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Hand Book

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CSI MISSION DIRECTORS MEET & SYNOD MISSION BOARD

Date:
13\textsuperscript{th} to 14\textsuperscript{th}
December 2017

Venue:
CSI Synod Centre
Chennai

Theme:
Equipping Mission Workers
Towards Building Christ Communities

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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
Introduction to the Department of Mission & Evangelism

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 150 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 evangelistic zeal in the local congregations for sharing and witnessing, and developing missional congregation towards the border less 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

Pragmatic Engagement: Camps/Festivals/Exposures

❖ Mission Prayer Fest-2018

We are going to communicate that prayer is an experience beyond of mere contemplation and meditation. It could be prayer walks, run or drive into the struggles and pains of the people irrespective of class and caste! We would like to develop it as popular prayer movement as missional encounters with underprivileged and down trodden.

❖ “Sextons” Meet-2018

Sextons have the vital role to play in the life and work of the Church. They are the integral part of the church closely related with congregation as well as clergies, Catechists, and Missionaries. We believe, it is important to equip and encourage Sextons for the Missional engagements.
Synod Mission Festivals-2019&2022
Equip Children, Teachers. Engineers and Doctors as Missionaries (2018-2022)
JMA Camps: Promotion of Junior Missionary Association
Missional Exposures for the Missionary Family!
Mission Encounters with downtrodden of the society
Missional Bible Conventions/Formation of Inter-Diocesan Gospel Band
Identification of the New Mission Fields as Mission Encounter to the vital issues
CSI Mission Supporters Forum
First Aid: Training to Missionaries
Prison Ministry: Missional Engagement with Prisoners

Schemes for Missionaries: Long-Run

Promotion of the Missionary Emergency Relief Fund
Missionary Awards
Best Mission Field Awards
Publication of biographies of indigenous CSI Missionaries
CSI Mission Networking cum Research Centre
CSI Convention Preachers Meet

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 unfavorable 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.
Detailed Programme Schedule  
*(13th -14th December 2017)*

**Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

07.30am - 09am : Arrival and Breakfast

09.00am - 09.30am : Registration

09.30am -10.30am : Opening Worship & Bible Study  
*Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Prasada Rao*  
*(Deputy Moderator, CSI)*

10.30am – 11.00am : Tea Break

11am – 11.30 am : Self Introduction

11.30am – 01.00pm : Welcome Address  
*Rev. Maxcin John*  
*(Director, Mission & Evangelism)*

: Presidential Address  
*Rt. Rev. Dr. J. J. Christdoss*  
*(Chairman, CSI Synod Mission Department)*

: Introductory Address  
*Rev. Dr. D. Rathnakara Sadananda*  
*(General Secretary, CSI)*

: Inaugural & Keynote Address  
*Most Rev. Thomas K. Oommen*  
*(Moderator, CSI)*
Felicitation
**Adv. Robert C. Bruce**  
(*Hon. Treasurer, CSI Synod*)

01.00pm  : Photo Session & Planting a Tree

01.30pm – 2.30pm  : Lunch Break

02.30pm – 04.00pm  : Panel Presentations

**Equipping Mission Workers: Towards Building Christ Communities**  
*Synod departments perspectives*

- **Rev. Asir Ebenezer**  
  (*Director, CSI SEVA*)

- **Rev. Sunil Raj Philip**  
  (*Director, Dept. for Communication & Dalit and Adivasi Concerns*)

- **Rev. K. James Cecil Victor**  
  (*Director, Pastoral Concerns*)

- **Rev. Solomon Paul**  
  (*Director, Youth Concerns*)

- **Rev. Dr. Jayachitra Lalitha**  
  (*Director, Christian Education*)

**Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnakkadu**  
(*Director, Ecological Concerns*)

- **Mr. E. Anil Charlse**  
  (*Director, CSI BCC*)
04.00pm – 04.30pm : Tea Break

04.30pm – 5.30pm : Group Discussion on Inaugural and Key Note Address as well as Panel Presentation

5.30pm – 07.00pm : “Face to Face” interaction and Sharing Session with the Officers of the Synod and the Directors on Mission & Evangelism:2022

07.00pm – 07.30pm : Evening Prayer

07.30pm – 8.30pm : Dinner & Rest

Thursday, 14 December 2017

07.30am – 09.00am : Breakfast

09am – 10.00am : Worship and Bible Study

Rt. Rev. Dr. J. J. Christdoss
(Chairman, Mission Department)

10.00am – 11.00am : Thematic Message

“Equipping Mission Workers: Towards Building Christ Communities”

Rev. Dr. D. Rathnakara Sadananda
(General Secretary, CSI)

11am-11.15am : Tea-Break

11.15am – 11.45am : Group Discussion:
Regional Level on Thematic Message
11.45am – 12.30pm  : Reflective Responses from Group Discussion

12.30pm – 01.15pm  : Closing Remarks & Sending Out Ceremony
Rev. Dr. D. Rathnakara Sadananda
(General Secretary, CSI)

Closing Prayer & Benediction
Rt. Rev. Dr. J. J. Christdoss
(Chairman, Mission Department)

1.15pm – 2.30 pm  : Lunch

02.30pm – 04.00pm  : Synod Mission Board

04.00pm  : Tea & Departure
Worship Resources

December 13, 2017

Opening Prayer

O Lord, you so loved your creation that you sent your only begotten to fulfill the scriptures and redeem us. We thank you for counting us worthy to be part of your Mission here and now. Reveal your glory unto us this morning that we would be able to worship you in truth and in Spirit. Unfold your plans for us so that we would be tuned to be at the centre of your will and purposes for us and for your body, the Church. Amen

Hymn

Adoration

O God who was, is and ever shall be
You are the source of all
You are the destination of all
You are the one who waits
You are the one who intervenes
You are the one who calls
You are the one who sends
You are the one who sustains
You are the one who guides
You are the one who forgives
You are the one who redeems
Fill us with Spirit Divine
That we grasp the mysteries of
The birth, the life, the death, the resurrection
And the imminent coming again
Of your Son our Lord
The Essence of our Mission here on earth

Amen.
Confession

O Compassionate God
We carry burdens too heavy
We try to hide our sins too real
We try to undo knots too complicated
We meander in labyrinths unsure of the path
Set us free from bondages of the past
Where we have ignored the poor
Forgot the prisoner
Walked past the blind ignoring them
And refused to set the oppressed free
We were too entangled in our comfort zones
We were silent of the year of the Lord
Forgive us in your grace
Mould us into a future that you can shape us
Help us to be at the centre of your purposes
Amen

Scripture Reading: *(Luke 4:16-21)*

Bible Study

The Missionaries Creed

We believe in the God of Love, our Redeemer, who send us with the command “Go therefore and make disciples of All nations baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
We believe that this God of grace and Truth, the Triune One, will be with us to the end of the age.
We believe that Church is his bride waiting for the bridegroom and that the banquet is not far away.

*Amen.*
Thanksgiving

God of Love
We thank you for the gospel of Love

And for all your children
Who across time
Carried this gospel of Love
To territories and people's unknown

God of grace
We thank you for the gospel of Grace

And for opening the hearts and minds
Of peoples across generations
To receive this grace in humility
And worship the True One
In faith and trust

God of Peace
We thank you for the gospel of peace

And for all the missionaries
Who are now in different corners of the world
In contexts congenial and hostile
Proclaim the Living Word
With commitment and faithfulness

God of Hope
We thank you for the gospel of Hope

And for all the committed saints
Of the next generation
Who will continue to carry
The light of the gospel
To terrains unexplored
**Act of Commitment**

Celebrating the memories of our Missionaries

In a large canvas the participants are asked to name the missionaries that they have heard of, the missionaries who have worked in their respective parts of the world, the missionaries who contributed to the formation of the Church of South India and the missionaries who have gone from their particular dioceses to other parts of the world. They could even write a sentence on one missionary who influenced them personally. Once the canvas is complete Candles can be lit to celebrate the memories of those who have gone on to glory Special prayers can be offered for those who are struggling in old age Candles can be offered as prayers for the families of all the missionaries mentioned.

**Intercession**

*After each Prayer the participants may respond*  
**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**

Let us pray for all those who are proclaiming the good news today using the various channels and methods both traditional and modern

**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**

Let us pray for all those who are engaged in the campaigns for the freedom of people in bondage's across the globe

**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**
Let us pray for missionaries working in hostile situations, whose lives are constantly threatened and those who live under constant stress

**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**

Let us pray for the contexts where anti conversion laws are in place, that wisdom to preach in such contexts would be granted to those who minister

**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**

Let us pray for the church that she would be the ethical touchstone for the gospel values, living the gospel that is preached.

**Lord in your mercy strengthen our missionary zeal.**

*(Other silent prayers may also be offered)*

**Doxology**

**Closing Hymn**

**Benediction.**
December 14, 2017

Opening Prayer

God of all Wisdom
Who in your Ultimate wisdom
Chose to come to us

As the hungry despite being the Master of all of creation
As the Thirsty despite being the Owner of all waters
As the Stranger despite being the Friend of all
As the naked despite being the source to cover all nakedness
As the Prisoner despite being the liberator of all
As the Least, Last and the Lost despite being the First, the Foremost and the Founder

Expand the Horizons of our limitations
That we may comprehend you better
As we worship you this morning

Amen.

Bhajan/ Lyric

Adoration

God of Love
You are the Bread of Life
Let the world feed on you
You are the Living Water
Let all who thirst come to you

You are the Friend of all
Let all the alienated find comfort in you
You are the one makes all things new
Let the naked be clothed with your garments of righteousness

You are the great Liberator
Let the world be redeemed from the shackles of the evil one

O Mighty One
Let your kingdom Come

Confession

O gracious One
We have erred

When our personal hunger was satisfied
We forgot the hunger of our neighbour

When our personal thirst was quenched
We forgot the thirst of our neighbour

When our loneliness was attended to
We forgot the pangs of the stranger near us

When our nakedness was covered
We forgot the shame of our neighbours

When our prison doors were opened up
We forgot the pain of or neighbour in prison

Forgive us Lord of our selfishness
Help us see those who hunger and thirst for the gospel
Those who are strangers to the kingdom
Those who live in the shame of nakedness
To help open the prison doors of those who are imprisoned
To see you in our neighbour in need
To commit ourselves to Mission

**Scripture Reading:** *(Matthew 25: 31- 46)*

**Bible Study**

**Thanksgiving**

God the Sender  
We thank you for all who came into our darkness  
And lit the light of Life of the Gospel

We thank you for all who came seeing our hunger  
And brought us the sumptuous banquet of the kingdom

We thank you for all who felt the parching of our souls  
And reached us with rivers of living water

We thank you for all who understood our pain of being in prisons  
And came to us breaking open the prison gates with the power of the gospel

We thank you for all who came to us  
Despite our being the least  
And helped us understand the value of being in Christ

**Act of Commitment**

In the map of the world or South Asia the Mission Directors can be asked to pin pins of green in areas where missionaries are presently working, pins of red where priority areas are identified and pins of black where the mission Prayer is most needed. Once this marking is done groups of twos or three can spend time on their knees praying for the missionaries in the field and all who support them, the difficult contexts in which
they work and for their families and needs

Intercession

After each bidding the response shall be

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Let us pray for the people groups and peoples across the globe who have not heard the gospel yet.

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Let us pray for sensitivity for missionaries so that by word or deed they do not offend the sentiments of others as they proclaim the good news of grace

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Let us pray for all the educational and healing institutions that we run that they may truly uphold the gospel values and would channels of the gospel of truth and life

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Let us pray for all those who continue to give for missions and support the various mission initiatives

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Let us pray for wisdom for those who manage Mission today that they would be Tuned to the voice of God and the prompting of the Holy Spirit constrained by the love of Christ.

Here I am Lord, teach me to pray and hear our plea

Doxology

Benediction

Courtesy: Rev. Vinod Victor, Priest-in-charge, The Parish of Ashburton St. Matthews Anglican Church & Melbourne CSI Church, Australia
Songs

Song-1

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are living in the love of God,
We are living in the love of God,(Repeat)

We are living, living,
We are living, living,
We are living in the love of God,(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God,
We are moving in the power of God, (Repeat)

We are moving, moving,
We are moving, moving,
We are moving in the power of God.(Repeat)

Song-2

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

**Song-3**

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
Mold me, fill me,
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Song-4

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Fathers glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Song-5

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-6**

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 thathanum 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 rakshinhave 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 srishtiyaa 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
Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Mission and Evangelism
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 ..............................................................
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Date:

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