- Encouraging young people to be part of the National Ecumenical Movement.
- Networking with the local and international Ecumenical partners for resource sharing and partnership.
- Connecting Member Churches and local youth movements with NCCI youth concern ministry through organizing programs of the Regional and National levels.
- Strengthening direct partnership with youth fellowships of the Member Churches, and NCCI youth concern ministry encouraging them to create ecumenical platform for young people to promote grass root ecumenism.
- Identifying young people to engage them in a process of articulating their faith and understanding about God.



# Invitation to Write

Constituent members of NCCI, especially Member Churches of NCCI, are requested to share recent reports of youth programmes with the NCCI Youth Concerns department for publication in the E- Newsletter.

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# CONNECT-CREATE-CHANGE YOUTH CONCERNS-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA

#### Youth's strength arises from humility

"You need to humble yourself if you want to be in ministry"... is the statement which has been often repeated by our parents, teachers and friends. The question is where do I learn this humility and how can I develop this attitude of humility? The humility is best learned from the life of Christ. Phil. 2:1-11.

#### Standing on the Breach as a youth with Humility.

The passage talks about the humility of Jesus Christ which flows from the humility of spirit and self-sacrifice, which flows from a willingness to restrain one's own desires in order to satisfy the desires of others. Pride makes us to think and believe what we are not and causes us to strive to lift ourselves above others and God. This ultimately ends up in hurting the feelings of others and God. Humility on the contrary minimizes arrogance and removes pride. It makes us understand the contribution of others and God in the upliftment of our self. Humbleness enables us to possess the good attitude of servant-hood. As Paul says, in Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

#### Standing in the Breach as a youth without selfish ambition

Paul clearly illustrates this idea in verses 6 & 7 with the example from the life of Jesus Christ, who emptied his divine attributes and nature to accommodate the humanness in him. Even before Creation, Jesus existed in the form of God but he did not consider this high position as a prize to be held on to but rather to surrender oneself in complete obedience to achieve the purpose of God in his life. Further, having become human he poured himself out in humble obedience to God and in the service of others even to the point of dying a very painful death on the cross. The act can be remarked and equally emphasized as Jesus's act of humility till death. Paul also stresses, Christ's humility in 2 Corinthians 8:9, which says you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor so that you through his poverty might became rich. Jesus was always concerned about the interest of others and it was this selfless attitude and the compassion of Christ that compelled him to give away his self for the sake of sinners like us. This idea of selfless sacrifice needs to be inculcated in our very being and so Paul urges one to have the attitude and mindset of Christ (v.5). In other words, it means to do "nothing from selfish ambition."

#### Standing in the Breach: as a possibility only if we value others

In the second half of versus 3 Paul mentions that in humility we need to regard others and appreciate their qualities by considering their uniqueness. Christ valued his creation and all the creatures as someone of great worth. Humans are made in the image of the creator. This regard for the creation made Christ stoop down to the level of a slave and serve them in the capacity of a servant. Paul further says in verse 4 that one need to look into the interests of others. Do we really address the issue of the people present in front of us or around us? Are we more concerned about fellow being the in the church or society facing a problem in the near future? As a youth, we need to understand the matters and concerns that are of interest to the people to whom we are addressing.

As youth we need to be the voice of the voiceless and as a youth community standing in the breach we need to exhibit our authority and power in humility by carrying deeds without a selfish ambition. Also, as we stand in the breach we need to have regards for others and do things in their best interest. The deeds done with humility without selfish ambition and in the best interest of others will surely bring a change in our society and church.

Mrs. Anne Steffy Deepika

Associate Youth Secretary- Arcot Lutheran Church

## National Council of Churches in India- Youth Pre-Assembly

The National Council of Churches had conducted its XXIX General Assembly on 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Henry Martyn Institute on the theme "The Hour has come: Let us get going.. Mark 14:41,42.." which is preceded before the Youth Pre-Assembly at Mennonite Brethren Centenary Bible College, on 17<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Shamshabad, Hyderabad on the theme "The Hour has come: The hour of Youth to building up a world with Peace and Sustainability". The program was jointly organized and facilitated by India Peace Center and by the World Council of Churches.

The Inaugural worship was conducted Rev. Prashant Babu (Youth Secretary Telangana Council of Churches) with his team. He led the opening prayer in singing and scripture reflection engaging the participants to build up an adequate momentum for the three days deliberations. A short presentation was made in Youth in Ecumenical Movement by Ms. Joy Eva Bohol, the program Executive of Youth Engagement of the World Council of Churches shared the historical significance in terms of ecumenical formation and leadership building of Young people. The



presentation has included with all aspects in which youth were engaged globally.

"Young people are a major human resource for development and key agents for social change, economic growth, and technological innovation". United Nations Youth Participation Document

Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in India and Chairperson of the India Peace Centre inaugurated the Youth Pre-Assembly by lighting the traditional lamp joined by Rev.Dr. Asheervadam, Principal MBC Bible College, Ms. Joy Eva Bohal, Program Executive of Youth Engagement WCC, Mr. Dinesh Suna, Program Executive/Coordinator of WCC-Ecumenical Water Network, Rev.Dr. Packiam T.Samuel, Director, Henry Martyn Institute, Mr. Angelious Michael, Director of India Peace Center. Mr. Asher Noah, Executive Secretary-Youth Concerns NCCI welcomed the participants and dignitaries.

Rev.Dr. Asir Ebenezer in his inaugural speech shared the role of NCCI in building youth leadership and challenging youth to critically analyse social, economic and spiritual issues around them. He challenged the participants to think locally and act globally, to be world youth by broadening understanding of different concerns and going beyond contexts. He emphasized on Sustainable Development Goals and how can young people get connected. He shared 5Ps for a strategic working towards SDGs. 1) Peace as state of being.2) Prosperity as flourishing of thoughts.3) People.4) Planet as Perspective. 5) Participation as a key methodology. He urged the young people to open their insights to the pre-assembly and plan priorities for the next four years. Rev. Dr. Asheervadam, Rev. Dr. Packiam T Samuel, Mr. Dinesh suna also shared their greetings and expressed hoped for a productive assembly with concrete outcome.

The Oikumene is suffering! "The spiritual call "that they may all be one. And this Scripture text is one of the Scriptural foundations of the World Council of Churches, and is also part of its vision statement".

"So that they may all be one..." Joy Eva Bohol shared the unity statement of the WCC on Christian churches recognising that people are deeply affected by the 'pain of the times. Young people are growing more politically and socially. G20's main theme of this year of one earth, one family, one future... which leads us back to the desire of good for the creation. She said, young people should have more participation, socially and economically for great youth participation and inclusivity.

Rev.Dr. Packiam T. Samuel as second keynote speaker addressed saying Peace cannot be achieved through the ways of being silent rather through suffering and even war, war against injustice. He further said, the world is changing, except the classrooms. Education and learning are not elevating and changing. He placed two important questions before the participants in order to know the goal of the pre assembly 1). How do we know what we know is true (epistemology)? 2. Are we compromising or are we changing? Dr. Packiam made his session very interesting by engaging the participants in questions and answers and helped them know the philosophy and academic aspects of life of youth and understanding of society. On the first day the participants had a short city exposure trip in the Hyderabad city.

On the second the day Mr.Dinesh Suna took a session on water and global crisis. Mr.Dinesh Suna introduced his presentation with a new methodology of engaging youth in a quiz asking them some basic questions related to water using mentimeter exercise. The primary objective of this was to know from the participants how much they know about water and about ecumenism. Even though water is such a scarce resource, the global water crisis is not only due to scarcity but because of unequal distribution of this precious resource. It is an issue of justice and of rights. The Ecumenical water network has been engaged in its endeavour to carry out the mandate for water justice through various activities and programmes in a rights based approach based on its theological and ethical affirmation that water is a gift of God, a public good and a fundamental human right.

Rev.Dr. Abraham Mathew, Executive Secretary of NCCI-Policy, Governance and Public Witness made his presentation on the Contemporary challenges and youth of our time. He stressed on the understanding of the dynamic of the hour that is important to get going in the current world, to pick up the current challenges and working on the same. He presented some of the challenges including globalisation accompanied with inequality. How do we contribute to democracy exercising our responsibility in nation building? He said, we need to train our appetite and hunger: relations, physical, spiritual, Negation is quite important. He stressed upon the present time and our response to the call of the emerging challenges. He urged the youth to remain active to the concerns and not to get trapped by unproductive elements.

Dr.Anish K Joy began referring to the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing (1995) - Gender roles and relations are of significance for peace and security. He stated the existential crisis of our time as follows. Unequal access to opportunities, Evenly distributed tools and assistance, Custom tools that identify and address inequality, Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities. Mr. Angelious Michael said "It is Justice that always ensures Peace". Peace making is not an occasional activity,

activity, rather a constant process to experience sustainable peace which is combined of dignity and integrity. He shared the following facts of today concerning young people and the society.

The panel session by Mr.Bijoy on youth and economics, started addressing few fundamental questions of our time particularly in the Christian Churches. Loss of Faith in Church Leaders, No Audits/Public Declaration of Numbers, no space to question Church Leaders/Finances (questioning a leader equated to questioning the church), no innovation in financing are some of the issues that youth must address and reflect upon. The other panellist Rev. David Ebenezer shared on the youth and mental health. He shared the signs one might have mental issues: Reasons of Mental health are - stressful life, fear of the unknown, socialisation, physical, trauma, substance use, genetics, negative talk, Mental Illness, anxiety disorder, mood disorder, attention deficit, hyperactive disorder, eating disorders, substance use disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder. The other panellist Ms. Sahana Benya, Youth Secretary, UELCI shared on Gender and peace issues related to youth. This session was moderated by Mr. Asher Noah.

Rev. John Basy Paul, on shared on the "Affirming faith in a pluralistic nation". Rev. John Basy encouraged the participants for self reflection on how do we understand different faith in a pluralistic nation and how colours and images are represented. He spoke about various fictions including reading literature as a literature and going beyond the faith boundaries. He said, one must read or listen and observe and ask questions: when you are reading try to be curious. We are moving to a generation where religion is not what we have been taught but what the system tells us. Here the fictions are our own cult, own religion, and further technology can lead to faction According to him, religion is part of youngster's lifestyle today that includes language, food habits of individuals. The challenge before the youth today is if they are still open enough and vulnerable enough in their soul, to be open to something! He concluded with these questions Who is the stranger? Are we stranger to our own religion? How do we understand the stranger in pluralistic context?

Mr. Udipta Fullonton is the Secretary for Resource Mobilization at National YMCA, New Delhi. He made the participants interact throughout his session following a workshop model. He suggested the following ways for young people to promote peace 1. Writing blog about peace 2. Writing article on peace in newspaper, newsletter, and magazine 3. Writ on social media – sharing one peace message per week 4. Attend a peace rally or organize one 5. Write Peace slogan and organize poster competition in schools 6. Participate in peace seminars and discussions 7. Become peace volunteer in your community to help others 8. Invite others to meditate 9. Count on your carbon foot print.

The outcome of the Youth-Preassembly was presented by the drafting committee during the concluding session.

## Statement from the Youth-Assembly



#### **Preamble**

#### We the Youth:

Realise and affirm peace as an integral part of the entire cosmos and our faith practice. Peace is not merely the absence of war/violence and it cannot be achieved without justice. We the youth stand informed that the existing Hour: the hour of violence, the hour of dominion, the hour of corruption and the hour of injustice are dismantling the peace, leaving no room for love, justice, peace and inclusion to be experienced.

Thus, the youth delegation of the NCCI Youth Pre-Assembly, representing the thirty member churches of the NCCI, bring forward the challenges and suggest sustainable solutions.

#### We, the Youth Realise and Recognise:

The hour of violence: The hour of violence that permeates through gender-based discrimination, caste-based violence, war-like situations, socio-political, exclusion, communalism and hatred towards the other.

The hour of dominion: The hour of dominion as the misinterpretation of human authority over creation-exploitation of natural resources including water, non-compliance with eco-justice concerns; dominion within human relationships- patriarchy, caste domination; silencing voices from the margins- women, children, youth, elderly, dalits, tribals, persons with disability, LGBTQIA+, etc.

The hour of corruption: The hour of corruption that defiles the structure, embezzling financial accountability, abuse of power, harsh interpretations of the scripture to monopolise communities.

The hour of injustice: The hour of injustice in which opportunities are denied due to patriarchy, bias-ness and stereotyping, creating inequality, impact of climate change, global water crisis, outright negation to address the need of mental wellbeing and hindering reconciliation with advancement of technologies.

## Therefore, We the Youth envision to Rectify and Re-create

Church as Embodiment of Love, where partnership with God is preached and practised; companionship with people is encouraged and established; and stewardship towards creation is affirmed and actualised.

Church as the Voice of Justice, advocating for a caste-less church and society, abolishing all forms of caste/

gender-based discrimination, removing structural barriers, actively participating in climate justice and water justice engagements, and encouraging positive-just scriptural hermeneutics.

Church as an Instrument of Peace, where power is understood as service, creating a safe space to address issues of mental health and awareness of technological advancements, inspire reconciliation among broken communities, and enhance human relationships based on the gospel of Christ.

Church as the Epitome of Inclusion, where all are visible and included, encouraging youth leadership within the church, the need for navigation of resources for all groups within the church including the youth, the women, the marginalised and the elderly, positively affirm youth's political engagement, create opportunities for livelihood, sustenance and recognition.

## We the Youth, urge the Church to put Faith into Action:

**Faith in Action** is to decimate the evils of today, disseminating love, justice, peace, and inclusion in our relationship with God, Neighbour and Creation.

# Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam



Intensive Training Institute: MTYS conducted a ten days theological training camp for youths in association with Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Mar Thoma Youth Centre, Adoor, Kerala. The ten day intensive training program helped the young people to learn on contextual theological emphasis and on the hermeneutics. The young people from Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam had vibrant sessions for the ten days.

A one month internship by the students from Masters College of Theology from Visakapatanam from 4th May 2023 to 4th June 2023 with NCCI, Nagpur. Mr. Nethala Sujeeva BD final year and Mr. Sathish Kumar BD final year took one month internship program as part of their field work in their theological studies. The internship had included field exposure visits like religious places, NGO' visits, local institutions, different Churches, community interactions etc. The students had shared about their Internship experience with NCCI and expressed that NCCI had opened their understanding on various aspects on practical ministry particularly on their theological understandings.





#### **Orthodox Christian Youth Movement**



Orthodox Christian Youth Movement Launches "Project Empower" to Address Job Insecurity and Foster Youth Development.

The rising challenges of job insecurities and social exclusion is pressurising our young minds to migrate in hope of green pastures. Recognizing the pivotal role of youth in the growth of communities OCYM have taken up the responsibility of utilizing the potential of these young minds for holistic development. The Orthodox Christian Youth Movement (OCYM), with a rich history spanning 90 years, has established an Employment and Youth Empowerment (E.Y.E) initiative to address

these pressing concerns.

The "Project Empower" initiative of the OCYM EYE Cell was officially inaugurated by NCCI and OCYM President His Grace Metropolitan Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios at Parumala Seminary. The inauguration featured the release of name slips (phase one) bearing the photographs of saintly church fathers renowned for their social responsibility and commitment. His Grace Dr. Yulios emphasized that "Along with spiritual nourishment, it is important to sculpture a sense of social responsibility and social commitment."

During the inauguration, the detailed working plan of the OCYM EYE Cell was elucidated by Dr. Aippuru John, the central convenor of the cell.

The OCYM EYE Cell is driven by the leadership and support of ocym central office bearers Vice President Fr. Shiji Koshy, General Secretary Fr. Viju Elias, Central Treasurer Mr. Pearl Kanneth, and the Central Convenors Dr. Aippuru John, Er. Eldho Scaria and Mr. Jossy John.

The vision of the OCYM EYE Cell is multifold: first, to provide comprehensive job alerts and notifications from both the gov-

ernment and private sectors to our youth, guiding and assisting them in applying for opportunities effectively. Secondly, the cell aims to raise awareness among the youth about various governmental schemes and plans, including EWS reservation and other minority schemes offered by central and state governments.

In pursuit of these goals, the OCYM EYE Cell envisions a platform where professionals from various sectors such as doctors, lawyers, and nurses can come together. This platform will serve as a bridge between the experienced senior generation and the younger generation of professionals, enabling the transfer of knowledge, advice, and guidance. By tapping into the wisdom and experience of the senior generation, the OCYM EYE Cell plans to empower the younger generation to become more capable and successful in their respective fields.

Furthermore, the cell envisions creating an emergency contact system that utilizes the services of nurses & medical professionals globally. This system aims to swiftly connect individuals in distress with the nearest nurse, regardless of their location worldwide, ensuring timely and efficient assistance during emergencies. The pilot program is running successfully under the leadership of OCYM Delhi Diocese.

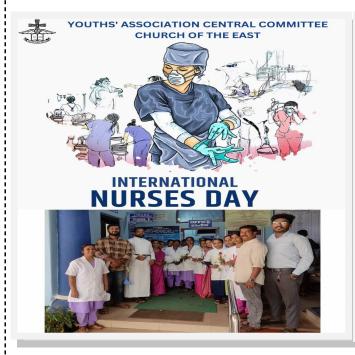


## **Arcot Lutheran Church**



Arcot Lutheran Church has conducted a one day youth retreat on 12th March 2023 at ALC Jesus Christ Church Broadway, Chennai. Young people from Arcot Lutheran Church had gathered to about the awareness of transgender communities and HIV/AIDS affected people. The program was well organised and support by the Bishop of ALC Rt. Rev.V. Samuel Kennedy and the youth advisor Rev. Dienert Vincent and Mrs. Anna Steffy Deepika and guided by the Executive Secretary of UELCI, Rev Joshua Peter. The program deliberated on addressing the social issues and biblical reflections about issues of youth in the church and society.







The Chaldean Syrian Church of East has observed the International Nurses Day on May 12th. The Youth from Chaldean Syrian Church of East had appreciated the Nurses for their relentless services in the medical field.

# World Youth Skill Day 15th July

Young people are drivers of change and must be fully engaged in decisions affecting their future. Guided by the United Nations Youth 2030 strategy, I urge everyone to act for youth skills development as a priority, at the Summit and beyond- UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. Since then, World Youth Skills Day has provided a unique opportunity for dialogue between young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, firms, employers' and workers' organizations, policy-makers and development partners.

In this connection the Government of India provides an opportunities for the unemployed youth and the students to enhance in the skill development area. Here are some of the schemes from Government is enlisted below.

#### Schemes:

 Vidya Lakshmi: Vidya Lakshmi is a first of its kind portal for students seeking Education Loan. It provides single window for Students to access information and make application for Educational Loans provided by Banks and Govt Scholarships.

Benefits: Students can view, apply and track the education loan applications to banks anytime, any where by accessing the portal. The portal also provides linkages to National Scholarship Port <a href="https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in/">https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in/</a>

2) **Vidyasaarathi:** It is a technology-enabled initiative by NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited (NSDL e-Gov) to bridge the gap in education finance in the country through an online platform.

Benefits: Students can search and apply for various education finance schemes they are qualified for

# https://www.vidyasaarathi.co.in/

3) **National Scholarships Portal:** Provide a common portal for various Scholarships schemes of Central and State Governments.

Benefits: Simplified process for the students: I: All scholarships information available under one umbrella. 2: Single integrated application for all scholarships.

# https://www.scholarships.gov.in/

**4) Vidya Kaushal :**Vidya Kaushal is one stop platform for students in need of loan for skill development.

It gives multiple skill financing options to students via common portal. Just by filling up one single form a student would be able to apply for a skill loan offered by multiple Non-Banking Financial Institutes (NBFCs)

## https://www.vidyakaushal.com/

**5)Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana :** DDU-GKY is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), tasked with the dual objectives of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and cater to the career aspirations of rural youth.

DDU-GKY is uniquely focused on rural youth between the ages of 15 and 35 years from poor families.

#### http://ddugky.gov.in/

<u>6) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana</u>: The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

Individuals with prior learning experience or skills will also be assessed and certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

## http://pmkvyofficial.org/

#### 7) Financial Assistance for Skill Training of Persons with Disabilities:

This scheme targets skill development of People with Disability as per industry needs which can help them to be gainfully employed and contribute to India's growing economy. Trainees are provided stipendiary support through NCSCs for DA.

It provides certificates to trainees after the completion of training, that is based on the Expository- NOS aligned curriculum.

#### https://www.ncs.gov.in/Pages/AboutNCSC DAs.aspx

#### 8) The National Apprenticeship Training Scheme:

It is a one year programme equipping technically qualified youth with practical knowledge and skills required in their field of work .

At the end of one year training they are issued a Certificate attesting to their training and proficiency in a particular field.

#### http://mhrdnats.gov.in/

#### 9)Skill development for minorities:

"Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)" is a scheme implemented since 2013-14 for skill development of minorities.

The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment.

http://seekhoaurkamao-moma.gov.in/

**I0)Green Skill Development Programme :** Most vocational training programmes focus on mechanical/ technical skills rather than 'soft' or 'green' skills. Green skills contribute to preserving or restoring environmental quality for sustainable future and include jobs that protect ecosystems and biodiversity, reduce energy and minimize waste and pollution. In line with the Skill India Mission of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) utilising the vast network and expertise of ENVIS Hubs/RPs, has taken up an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and/or self-employment, called the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP).

**Benefits:** Green skills contribute to preserving or restoring environmental quality for sustainable future and include jobs that protect ecosystems and biodiversity, reduce energy and minimize waste and pollution.

http://www.gsdp-envis.gov.in/

#### II)Rural Self Employment Training Institutes:

It is an initiative of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to have dedicated infrastructure in each district of the country to impart training and skill upgradation of rural youth geared towards entrepreneurship development.

Benefits: Rural BPL youth will be identified and trained for self-employment.

http://nirdpr.org.in/rseti/

From: National Carrier Service, Ministry of Labour & Employment

Source: https://www.ncs.gov.in/Pages/CareerSchemes.aspx





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#### **Prayer Points:**

- We pray for the young people who lost their Jobs and are disturbed mentally during the pandemic.
- We pray for the young people who are affected by the new policies introduced by the Government.
- We pray for the Churches, Institutions, NGO's, who are facing huge financial crisis in the Post-Covid era.
- We pray for peace between the young people especially in the context of religious violence happening around us.
- We pray for the people in Manipur who are affected by ethnic conflicts. We pray for the bereaved families who lost their lives in this conflict. We pray for peace and protection in Manipur.

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

- 1. International Youth Day 12th August 2023 "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable world.
- 2. Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly— Christian Conference of Asia, 25th-28th September 2023, Kottayam, Kerala.
- 3. Youth Capacity Building October 2023.

## "SAVE MANIPUR"



Protest iat Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, on 24th June

The youth responds to the Manipur conflicts, where hundreds of Christian Churches and religious centres had been vandalised and destroyed. The unexpected raising incidents since two months the ethnic conflicts between the two communities in Manipur had not settled yet. People had been isolated and sent to different places and there were hundreds of lives lost in the violence.

The Youth in NCCI member Churches condemns

the violent actions incited by different groups causing death and destruction. Lot of properties have been destroyed and NCCI condemns the burning of multiple Churches and institutions. Youth in NCCI pray for Peace and Justice to the people in Manipur and urges youth to be more vigilant in this prevailing situation.

# **Ecumenical Formation for young people 2023**



Ms. Moilen Niyam, Joined as intern in NCCI from July 2023— December 2023. Moilen is from Phom Naga community in Nagaland. Moilen had completed her B. D and M.Th in Christian Ethics from (Clark Theological College) Nagaland. Moilen belongs to Council of Baptist Churches in North East India. Moilen will be working in Youth Concerns program cluster and will also work with All India Sunday School Association.

Ms. Santi Priya Tudu, Joined as Intern in NCCI from July 2023— December 2023. Santi Priya is from Alipurduar, West Bengal, she had completed her B. A in Theology from (SHUATS) Allahabad. Santi Priya belongs to CNI— Eastern Himalayan Diocese West Bengal. Santi Priya tudu will be working with General Secretary's office NCCI.



Ms. Alonika Achumai, Joined as Intern in NCCI from July 2023-December 2023. Alonka is from Sumi community in Nagaland. Alonika had completed her Bachelor of Divinity from Bishops College Kolkata. She belongs to Council of Baptist churches in North East India. Alonika will be working in Women concerns program cluster.

Ms. Shivarnim Ajay, had Joined as Intern in 2022 July and will be continuing till December 2023. Shivarnim is from Civil lines, Delhi. She completed her education B. VOC specialized in journalism. She is from Christ Methodist Church-Delhi. Shivarnim placed in National Office, NCCI, New Delhi. Shivarnim will be working for NCCI- Communications.