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Mission Statement

The Church of South India affirms that the Church is the servant of God to carry on the mission rooted in Jesus Christ and based on the scriptures. The Church through her mission, expresses solidarity with the broken communities for a new hope to face the challenges of life. The Cross continues to be the sign of hope for the witnessing church, which strives towards Unity, Peace and Reconciliation as a vibrant Channel of God.”

Mission Priorities

• To capacitate the local congregations through issue based Bible studies.
• To learn and respect other living traditions.
• To remain sensitive to all environmental and ecological concerns and ecumenical relations
• To foster the social agenda of the church through advocacy and development programmes
• To mobilize local resources
Church of South India is the Missional Church with lot of evangelistic zeal. All the 24 Dioceses are striving together to share the Gospel values beyond the Church borders. We have 186 Mission fields in 26 Indian States, Nepal & Sri Lanka with 2500 missionaries, 250 Missionary Teachers and 100 missionary health workers and 5000 Mission Centers. They work among the most marginalized groups living in Hill stations, deep forest areas, slums and conflicted areas to make transformation.

Mission and Evangelism Department is rooted in fivefold perspectives such as Proclamation, prayer groups, Bible Clubs and worship Centres, Education and Health, Solidarity with the needy and poor, and networking with missionary movements. We have set up our priorities as identify the most marginalized communities for the wholistic transformation, stimulating the evangelist zeal in the local congregations for sharing and witnessing, and developing missional congregation towards the borderless church.

In order to achieve the goals, we have arranged the following programs in a timely manner:

- Equipping Missionary Evangelists & Pastors
- Capacity Building Program for Missionary Teachers
- Community Health Training for Missionary Health Workers
- Spiritual Enhancement Program for Catechists & Church Workers
- Parish Level Mission Training & Consultations
- Inter Diocesan Mission Conference
- Inter Diocesan Mission Partnership
- Cross Cultural and Interfaith Mission Exposures
- Evangelistic Camps
- Mission Field Church Construction Projects
- Developing Migrant Friendly Congregations
- Mission Festival – Regional & Synod Level
- Missionaries Emergency Relief Fund
Future Focus 2017-2022

Mission 2022 Agenda: Missional Congregation towards Borderless Church.

Dialogical Engagements

* 24 Workshops in Diocesan Levels
* 5 Regional Level Workshops
* Synod Level/Ecumenical Level

Pedagogical Engagement

* Preparation of Syllabus for Missionary Training
* Publication of Basic Study Book
* Formation of Institute for Missionary Training
  - Mission Academy

Pragmatic Engagement: Camps/Festivals/Exposures:


* Missional enhancing and equipping program for Medical Professionals, Educational Professionals (2018-2022).

* JMA Camps: Promotion of Junior Missionary Association and Junior Mission Fest and Youth Mission Fest.

* Mission Exposures for the Missionary Family!

* Missional Encounters with downtrodden of the society.
* Missional Bible Conventions/Formation of Inter-Diocesan Gospel Band

* Promotion of the New Mission Fields.

* CSI Mission Supporters Forum

* Basic Community Health Awareness Program

* Prison Ministry: Missional Engagement with Prisoners

* CSI Convention Preachers Meet

Schemes for Missionaries: Long-Run

* Promotion of the Missionary Emergency Relief Fund

* Missionary Awards

* Mission Fields Awards

* Publication of Biographies of Indigenous CSI Missionaries

* CSI Mission Networking cum Research Centre.

**Passion for Mission is our inspiration**

God has blessed us graciously to reach at this point! We do strongly believe, God will continue to bless us to participate more and more in God’s Mission and Ministry. No matter what are the unfavourable circumstances around us, yet, we will make a ‘breakthrough’ by God’s Grace. Our matter is the passion for the mission. Until and unless we reach our goal, we will not give sleep to our eyes or slumber to our eyelids.
FRIDAY, 29 MARCH 2019

08.00am – 09.30 am  : Arrival and Breakfast, Registration

9.30am - 10.30 am  : Opening Worship and Bible Study
  : Rev. Dr. Manuel S. Titus
  : (Madras Diocesan Secretary)

10.30am – 10.45am  : Tea-Break

10.30am – 10.45am  : Self Introduction
10.45am – 11.00 am  : Welcome Address
  Rev. G. Paul Dayanandan
  (Mission Director, Madras Diocese)

11.00am – 12.00pm  : Inauguration & Key Note Address:
  “Enhancing Capacities of Congregations to Become Missional Congregations”
  The Rt.Rev.Dr.J.George Stephen
  (Bishop in Madras)

12pm - 1pm  : Session-1
  “Mission Engagements in the Pluri-Faith Context of India”
  Rev. Christopher Vijayan
  (NMSI General Secretary)

01.00pm-01.30pm  : Photo Session
01.30pm – 2.30pm  : Lunch Break
02.30pm – 3.30pm  : Session-2
  “Mission and Bible: Contextual Reading”
  Rev.Dr.John Samuel Ponnusamy
  (Principal, Gurukul Theological Seminary, Chennai)
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**03.30pm-4.00pm**: Tea-Break

**4.00pm-5.00pm**: Session-3
   *“Mission and Bible: Contextual Reading”* ...cont.
   **Rev. Dr. John Samuel Ponnusamy**
   (Principal, Gurukul Theological Seminary, Chennai)

**5.00pm-7.00pm**: Leisure Time

**7.00pm to 7.30pm**: Even Song: Missionaries

**7.30pm to 8.30pm**: Dinner

**8.30pm to 10pm**: Cultural Programs

**10pm**: Rest

**SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2019**

**07.30am – 08.30am**: Breakfast

**08.30am – 9.30am**: Worship and Bible Study
   **Rev. Paul Dayanandanan**
   (Mission Director, Madras Diocese)

**9.30am – 10.30am**: Session-4
   *“Towards Community Health Perspective”*
   **Miss. Nancy Walter**
   (Nursing Tutor, C. M. C. Vellore)

**10.30am -11.30 am**: *“Towards Community Health Perspective”, Conti.*
   **Miss. Nancy Walter**
11.30am – 11.45am: Tea-Break

11.45am – 1pm: **Session-5**
“Towards Basic Human Rights and Religious Freedom”,
Rev.Fr. Jahad Jasper, Chennai

1pm – 2pm: Lunch

2pm – 3.00 pm: Group Discussion on
“Mission Today” &
Reflective Responses
**L. Rev. Maxcin John**
(Synod Mission Director)

3.pm – 4.00pm: Valedictory Ceremony
: **The Rt.Rev.Dr.George Stephen**
Bishop, Madras Diocese

: **Rev. Christopher Vijayan**
NMSI General Secretary

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Song - 11

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live. I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.
All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

Song - 12

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

(Tamil) Sarvasrishtikkum yejamaan neere
Sarvasrishtiyei kaapavar neere
Engalidhayathil ummai potriduvom
Endrendrum panindhu thozhuvom

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

(Malayalam) Avan athbhutha manthriyam Daivam
Nithya thanathanum veeranam Daivam
Unnatha devan neethiyin sooryan
Rajadhi raajanam mishiha
Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

(Telugu) Krupa satya sampurnada stotram
Krupalo rakshinthive stotram
Nee raktha michii vemochiinchii nave
naa raksha na kartha stotram

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

(Kannada) Paramonatha devaru neene
Sarva srishtiyiaa palaka neene
Buloka halidaru nenayu nudegalu
Ninanamma haliyodu endu

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

(English) You are the Master of all creation
protector, preserver, almighty
our hearts are filled with praises for thee
we bow down to worship, adore thee

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men

Heaven and earth shall pass away
but your word shall never pass away
my flesh will be destroyed and be gone
the just shall live by faith

Ha -- Ha -- Ha Hallelujah (7 times)
A -- A -- A men
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Program Proposal Format- Diocesan Level

Name of the Diocese : ..........................................................
Name of the Program : .........................................................
No. of days : ..................................................................
Address of the Venue : .........................................................
No. of total participants, M/F: .............................................
Mission Director : ..............................................................
Contact no. & Email : ..........................................................
Program Coordinator : .........................................................
Contact no. & Email : ..........................................................
Rationale, Objectives & Scope of the Program
(details in separate sheet) : ..................................................
Budget Proposal
(details in separate sheet) : ..................................................
Local (Own) Contribution
from Diocese : .................................................................

Mission Director/ Co ordinator  Bishop
Sd/-  Sd/-
Ph. & Email:  Ph. & Email:

Date:

M & E Office Use:
DATA COLLECTION FOR THE UPCOMING MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS-2018-2019

1. **Name of the Diocese**: .................................................................

2. **Number of Mission Fields**: South India (within & outside of Diocese)
   
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3. **Number of Worship Centers**: South India.................................

   North India.................................

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4. **Number of Missionaries**: South India (within & Outside of Diocese)

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   North India..................................

   Abroad.....................................

5. **Number of Evangelists**: South India (within
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Remarks, if any.................................................................

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Approved: Date & Sign:
Bishop

Prepared: Date & Sign
(Diocesan Mission Director/Coordinator)
“Today's mission must be for the radical and sustainable transformation through compassion”, said the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. George Stephen, Bishop in Madras Diocese, Church of South India (CSI), during his address in Missionary Conference-2019 which was jointly organized by the Department of Mission and Evangelism, CSI Synod, and the Department of Mission and Evangelism, Madras Diocese, on the 29th and 30th March 2019 at LITE, Auditorium, Chennai. Bishop further added that all missionaries have to have a face of compassion and love. All churches must be the centres of service. We need to focus on the social transformation where all people could live together without any fear or frictions, Bishop added.

The Missionary Conference-2019 began with opening worship and Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Manuel S. Titus (Madras Diocesan Secretary) in which he emphasized the mission engagements towards the grassroots. He further added that through the mission, we have to address the pains and tears of the people which we could identify in Mathew 25: 31-46.

“Mission must be inclusive and we are doing a mission to embrace everybody, not to exclude or divide anybody”, said Rev. Christopher Vijayan, General Secretary for the National
Missionary Society of India (NMSI) during his session based on “Missional Engagements in the pluri-faith context of India”. He pointed out that India is blessed with a rich diversity of culture and religion. There should be religious harmony and reciprocal relationship and we should honour everybody and do everything in love and mutual respect. “Like Moses, Joshua and Samson, all missionaries should commit and submit for the will of God to engage in the mission of God”, said Rev. Dr. John Samuel Ponnusamy, Principal, Gurukul Theological College and Seminary, Chennai, during his session based on “Bible and Mission: Contextual Reading”. The mission must be addressing today’s context and tirelessly serving to bring total transformation which could be enjoyable to all, he added. God’s empowering presence is always with us. Therefore, we need to be focused on the will of God and travel towards clear direction through a proper track, he added.

“All Missionaries must be exponents of God's love and all should ready to bear cross through the life and action”, emphasized Rev. Paul Dayanandand, Mission Director, Madras Diocese, during the Bible Study on the second day of the conference. Through our life and actions, we have to spread values and qualities to the living context, he added based on Mark 10: 1-34.

“Guide people in the proper way and take people to right place in right time” are the responsibilities of all
missionaries, said Ms. Nancy Walter, Junior Lecturer, CMC Vellore, during her session on “Towards Community Health Perspective”. As missionaries, we need to have basic awareness about community health and also, we should be trained in terms of first-aids and pre-hospital care. It will help us to guide people and help people in that direction, she added. There was a session for interactions and demonstration for the same theme in which delegates actively participated.

“God is the truth, God is always with truth, and we should be an exponent of truth and truth will set us free”, said Rev.Fr. Jagth Kasper, a social activist and motivational speaker based in Chennai during his session “Basic Human Rights and Religious Freedom”. He further added that right to speak, right to express the belief, and right to propagate are the basic religious freedom
provided by the constitution of India. We need to identify the divine intervention in politics and we should know we have constitutional rights and privileges. Poverty is a crime and we should have simplicity in humanity. It is the need of the hour to defend truth and constitutional provisions for everybody, he added.

The mission statement of Church of South India and Missional priorities were shared to the delegates by Rev. Maxcin John, Synod Mission Director, during his session on “Mission-Today”. We should use the language of inclusivism and we should love everybody, he added. The mission must be the expression and experiment of love as exemplified in Jesus. It is our bounden duty to declare solidarity with the most vulnerable for their transformation constantly and sustainably, he added.

One hundred and fifty-five delegates have participated in the Missionary Conference-2019 including resource persons and other well-wishers. It was the joint effort between Synod Mission
Department as well as Madras Diocesan Mission Department. Synod Mission Department is grateful to Bishop J. George Stephen for providing accommodation and necessary other supports. Department would like to appreciate Rev. G. Paul Dayananadan (Mission Director) for the leadership to organize the conference. We also acknowledge the presence and leadership of Rev. Manuel S. Titus (Secretary, Madras Diocese), Dr. Samuel Cornelius (Treasurer, Madras Diocese), Rev. Jacob Selvan (City Mission Director), Rev. Deva Prasad (Director for catechists), Rev. Samson (Director for Adivasi-Dalit Organization), Rev. Fernadus and Rev. Alexander (Assistant Mission Directors) and Rev. Alan (Youth Director), Mrs. Japa Rani and Mrs. Sasikala (Synod Mission Staffs), Mr. Nirmal and all the missionaries.

The Missionary conference was the venue for mutual learning, listening and rejuvenation towards missional engagements.

Rev. Maxcin John
Director, Mission and Evangelism Department,
CSI Synod.