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The Hour has come; let us get going

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Religious Freedom: A Shared Responsibility for a Just Society

Religious freedom remains one of the foundational pillars of a democratic and pluralistic society. In a country as religiously diverse as India, the freedom to profess, practise, and propagate one’s faith is not merely a constitutional right but also a moral commitment that sustains social harmony and mutual respect. At a time when communities across the world face growing tensions, suspicion, and polarisation, the call to safeguard religious freedom becomes more urgent and relevant.

For the Church and the ecumenical movement, religious freedom extends beyond protecting one’s own faith community. It involves standing in solidarity with all people whose rights and dignity are threatened because of their beliefs, identity, or cultural practices. True religious freedom flourishes where dialogue replaces distrust, where diversity is celebrated rather than feared, and where communities actively promote peace and coexistence.

The National Council of Churches in India reaffirms its commitment to advocating for justice, equality, and peaceful coexistence among all faith traditions. Churches are called to become spaces of hospitality, compassion, and prophetic witness, promoting respect for human dignity and freedom of conscience. As faith communities, we must nurture interfaith friendships, encourage responsible citizenship, and speak collectively against discrimination and violence.

Religious freedom is not only a legal guarantee but a shared responsibility. By upholding it, we strengthen democracy, deepen unity in diversity, and contribute to building a society rooted in peace, justice, and human dignity.

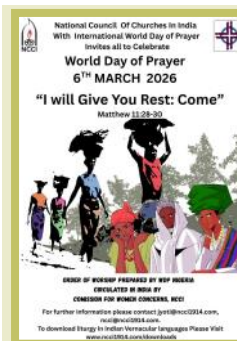
Rev Dr Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary

SIGNIFICANT DAYS

- Mar 05** – Ash Wednesday
- Mar 07** - World Day of Prayer
- Mar 08** - International Women’s Day
- Mar 21** - Ramzan
- Mar 31** - Mahavir Jayanthi
- Apr 14** - Ambekar Jayanthi

NCCI General Secretary’s Republic Day Statement

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“Unity prevails over conflict.” - Pope Francis

NEWS FROM NCCI

JUSTICE BEYOND BORDERS: CHURCHES ENGAGE THE PALESTINE QUESTION



An Orientation on the Palestine–Israel crisis was held on 6 February 2026 at the NCCI National Office, New Delhi. The programme was organised by the Kairos India Partnership (KIP) to equip staff of Christian organisations and church leaders with deeper insights into the Palestinian issue. The orientation brought together around 30 participants representing the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (ISPCK), National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW), Lot Carey Baptist Mission of India, and pastors from the Church of North India (CNI), Salvation Army, Evangelical Church of India, Orthodox Church, and Mar Thoma Church.

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ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AT THE 131ST MARAMON CONVENTION

The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) participated in the 131st Maramon Convention, organized by the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, held from 8 to 15 February 2026 on the banks of the Pampa River at Kozhencherry, Kerala. Recognized as one of the largest Christian conventions in Asia, the gathering provided a vibrant platform for worship, reflection, fellowship, and public witness.

NCCI marked its presence through an official stall, showcasing its ecumenical vision and the ongoing work of its commissions and forums. Throughout the week, the stall became a hub of engagement, welcoming clergy, lay leaders, youth, women representatives, and members of various ecumenical and mission organizations. Hundreds of visitors interacted with the NCCI team, exploring opportunities for collaboration and learning more about the Council’s ministries.

Rev. Charles Sundar Kumar, Program Executive of NCCI, introduced the Dalit Christian Support Programme and shared updates on NCCI’s recent approach before the Supreme Court seeking reservation rights for Dalit Christians, reaffirming the Council’s commitment to justice and equality. He also highlighted the ongoing NCCI Review process and emerging concerns related to women and youth in the Church. Mr. Nelson Nag, Program Executive, Partner in Mission, presented the work of NCCI’s commissions and forums, emphasizing sustained ecumenical engagement.

PROTECTING FAITH AND FREEDOM: NCCI TAKES ANTI-CONVERSION LAWS TO SUPREME COURT

National Council of Churches in India has approached the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of anti-conversion laws enacted in twelve states. In its petition, NCCI contends that these laws violate fundamental rights, including freedom of conscience, equality before the law, and the right to freely profess and practice religion. The laws being challenged have been enacted in 12 states. NCCI contends that these laws have been used to target religious minorities, resulting in arbitrary action and abuses that undermine constitutional guarantees. The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Centre and the concerned state governments and has tagged the matter with similar pending petitions. The case is expected to address key constitutional questions relating to religious freedom and minority rights in India. [Read more...](#)

WOMEN CONCERNS

THURSDAYS IN BLACK: NCCI'S ONGOING WITNESS FOR JUSTICE



The “Thursdays in Black” campaign, a global advocacy against sexual harassment, rape, and all other forms of violence against women. Women Concern released posters on every Wednesday in the context of new resolution on New Year, and empowerment of women announcing a collective resolve to create a society in which women and girls may live in equality, safety, and dignity.

TRIBAL AND ADIVASI CONCERNS

FAITH COMMUNITIES IN SOLIDARITY WITH ADIVASI ASPIRATIONS



Dr. Joy Tudu and Mr. Pradip Bansrior, Executive Secretary of the Commission for Tribal and Adivasi Concerns of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), met with the Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ranchi, Fr. Nicholas, along with other clergy members, at the Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi. The meeting provided an important platform for dialogue and collaboration on issues concerning Tribal and Adivasi communities. Discussions focused on strengthening partnerships between churches and ecumenical bodies in addressing social, cultural, and developmental challenges faced by Indigenous communities. The meeting also reflected a shared commitment to advocacy, empowerment, and safeguarding the rights and dignity of Tribal and Adivasi peoples.

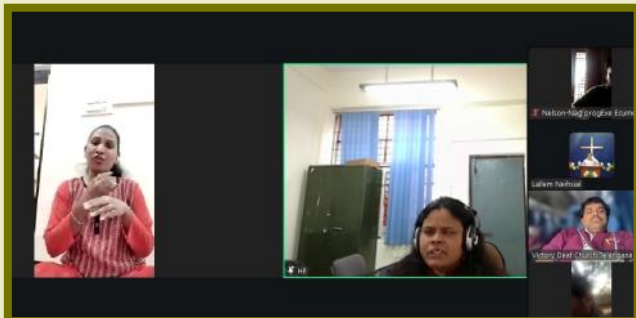
ECUMENICAL FORA

INDIAN DISABILITY ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIMENT (NCCI-IDEA)

BEYOND RHETORIC: NCCI-IDEA CALLS FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION IN CHURCH EMPLOYMENT

A Times of India Education report dated 11 January 2026 highlights the continued exclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) from employment in India, noting that most companies employ less than one percent PwDs, with many having none. Despite legal provisions for equal opportunity, structural barriers such as inaccessible recruitment processes, workplace bias, and lack of assistive support persist. Echoing these concerns, NCCI-IDEA has urged churches and Christian institutions to become intentional models of disability-inclusive employment and leadership. The call gains urgency in light of limited policy attention and financial allocation for disability inclusion. The Union Budget 2026–27 allocated ₹1,669.72 crore to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities—only about 0.03 percent of the total national budget—reflecting continued marginalisation of the sector. NCCI-IDEA encourages churches to appoint qualified PwDs in ordained and lay leadership roles and ensure accessibility in infrastructure, communication, and digital platforms, affirming that the Church can offer a prophetic witness through inclusive action. [Read more....](#)

RESILIENCE BEYOND SIGHT: A TESTIMONY OF FAITH AND PURPOSE



IDEA-NCCI organised its Monthly Online Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on 7 February 2026, marking Low Vision Awareness Day under the theme “Seeing Beyond Sight” and affirming that “Every person brings unique gifts to the body of Christ.” The fellowship focused on raising awareness about low vision, a form of visual impairment that cannot be fully corrected through glasses, contact lenses, or surgery.

Emphasising the Church’s shared calling, the fellowship highlighted the need to create spaces where every member of the body of Christ can live with dignity, belonging, and purpose. A key highlight of the fellowship was the inspirational sharing by Dr. B. R. Alamelu, Assistant Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, who lives with 90 percent vision impairment. In her moving testimony, Dr. Alamelu reflected on her journey through social bias, exclusion, and daily challenges faced by persons with low vision. She shared how resilience, faith, and determination enabled her to excel in her academic vocation and serve as a role model to many. Through her life and witness, Dr. Alamelu affirmed that vision loss does not define a person’s identity nor limit one’s ability to contribute meaningfully to society and the Church. She reminded participants that when the Church intentionally opens its spaces through accessibility, sensitivity, and invitation, every person can grow and flourish within the body of Christ.

NCCI-IDEA APPRECIATES IELC FOR LAUNCHING DISABILITY DEPARTMENT

The National Council of Churches in India – Indian Disability Ecumenical Accompaniment (NCCI-IDEA) has appreciated the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) for establishing the Department for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities, strengthening its commitment to inclusion and accessibility within church life.

NCCI-IDEA acknowledged the visionary leadership of Rev. Dr. M. Mohanan, President of IELC, and congratulated Rev. S. Azhakesan on his appointment as Director of the new department.

NCCI-IDEA also expressed its readiness to accompany IELC through awareness and training programmes on disability, accessibility, and building inclusive church communities for pastors and lay leaders.

ECUMENICAL ENTREPRENEURS’ FELLOWSHIP (EEF)

FROM CHAPTERS TO NATION: EEF MOVES FORWARD

The Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum (EEF) held its National Leaders Meeting on 12 February 2026 through an online platform, bringing together chapter leaders from across India. As part of its regular monthly engagement, the meeting provided an opportunity to share updates, strengthen collaboration, and advance the fellowship’s collective vision.

Leaders from various chapters presented reports reflecting diverse entrepreneurial initiatives and regional developments. The discussions highlighted the growing momentum of EEF and the shared commitment to nurturing a supportive, faith-rooted network of entrepreneurs.

A major outcome of the meeting was the decision to organise a National Conference to convene entrepreneurs from across the country for learning, networking, and collaborative visioning. Bengaluru was identified as the preferred venue, subject to final confirmation.

The meeting also introduced EEF Bazar, a national platform to facilitate business collaboration among members, and EEF Pulse, a communication initiative to share success stories, business insights, government schemes, and practical leads. Leaders encouraged members to complete registrations for the EEF Directory, aimed at strengthening connections and enhancing collaboration within the fellowship.

FAITH-DRIVEN ENTERPRISE ON THE RISE: EEF EXPANDS ACROSS REGIONS



The Ecumenical Entrepreneurs Forum (EEF) witnessed a month of significant growth and expansion in February 2026, reinforcing its vision of uniting Christian entrepreneurs in both business excellence and faith commitment. With 11 active chapters across India, EEF continues to serve as a collaborative platform for entrepreneurs from diverse regions and church traditions.

Chapter meetings were held across the country with encouraging participation. The Bengaluru chapter met on 7 February on the theme “Grow Your Business with the Right Association and Collaboration,” with 25 participants. The Delhi chapter convened on 4 February focusing on “The 3P’s of Business,” attended by 20 participants. The Mangaluru chapter met on 16 February under the theme “Start Anytime,” with 20 participants, while the Kottayam chapter gathered on 11



February to discuss “Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Kerala,” drawing 15 participants.

A major highlight was the launch of a new chapter in Thrissur on 10 February, marking a promising beginning with participation from members representing four church denominations. Plans are underway to organise a larger follow-up gathering. Further strengthening its national presence,

EEF is set to launch a new chapter in Hyderabad on 25 February.

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN SERVICE AGENCY (CSA)

UNITING EFFORTS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION



Fr. Thomas Ninan, representing the Christian Service Agency (CSA), visited the Salvation Army National Office and the Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) on 27 January 2026. The visit was aimed at strengthening ecumenical relationships and exploring opportunities for collaboration in social service and community development initiatives.

During the interactions, discussions focused on shared mission priorities, including humanitarian service, social justice, and community empowerment. The meetings provided a platform to exchange ideas, reflect on ongoing programmes, and identify areas for potential partnership in responding to emerging social challenges. The visit reaffirmed the importance of cooperation among Christian service organisations in enhancing collective witness and expanding outreach to vulnerable and marginalised communities across the country.



PARTNERS IN SERVICE, PLATES OF HOPE



The Christian Service Agency (CSA) joined hands with the Thaagam Foundation to provide food for the hungry at Mayur Vihar Phase I, New Delhi, on Saturday, 14 February 2026. As part of the humanitarian outreach, 700 lunch boxes were distributed to people in need. The initiative aimed at responding to food insecurity and extending compassionate care to vulnerable communities in the area. The food distribution drive reflects a shared commitment of CSA and Thaagam Foundation to serve the marginalised and uphold the values of solidarity and social responsibility through practical action.

NEWS FROM AUTONOMOUS BODIES

INDIA PEACE CENTRE (IPC)

FAITH COMMUNITIES COLLABORATE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE



Interfaith Collaboration for Sustainable Peace” in New Delhi on 17 January 2026, bringing together faith leaders, scholars, institutional heads, and peace practitioners from diverse traditions. Rev. Dr. Asir Ebenezer, Chairperson of IPC, delivered the opening reflection, stressing the urgent need for dialogue, consultation, and interfaith cooperation to address growing social and communal challenges.

Keynote speakers Ms. Sunita Suna (Asia Pacific Alliances of YMCAs, Hong Kong) and Ms. Nilakshi Rajkhowa (National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is) highlighted the importance of interfaith engagement in promoting social justice, peaceful coexistence, and collaborative action. They emphasised religion as a transformative force grounded in ethical values, gender equality, care for creation, and cooperation beyond geographical boundaries. Mr. Sanjay Jain shared insights on peace and non-violence from a Jain perspective, illustrating how Jain principles uphold harmony, equality, and human dignity. Participants actively contributed ideas to strengthen interfaith peace networks and collaborative initiatives.

NEWS FROM CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

MENNONITE CHURCH IN INDIA (MCI)

MENNONITE CHURCH IN INDIA ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



The Mennonite Church in India (MCI) successfully held its 113th Annual General Meeting (AGM) from November 28 to 30, 2025, bringing together church leaders and members for prayerful reflection, fellowship, and administrative deliberations concerning the life and ministry of the Church. A significant highlight of the gathering was the election of a new

Executive Committee to guide the MCI in its mission and organisational responsibilities. The newly elected leaders include Bishop Nathaniel Ashawan as Moderator, Rev. Abraham Joseph as Vice Moderator, Deacon Anil Raghove as Secretary, and Rev. B. P. Gangber as Treasurer. The new leadership is entrusted with strengthening the spiritual witness, administrative functioning, and outreach ministries of the Church in the coming years. The meeting also reaffirmed the commitment of the MCI to continue its ministry of service, fellowship, and community engagement. NCCI conveys its greetings and prayers to the newly elected office bearers and the MCI, wishing them God’s guidance and wisdom in their leadership and mission.

CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA (CSI)

NCCI STANDS IN PRAYERFUL SOLIDARITY WITH CSI ERODE-SALEM DIOCESE



NCCI expresses deep shock and profound sorrow at the sudden demise of Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Jacob Livingston, Bishop of the CSI Erode-Salem Diocese. NCCI conveys heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, the clergy, and members of the Erode-Salem Diocese of the Church of South India. The Council acknowledged Bishop Livingston’s committed ministry and his contribution to the life and witness of the Church.

NEWS FROM REGIONAL COUNCILS

NORTH WEST INDIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ROOTED IN CHRIST, UNITED IN SPIRIT: DELHI CHURCHES MARK UNITY OCTAVE



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, popularly known as the Unity Octave, was observed across India from 18 to 25 January 2026, bringing together churches and Christian communities in prayer and reflection for unity. Jointly promoted in India by the

prayers for the ministry and witness of the ecumenical movement in India. In the Delhi-NCR region, the North West India Council of Churches (NWICC) led a vibrant observance of the Unity Octave, bringing together clergy, religious, and lay faithful from diverse Christian traditions. The Octave



commenced at the Evangelical Church of India, Janakpuri, and continued through prayer gatherings at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Centenary Methodist Church, Jerusalem Marthoma Church,



Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) and the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), the annual observance reaffirmed the shared call to Christian unity through worship, dialogue, and spiritual renewal.



Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Thomas Eastern Believers Church, the Free Church, and concluded at the Salvation Army Church, Green Park Extension. Reflections throughout the week emphasized biblical unity, liturgical diversity, service and witness, compassion and justice, apostolic faith, and



The theme for this year, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one," invited Christians to reflect deeply on their common faith and calling in Christ. Prayer resources for the week were jointly prepared by the Dicastery for Promoting



Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, offering a common liturgical framework for congregations across traditions. NCCI Sunday was observed on 18 and 25 January, with churches offering special

renewed ecumenical cooperation in mission. Across the country, NCCI's regional councils organized prayer meetings and ecumenical gatherings that strengthened fellowship and mutual understanding among Christians of different denominations. NCCI expresses sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the successful observance, particularly those who translated liturgical materials into various vernacular languages and coordinated events at regional and local levels.

MADHYA PRADESH REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

STRENGTHENING ECUMENICAL BONDS: MP REGIONAL COUNCIL LEADS UNITY OBSERVANCE



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 was prayerfully observed in Jabalpur and Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, from 18 to 25 January 2026 under the theme, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4). The eight-day observance brought together clergy and lay faithful from diverse Christian denominations in a visible and meaningful expression of ecumenical unity.

In Jabalpur, prayer services were hosted by churches including Christ Church Cathedral, Orthodox Church MGM, St. Paul Church Gamapur, Methodist Church Hawabag, Assembly of God, City English Methodist, Martoma Church, and Holy Trinity Church. Reflections throughout the week highlighted themes such as “Our Calling,” “The Bond of Peace,” “One Faith, One Baptism,” “One Lord and Father,” and

“Growing into Christ,” inviting participants to deepen their shared faith and commitment to unity.

Similarly, in Bhopal, daily prayer gatherings were held at The Zion Church, Emmanuel AG Church, St. Joseph the Worker’s Church, Infant Jesus Shrine, St. Edmund Campion Church, Bethlehem Church CNI, Christ Church, and Our Lady of Assumption Church

Guided by Scripture readings from both the Old and New Testaments, the services fostered spiritual reflection, fellowship, and renewed ecumenical engagement.



The observances in both cities served as powerful reminders that Christian unity transcends denominational differences and calls the Church to embody love, peace, and hope in society. Through shared worship and reflection, churches in Madhya Pradesh reaffirmed their commitment to walk together in faith and strengthen bonds of fellowship in the spirit of Christ’s prayer “that they may all be one.”

KARNATAKA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

UNITED IN WORSHIP, COMMITTED TO WITNESS: UNITY OCTAVE IN MANGALORE



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 was observed in Mangalore under the leadership of Karnataka Theological College (KTC) and St. Joseph’s Seminary (SJS), bringing together clergy, seminarians, students, and lay faithful from various Christian denominations in a spirit of prayer and fellowship.

Rooted in the theme, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4), the Unity Octave provided a meaningful platform for shared worship, biblical reflection, and ecumenical dialogue. The observance highlighted the theological and spiritual foundations of Christian unity while fostering mutual understanding and cooperation among participating churches.

Through daily prayer services and reflections, the gathering strengthened bonds of fraternity among different traditions and reaffirmed the shared calling of the Church to witness to Christ’s love and peace. The initiative demonstrated the commitment of theological institutions in Mangalore to nurture ecumenical sensitivity and promote unity within the wider Christian community.

NEWS FROM ECUMENICAL PARTNERS

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC)

WCC URGES RENEWED COMMITMENT TO MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has urged renewed global commitment to multilateral cooperation to address ongoing challenges such as conflicts, inequality, and environmental crises. WCC General Secretary Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay reaffirmed support for the vision and principles of the United Nations, while encouraging reforms to strengthen the effectiveness and credibility of global institutions.

The WCC also highlighted the importance of protecting human dignity, recognising the role of youth, and addressing ethical concerns related to emerging technologies. Emphasising collective responsibility, the Council called on governments, faith communities, and global organisations to work together in building a just, peaceful, and sustainable world. [Read more...](#)

WCC INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ECUMENICAL GEM SCHOOL 2026

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has invited applications for the Ecumenical School on Governance, Economics, and Management for an Economy of Life (GEM School), scheduled to be held from 17–28 August 2026 in Panama City, Panama (venue to be confirmed).

The 10-day programme will bring together 20–25 church leaders for intensive training aimed at strengthening Christian engagement in global finance and economic justice.

The programme integrates worship, Bible study, lectures, discussions, and practical workshops.

Participants will explore the relationship between theology and economics, engage with ecological and feminist economic alternatives, and examine issues such as debt, global governance, and advocacy strategies. Field visits with Panamanian churches engaged in economic justice will also form part of the learning experience.

Applicants must have relevant academic qualifications or experience, leadership background, and endorsement from a church or ecumenical body. Selection will reflect regional, gender, and denominational diversity. [Click here to Apply](#)

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA (CCA)

CCA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) has invited applications for its year-long Youth Internship Programme at its headquarters in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The programme aims to nurture ecumenical leadership among young Christians aged 23 to 30 from member churches and partner organisations.

Two interns will serve from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, gaining practical experience in communications, human rights advocacy, migration, disability inclusion, and mission initiatives. The programme seeks to equip young leaders with skills and exposure to regional ecumenical engagement while contributing to the ministry and mission of the CCA. [Click for More....](#)



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CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

CARDINAL POOLA ANTHONY ELECTED PRESIDENT AS CBCI ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) elected its new office bearers during the 37th General Body Meeting held in Bengaluru on 7 February 2026, for a term of two years.

Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, has been elected President of the CBCI. Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, Archbishop of Tiruvalla, was elected Vice

President-First, while Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop of Kottayam, was elected Vice President-Second. Archbishop Anil Couto was re-elected as Secretary General of the CBCI.

Reflecting the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in India, the newly elected leaders represent the three rites: Cardinal Poola Anthony and Archbishop Anil Couto from the Latin Rite; Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos from the Syro-Malankara Rite; and Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt from the Syro-Malabar Rite.

The outgoing office bearers include Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath (President), Archbishop George Anthony Samy (Vice President-First), and Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas (Vice President-Second).

The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) conveys its warm greetings and prayerful wishes to the newly elected office bearers of the CBCI. The NCCI assures them of its continued ecumenical solidarity and looks forward to strengthening collaborative witness and common mission in the service of justice, peace, and unity in India. [Read more...](#)

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MAKE THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE
Interview TTW + tag @attwi
Identify and interview 2 or 3 theologically trained women (TTW) in your church/organisation about their calling, their journey, their challenges, their aspirations, and their contributions to the church and society & post in FB tagging ATTWI

DOCUMENT "HERSTORY" OF TTW
Send archival info & Oral History: Seek historical documents, and senior TTW who can share oral history about the milestones of TTW in your church or organisational history. Share documentation/ audio recordings with [ATTWI](#)

BUILD SKILLS & EMPLOYABILITY OF TTW
Organise Capacity Building Workshops: Provide add-on skills training to expand employability in varied fields. media, PMEL, Counselling, Community Rehab, safeguarding + POSH, etc..

THANKSGIVING & APPRECIATION SERVICE
Invite TTW to speak + use liturgy on ATTWI Sunday: Create a liturgy that gives thanks for their contributions, affirms their role, and appreciates their service

SUPPORT & CALL TO ACTION
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