of the Church, and subsequently on account of the incapacity to perform the activities of the Moderator of the Church of North India appointing a new Moderator until the next session of the Synod of the CNI.

The Executive Committee discussed the matter and decided that on account of the above including the incapacitation to be head the Church and on account of the serious implications to the public witness of the Christian Community in India the Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh be restrained from functioning as the President of the National Council of Churches in India and from carrying out its associated duties and responsibilities, with immediate effect. Consequently, it was decided that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas will be the President of the National Council of Churches in India in the place of Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh with immediate effect i.e., from the 16th of September 2022, until the conclusion of the next Assembly of the NCCI.

Res. No.31/EC/2022:

i. Resolved to restrain the Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh from functioning as the President of the National Council of Churches in India, and from carrying out its associated duties and responsibilities, with immediate effect.

ii. Resolved consequently that Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas will be the President of the National Council of Churches in India in the place of Bishop Dr. P. C. Singh with immediate effect i.e., from the 16th of September 2022, until the conclusion of the next Assembly of the NCCI.

iii. Resolved that the Office bearers be authorised to act on the implementation of the above resolutions in the interest of the NCCI.

iv. Resolved to authorise the General Secretary to communicate the matter of change of leadership to the Heads of Churches,NCCI Constituents, General Body members, and Ecumenical Partners.

The new President Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas assumed office with immediate effect i.e. from 16th September 2022 and thanked the Executive Committee for the trust and confidence showed.

The Executive Committee wished her God's guidance and blessings for this new responsibility.

EC:2022:38 Date of next meeting

The proposal for having the next meeting of the NCCI Executive Committee will be in February 2023. The date and venue will be | decided later in due course of time and will inform accordingly.

EC:2022:39 Vote of thanks

The General Secretary Rev. Asir Ebenezer thanked all the members and in particular the Presidium, the Executive Secretaries, Staff of NCCI, and Recording Secretaries for their presence, contribution and participation in the meeting. He said that as we have taken some important decisions both in the Working Committee and do have approved it in the Executive Committee, to uphold in prayers the implementation of these decisions of the Executive Committee as well as the decisions of the Working Committee. He placed on record his thanks for the participation of Executive Committee members and thanked the Office Bearers for their accompaniment, he thanked Rev. Dr. Pakiam T. Samuel, Director of HMI for hosting the meeting and thanked the team of HMI. He also thanked his colleagues in the administration and finance departments for their accompaniment and preparations for this Executive Committee.

EC:2022:40 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, Vice-President, NCCI.

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
President, NCCI

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Mr. V. Inbaraj Jeyakumar
Recording Secretary

Mr. Angelious Michael
Recording Secretary