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**A Faith Journey of Stewardship &
Transformation**

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The Meaning behind the Title

Anchored in Christ: A Faith Journey of Stewardship and Transformation is a powerful narrative that traces the Episcopal journey of Bishop Timothy Ravinder over the past 12 years. Through a steadfast commitment to Christ, Bishop Ravinder and Anny Hemalatha Ravinder, his wife, has led with a vision rooted in faith, embracing the principles of stewardship and transformation. Their leadership has not only strengthened the church community but has also inspired countless lives to deepen their spiritual journeys. This journey is a testimony to the grace of God, demonstrating how steadfast faith, combined with responsible stewardship, can bring about meaningful transformation in both individual lives and the broader church community. This narrative highlights the profound impact of their service, guiding others to live out the faith with purpose and dedication.

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Preface

The journey of faith is deeply personal, yet its ripples extend far beyond the individual, touching lives, shaping communities, and transforming futures. *Anchored in Christ: A Faith Journey of Stewardship and Transformation* is more than a narrative of leadership; it is a heartfelt testimony of what God can accomplish through those who faithfully surrender their lives to His purpose.

For Bishop Timothy Ravinder and Bishop Amma, Anny Hemalatha Ravinder, this journey has been one of steadfast commitment, bold vision, and profound humility. Over the past 12 years, they have lived out their calling in the Church of South India with grace and resolve, allowing God to work through them in remarkable ways. Whether strengthening the faith of a young believer, inspiring a discouraged pastor, or planting seeds of hope in an underserved community, their ministry reflects the love and power of Christ.

I remember a moment Bishop Ravinder often shares with fondness—the time he visited a remote village where the congregation gathered under a makeshift roof of palm leaves. Instead of seeing inadequacy, he saw potential. “This is not just a roof,” he said, “but a sign of the church’s faith. If we give our best to God, He will do more than we can imagine.” That small gathering soon became the cornerstone of a thriving church, a testament to God’s provision and Bishop Ravinder’s commitment to nurturing faith even in the most challenging circumstances.

Bishop Amma Anny Hemalatha Ravinder’s ministry is equally inspiring. Whether leading women’s fellowship gatherings or counselling young mothers, her quiet strength and deep empathy have left an indelible mark. She often recounts how a woman, hesitant and burdened, approached her after a fellowship meeting, seeking guidance. Through patient listening and prayer, Bishop Amma, helped her rediscover her God-given strength. That woman now leads a women’s

group in her village, a powerful reminder of how faith multiplies when nurtured with care.

The book unfolds the bishop's ministry journey across nine chapters, highlighting their vision for faithful stewardship, leadership, and transformation. It emphasizes equipping pastors and youth, nurturing children, empowering women, and mission-driven community service. Chapters also focus on addressing social challenges, resource management, and transformative education. Through strategies, successes, and personal stories of faith and perseverance, the book illustrates that impactful ministry stems from consistent acts of love and service.

As you read this book, may you find encouragement to anchor your life in Christ, inspiration to embrace stewardship as a sacred calling, and courage to live out your faith in ways that transform lives. May the journey of Bishop Timothy Ravinder and Bishop Amma, Anny Hemalatha Ravinder ignite a renewed passion in all of us to serve God and His people with purpose, humility, and joy.

Let this story be a beacon, pointing us all toward a life lived with purpose, grace, and dedication to the glory of God.

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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP

CSI Synod

Bishop Timothy Ravinder was born on December 20, 1958, to S. Timothy and Emily Jane in the serene village of Ketti, nestled in the picturesque valley south of Ooty. Raised in a devout Christian home, his upbringing was deeply rooted in faith and service. His family instilled in him the values of compassion, integrity, and dedication, traits that later defined his ministry. Reflecting the psalmist's words, "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance" (Psalm 16:6), Bishop Timothy Ravinder's early years were marked by the blessings of a nurturing environment.

A Heart Overflowing with Love for Humanity

From a young age, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated a profound "love for humanity," which he expressed through caring, nourishing, and uplifting those around him. His holistic approach to human well-being resonated with the teachings of Jesus, who commanded His followers to "love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). His empathy extended beyond physical needs to encompass emotional and spiritual growth, embodying the essence of what it means to be created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

A Blessed Family Life

Bishop Timothy Ravinder found a life partner in Anny Hemalatha Ravinder, and together they have exemplified the biblical vision of marriage as a covenant of love and faithfulness. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord" (Proverbs 18:22). Their union has been a testimony to God's grace and faithfulness. Blessed with two sons, Jithender and Ajith, and they are married to Astrid and Nancy respectively. Bishop Timothy Ravinder and his wife nurtured their family in the fear and knowledge of the Lord.



As a family, they reflect the promise found in Joshua 24:15, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” This generational dedication to serving God and humanity has been a cornerstone of Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s life, inspiring those around him to live lives of purpose and devotion.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s life journey—from his humble beginnings in Ketti to his impactful ministry—illustrates a life fully surrendered to God’s will. His story is a vivid reminder of Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” His legacy continues to inspire countless others to embrace their calling, serve selflessly, and honor God in all they do.



Key Leadership Roles held by Bishop Timothy Ravinder

1. Chairperson, Youth Department and Committee, CSI Synod (2014–2016)

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership journey began with an emphasis on empowering the youth of the Church of South India. His tenure was marked by initiatives that nurtured the spiritual and leadership potential of young members, equipping them to take on greater responsibilities within the church.

2. Chairperson, Union Negotiations Committee, CSI Synod (2017–2019)

As the chairperson, Bishop Timothy Ravinder played a pivotal role in promoting dialogue and unity within the CSI. Through strategic negotiations, he facilitated cooperation among various factions, reinforcing the church's mission of inclusivity and reconciliation.

3. Member, Board of Child Care, CSI Synod (2017–2019)

Advocating for the welfare of children, Bishop Timothy Ravinder emphasized the importance of providing education, healthcare, and emotional support to vulnerable children. His work reflected a commitment to the biblical mandate of caring for "the least of these."

- 4. Member, General Assembly of Church of Scotland (2018)**
Representing the Church of South India on an international platform, Bishop Timothy Ravinder participated in ecumenical discussions, fostering partnerships and collaboration among European churches. His contributions strengthened the collective Christian witness across diverse cultural and national contexts.
- 5. Moderator's Commissary for Vellore Diocese (2018–2019)**
During a transitional period in the Vellore Diocese, Bishop Timothy Ravinder provided steadfast leadership. He ensured the spiritual and administrative well-being of the diocese, fostering unity and guiding it toward stability and growth.
- 6. Chairperson, Christian Education Department and Committee (2020–present)** Under his leadership, the Christian Education Department developed contextualized curriculum and promoted initiatives such as child-friendly churches. His efforts have enriched the spiritual education of children and adults alike, emphasizing the transformative power of faith.
- 7. Board Member, Board for Healing Ministry, CSI Synod (2020)**
Expanding the scope of healing ministries, Bishop Timothy Ravinder championed the integration of spiritual care with modern medical practices. He focused on marginalized communities, ensuring that holistic healing—spiritually, emotionally, and physically—was accessible to all. His leadership highlighted the church's role in addressing health disparities and advocating for the vulnerable.
- 8. Moderator's Commissary for Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese (2022–2024)**
Bishop Timothy Ravinder provided visionary leadership during a critical period of transition. He promoted unity, reconciliation, and administrative efficiency, ensuring the diocese remained steadfast in its mission and ministry.

9. Executive Member/Governing Council Member, Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's involvement with CMC Vellore has been instrumental in advancing its mission of providing compassionate, Christ-centered healthcare and education. His contributions have supported initiatives that prioritize care for the marginalized and uphold the institution's values of excellence and service.

10. Vice President, National Missionary Society of India

As Vice President, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has strengthened missionary endeavors focused on evangelism, education, and community development. His leadership has inspired the society to expand its outreach and continue addressing spiritual and social needs across India.

11. Executive Committee Member, Communion of Churches in India

Through his active participation, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has played a significant role in fostering unity among Christian denominations in India. His efforts have strengthened ecumenical relations, emphasizing collaboration and shared purpose in advancing the mission of the church.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership reflects a profound commitment to faith, service, and transformation, making him a beacon of hope and inspiration within the Church of South India and beyond.

Dynamic Leadership in the CSI Youth Department (2014–2016)

In 2014, Bishop Timothy Ravinder embarked on a significant chapter in his leadership journey by serving as the Chairperson of the Youth Department and Committee of the Church of South India (CSI) Synod, a role he fulfilled with dedication until 2016. Recognizing the vital role of youth in the life of the church, he envisioned a vibrant, faith-driven generation that could actively contribute to spiritual renewal, social transformation, and community development. He firmly believed in the

scriptural principle found in 1 Timothy 4:12: “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

Under his visionary leadership, the Youth Department launched a series of impactful initiatives aimed at equipping young people for both spiritual growth and societal engagement. Leadership training workshops became a cornerstone of these efforts, providing youth with essential skills in decision-making, communication, and conflict resolution—all grounded in biblical principles. These programs instilled in participants a deeper understanding of Christian values, empowering them to tackle contemporary challenges with unwavering faith and confidence.



In addition to skill-building, Bishop Timothy Ravinder fostered spaces for spiritual enrichment, encouraging active participation in retreats, mission trips, and intergenerational dialogues. His innovative approach inspired youth to see themselves as agents of change, not only within the church but also in their wider communities. Through mission-oriented activities, he challenged them to embrace the Great

Commission in Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s tenure also emphasized inclusivity and social justice, encouraging young people to address issues such as poverty, environmental stewardship, and gender equality. His guidance inspired the youth to embody Micah 6:8, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” His leadership transformed the CSI’s approach to youth engagement, revitalizing its mission to nurture a generation of leaders who would faithfully carry forward the church’s vision and values. By the end of his term, the Youth Department of the CSI had not only grown in numbers but also in spiritual depth and societal impact. Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s dynamic leadership left an enduring legacy, reminding the church of the immense potential of investing in its youth for a brighter and more Christ-centered future.

Nurturing Ecumenical Unity

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been a transformative figure within the Communion of Churches in India (CCI), serving both as a member and as part of the Executive Committee. His visionary leadership has played a pivotal role in advancing ecumenical unity among India's diverse Christian denominations. Grounded in the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21, "That they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me," Bishop Timothy Ravinder has tirelessly worked to foster collaboration and mutual understanding among Christian communities.



Recognizing the diversity within the Indian church, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has championed open dialogue and collective action as essential tools for strengthening the collective Christian witness across the nation. He has spearheaded initiatives that bring together churches from different traditions to address common challenges, emphasizing the need to transcend denominational boundaries for the sake of a shared mission. His efforts have focused on creating platforms for interdenominational discussions, joint worship services, and collaborative mission projects, cultivating a spirit of unity and purpose.



A significant aspect of his leadership has been addressing critical social issues that impact both the church and society at large. He has advocated for communal harmony in a country often marked by religious tensions, urging the church to be a model of peace and reconciliation. Guided by Micah 6:8, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God,” he has encouraged the CCI to take a prophetic stand on matters such as environmental justice, calling for sustainable practices and stewardship of God’s creation.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s deep commitment to the protection of marginalized groups has also been a hallmark of his ecumenical ministry. By focusing on the needs of the poor, women, children, and other vulnerable populations, he has inspired the CCI to become a voice for the voiceless, championing justice and inclusion. His advocacy aligns with Isaiah 1:17: “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Through his work, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has redefined the role of the CCI as a body not only of unity but also of action, urging

member churches to actively engage in social transformation. His leadership has inspired the CCI to pursue shared mission objectives that promote justice, peace, and sustainable development, ensuring that the Indian church remains a beacon of hope and service in the broader society. By embodying the call to unity in diversity, Bishop Timothy Ravinder continues to leave an indelible mark on the ecumenical movement in India, strengthening the collective resolve of the church to live out its faith in tangible and transformative ways.



Unity and Collaboration Through Strategic Leadership (2017–2019)

From 2017 to 2019, Bishop Timothy Ravinder served as the Chairperson of the Union Negotiations Committee of the CSI Synod, where his exceptional leadership proved instrumental in navigating the complexities of governance within the Church of South India. During this period, the Church faced several challenges arising from differences among dioceses, institutions, and stakeholders, including disputes over administrative practices, resource management, and mission priorities. Bishop Timothy Ravinder approached these

challenges with a commitment to unity and collaboration, grounded in the biblical principle of reconciliation found in 2 Corinthians 5:18, “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s leadership style was marked by empathy, transparency, and effective communication. He prioritized understanding the perspectives of all parties involved, fostering a culture of mutual respect and trust. His ability to mediate diverse viewpoints and create an environment conducive to dialogue led to the resolution of long-standing disputes. By encouraging stakeholders to focus on shared goals rather than individual differences, he steered the committee toward outcomes that were not only fair but also strengthened the bonds between various entities within the CSI.

Under his guidance, the Union Negotiations Committee shifted its focus from conflict resolution to proactive partnership-building. He recognized that unity within the Church could only be achieved through mutual accountability, transparent governance, and the cultivation of trust. This strategic vision led to the establishment of long-term agreements that clarified roles, responsibilities, and expectations among

dioceses and institutions, ensuring greater stability and cooperation.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's emphasis on collaboration extended beyond administrative matters to the broader mission of the Church. He believed that internal unity was essential for effective evangelism and service, echoing the words of Jesus in John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." His efforts ensured that the Church could focus its energy on its primary mission of proclaiming the gospel and serving the community, rather than being distracted by internal conflicts.

Through his strategic leadership, Bishop Timothy Ravinder not only addressed immediate challenges but also laid a strong foundation for the future growth and unity of the Church of South India. His work as Chairperson of the Union Negotiations Committee stands as a testament to his ability to lead with wisdom, compassion, and a commitment to the holistic mission of the Church, inspiring others to work together for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

Welfare of Vulnerable Children (2017–2019)

From 2017 to 2019, Bishop Timothy Ravinder served as a Member of the Board of Child Care, CSI Synod, a role through which he demonstrated deep compassion for vulnerable children. His work prioritized expanding access to education for economically disadvantaged children in underserved communities, fulfilling the biblical call to "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed" (Psalm 82:3). Recognizing that child welfare is not just about physical needs, Bishop Timothy Ravinder also emphasized the importance of emotional and spiritual healing for children facing trauma and abuse. His advocacy for child-friendly practices within institutions reflected the spirit of Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s contributions extended to championing the adoption and implementation of the Child Protection Policy within the SEVA Board. This policy became a cornerstone in the Church’s commitment to safeguarding children from exploitation and harm, aligning with the missional ethos of promoting holistic care and justice. His leadership in this area echoed theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s assertion that “The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.” By advocating for the comprehensive well-being of children, Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s work reaffirmed the Church of South India’s dedication to the biblical mandate to care for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40). His vision and efforts brought lasting transformation, enabling vulnerable children to experience hope, dignity, and a brighter future.

Transforming Christian Education and Advocating for Child-Friendly Churches (2020 Onwards)

In 2020, Bishop Timothy Ravinder was appointed Chairperson of the Christian Education Department and Committee of the CSI Synod. Since then, he has dedicated himself to revolutionizing Christian education across the Church. His leadership has been marked by a

holistic approach to curriculum development, focusing on equipping individuals of all ages to live out their faith in the complexities of the modern world. Recognizing the importance of addressing contemporary issues, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has guided the creation of resources and teaching materials that integrate biblical principles with practical applications. Topics such as responsible use of technology, environmental stewardship, social justice, and mental health have been included to ensure that Christian education remains relevant and impactful. This aligns with the scriptural charge to “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s commitment extends beyond academic content to the creation of nurturing and inclusive spaces within the Church. As a strong advocate for child-friendly congregations, he has emphasized the importance of making churches more welcoming and supportive for children. Through his initiatives, Sunday school teachers and Christian educators across the CSI have received advanced training on how to provide safe, interactive, and engaging learning environments. Workshops under his leadership have focused on child-centered teaching methods, trauma-informed care, and creative ways of helping children experience the love of Christ.



He has consistently highlighted Jesus' own concern for children, quoting passages like Matthew 18:5, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me," to inspire congregations to prioritize the younger generation. Bishop Timothy Ravinder believes that building inclusive and accessible churches ensures that children and youth feel a genuine sense of belonging, empowering them to grow in their faith and contribute meaningfully to the Church's mission.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's vision for Christian education and child-friendly churches goes beyond the immediate. His leadership seeks to instill a generational impact, fostering a Church culture that nurtures faith formation from childhood to adulthood. This transformative approach has ensured that Christian education within the CSI remains a dynamic and vital ministry, equipping individuals to live as faithful disciples of Christ in an ever-changing world.

Promoting Holistic Healing and Compassionate Care (2020)

As a Board Member of the Board for Healing Ministry of the CSI Synod, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting a holistic approach to health and well-being.

Understanding the profound connection between physical, emotional, and spiritual health, he has been a steadfast advocate for integrating spiritual care with modern medical practices. Under his visionary leadership, the Church of South India has strengthened partnerships with healthcare institutions to ensure that affordable and high-quality medical care reaches marginalized and underserved communities. These collaborations have not only expanded access to medical services but also underscored the Church's mission to reflect Christ's healing ministry, as seen in Matthew 4:23: "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."



Bishop Timothy Ravinder has also emphasized the importance of mental health, recognizing the growing prevalence of depression, anxiety, and trauma in modern society. He has spearheaded programs to train clergy and lay leaders in providing counseling and pastoral care for individuals facing emotional and psychological challenges. Workshops on mental health awareness have been organized across dioceses, equipping church leaders to offer compassionate support and to destigmatize mental health struggles within congregations. His

efforts reflect the biblical principle of bearing one another's burdens, as encouraged in Galatians 6:2: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."



During public health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership was particularly impactful. He coordinated initiatives that provided essential relief to vulnerable communities, including food distribution, financial assistance, and support for frontline workers. He also championed vaccination drives, ensuring that even those in remote areas could access lifesaving vaccines. Additionally, the church offered spiritual solace through virtual prayer services, tele-counseling, and pastoral visits, embodying the love of Christ in a time of global uncertainty.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's focus on holistic healing extends to community outreach programs, such as health camps, wellness workshops, and awareness drives for preventing and managing chronic diseases. By integrating faith-based approaches with scientific interventions, he has encouraged the Church to serve not only as a place of worship but also as a hub of healing and hope. Reflecting on Jesus'

ministry, he has often quoted Luke 4:18: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.”



Through his tireless work, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has inspired the CSI to reaffirm its commitment to being a source of healing, compassion, and transformation in the lives of individuals and communities. His leadership embodies the Gospel’s call to minister to the whole person, ensuring that the Church remains a beacon of light and hope in addressing the multifaceted needs of society.

Strengthening Para-Church Ministries for Holistic Service

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been instrumental in fortifying para-church ministries, with a particular emphasis on his involvement with the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore. As an Executive Member and Governing Council Member, he has significantly

contributed to advancing CMC’s mission of providing compassionate, Christ-centered healthcare. Recognizing the importance of integrating faith and healing, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has championed an approach that addresses not just the physical needs of patients but also their spiritual and emotional well-being.



Under his leadership, CMC has further emphasized its commitment to reaching marginalized and underserved communities. Initiatives such as mobile medical units, rural health programs, and charity-based services have expanded the hospital’s outreach, embodying the biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable. As Jesus declared in Matthew 25:40, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” This principle has been central to Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s vision, driving efforts to ensure that healthcare is accessible and inclusive.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has also supported the training and development of medical professionals who approach their vocation as a

ministry. By encouraging the integration of ethical values and a sense of divine calling into medical education, he has fostered a generation of healthcare workers who view their work as service to God and humanity. His advocacy for chaplaincy programs within healthcare institutions has ensured that patients and their families receive spiritual care alongside medical treatment, reflecting the holistic healing ministry of Christ.

During critical moments such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership at CSI Gosha Hospital was pivotal in coordinating the hospital's response. From spearheading vaccination campaigns to mobilizing resources for patient care, he emphasized the importance of faith-driven resilience and compassion. Through prayer initiatives and pastoral visits to frontline workers, he reinforced the spiritual foundation of the institution during a time of unprecedented challenge.



Bishop Timothy Ravinder's work with CMC has extended beyond its walls, inspiring churches and para-church organizations to adopt a similar model of holistic service. His vision aligns with Isaiah 61:1, which speaks of bringing "good news to the poor" and "binding up the brokenhearted." By advocating for health as a mission field, he has encouraged the broader church community to view healthcare not merely as a profession but as a calling to serve and restore God's creation.

Through his contributions, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has strengthened the partnership between faith and healthcare, leaving a lasting legacy of transformative service that uplifts individuals and communities. His leadership continues to inspire holistic ministry, ensuring that the love of Christ is experienced through both healing hands and compassionate hearts.

Empowering Mission through Leadership in the National Missionary Society of India

As Vice President of the National Missionary Society of India (NMSI), Bishop Timothy Ravinder has profoundly impacted the organization's vision of evangelism by integrating faith with holistic community development. Under his leadership, NMSI has embraced a missional approach that emphasizes meeting both spiritual and practical needs, reflecting the ministry of Jesus Christ, who "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil" (Acts 10:38). Bishop Timothy Ravinder's efforts have been centered on ensuring that evangelism is both contextually sensitive and transformative.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has championed the idea of contextual evangelism, encouraging missionaries to engage deeply with the cultural, social, and religious contexts of the communities they serve. By fostering respect for diversity and promoting interfaith dialogue, he has cultivated a mission strategy rooted in relationship-building rather than confrontation. This approach resonates with Paul's words in 1

Corinthians 9:22, “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.”



One of Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s key contributions has been equipping missionaries with modern tools and training. Recognizing the challenges faced by missionaries in a rapidly changing world, he has advocated for programs that provide practical skills, such as digital literacy, healthcare training, and community organizing. These resources enable missionaries to address pressing issues like poverty, education, and health, making their work relevant and impactful. Additionally, he has introduced emotional and pastoral support systems, ensuring that missionaries remain resilient and spiritually nourished in their demanding roles.

His leadership has also focused on sustainability in mission efforts, promoting self-reliant models of community development. By encouraging initiatives like micro-enterprises, vocational training, and agricultural projects, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has ensured that missionary work leads to long-term benefits for the communities served. This holistic approach underscores the message of James 2:17, “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

During his tenure, NMSI has expanded its outreach to marginalized and remote areas, bringing the light of the Gospel to places often overlooked by mainstream ministries. Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s emphasis on serving the “least of these” (Matthew 25:40) has inspired missionaries to focus on the most vulnerable, including tribal groups, women, and children, addressing their unique needs through compassion and care.



His vision for the NMSI goes beyond immediate evangelistic efforts, aiming to create transformative communities where faith and service intersect. Through conferences, workshops, and strategic partnerships,

he has fostered collaboration between missionaries, church leaders, and laypersons, strengthening the collective mission of the Church.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership in the NMSI exemplifies a commitment to holistic, contextual, and sustainable evangelism. His efforts have revitalized the organization's mission, ensuring that the message of Christ is not only proclaimed but also lived out through tangible acts of love and service, bringing lasting change to individuals and communities alike.

Spiritual Guidance as Moderator's Commissary



Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership as the Moderator's Commissary for the Vellore Diocese between 2018 and 2019 was a defining period in the life of the diocese, as he was called upon to navigate a time of transition and uncertainty. Entrusted with overseeing the diocese's spiritual and administrative affairs during this critical phase, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering both spiritual vitality and organizational stability. His leadership was marked by a pastoral approach, deeply grounded in prayer and reflection, which provided guidance to both clergy and laity. Bishop Timothy Ravinder's pastoral care was central to his leadership, as he made it a priority to be present with presbyters and congregational

leaders, offering counsel and encouragement during a time when they were experiencing the challenges of uncertainty. He was always available to listen, guiding with wisdom and sensitivity, reminding the leadership of the importance of maintaining faith and hope in God's sovereignty, especially in times of difficulty. His messages of hope and renewal, often conveyed through his inspiring sermons, resonated deeply with the diocese, instilling a renewed sense of purpose and mission. His encouragement helped leaders stay focused on their calling, even amidst the administrative challenges they faced.



Recognizing the need for unity within the diocese, Bishop Timothy Ravinder worked diligently to promote reconciliation and collaboration among the clergy, leaders, and congregations. He believed that the Church could only move forward if the people of God remained united in purpose and vision. His efforts to foster transparency and trust within the diocese led to more open and honest communication between all levels of leadership, helping to create a collaborative atmosphere. He

emphasized the importance of mutual accountability, stressing that leadership in the Church must always reflect the heart of Christ—humble, selfless, and servant-oriented.

Alongside his spiritual guidance, Bishop Timothy Ravinder also confronted practical challenges such as financial instability and governance issues within the diocese. With strategic foresight, he worked tirelessly to streamline the diocese’s financial operations and ensure accountability in its governance structures. He introduced measures to increase financial transparency, which reassured congregants and leadership alike about the stewardship of their resources. By aligning the diocese’s financial practices with biblical principles of stewardship and integrity, he laid the groundwork for the diocese’s long-term sustainability.

Through his strategic leadership and pastoral presence, Bishop Timothy Ravinder helped the Vellore Diocese not only navigate a difficult transitional period but also thrive during it. His work resulted in a lasting legacy of stability and renewed commitment to the Church’s mission. His influence helped to strengthen the spiritual foundation of the diocese while ensuring that practical concerns were addressed with careful attention. As a result, the diocese emerged from this period of transition with a more unified leadership, greater accountability, and a renewed focus on fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s time as Moderator’s Commissary is a testament to his deep commitment to both the spiritual well-being and organizational growth of the Church, and his work continues to inspire future leaders in the CSI.

Promoting Reconciliation and Unity: Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s leadership as Moderator’s Commissary for the Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese (2022–2024)

Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s leadership as Moderator’s Commissary for the Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese during the transitional period of

2022–2024 was characterized by his unwavering commitment to promoting reconciliation and unity within a diocese facing significant internal divisions and crises. As the diocese was navigating through a turbulent time marked by disagreements and tensions, Bishop Timothy Ravinder took on the challenge of bringing healing and restoration to fractured relationships and fractured ministries. His approach to reconciliation was grounded in deep theological conviction, rooted in Christ’s own call to peace and unity as expressed in John 14:27, where Jesus offers His peace to His followers, urging them not to let their hearts be troubled. This understanding of Christ’s peace was the lens through which he approached conflict resolution.



Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated a remarkable ability to mediate between conflicting parties, offering wise counsel and providing a safe space for open, honest dialogue. He emphasized the need for mutual understanding and forgiveness, reminding the clergy and laity alike of the Biblical mandate to “be reconciled to one another” (Matthew 5:24). By emphasizing shared values and the common mission of the Church, he guided the diocese back toward unity, teaching that reconciliation is not only about resolving disputes but also about restoring a sense of shared identity and purpose within the body of Christ. His pastoral care was evident as he walked alongside those affected by the crisis, offering both spiritual and emotional support to those who felt alienated or hurt.

In addition to fostering internal unity, Bishop Timothy Ravinder was deeply committed to strengthening the diocese's local ministries. Recognizing that the heart of the Church lies in its local expressions, he focused on empowering congregational leaders and lay ministers to take an active role in nurturing the spiritual growth of their communities. He emphasized the need for deepened spiritual life through regular worship, prayer, and fellowship, calling the diocese to become a community that not only worships together but also serves one another in love and compassion (John 13:35). His leadership encouraged local ministries to focus on outreach programs, empowering congregations to address social needs and justice issues, such as poverty and marginalization.



Bishop Timothy Ravinder's strategic leadership also included an emphasis on transparent governance and financial accountability, essential components for the long-term health of the diocese. He worked closely with the diocese's administrative bodies to ensure that financial resources were properly managed and used for the growth and sustainability of church programs and community outreach. This included promoting clear and honest financial practices, which ensured that the people of the diocese could trust that their resources were being used in accordance with Biblical principles of stewardship (1 Peter 4:10). His efforts in this area set a foundation for accountability and a healthy financial future for the diocese.

Another key element of Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership was his collaboration with the CSI Synod. By working closely with Synod leaders, he ensured that the diocese was well-supported in terms of guidance, resources, and overall direction. He leveraged the collective strength of the wider Church, creating opportunities for the Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese to benefit from broader initiatives and strengthen its ties to the national Church. His ability to build bridges between diocesan leadership and the Synod allowed for smoother communication and greater alignment in mission priorities.



As a result of his tireless efforts, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's tenure as Moderator's Commissary left a profound legacy of unity and spiritual renewal in the Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese. His leadership was instrumental in healing the rifts that had divided the community, and his commitment to reconciliation and unity ensured that the diocese emerged from its period of crisis stronger, more unified, and deeply committed to its mission. The diocese, having undergone significant restoration under Bishop Timothy Ravinder's guidance, is now poised to continue its work of evangelism and social outreach with renewed vitality and purpose. His tenure stands as a testimony to the transformative power of godly leadership, which not only seeks to

resolve conflict but also to bring about deep, lasting healing within the body of Christ.

Global Engagement and Humanitarian Outreach



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s ministry in the Jaffna Diocese of Sri Lanka during the nation’s severe economic crisis underscored his deep global vision and unwavering commitment to compassion and solidarity. In the face of widespread hardship, food shortages, and economic instability, Bishop Timothy Ravinder responded not just with financial aid, but also with spiritual guidance and encouragement. His visit to Jaffna was a tangible expression of the Church of South India’s solidarity with those enduring extreme distress, embodying the biblical command to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). Through this visit, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated that the Church’s mission transcends not only denominational and cultural boundaries but also national

borders, calling the global Christian community to be a beacon of light in times of suffering.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership during this critical time extended beyond material support. His presence among the people of Jaffna offered emotional and spiritual comfort, reminding the community of God's enduring faithfulness even in the most challenging circumstances. His prayers, encouragement, and sermons served as a source of hope and resilience to a population grappling with despair. He emphasized the importance of faith in navigating crisis, reinforcing the message that God's love and provision are constant, even amid suffering. In this way, Bishop Timothy Ravinder modeled the biblical approach to suffering, as seen in Romans 5:3-5, where Paul writes that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope.

In addition to providing immediate relief, Bishop Timothy Ravinder also worked alongside local leaders in the Jaffna Diocese to plan for longer-term recovery. By fostering collaboration between CSI and local humanitarian organizations, he helped to ensure that aid would be used effectively and reach those most in need. His leadership also helped bring awareness to the economic crisis on a global scale, calling attention to the dire situation in Sri Lanka and urging international communities to support those affected by the crisis.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's visit to the Jaffna Diocese strengthened the bond between the Church of South India and its Sri Lankan counterpart, showing that Christian unity is not just a theological ideal but a practical reality when communities face adversity. This spirit of unity is foundational to Christian witness, as expressed in 1 Corinthians 12:25-26, where Paul teaches that when one part of the body suffers, all parts suffer with it. By standing with the people of Jaffna in their time of need, Bishop Timothy Ravinder exemplified the Church's call to act as a unified body that is deeply committed to the well-being of all its members, regardless of location or background.

In the broader context of global engagement, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's actions provide a powerful model for how faith communities can respond to crises with empathy, action, and unity. His leadership in Jaffna exemplifies the Christian mandate to serve those in need, embodying the teachings of Christ in a world that often seems divided and fractured. Through his ministry, Bishop Timothy Ravinder showed that the Church's mission is not confined to its local context but is part of a larger, global movement that seeks to bring healing, hope, and the love of Christ to all corners of the world.



Contributions through Confirmation Services in UAE Churches

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's ministry in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has made a significant and lasting impact on the Christian community, particularly through his role in conducting confirmation services. These services, which mark a moment of spiritual renewal and

commitment, have been a pivotal part of the faith journey for many individuals in the UAE. Under his guidance, countless believers have reaffirmed their commitment to Christ, receiving the Holy Spirit's empowerment to live out their faith in an increasingly diverse and multicultural environment. Bishop Timothy Ravinder's ministry in this region has been instrumental in helping Christians solidify their identity as followers of Christ, especially in a place where they may face challenges in maintaining their faith due to the pressures of living in a foreign land.



Beyond the act of confirmation itself, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership has also extended to emphasizing the importance of Scripture, prayer, and Christian fellowship as the foundation for spiritual growth. He has underscored the necessity of regular engagement with the Word of God, encouraging believers to live out its teachings not only in church but in their everyday lives. As he often says, "The Word of God is our anchor in the storms of life." By promoting the significance of daily prayer, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has helped the Christian community in the UAE deepen their personal relationship with God, thus fostering a vibrant and active faith.



His commitment to building up the spiritual life of the Christian community has also involved strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship. In a region that is home to a significant number of expatriates from various nations, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has fostered a sense of unity among the believers, encouraging them to support and encourage one another as they walk in their faith. His focus on fellowship has been crucial in maintaining a strong and thriving Church, where believers can find a sense of belonging and community despite being far from their homeland.

In his approach to ministry, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has also emphasized the Church's role as a source of hope and support, particularly in a region where many Christians are strangers in a foreign land. By preaching and modeling a faith that is both vibrant and resilient, he has helped believers maintain their witness to Christ in the face of challenges and difficulties. His emphasis on the power of community and mutual support has made a profound difference in the lives of those involved in his ministry, with many finding strength in the fellowship of the Church.



Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s leadership in UAE churches has also played a critical role in helping these communities thrive in a multicultural and often challenging environment. With people from various cultural and denominational backgrounds coming together, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been an advocate for Christian unity, focusing on what binds believers together in Christ rather than differences that could divide. This has helped nurture a community that, though diverse, remains united in its mission and purpose to spread the hope and love of Christ in a region where Christian faith is often a minority.

Through his ministry in confirmation services, as well as his broader work in strengthening the faith of the Christian community in the UAE, Bishop Timothy Ravinder has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of believers. His leadership has been a source of encouragement and guidance, empowering the Church in the UAE to be a light in the midst of a multicultural society. His ministry has reinforced the idea that Christian faith can flourish

anywhere, even in challenging contexts, when it is rooted in Scripture, prayer, and mutual support.



On-time Bishop

Bishop Timothy Ravinder exemplifies the virtue of punctuality, a quality that reflects discipline, respect for others, and a deep commitment to stewardship of time as a gift from God. His ability to be consistently on time demonstrates his regard for the value of every moment and his dedication to ensuring that the work of the diocese is carried out efficiently and effectively.

Punctuality is not just a practical habit but a biblical principle. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, “For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Bishop Timothy’s adherence to timeliness reflects his understanding of the importance of aligning our

schedules with God’s purposes. Moreover, Proverbs 21:5 declares, “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.” His diligence and punctuality have consistently led the diocese toward fruitful ministry and effective leadership.

Through his example, Bishop Timothy inspires others to honor their commitments and manage their time wisely, serving as a living testament to the principle in Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” His punctuality is not just a reflection of his character but also a testimony to his desire to glorify God in all aspects of his ministry.

Lifetime Achievement Awards Conferred at MEMSAAS 2020

Nilgiris District Collector, Respected Tmt. Innocent Divya, IAS, conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards (Technical and Non-Technical) at the 5th National Conference on Advanced Technologies, organized by the Society for Aerospace & Mechanical Professionals (MEMSAAS 2020).



Blessings to Bishop Heike Springhart

Bishop Heike Springhart has been appointed as the new bishop of the Protestant Church in Baden, Karlsruhe, which is one of the partner churches of the Church of South India (CSI). The Coimbatore Diocese extends heartfelt congratulations and wishes her all the best, praying for God's abounding grace to guide her ministry. *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you."* (Numbers 6:24-25)



EMPOWERING PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Aid Department

The Pastoral Aid Department plays a pivotal role in supporting the clergy and congregations within the Diocese. Established to provide holistic assistance to pastors and their families, the department ensures the spiritual, emotional, and financial well-being of those serving in ministry. It organizes retreats, training programs, and workshops to empower clergy for effective leadership while addressing their welfare through initiatives like medical aid, pension schemes, and educational support for their children. By fostering a culture of care and equipping pastors for impactful ministry, the Pastoral Aid Department strengthens the Diocese's mission of serving God and His people.

Confirmation Candidates and Building Dedications



The Diocese has displayed an unwavering commitment to fostering spiritual growth and strengthening its physical infrastructure, two pillars that serve the Church's mission of worship, fellowship, and outreach. Over the years, 17,151 candidates have been confirmed in their faith, a powerful testament to the Diocese's dedication to spiritual formation and evangelism. The confirmation process, carried out with prayerful diligence, equips individuals to grow in their relationship with Christ

and commit to their roles within the Body of Christ. Rooted in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 serves as a guiding principle for this ministry: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Each confirmation marks a pivotal moment in the life of the Church, as believers are affirmed in their faith and empowered to live as witnesses of the gospel.



In addition to spiritual growth, the Diocese has prioritized the expansion of its physical infrastructure to serve both the faithful and the wider community. Over the years, 243 building dedications have been completed, including churches, community halls, educational facilities, and spaces for outreach ministries. These dedications are more than architectural milestones; they are sacred spaces consecrated for God’s glory and service to His people. As Isaiah 56:7 reminds us, “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Each building serves as a beacon of hope, inviting worshippers to encounter God’s presence, engage in fellowship, and extend Christ’s love to their neighbors.

These building dedications also symbolize the growth and resilience of the Diocese in its mission. Churches have become places of worship and renewal; community halls provide spaces for social outreach and gatherings, while other facilities empower ministries like education, healing, and child welfare. The intentional development of these spaces reflects the biblical mandate in 1 Corinthians 3:9, which declares, “For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.” These structures stand as a testament to the labor of faith, prayer, and dedication that unite the people of the Diocese in their shared mission.



By nurturing spiritual formation through confirmation and creating spaces for ministry through building dedications, the Diocese continues to reflect its commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ. These efforts not only strengthen the Church community but also extend its impact to those outside its walls, embodying the call of Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



Through the spiritual milestones of confirmation and the tangible development of infrastructure, the Diocese continues to honor God and fulfill its mission of building both His Kingdom and His Church. These accomplishments are a profound testimony to the faith, unity, and dedication of its leadership and members, ensuring a legacy of hope, worship, and service for generations to come.

Support for the Needy

The Diocese, embodying the love and compassion of Christ, has made serving the underprivileged a cornerstone of its mission. Through the Poor Relief Fund, an impressive sum of Rs. 50,81,718/- was distributed to 310 individuals, addressing urgent needs such as medical expenses, education, and basic sustenance. This initiative resonates with the biblical call in Proverbs 19:17: “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.”



The Diocese’s support extended far beyond financial assistance. Its programs emphasized empowerment and dignity by providing sewing machines to foster self-employment, helping recipients build sustainable livelihoods. Additionally, rice bags and clothing were distributed to meet immediate needs, embodying the spirit of Matthew 25:35-36, where Jesus said, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me.”

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by vulnerable groups, the Diocese extended its support to single women and the transgender community, breaking barriers and offering a message of inclusion and acceptance. This reflects the Church’s commitment to being a refuge for all, as encouraged in Galatians 3:28: “There is neither Jew nor Gentile,

neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”



In its outreach to the elderly, the Diocese distributed walking sticks to improve mobility and blankets to offer warmth to the homeless, ensuring comfort and care for those most in need. These acts of compassion echo Isaiah 46:4, where God promises, “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you.” Moreover, in an innovative gesture of care, the Diocese provided weighing machines for the visually impaired, empowering them with tools for better health management and fostering their independence.

This holistic approach to social welfare reflects the mission of the early Church, as described in Acts 4:34-35: “There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales, and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” The Diocese

continues this legacy by addressing both physical and emotional needs, creating opportunities for empowerment and transformation.



By prioritizing the well-being of the marginalized, the Diocese mirrors the example of Christ, whose ministry was defined by His compassion for the least, the last, and the lost. The Diocese’s outreach programs serve as a tangible reminder of God’s enduring love and call to His people, as emphasized in Micah 6:8: “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Through its efforts, the Diocese has become a beacon of hope and a testament to the transformative power of faith in action.

Youth Engagement and Leadership Development

The Diocese understands the pivotal role of youth in shaping the Church’s present and future. Recognizing their energy, creativity, and passion, it has actively worked to engage and equip young people for mission and leadership. As part of its commitment, the Diocese sent thirteen youth volunteers to Germany, providing them with invaluable opportunities to engage in cross-cultural mission work. This initiative allowed them to embody Christ’s Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, which calls believers to “go and make disciples of all nations.”



A significant highlight was the representation of Ms. Jennifer Prarthana at the National Christian Youth Convention in Australia, a proud achievement that showcased the Diocese’s emphasis on nurturing global Christian leaders. Her participation not only celebrated the talents and commitment of the Diocese’s youth but also fulfilled the encouragement found in 1 Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

These initiatives are a testament to the Diocese’s vision of inspiring young Christians to take active roles in the Church’s life and mission. By creating platforms for global engagement and leadership, the Diocese ensures that its youth grow as confident, well-rounded disciples of Christ. It aligns with the biblical promise in Isaiah 40:31: “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings

like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”



Moreover, these programs aim to deepen the faith and commitment of young people, encouraging them to be agents of transformation within their communities. The Diocese has fostered a sense of belonging and purpose among its youth, empowering them to lead with integrity and passion. This reflects the words of Psalm 144:12, which envision a flourishing future: “Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.”

Through mission opportunities and leadership development programs, the Diocese instills in its youth the values of service, humility, and perseverance. These efforts have inspired many young Christians to engage actively in evangelism, social outreach, and church governance, ensuring that the Church remains vibrant and mission-focused for generations to come. As Joel 2:28 proclaims, “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions,” the Diocese is fulfilling its God-given calling to nurture the spiritual and leadership

potential of its youth, preparing them to be torchbearers of faith in an ever-changing world.

Higher Studies for Presbyters



Theological education is a cornerstone of the Diocese’s mission, reflecting its commitment to equipping clergy with the knowledge and wisdom necessary for effective ministry. Recognizing the growing complexities of modern ministry, the Diocese has consistently encouraged its presbyters to pursue advanced studies, ensuring they are well-prepared to address contemporary challenges while remaining deeply rooted in Scripture and tradition.

Several presbyters have been sent to esteemed institutions to pursue M.Th. and D.Th. programs, enhancing their theological insight and pastoral effectiveness. Their advanced education enables them to engage with complex theological and social issues, aligning with the biblical exhortation in 2 Timothy 2:15, “Do your best to present

yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

Adding to this distinguished group, Rev. Samuel John Dinakaran is currently pursuing a Master of Ecumenical Studies (MBest) at the prestigious University of Bonn. His studies focus on global ecumenical movements and interfaith dialogue, which will enrich the Diocese’s engagement with the broader Christian and interreligious communities. His journey reflects the spirit of Proverbs 18:15, “The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.”



These initiatives underscore the Diocese’s understanding that well-equipped clergy play a pivotal role in building strong congregations and addressing the spiritual, social, and ethical questions of our time. By investing in their theological education, the Diocese prepares its clergy to minister effectively in diverse contexts, fulfilling Ephesians 4:12, “to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Beyond academic knowledge, these programs instill in presbyters a spirit of humility and service, empowering them to engage with their

communities compassionately and wisely. As Jeremiah 3:15 promises, “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding,” the Diocese seeks to cultivate such shepherds who can guide their congregations with grace and wisdom.

The Diocese’s emphasis on higher education for its clergy ensures that its ministers are not only capable of engaging with theological discourse but also able to lead with vision, creativity, and faithfulness. This commitment fosters a clergy that is both academically equipped and spiritually grounded, enabling them to navigate the dynamic and multifaceted demands of ministry in today’s world. These efforts affirm the Diocese’s dedication to building a vibrant, resilient, and mission-focused Church for generations to come.

Ordinations and Pastoral Leadership



A robust and spiritually equipped clergy is foundational to the growth and vitality of any Diocese. Over the years, the Diocese has ordained 86

presbyters and one deacon, ensuring a steady stream of dedicated pastoral leaders to shepherd God’s people. These ordinations represent a significant milestone in the lives of those called to ministry, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey of service, sacrifice, and spiritual leadership in the Church.



Each ordination ceremony is a sacred moment, affirming the biblical charge found in Acts 20:28, “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” The ordained clergy step into this holy responsibility, committed to leading their congregations with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faithfulness.

Through their pastoral care, teaching, and evangelistic efforts, these leaders embody the charge of 1 Peter 5:2-3, “Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”

The ordained presbyters have also played a pivotal role in leading transformative ministries that engage with the challenges of

contemporary society. Whether through youth engagement, community development, or interfaith dialogue, they have carried forward the mission of the Church with creativity and boldness, reflecting the spirit of Isaiah 61:1, “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”



Moreover, the Diocese has prioritized the continual development of its clergy, offering opportunities for theological education and leadership training to enhance their effectiveness in ministry. This commitment ensures that the ordained presbyters are not only spiritually grounded but also equipped to address the diverse needs of their congregations in a rapidly changing world.

These ordinations reaffirm the Diocese’s mission to nurture faithful and visionary pastoral leaders who embody Christ’s example of servant leadership. As they carry out their sacred calling, these clergy contribute significantly to the growth of the Church, the deepening of faith among believers, and the extension of God’s kingdom on earth. The Diocese remains steadfast in its dedication to supporting and

empowering its clergy, ensuring that they can fulfill their calling to be shepherds after God’s own heart, as promised in Jeremiah 3:15, “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”

Overseas Engagements and Partnerships



The Diocese has made remarkable strides in strengthening its global presence and fostering international collaborations, demonstrating a commitment to extending its mission beyond local and national boundaries. Presbyters have been sent to countries such as Germany, Korea, and the UAE for various purposes, including mission work, advanced theological studies, and participation in international conferences. These initiatives have not only enriched the individual ministers’ experiences but have also brought fresh insights and perspectives into the Diocese’s ministry, benefiting congregations back home.

A significant milestone in the Diocese’s overseas engagement has been the participation of Bishop Timothy Ravinder in global forums and initiatives. His involvement in the Lambeth Conference in the UK provided an opportunity to engage with Anglican leaders worldwide, fostering unity and dialogue among Christian communities. The conference served as a platform to discuss pressing global issues such as climate change, migration, and the role of the Church in promoting justice and peace, aligning with the biblical mandate in Micah 6:8, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”



Bishop Ravinder’s participation in the World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly in Germany further emphasized the Diocese’s commitment to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue. At this gathering, leaders from diverse Christian traditions came together to discuss common challenges and envision collective actions for addressing the needs of the global community. This aligns with the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21, “That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”



The Diocese has also played an active role in ecological missions in Sri Lanka, underlining its dedication to environmental stewardship as an essential aspect of Christian discipleship. These missions have included workshops, tree-planting drives, and community programs aimed at promoting sustainable living and addressing ecological concerns. Inspired by passages like Genesis 2:15, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it,” the Diocese has integrated ecological care into its global mission strategy, serving as a witness to the transformative power of faith-based environmental action.



Additionally, partnerships with churches and theological institutions abroad have opened new avenues for mission collaboration and theological dialogue. These collaborations have allowed presbyters and lay leaders to exchange ideas, deepen their theological understanding,

and explore innovative ways of addressing contemporary challenges in ministry. Through these partnerships, the Diocese has been able to engage with diverse cultures and contexts, reinforcing the universal nature of the Gospel message.

The Diocese's overseas engagements reflect its vision of being a global Church that not only contributes to but also learns from the broader Christian community. This aligns with Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." By participating in international missions, conferences, and educational exchanges, the Diocese has strengthened its witness, enriched its ministries, and created lasting relationships that advance the mission of Christ in a globalized world.

Such engagements have also inspired the Diocese to adopt a more inclusive and interconnected approach to ministry, emphasizing that the Church is called not only to serve its local communities but also to engage with the wider body of Christ. These global initiatives continue to bear fruit, fostering a spirit of mutual learning, unity, and shared mission in addressing the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Presbyter's Conference – Anglican Communion

The Presbyter's Conference, organized by the Anglican Communion, serves as a significant platform for clergy members to engage in spiritual renewal, theological reflection, and ministerial enrichment. Recently, the conference was held in the vibrant and culturally rich nations of Malaysia and Sri Lanka. These locations provided a conducive environment for meaningful discussions, intercessory prayers, and the exchange of ideas among presbyters from diverse backgrounds.

The event emphasized the importance of unity within the global Anglican community while addressing contemporary challenges in

ministry. Through workshops, keynote sessions, and fellowship, the conference aimed to equip presbyters with practical insights and renewed vigor for their pastoral and missional responsibilities.



Educational and Green Initiatives

Education and environmental stewardship stand as pillars of the Diocese’s mission, reflecting its commitment to holistic development and care for creation. These initiatives underscore the Diocese’s focus on equipping the next generation with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and environmentally conscious world.

Educational Initiatives

The Diocese has placed a strong emphasis on providing quality education that is both accessible and future-ready. A significant step in this direction has been the introduction of smart classrooms in schools across rural and urban areas. By integrating digital technology into the learning process, the Diocese has worked to bridge the digital divide, ensuring that students in underserved communities have access to the same resources and opportunities as their urban counterparts. These smart classrooms enhance interactive learning, making education more engaging and effective, and prepare students for a technology-driven future.



Collaborative efforts with Handong Global University in South Korea have further enriched the Diocese’s educational mission. This partnership has opened doors for academic exchanges, cultural immersion programs, and skill development workshops, providing students and educators with a global perspective. These initiatives not only broaden the horizons of students but also foster cross-cultural understanding and cooperation, reflecting the biblical principle of unity in diversity as articulated in Galatians 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor

Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Recognizing the transformative power of education, the Diocese continues to invest in creating learning environments that nurture both academic excellence and spiritual growth. By instilling Christian values alongside modern education, the Diocese ensures that students are equipped to be not only successful professionals but also compassionate and responsible citizens.

Green Initiatives

The Diocese has also emerged as a leader in ecological stewardship, integrating care for the environment into its educational and community outreach programs. Through the Green School Project, in partnership with the CSI Synod, the Diocese has actively promoted sustainable practices within its schools and institutions. This project emphasizes the importance of waste management, water conservation, renewable energy, and tree plantation drives, teaching students to be stewards of creation.



These green initiatives are deeply rooted in the biblical call to care for the Earth, as highlighted in Genesis 2:15, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” By fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among students, the Diocese ensures that the values of stewardship and sustainability are passed on to future generations.

The Diocese’s commitment to green initiatives extends beyond schools, influencing congregations and the broader community to adopt environmentally friendly practices. Programs on climate change awareness, eco-friendly church buildings, and community clean-up drives further demonstrate its dedication to safeguarding creation. These efforts are a reflection of the Church’s responsibility to protect God’s creation and advocate for justice for those most affected by environmental degradation, in line with Psalm 24:1, “The Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”



Together, the Diocese’s educational and green initiatives reflect its vision of holistic development—empowering minds while nurturing the environment. By integrating innovative education with ecological responsibility, the Diocese prepares individuals to navigate the complexities of the modern world with wisdom and faith. These initiatives serve as a testament to the Church’s commitment to building a better future, where knowledge, compassion, and sustainability converge to glorify God and serve humanity. The Diocese remains steadfast in its mission to inspire transformative change, fostering a generation of leaders who will carry forward its legacy of faith, learning, and stewardship, ensuring a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow.

Expansion of Pastorates and Infrastructure



The Diocese has demonstrated a strategic commitment to extending its reach and deepening its impact through the establishment of new pastorates and the expansion of its infrastructure. These efforts reflect a

profound dedication to fulfilling the Great Commission and serving diverse communities with the love and hope of Christ.

Establishment of New Pastorates

The creation of new pastorates signifies a determined effort to bring the Church closer to unreached and underserved areas. Each new pastorate is not just a physical space but a center of worship, fellowship, and community transformation. By planting these pastorates, the Diocese ensures that the Gospel reaches more people, aligning with the charge in Matthew 28:19, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

These new pastorates also serve as hubs for spiritual renewal and social outreach, offering communities a place to encounter God, grow in faith, and receive support in times of need. The Diocese’s efforts resonate with Acts 1:8, which calls the Church to be witnesses “to the ends of the earth.” Through these initiatives, the Church becomes a visible and active presence, demonstrating Christ’s love to all.

Infrastructure Expansion

The Diocese’s infrastructure development has been equally remarkable, reflecting its commitment to inclusivity, accessibility, and growth. Churches, parsonages, community halls, and mission centers have been built or renovated to accommodate the growing needs of congregations and surrounding communities. These spaces are designed not only for worship but also for education, fellowship, and service, embodying the spirit of Hebrews 10:25, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Each new building represents a tangible expression of the Diocese’s mission to be a light to the world, creating environments where people

can experience God’s presence and form meaningful relationships. The focus on infrastructure also reflects the biblical vision of God’s dwelling among His people, as seen in Exodus 25:8, “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”



The expansion of pastorates and infrastructure not only addresses current needs but also positions the Diocese for future growth. These initiatives serve as a foundation for continued evangelism, discipleship, and community transformation, ensuring that the Church remains a vibrant and relevant presence in society.

The Diocese’s strategy underscores its commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that people from all walks of life can access the Gospel and participate in the life of the Church. As stated in Isaiah 54:2, “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes,” the Diocese embraces the call to expand its reach and influence, trusting in God’s provision and guidance.



Through the establishment of new pastorates and the development of infrastructure, the Diocese continues to embody its mission of building God's Kingdom on Earth. These efforts inspire hope, strengthen faith, and provide a lasting legacy for future generations to experience the transformative power of Christ's love and grace.

Presbyters' Welfare and Development

The Diocese places significant emphasis on the welfare and holistic development of its presbyters, acknowledging their indispensable role as vital pillars of its mission and ministry. It actively invests in various initiatives and programs aimed at enhancing their spiritual growth, professional development, and overall well-being. By providing both material support and spiritual nourishment, the Diocese ensures that its clergy are equipped and motivated to serve their congregations and communities with renewed vigor, unwavering commitment, and a deep sense of purpose.



Spiritual Renewal and Professional Growth

Spiritual renewal and professional growth are central to the Diocese’s commitment to empowering its presbyters for effective ministry. Regular retreats and conferences provide presbyters with much-needed opportunities for spiritual renewal, reflection, and fellowship. These gatherings not only foster a deeper connection with God but also create spaces for clergy to share their experiences, challenges, and insights, thereby strengthening their ministry. As Jeremiah 3:15 reminds us, “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding,” these efforts equip presbyters to shepherd their congregations with wisdom and compassion.

Professional development is also a priority, with sessions and workshops designed to address contemporary challenges in ministry. From addressing mental health to embracing technology in pastoral care, the Diocese ensures that presbyters remain equipped to meet the evolving needs of their congregations.



Coimbatore Diocesan Office Staff Retreat

The Coimbatore Diocesan Office Staff Retreat was held at the Henry Martin Institute in Hyderabad, Telangana. For many staff members, this retreat marked a special occasion, as it was their first opportunity to fly in an airplane. The chance to experience travel and attend this enriching retreat was a remarkable milestone for them. The retreat was further blessed by a thought-provoking interaction with the Deputy Moderator and Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel, whose insights deeply impacted the participants. The event was made even more memorable by the profoundly warm hospitality extended by the hosts. As it is written, *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”* (Jeremiah 29:11)



Material and Financial Support



The Diocese's commitment to presbyters' well-being is evident in its comprehensive welfare measures. Medical insurance, EPF enrollment, and regular salary revisions provide financial stability and peace of mind, allowing clergy to focus on their calling without undue worry. Educational support for their children is another significant initiative, reflecting the Diocese's care for the families of its clergy and

acknowledging the sacrifices they make for ministry. These measures echo the biblical call in 1 Timothy 5:18, “The worker deserves his wages,” emphasizing the Church’s responsibility to care for those who dedicate their lives to its mission.

International Exposure and Ministry Expansion

The Diocese encourages presbyters to embrace overseas opportunities for study, mission work, and participation in international conferences. This global exposure broadens their horizons, enriches their theological perspectives, and equips them with innovative approaches to ministry. Upon returning, they bring valuable insights and best practices, contributing to the growth and vitality of the Diocese’s mission.



Commitment to Well-being

Through these initiatives, the Diocese reaffirms its commitment to creating an environment where its clergy feel valued, supported, and empowered. By addressing their spiritual, professional, and material needs, the Diocese ensures that presbyters can effectively fulfill their

calling to serve God’s people. As **Galatians 6:6** reminds us, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches,” the Diocese embodies this principle, fostering a spirit of mutual care and gratitude.

These concerted efforts underscore the Diocese’s recognition of the vital role that presbyters play in advancing its mission, ensuring they remain a source of strength, inspiration, and guidance for the Church and its communities.

Strengthening Relationships and Partnerships



The Diocese has prioritized building and nurturing harmonious relationships with Synod officers, fellow Bishops, and heads of various denominations, recognizing that unity within the broader Church is essential for advancing its mission. This commitment to collaboration reflects the biblical call in Psalm 133:1, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity,” and serves as a testament to

the Diocese’s dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships grounded in mutual respect and shared vision.

Collaboration in Mission and Ministry

Through regular engagement with Synod officers and other denominational leaders, the Diocese has facilitated collaborative efforts in mission, social outreach, and community development. These partnerships ensure that resources, expertise, and spiritual guidance are shared effectively, maximizing the impact of the Church’s mission. Such unity echoes the words of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who wrote, “Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ.” This Christ-centered collaboration strengthens the Church’s collective witness in a fractured world.



Fruitful Overseas Partnerships

International collaborations with organizations like Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS) and the Korea-India Mission Partnership (KORIND) have been particularly impactful. These partnerships have enabled the Diocese to expand its mission scope, providing access to resources, training programs, and cross-cultural exchanges that enrich its ministry.

For example, through these partnerships, the Diocese has engaged in joint programs that address critical global challenges such as environmental stewardship, poverty alleviation, and education. As 1 Corinthians 3:9 reminds us, “For we are co-workers in God’s service,” these partnerships embody a spirit of shared labor for the advancement of God’s kingdom.

Hosting International Delegations

The Diocese has also welcomed international delegations, fostering relationships that are mutually enriching. These visits provide opportunities for cultural exchange, theological dialogue, and collaborative worship, strengthening the global Church’s unity. Such interactions affirm the Church’s commitment to ecumenism and reflect the vision articulated by John Wesley: “The world is my parish.”



Theological Reflections on Unity

The Diocese’s emphasis on strengthening relationships and partnerships resonates deeply with the teachings of Jesus. In John 17:21, Christ prayed, “That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.” This prayer for unity remains a guiding principle for the

Diocese as it seeks to embody a spirit of reconciliation and shared purpose in all its engagements.



A Shared Vision for the Future

By cultivating harmonious relationships and fostering global partnerships, the Diocese exemplifies the biblical call to work together as the body of Christ. These efforts not only enhance its mission but also serve as a model for unity in diversity. As the Diocese continues to build bridges across denominations and nations, it remains steadfast in

its vision to be a Church that reflects God's love and grace in all its relationships. Through collaboration, mutual support, and a shared commitment to the Gospel, the Diocese advances its mission with a profound sense of unity and purpose, ensuring its ministry is both locally impactful and globally relevant.

Through these multifaceted initiatives, the Diocese has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to its mission of spreading the Gospel, fostering social justice, and promoting holistic development. Its focus on spiritual growth, social welfare, education, environmental stewardship, and global engagement positions it as a dynamic and forward-thinking Church body, ever striving to glorify God and serve humanity.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Finance Department

The Finance Department of the Diocese plays a pivotal role in stewarding the resources entrusted to the Church for the glory of God and the service of His people. Rooted in biblical principles of accountability and transparency (2 Corinthians 8:20-21), this department ensures equitable distribution of financial resources, supports the welfare of clergy and staff, and oversees the development and maintenance of diocesan properties and projects. Guided by a vision of faithful stewardship, the Finance Department strives to align all financial practices with the mission of the Church, fostering growth, sustainability, and service to the broader community.



Even before assuming the role of Bishop in the CSI Coimbatore Diocese, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated a profound commitment to fostering equitable distribution of resources, particularly financial resources, across churches and organizations. As a Presbyter, he diligently applied this principle in every pastorate where he was appointed, ensuring fairness and justice in resource allocation. Upon his

election as Bishop, he collaborated seamlessly with like-minded diocesan officers and the Executive Committee to ensure that the available resources were distributed equitably among the clergy, evangelists, staff, and church workers. His leadership and dedication to justice in the distribution of resources have left an enduring impact on the diocese.

Revising the Pay Structure



Bishop Timothy Ravinder has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to the well-being of all members of the Diocese, particularly when it comes to addressing financial inequities. Recognizing the financial struggles that many Presbyters and workers faced, he spearheaded a ground breaking initiative in 2014 to revise the pay structure for Presbyters, Deacons, Church Workers, Evangelists, and Staff. This change not only aligned the pay scale of clergy with that of Synod workers but also marked a pivotal moment in the history of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese, reflecting Bishop Timothy Ravinder's vision of justice and fairness for all workers in the Diocese.

Under Hon.Treasurer’s leadership, this commitment to equitable treatment did not end with the initial revision. In 2018 and again in 2023, the pay structure was further updated to ensure that all Presbyters and staff could live with dignity and serve the Church without the burden of financial concerns. These ongoing revisions highlighted Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s unwavering dedication to ensuring that all workers, both clergy and lay, could focus on their ministries without being constrained by financial limitations.

Moreover, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the Treasurers recognized that the welfare of employees in self-financing institutions within the Diocese was equally important. He directed the management committees to review and adjust salaries for both regular and temporary staff, ensuring that all workers, regardless of their role, were fairly compensated for their contributions. This holistic approach to addressing the needs of the entire diocesan community reflects a leadership style grounded in compassion, justice, and a deep understanding of the dignity of work.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s commitment to fair wages and social justice aligns closely with biblical principles. Drawing inspiration from Scripture, particularly Leviticus 19:13, Proverbs 3:27, and 1 Timothy 5:18, he ensured that the Diocese not only met the immediate needs of its workers but also laid the foundation for a just and equitable community where all could thrive. His actions have made a lasting impact, both financially and spiritually, on the Diocese, reinforcing his legacy as a leader who values justice, dignity, and the well-being of all.

Transition to the EPF Scheme

As stewards of God’s resources, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the leadership of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese have consistently worked to ensure the financial security and well-being of all its workers. In a significant step toward modernizing the financial infrastructure of the Diocese, the Executive Committee, under Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s

guidance, made the decision to transition from the Diocesan Provident Fund to the government-recognized Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme 1952, effective April 1, 2015. This change reflected the Diocese's ongoing commitment to aligning with government policies while providing enhanced benefits to its workers.

The decision to move to the EPF Scheme was not made lightly. It came after extensive discussions and careful deliberation within the Executive Committee, with the goal of securing a more stable and robust retirement plan for all full-time workers in the Diocese. By adopting the EPF Scheme, the Diocese ensured that workers would receive a host of benefits, including tax exemptions on contributions, better interest rates, and the potential for pension benefits for those who had completed 10 years of service. Additionally, the scheme provided crucial death relief and family pensions, offering financial support to the families of those who had dedicated their lives to serving the Diocese.



This move is a testament to the biblical principle of good stewardship, as expressed in 1 Peter 4:10, which states, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of

God's grace in its various forms." In managing the finances of the Diocese, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the leadership recognized that financial stewardship is a sacred responsibility and worked to ensure that every worker, from clergy to staff, had access to the resources and support needed for a secure future.

Furthermore, this initiative reflects the broader biblical principle of justice and care for those who labor in the Lord's vineyard, as written in 1 Timothy 5:18, "The worker deserves his wages." By modernizing the Provident Fund, the Diocese not only secured the financial future of its workers but also honored the dignity of labor, ensuring that workers were justly compensated and supported throughout their lives.

The transition to the EPF Scheme also aligns with the broader mission of the Church to promote fairness, equity, and care for all its members. As Proverbs 3:9-10 encourages, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." In the same way, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the Diocese have honored God through responsible financial management, ensuring that all workers receive the respect, security, and financial stability they deserve as they serve faithfully in God's work.

This decision represents not just a practical change but a deep commitment to the values of justice, equity, and stewardship as outlined in Scripture, making it a milestone in the Diocese's ongoing journey toward greater faithfulness in all areas of ministry.

A Response to Medical Emergencies and the COVID-19 Crisis

Throughout his episcopal ministry, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the well-being of the clergy, workers, and their families within the CSI Coimbatore Diocese. He understood that the spiritual and physical health of the diocesan community is inseparable, and he worked diligently to ensure that those

serving in the ministry were not left vulnerable in times of medical emergencies. Over the years, Bishop Timothy Ravinder witnessed numerous situations where clergy members and church workers faced sudden, severe health crises, necessitating urgent medical intervention. These medical emergencies often placed a heavy financial burden on families who were already stretched by the demands of ministry and life.



In response to these challenges, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the diocesan leadership initiated a comprehensive medical insurance scheme for Presbyters, retired clergy, and their families. This initiative was not merely a pragmatic response to an immediate need but was grounded in a deeply biblical understanding of community and care. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:2, “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” This verse underscores the importance of supporting one another, particularly during times of hardship. Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s decision to implement the medical insurance scheme was a reflection of this biblical mandate, ensuring that diocesan workers could receive the medical care they needed without the added stress of financial strain.

The scheme was met with overwhelming support, as it provided much-needed relief for workers and their families during times of medical emergencies. However, like many initiatives, the program faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The outbreak of the pandemic created widespread uncertainty and disruption, both in terms of healthcare and financial stability. The diocesan medical insurance scheme, like many other initiatives, was temporarily suspended due to the economic and logistical challenges brought about by the global crisis.

Despite these setbacks, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's commitment to the health and well-being of diocesan workers never wavered. Once the pandemic began to subside, he, along with the diocesan leadership, worked to resume and improve the medical insurance scheme. With significant enhancements made to the coverage and the scope of the insurance, the scheme was reinstated to better serve the needs of clergy, staff, and their families, ensuring that they were supported in times of illness and hardship.



This effort to provide comprehensive healthcare support highlights Bishop Timothy Ravinder's belief in the dignity of every worker and his deep compassion for the people he served. It also exemplifies the Church's role in fulfilling the biblical call to care for those in need, particularly those who labor in God's vineyard. Matthew 25:35-36 says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Bishop Timothy Ravinder's actions reflect this command, ensuring that the clergy and workers of the Diocese were not left alone in times of crisis, but were instead supported by the larger Church family.

The resumption and expansion of the medical insurance scheme served not only as a practical response to the unique challenges posed by the pandemic but also as an ongoing testament to Bishop Timothy Ravinder's vision of a Church that cares for the holistic needs of its people. It was a clear expression of God's love and care, extended through the hands of the Church, fulfilling the command to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31).

To maximize the Diocese's financial stewardship, we standardized rental agreements for tenants based on market rates and adhered to government regulations concerning Goods and Services Tax (GST). Over the past 12 years, the Diocese has invested significantly in purchasing land and developing properties for new projects and churches, advancing the Kingdom's mission (Luke 12:42-44).

Understanding the diversity of the Diocese, spanning 4,000 sq. km and encompassing congregations of varied backgrounds, cultures, and economic statuses, I prioritized social and economic upliftment alongside spiritual care. Inspired by Christ's example of compassion (Matthew 25:35-40), I ensured that offertory collections, donations, and poor fund contributions were distributed equitably to those in need. Additionally, aspiring theological students from economically weaker

backgrounds received financial sponsorship to complete their studies and enter full-time ministry.

Partnerships for Holistic Mission: Empowering Marginalized Communities

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership in the CSI Coimbatore Diocese extended beyond the immediate needs of the clergy and staff, reaching out to marginalized communities and vulnerable individuals in society. Understanding that the Church's mission is not only to preach the gospel but also to serve and uplift those in need, Bishop Timothy Ravinder fostered partnerships with organizations such as EMS Germany, the Integrated Tribal Development Project Australia, and several others. These strategic collaborations enabled the Diocese to extend its reach and provide meaningful support to some of the most underserved groups, including tribal children, individuals affected by HIV, and those in the prison system.



The CSI Tribal Home in Padanthurai, the CSI Bala Gnana Illam in Salem, and Ann's Centre in Coimbatore are shining examples of the Diocese's commitment to serving marginalized communities. Through these initiatives, the Diocese provided education, healthcare, vocational

training, and emotional support, empowering individuals to live with dignity and hope. These efforts reflected a deep belief in the holistic mission of God, which addresses the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people. In Micah 6:8, the prophet declares, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” This verse encapsulates the core of Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s vision: that justice, mercy, and humility should guide all actions of the Church, especially when ministering to those on the margins.

Resources from EMS support

The partnerships with EMS Germany and the Integrated Tribal Development Project Australia provided critical resources and expertise, further amplifying the impact of these initiatives. The work done through these collaborations was not just about providing immediate aid but also about creating sustainable opportunities for growth and transformation. In Isaiah 58:10-11, the Lord calls His people to be a light to those in darkness, saying, “If you pour yourselves out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.” This scripture reflects the spirit of these partnerships, where acts of compassion and service bring light to communities that are often overlooked.

Additionally, the Diocese’s involvement in jail ministry reached out to individuals incarcerated, offering them a chance for rehabilitation, spiritual renewal, and a restored sense of worth. The Church, as the Body of Christ, is called to extend grace to all, including those who are imprisoned, as Jesus Himself said in Matthew 25:36, “I was in prison and you came to visit me.” By supporting individuals in jails, the Diocese embodied the gospel’s call to show love and care for the least of these.

Through these partnerships and projects, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the Diocese have exemplified the love of Christ in action. They have worked to transform the lives of marginalized individuals and families, providing them not only with physical support but also with the hope and dignity that come from knowing they are loved by God. These initiatives are a testament to the biblical principle of loving one's neighbor, as expressed in Luke 10:27, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself." In this, Bishop Timothy Ravinder's ministry continues to be a witness to the Kingdom of God, where justice, mercy, and compassion reign.

A Vision of Shared Responsibility: Bishop Timothy Ravinder's Collaborative Leadership

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's tenure as the leader of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese was marked by a deep commitment to shared responsibility and collaborative governance. Recognizing that the Church's work is a collective effort, Coimbatore Diocese firmly believed that the sharing of resources must come with shared responsibility. His leadership style was characterized by openness and inclusivity, welcoming suggestions from every corner of the Diocese. This participatory approach to governance ensured that all voices were heard and that the collective wisdom of the community shaped the direction of the Diocese.

Under his leadership, Pastorates were given the autonomy to execute their programs, projects, and construction initiatives. This decentralization of decision-making empowered local congregations to take ownership of their ministry and initiatives, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose across the Diocese. The results of this collaborative effort were evident in the construction and renovation of numerous churches and institutions during Bishop Timothy Ravinder's tenure. His belief in shared responsibility was not just a theoretical ideal, but a guiding principle that led to tangible progress in the Diocese.

Treasurer's approach to stewardship echoed the biblical words of 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." By embracing this vision, Bishop Timothy Ravinder and the Diocese sought to be faithful co-workers in God's mission, ensuring that resources were managed wisely and equitably for the greater good of the Church and its mission. Through these initiatives, the Diocese sought to glorify God's name in every effort, reflecting the biblical principle that all things, including the work of the Church, should be done for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Despite the significant progress made, Coimbatore Diocese remained focused on the future, embracing the words of Philippians 3:13-14, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." His leadership was not anchored in past accomplishments, but in a forward-looking vision for the future. With a heart fully dedicated to God's calling, Bishop Timothy Ravinder continued to press on toward the goal of furthering the mission of Christ in the Diocese, trusting that God would provide the strength and wisdom to accomplish all that was set before them.

In every decision, in every initiative, Bishop Timothy Ravinder demonstrated an unwavering commitment to faithful stewardship, shared responsibility, and a vision for the future that was grounded in Christ's call to serve. His leadership continues to inspire and guide the CSI Coimbatore Diocese, reminding all that they are co-workers in God's service, building His kingdom together with a shared purpose and mission.

Supporting the Needy and Deserving

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership in the CSI Coimbatore Diocese was characterized by a profound commitment to caring for the marginalized and supporting those in need. Wherever he went for

confirmation of candidates, Bishop Timothy Ravinder ensured that his ministry extended beyond the sacramental rites to include practical care for the most vulnerable members of the congregation. With a heart of compassion and an unwavering sense of responsibility, he took note of the needs within the congregation and worked diligently to ensure that the needy and deserving were supported.



Bishop Timothy Ravinder's Chaplains played an essential role in this ministry, working alongside him to distribute offertory, donations, and poor relief to those who were struggling. This holistic approach to ministry was driven by a deep understanding of the biblical mandate to care for the poor, the widow, and the orphan, and to be a source of hope for the downtrodden. In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus speaks about the righteous serving others, saying, "For I was hungry and you gave me

something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Bishop Timothy Ravinder sought to live out these words of Christ through tangible acts of love and care, offering support to the members of the congregation who faced financial or personal hardships.



The Bishop’s focus was not merely on alleviating physical need, but also on ensuring that the dignity and worth of every person were upheld. His actions mirrored the teaching of James 2:15-16, which emphasizes that faith without works is dead. “Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” Bishop Timothy Ravinder took this message to heart, ensuring that his faith was reflected in concrete actions that supported the most vulnerable in the community.

Through his dedicated efforts and those of his team, Bishop Timothy Ravinder was able to bring relief to many who were suffering in silence. The funds distributed to the needy were not just financial handouts, but expressions of God's love and care for His people. This holistic ministry aligned with the call to love one's neighbor as oneself (Matthew 22:39) and to be the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership showed that ministry is not only about preaching or administration but is deeply rooted in acts of compassion and justice. His unwavering commitment to supporting the needy and deserving members of the congregation stands as a testimony to the love of Christ, which compels His followers to reach out to others in their times of need, as reflected in 1 John 3:17-18: "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Through his actions, Bishop Timothy Ravinder embodied this truth, living out the Gospel in a way that brought light, hope, and help to those in need.

Sponsoring Theological Studies: A Vision for Future Leaders

The Coimbatore Diocese has consistently demonstrated its commitment to nurturing future leaders for the Church through its sponsorship of theological studies. Recognizing that many individuals, driven by a calling to serve the Lord, face financial challenges that hinder their pursuit of theological education, the Diocese stepped forward to provide vital financial assistance. Through this initiative, numerous candidates who were unable to afford the cost of education were sponsored, empowering them to complete their theological studies and step into full-time ministry.

The Diocese's support went beyond just a financial transaction; it was an investment in the kingdom of God. By sponsoring candidates, the Diocese not only provided them with the necessary resources but also

equipped them to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. This act of generosity reflects the Diocese’s dedication to raising up leaders who will spread the Gospel and minister to the needs of the community.

Theological education is vital for the future of the Church, and the Coimbatore Diocese’s sponsorship program plays a significant role in ensuring that the next generation of ministers is well-prepared to face the challenges of ministry. This investment in education is a testament to the Diocese’s long-term vision and its commitment to building a Church that thrives in faith, service, and dedication to God’s mission. Through this initiative, the Diocese continues to fulfill its mission of strengthening the faith and leadership of the Church, ensuring that the light of the Gospel shines brightly for years to come.

Responding to Natural Calamities and Disasters



As stewards of God’s ministry, we are called to witness His love and care to all people, irrespective of caste, creed, or color. In times of natural calamities and disasters, the Coimbatore Diocese has consistently responded with compassion and urgency, offering

provisions, materials, and financial support to those in need. For example, during the devastating floods in Wayanad, immediate help was provided through the CSI Malabar Diocese, where significant contributions were sent to aid the victims. This act of solidarity reflects our commitment to living out James 2:15-16, where we are reminded that faith without action is dead. The Diocese continues to prioritize the welfare of those affected by crises, embodying God's love through practical service.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MISSION AND EVANGELISM - Diocesan Board of Mission (DBM)

The Growth of DBM: A Testament to God’s Grace

By the grace of the Lord, the Diocesan Bible Ministry (DBM) has been an integral part of the Coimbatore Diocese for over 70 years. From its humble beginnings, DBM has become the spiritual backbone of our diocese, playing a central role in soul-winning efforts and contributing significantly to the establishment of faith-based families. Through dedicated outreach, Bible study programs, and evangelistic activities, DBM has nurtured countless lives in the faith, helping individuals grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.

However, the most significant period of transformation came in the last two decades under the leadership of Bishop Timothy Ravinder. Since his episcopal appointment, the DBM has seen a remarkable surge in growth, despite facing numerous challenges. Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s vision, leadership, and commitment to spreading the Gospel have infused new energy into the ministry, making it one of the most dynamic and effective components of the Diocese. Sadhu Sundar Singh, “I have no other desire than to be a servant of Christ and carry His message to the people who have never heard of His name.”

The church has not been immune to struggles—economic challenges, societal changes, and spiritual apathy—but through it all, the DBM has continued to thrive. The pace of spreading the gospel has not slowed; in fact, it has only accelerated, fueled by the collective efforts of clergy, lay leaders, and the faithful who have embraced the Great Commission as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This verse has been the guiding principle behind the DBM's work in the diocese. It emphasizes the call to go beyond the church walls and reach out to every person with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. With unwavering faith, the DBM has taken this command seriously, sending missionaries, conducting Bible studies, offering training for new leaders, and fostering a spirit of evangelism within the diocese.



Under Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership, the ministry has not only remained steadfast but has expanded its reach to new territories, touching lives in communities that were once unreachable. The vision for the future remains clear: to continue the mission entrusted by Christ, reaching all nations with the good news of salvation, and making disciples who will carry on the work of spreading God's Kingdom on earth. The growth of DBM in the Coimbatore Diocese stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness and the enduring power of the Gospel. It is a reminder that when we are obedient to God's calling, He blesses our efforts abundantly, and His presence is with us always, even to the end of the age.

Evangelism: The Cornerstone of the Diocese

When the CSI Coimbatore Diocese established, there were only 30 Pastorates. The First Bishop Appasamy planned to accelerate evangelistic efforts across villages, which led to the creation of the

Diocesan Evangelism Ministry. The goal was to prepare Christians for evangelism, inspire them to reach villages, develop rural ministries, and establish churches. Over time, this ministry has continued to grow. However, in today's digital era, old strategies no longer suffice. To address this, our beloved Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been guided by the Lord to innovate the structure, operations, and thinking of evangelism, introducing significant changes.

Selection of Missionaries

Pandita Ramabai (Indian social reformer and missionary): "I have learned to love Christ and His people. I have given my life to the service of my people, and I shall continue to serve them till the end." Only those who are called, dedicated, and understand the will of the Lord are entrusted with missionary work. This principle has been central to the selection process. Missionaries are provided with salaries like those of church staff, ensuring their future is secure. They are regarded as full-time workers eligible for pensions. Missionary children are also supported with educational assistance—Rs. 5,000 for primary education, Rs. 10,000 for higher education, and Rs. 15,000 for college students. In the event of a missionary's death, immediate financial aid of Rs. 50,000 is provided. Additionally, two-wheelers are offered to help missionaries reach rural areas more quickly. Training programs are held regularly to assess and enhance missionaries' skills, and emergency medical training is provided. After the Bishop's leadership, women missionaries were appointed and have been performing their duties effectively.

Expansion of the Diocesan Board of Mission (2013-2024)

From 2013 to 2024, the Diocesan Board of Mission (DBM) has experienced a remarkable period of growth and expansion, driven by the unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel across diverse linguistic and cultural communities. The mission has significantly broadened its outreach, extending its influence to Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Badaga, Toda, and Irula-speaking communities. This inclusivity reflects the heart of God's mission, as expressed in Revelation 7:9, where we are reminded that the Gospel is for every

nation, tribe, people, and language: “After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

The growth of DBM is evident not only in the number of people reached but also in the establishment of strong leadership. Over this period, 47 missionaries have been appointed, with six of them promoted as catechists, two ordained as priests, and seven sent for theological education. These developments are in line with the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, where Jesus calls us to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” The training of new leaders ensures that the mission will continue to flourish and be carried forward with dedication.

As a direct result of these efforts, the mission has recorded 226 baptisms and established 41 mission centers. In order to facilitate the work of evangelism, the Diocese has provided seven two-wheelers and one jeep, enhancing mobility and the ability to reach more communities quickly and efficiently. This is a reflection of the practical application of the Great Commission—the need for active, persistent outreach to the farthest corners of the diocese. The Apostle Paul’s words in Romans 10:15 resonate here: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Infrastructure development has also been a key part of the mission’s success. The construction of churches in Chettipalayam and Theevattipatti, a community hall at Glenmorgan for the Toda community, and temporary prayer shelters in Bommidi are evidence of a tangible, growing presence in the region. Additionally, land was acquired in Kermalam for the establishment of a future church. The vision for church growth is supported by 1 Corinthians 3:9, which reminds us that “we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s

field, God’s building.” The Diocese has worked tirelessly to ensure that the infrastructure supports both worship and community engagement.



The fundraising efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary, reflecting the generosity and commitment of the people within the Diocese. ₹71 lakhs was raised during the 2015 Mission Festival, and ₹10,90,036 was collected through Self-Denial covers and hundial offerings between 2016 and 2019. These funds have enabled the mission to carry out its work and further advance God’s Kingdom, in line with 2 Corinthians 9:7: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Community outreach has been another vital aspect of the mission’s work. Medical camps, summer programs, and sponsorship initiatives have provided much-needed support to marginalized communities. These acts of compassion reflect the love of Christ as seen in Matthew 25:35-36, where Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

The growth in key mission fields such as Rasipuram, Bargur, M.G.R. Nagar, Samathana Nagar, Karumandurai, and Chettipalayam, which have been elevated to pastorates, reflects the faithfulness of the workers in these areas and the continued expansion of the Gospel. Similarly, other mission fields like Mallapuram, Belamarndahalli, Karavalli, Nercombai, Kurichi, and Meignanapuram have been integrated as branch churches under neighboring pastorates, expanding the reach of the Church and furthering its mission in the community.



This incredible expansion is a testimony to God’s faithfulness and provision. As we reflect on these achievements, we are reminded of the words in Psalm 115:1: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” The Diocese of Coimbatore has indeed witnessed remarkable growth, and through the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look forward to even greater expansion in the years to come, reaching more lives and transforming communities with the power of the Gospel.

Expansion of the Ministry

Initially, the ministry was focused only on Tamil-speaking areas. However, recognizing the need for broader outreach, the bishop

expanded evangelism into multiple languages, which is now actively being carried out.

Hindi Mission



Many people from northern India work in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, and Nilgiris, with many Christians among them. Although they attended Tamil-language services, the language barrier hindered their connection with the church and congregation. Understanding this, the bishop, in collaboration with then-Mission Director Rev. David Suresh began the first Hindi service in 2017 at the Emmanuel Church in Perundurai, Erode District. Following this, Hindi mission centers were set up in Pudupalayam and Sipcot. Notably, the first Hindi missionary was a woman, Mrs. Jansi Emmanuel, who has been serving since December 2017. In 2019, a Hindi service was started in the Ponnappuram area of Tiruppur District, with Mrs. Sangeetha Saravanan continuing the ministry. Many people in Ponnappuram, Sipcot, Mudalippalayam, and Nallur are now actively participating in these services and benefitting from the ministry. Following the success of the Tiruppur and Erode

regions, the Hindi ministry further expanded in Coonor and other areas in Nilgiris. Notably, a church was constructed in the Muthiri Estate for the Hindi-speaking people. Hindi services have also started in the Glendale and Solrock areas.

Tribal Mission



The Nilgiris region is home to several tribal communities, and three specific tribal missions have been initiated here. The bishop has played a pivotal role in reaching these inaccessible mountain villages, sharing God’s love with them.

Malayalam Mission

Several people from Kerala have come to Nilgiris for work, and to support their spiritual needs, the Malayalam mission was established in 2018 by the bishop. The center in Erumadu, with the support of a prayer hall, now holds regular Malayalam services.

Badaga & Toda Mission

Centered around Ketti, this mission reaches several remote areas like Kethorai, Sogathorai, Thennalai, Palada, and Nerkombai. In line with Baduga culture, songs and dances in the Baduga language are taught to

those involved in the mission. Toda mission, started by Link in 1890, faced several challenges but has been restructured and revived. A prayer hall was established in 2023 in Soosakandi, and around 200 people now participate in the services. Notably, the first person from the Toda tribe, Joshua, was sent for theological training in 2023, which marks a new initiative by the bishop.



Transgender's Ministry

The Transgender's Ministry began in 2019 during the COVID-19 lockdown and evolved into a separate initiative starting in 2021. The first missionary, Mr. Justin, and former Director Rev. Ezil Robert Kevin was appointed to lead this ministry. Transgender's street food enterprises were initiated, and monthly provisions were distributed to meet their needs.



Medical Mission

In 2018, Solomon Dhanapal, an eye specialist, joined the ministry as a full-time missionary. He serves in the Velikadu mission in the Kolli Hills and travels throughout the mountain region, providing eye care and sharing God's love. Additionally, medical camps are organized annually in all mission centers.

Irular & Kurumbara Missions

The Irular and Kurumbara tribes are reached in three locations: Kunjappanai (Mamaram), Kotagiri (Kattapettu), and Gudalure (Seaforth). Services are held in these areas, providing spiritual nourishment.

Mission Publications

Through the diocesan evangelism ministry, a monthly prayer letter called "Prayer Requests" is distributed. A songbook and a manual for worship practices were also published. In 2014, a Christmas audio CD was released.

The success of these ministries is a testimony to the unwavering support and encouragement of our Bishop. His dedication and tireless efforts have transformed the mission field into a dynamic and forward-thinking

outreach, continually changing the landscape of evangelism in our diocese.

Bishop V.S. Azariah (Indian bishop and missionary): “The Gospel is not the privilege of the few but the necessity of the many.” Presently, the Coimbatore Diocese now oversees 17 missionaries and 15 mission fields, while the remaining mission fields and missionaries have been incorporated into the Salem-Erode, ensuring continued focus and growth in the region.

STRENGTHENING WOMEN IN FAITH

Diocesan Women's Fellowship



The CSI Coimbatore Diocese Women's Fellowship was established on 27th September 1950 with the inspiring motto, "Arise and Shine" (Isaiah 60:1). Its primary aim is to empower women to rise and shine in their roles within the Church and society, fostering spiritual growth and service.

Since 2013, the fellowship has been under the able leadership of Mrs. Anny Hemalatha Ravinder, who has guided its various initiatives with dedication. The Women's Fellowship operates under the leadership of the President, along with a team of office bearers including the Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Together, they work collaboratively to implement and oversee the fellowship's numerous projects and activities.

This leadership structure reflects the biblical principle found in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: “Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” Through their collective efforts, the fellowship continues to fulfill its mission of empowering women to make a meaningful impact in the Church and society.

Women Fellowship Projects

Keremehas - Kendra for Rehabilitation of Multiple Handicapped Adult Sisters

Keremehas is a home for differently-abled (mentally challenged) adult women. It accommodates around 30 residents who receive round-the-clock care. Due to the poor economic conditions of their families, these women are unable to receive adequate care at home. The Women’s Fellowship steps in to provide them with medical care and free skill training, delivered by specialized teachers.

This initiative reflects the compassion and care encouraged in Psalm 82:3: “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.”



Women’s Hostels

The Women’s Fellowship runs several hostels to support working women by providing safe and affordable accommodations. Anns Women’s Hostel, located on Avinashi Road, offers a secure stay and hygienically prepared food at minimal cost, ensuring a comfortable environment for its residents. Additionally, Joys Wollard Hostel in Erode and Louise Cocks Memorial Hostel in Salem operate successfully, serving the needs of women in these regions.

This initiative embodies the biblical call to hospitality and care, as expressed in Hebrews 13:2: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” The hostels provide not only physical safety but also a nurturing space for women to thrive in their professional and personal lives.

Girls’ Boarding Homes



The Women's Fellowship oversees project homes such as Karunya Giri Home in Kotagiri, Nilgiri District, and the CSI Boarding Home in Attur. These homes provide a nurturing environment for young girls, ensuring their safety, education, and overall well-being under the Fellowship's guidance.

This ministry aligns with the biblical directive in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it." By supporting these girls, the Women's Fellowship equips them for a brighter future and enables them to become confident and empowered individuals.

Prison and Observation Home Ministry

The Women's Fellowship actively engages in ministry to prisons and observation homes. Office bearers and project workers visit these institutions, offering skill training and periodic counseling to children below the age of 18. Special attention is given to the children of prisoners, providing them with educational support to ensure their development and future opportunities. Additionally, skill training is offered to the wives of prisoners to help them achieve financial independence and stability.

This ministry reflects the biblical command in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." By extending compassion and practical support, the Fellowship brings hope and restoration to marginalized families.

Help to HIV Victims

The Women's Fellowship, through its dedicated women workers, raises awareness about HIV within the community. They visit the homes of those affected, offering counseling and emotional support. Educational assistance is provided to the children of victims, ensuring they have

access to learning opportunities. Additionally, these families are supported with nutritious food to improve their overall well-being.



This outreach reflects the love and care commanded in Galatians 6:2: “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Through their efforts, the Fellowship brings hope and healing to those affected by HIV.

Senior Citizens

Deserted senior citizens are cared for by providing food, accommodation, and healthcare free of cost. Elderly individuals in need also receive support through medical care and counseling. This ministry reflects the biblical exhortation in Leviticus 19:32: “Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.” Additionally, the Fellowship’s work resonates with Isaiah 46:4: “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you.” Through these acts of compassion, the Fellowship ensures dignity and comfort for the elderly.

Girl Child Care

Orphans and semi-orphans were identified and provided with educational support. After completing their studies, job opportunities were offered, and they were also assisted in getting married and settled.

Madher Jothi

Started in 1853, Madher Jothi is an area Women's Fellowship project that serves as a counseling and prayer center for elderly women. Women come to the center regularly to equip themselves with skill training, and fasting prayers are held on Fridays. Women of other faiths also attend regularly. Christmas and Easter are celebrated in a grand manner, and valuable gifts are given during the Christmas season.

Tailoring Units

Tailoring units are functioning in Coimbatore, Salem, and Attur. Tailoring courses are offered to economically disadvantaged women free of charge. Certificates are issued to those who successfully complete the courses. This initiative provides vital support for deserted women, helping them gain skills for financial independence.

Sacramental Wine Making

An important project of the Women's Fellowship, started in 2015 under the leadership of Mrs. Anny Hemalatha Ravinder (Bishop Amma), involves the hygienic preparation of sacramental wine, which is then kept for sale. Our churches encourage this initiative by purchasing the wine. The money earned from this project is used to support poor and needy children, furthering the Fellowship's mission of care and compassion.

This project is inspired by the biblical principle of sharing resources for the welfare of others, as expressed in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you

should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Through this initiative, the Fellowship not only meets the needs of the community but also demonstrates the love of Christ in practical ways.



Noah’s Ark (Therapy Centre)

The Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy Centre, known as Noah’s Ark, was started in 2016 for differently-abled children. It has been extremely helpful to many children, providing free services to those in need. Children from other faiths have also benefited from this initiative.

Pottery Unit

A pottery unit has been functioning in Mettupalayam, encouraging the art of pot-making. Both men and women have benefited from this initiative, gaining valuable skills that promote self-sufficiency and creativity. This project aligns with the biblical principle of using our hands for productive work, as expressed in Proverbs 31:13: “She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.”

Maruti Wagon R: New Vehicle



KEREMEHAS in Coimbatore has received a new Maruti Suzuki Wagon R car to support and enhance the services provided to the differently-abled adult sisters under the project. This new vehicle will play a crucial role in the daily operations and transportation needs of the center, making it easier to transport the sisters to various activities, appointments, and events. The addition of this car is expected to improve the efficiency of the program, ensuring that the needs of the

participants are met more effectively. The project, which aims to empower and support differently-abled adult women, will benefit greatly from this new resource, enabling the staff to better serve the community. The initiative reflects the ongoing commitment to enhancing the lives of these women by providing them with necessary resources and opportunities to thrive.

Coir Unit

The coir unit in Kaniyur has been instrumental in helping women prepare foot mats, encouraging self-employment and financial independence. This project empowers women to support their families while preserving traditional crafts. It reflects the biblical value of providing for one's own, as seen in 1 Timothy 5:8: "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Bakery Confectionery



A small unit for preparing bread, biscuits, and sweets has been established to increase the income of the Women's Centre in Coimbatore. The income generated from this unit will be used to support the poor and needy. Additionally, it has been decided to offer courses on preparing bakery items in the future, further empowering women with valuable skills.

Divya Bodhini



A weekly Bible study, known as Divya Bodhini, has been conducted regularly, providing women with opportunities to enhance their biblical knowledge. Many women have attended and deepened their understanding of Scripture, which strengthens their spiritual walk. This reflects the teaching in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

Literary Work

The Women's Fellowship translated the book *Her Voice*, published by the Synod Women Fellowship, into Tamil under the guidance of Bishop Amma. Additionally, a souvenir was published by the Coimbatore Diocese Women's Fellowship to celebrate the 70th year of the Women's Fellowship. These literary contributions help spread

awareness and preserve the stories of women's ministry, as encouraged in Psalm 45:1: "My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer."

Development Work in the Past Decade



Over the past decade, significant development work has been carried out to enhance the facilities at Keremehas. A dining hall worth 20 lakhs was constructed to accommodate the needs of the residents. The Anns Working Women's Hostel was renovated, repainted, and equipped with a new forklift, totaling 10 lakhs in improvements. New cots and beds were provided to the inmates of Keremehas for their comfort. Essential appliances such as a water purifier, TV, refrigerator, and washing machines were newly purchased. A new Maruti van was donated for emergency use by the inmates of Keremehas. Additionally, a compound wall was built, and interlock paving was laid around the center to allow the sisters to walk freely. To further enhance the environment, a Shalom Garden was created for the sisters to enjoy. For safety and security, 16 CCTV cameras were installed to monitor the premises. These improvements reflect the commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and nurturing environment for the residents.

Biennial Retreats

Biennial retreats have been organized every two years to provide spiritual refreshment and growth. In 2014, the retreat was held in

Coimbatore, in 2016 it took place in Goa, and in 2018 it was convened in Yelagiri. These retreats have been an opportunity for women to come together, reflect, and deepen their faith.

Women Fellowship Conference



From May 4th to 6th, 2015, a grand Women's Fellowship Conference and Girl Child Festival was organized. More than 2,000 women participated in this event. The Synod Women Fellowship office bearers were invited to participate and act as resource persons, enriching the experience and offering valuable insights.

State Level Women's Conference Regional Conferences

In August 2015, our Diocese hosted the Tamil Regional Conference, which was attended by more than 80 women from other dioceses. This state-level conference provided a platform for fellowship, sharing, and learning from one another in the spirit of unity. Our Women's Fellowship also participated in regional conferences held in Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Tirunelveli. Under the able guidance of Mrs.

Anny Hemalatha Ravinder (Bishop Amma), these conferences provided women with the opportunity to gather together, exchange ideas, and grow in their faith and fellowship.



Meetings & Conventions

The World Day of Prayer was regularly conducted at the Women's Centre for area-level office bearers, who were then directed to conduct the prayer service in their respective area churches. They were encouraged to collect the least coin and offer prayers. The coins collected were sent to VishathiNilyam in Bangalore to support the spiritual needs of women in the CSI community.

Lenten Retreat



The Presbyters' Spouses Lenten Retreat was conducted Ann Women Centre, Avinashi Road, Coimbatore, under the leadership of Bishop Amma Anny Ravinder, along with the Diocesan Women's Fellowship (DWF). The retreat featured several enriching activities, including praise and worship, Bible study, a quiz, and the sale of Keremehas products. These activities provided spiritual nourishment and fellowship, creating a meaningful experience for all participants. Area-level Lenten retreats were organized under guidance, encouraging each church to conduct their own Lenten retreats for the congregation and to celebrate this season of reflection. On Annunciation Day, gifts were given to all women who attended the retreat, as a token of appreciation and encouragement.

Christmas Celebrations



Area-level Christmas celebrations were encouraged to be organized every year. Every church's Women's Fellowship was guided to celebrate Christmas in a grand manner, fostering a spirit of unity and joy during the holiday season.

Membership

Over the past 12 years, approximately 12,797 women have enrolled in the Diocese Women's Fellowship, and membership cards have been issued by the President, Bishop Amma. This growth reflects the increasing participation and commitment of women in the fellowship and ministry.

Overseas Visitors



Our Women's Fellowship has also had the privilege of hosting several overseas visitors who have contributed to the growth and development of our ministry. These visitors have shared their insights, offered support, and strengthened the fellowship through their international perspective. Their involvement has fostered a deeper sense of global unity and collaboration, inspiring many women in our fellowship to engage more actively in both local and international outreach.

Other Meetings



Our women also attended the Quadrennial Conference in Trichy in 2017 and participated in Gender Equity programs organized by the Synod. These events have played a pivotal role in enhancing the understanding of gender equality and empowering women within the church and society.



Future Outlook

Our Diocese continues to move forward with great momentum under the able leadership of Mrs. Anny Hemalatha Ravinder, Bishop Amma. In the past decade, development work worth more than 1.50 crore has been accomplished, reflecting the dedication and hard work of the fellowship in addressing the needs of the community. For her outstanding contributions to social service, Bishop Amma was honored with the prestigious Emmy Carmichael Award, recognizing her exemplary commitment to serving society.

PLANTING FAITH SEEDS, EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION, FAITH IN ACTION

Children and Youth Ministry and Social Concern.

This chapter first discusses the Children’s Ministry as “Planting Faith Seeds,” highlighting the importance of nurturing faith in children hearts. It then focuses on the Youth Ministry, emphasizing its role in “Equipping the Next Generation” to face life’s challenges with a strong foundation of faith and values. Finally, the chapter addresses the Social Concern Department, presenting it as “Faith in Action,” illustrating how faith translates into practical service and transformation in society.

The Children’s Ministry in Coimbatore Diocese has undergone significant growth and development under the leadership of Bishop Timothy Ravinder. Since his appointment as Bishop in 2013, he has shown a deep commitment to nurturing the next generation of believers. His passion for children’s welfare and spiritual growth has led to various initiatives that have not only strengthened the ministry but also expanded its reach to touch the lives of many more children. This reflects his dedication to “train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6), ensuring that each child grows in the knowledge and love of God.

Through his leadership, the Children’s Ministry has seen an increase in programs aimed at providing spiritual education, guidance, and support. The ministry has embraced new approaches to engage children, equipping them with biblical truths to face the challenges of life. As it is written in Matthew 19:14, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s efforts have truly reflected this spirit, offering opportunities for children to experience God’s love and grace in a nurturing environment.

By fostering a strong foundation in faith and offering practical guidance, the Bishop’s leadership has ensured that the Children’s

Ministry continues to thrive, reaching children across the Diocese and preparing them to become faithful disciples of Christ. “And Jesus took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them” (Mark 10:16). The impact of this ministry under his leadership is immeasurable, as it continues to bless the lives of countless children and their families.

Appointment of Children Workers



One of the key areas of focus for Bishop Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder has been the appointed of Children Workers. During his tenure, 27 persons have been appointed as Children Workers, ensuring uninterrupted ministries in the department. This has not only strengthened the ministry but also provided opportunities for young people to serve the Lord.

Theological Studies

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has also emphasized the importance of theological studies for Children Workers. 18 candidates have been sent to theological colleges, with 12 completing their studies and being appointed as Reverends in Coimbatore Diocese. 6 candidates are

currently continuing their studies in theological college. This has not only enhanced the knowledge and skills of the Children Workers but also equipped them to serve the Lord more effectively.

Digitalization of the Ministry

Bishop Timothy Ravinder is a visionary leader who has embraced the power of technology to further the mission of the Church. As a digitalized and updated Bishop, he has encouraged the use of modern tools to enhance the reach and effectiveness of ministry. Under his guidance, the Coimbatore Children’s Ministry has successfully developed a website and a YouTube channel, which have become vital platforms for engaging with children. These digital spaces have transformed the way the ministry connects with young learners, allowing for the conducting of Sunday School exams and the publication of results online.



This initiative reflects the biblical principle of “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). By utilizing technology, the

Children's Ministry is able to reach children beyond the walls of the church, making it possible for them to engage in learning and growth wherever they are. As the ministry continues to adapt to the changing world, it remains committed to fulfilling the command of Christ to spread the Good News to all, including through digital means.

In addition to the exams and results, the YouTube channel serves as an interactive platform for children to watch new action songs and Bible stories. These resources make the ministry more engaging and accessible, helping children to connect with biblical teachings in fun and creative ways. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). The digital ministry under Bishop Timothy Ravinder's leadership provides children with the tools they need to grow in their faith, while also making learning enjoyable.

By embracing technology, Bishop Timothy Ravinder is ensuring that the Children's Ministry remains relevant and impactful in today's world, opening new avenues for spiritual education. Through these digital platforms, the ministry continues to bring the light of Christ into the homes and hearts of children, just as Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." The use of technology is helping illuminate their journey in faith.

Ministry during Lockdown

During the lockdown period, when many ministries were forced to stop, Bishop Timothy Ravinder encouraged the Children's Ministry to continue its programs through media. With his support and guidance, the ministry telecasted VBS on Tamilan TV for two years and conducted online Sunday School, exams, and other programs like Diocesan level Camp, Advent Christmas program, and Teachers Training program on the YouTube channel.



Infrastructure Development

In the early years of the Children’s Ministry department, there was a lack of proper computer systems and musical instruments. However, when this was brought to Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s attention, immediately arranged for the office to be equipped with computers, musical instruments, and other digital equipment. This has greatly enhanced the ministry’s ability to function effectively.

Children’s Ministry Dept. – Coimbatore Area Sunday School Teachers Training Programme (2022)



The Children's Ministry Department conducted the Coimbatore Area Sunday School Teachers Training Programme in 2022, with the presence of the Hon. Secretary and the Coimbatore Area Chairman. The event was a success thanks to the well-organized efforts of the Convener and the dedicated team. Special thanks were extended to the host church for their warm hospitality during the event.

Launch of VBS and Sunday School Song Audio and Video CD

As part of Bishop Timothy Ravinder's forward-thinking vision for the Coimbatore Children's Ministry, significant strides have been made in expanding the reach and impact of the ministry through innovative resources. The launch of VBS (Vacation Bible School) and Sunday School song audio and video CDs, along with the release of VBS materials, has played a crucial role in enhancing the ministry's offerings. These resources have provided both children and teachers with valuable tools to engage with the gospel and grow in their faith, making biblical teachings more accessible and interactive.

The creation and distribution of these materials are aligned with the biblical command in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, which says, "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." By producing these resources, the ministry is ensuring that children are consistently exposed to the word of God, whether they are at home, at church, or in school.

Through the VBS and Sunday School song CDs, children are not only learning biblical truths through scripture but also through music and visual aids, reinforcing their understanding of God's love and teachings. As Psalm 8:2 beautifully states, "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." These songs, which are both fun and

educational, are a means of spiritual formation for young hearts, planting seeds of faith that will grow throughout their lives.



Additionally, the release of VBS materials is a great testament to the ministry’s commitment to providing meaningful educational content that helps children understand the stories of the Bible in a creative and engaging manner. In line with Matthew 19:14, where Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven,” these resources ensure that the young ones are not only welcomed but are also provided with tools to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Bishop Timothy Ravinder’s initiatives have not only strengthened the spiritual foundation of children but have also significantly contributed to promoting the Children’s Ministry’s work. By embracing creativity and resources like these, the ministry continues to fulfill its calling to nurture and teach the next generation of believers, empowering them to shine as lights in the world. “Let your light shine before others, that

they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Relationship with CED of Synod



The Children’s department has a good relationship and connection with the CED of Synod, and Bishop Timothy Ravinder has directed the ministry to participate in all Synod programs and events. This has helped to strengthen the ministry’s connections with other churches and organizations. Bishop Timothy Ravinder has shown great involvement and concern over the Children Ministry department in its growth and development in all aspects. He has been a constant source of encouragement and support, and his guidance has been invaluable to the ministry. Every year, the Peter Cater Exam was conducted for the 9th and 11th standard students of our Diocese by the Synod Christian Education Department. We appreciate the students who participated in and wrote this Bible exam.

Finally, the growth and development of the Children Ministry in Coimbatore Diocese under the leadership of Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been significant. His vision, guidance, and support have enabled the ministry to expand its reach and impact, and we are grateful for his leadership. We are proud to say that our Bishop has been instrumental

in the growth and development of the Children's Ministry, and we look forward to continuing to serve the Lord under his guidance.

EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Youth Department

The Diocesan Youth Department is a vibrant ministry dedicated to nurturing the faith, talents, and leadership skills of young people within the Diocese. Focused on empowering the next generation, the department organizes youth camps, mission trips, leadership training, and fellowship programs that encourage spiritual growth and active involvement in the church's mission. It also fosters cross-cultural exchanges and partnerships, equipping youth to engage with global challenges from a faith-based perspective. Rooted in scripture and guided by the values of love, service, and discipleship, the Diocesan Youth Department inspires young people to live out their faith boldly in their communities and beyond. The role of youth in Christianity is vital, and it is essential to recognize their importance in the church. According to, young people have unique perspectives and talents, and they are often equipped with the passion and optimism that the church desperately needs.

Challenges Faced by Youth in the Church

The youth in the church today face a number of challenges that hinder their spiritual growth and involvement in the church. These challenges require the church to adopt new approaches to effectively engage and nurture young people in their faith journey.

Shallow Expectations and Disconnection

Many young people in the church feel that their concerns and voices are often overlooked. The church sometimes sets low expectations for youth, failing to fully recognize their potential or engage them in deeper, more meaningful ways. This can lead to feelings of disconnection and a loss of faith as young people may not see the

relevance of the church to their lives. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us to train up children in a way that prepares them for adulthood, and this includes engaging them with real-life issues and empowering them to take on meaningful roles within the church.

Lack of Relevant Engagement with Modern Issues

The church often struggles to address the complex challenges young people face today, such as peer pressure, mental health struggles, and the overwhelming influence of social media. Romans 12:2 warns believers not to conform to the patterns of the world, but rather be transformed by the renewing of their minds. The church must find ways to address these issues, offering biblical guidance and support that resonates with the struggles and questions young people are dealing with in the modern world.

Inadequate Mentorship and Lack of Opportunities for Leadership

Young people need mentorship and guidance from older, more mature believers. Without this support, they may feel isolated in their faith journey. Titus 2:7-8 calls older believers to be role models for the younger generation, setting an example in integrity, love, and faith. Furthermore, when youth are not given meaningful opportunities to serve and lead within the church, they may feel their contributions are not valued. The church must create spaces where young people can serve, lead, and grow in their gifts for the Kingdom of God.

Youth Against Addiction and Abuse (YaAA) Campaign

The Youth Against Addiction and Abuse (YaAA) Campaign, an intelligent initiative by the CSI Synod Youth Department in Chennai, has continued to make significant strides, moving into schools, colleges, and congregations within the CSI Coimbatore Diocese. The campaign, aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of addiction and abuse, saw active participation from a wide range of individuals, including

Rev. Solomon Paul, Director of the Synod Youth Department, Hon. Secretary of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese, Youth Convener and numerous presbyters, deacons, parents, staff, and students.

On August 23, 2016, a grand rally was organized to mark this important occasion. The rally, which began at the sprawling premises of CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science and culminated at CSI All Souls Church at the Race Course, saw more than 1000 students participating, along with youth from congregations, staff, and parents. The rally was a testament to the collective effort of the community in addressing the pressing issue of addiction, spreading the message of awareness and responsibility.



The primary aim of the campaign was to help people understand the problem of addiction in its various forms, evaluate its impact on society, and train leaders to create awareness. It sought to inform families and friends about the destructive effects of addiction, whether to television, excessive two-wheeler riding, drugs, or the internet. Through the campaign, the diocese encouraged individuals to take responsibility for their well-being and the well-being of those around them.

The Coimbatore Diocese continues to be committed to addressing issues such as addiction, aiming to empower the youth and families with the tools to overcome these challenges. As it is written in Proverbs 4:23: “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” This rally and campaign were a powerful call to action, urging the youth to protect their hearts and minds from harmful influences. Additionally, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us that “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” This campaign aligns with these biblical teachings, striving to guide youth toward making healthy choices that honor God and protect their well-being.

Biblical Encouragement for Youth

The New Testament underscores the significance of youth in Christian ministry, as seen in Paul’s exhortation to Timothy: “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). This verse not only empowers young believers to lead by example but also challenges the church to recognize and nurture their potential. Early church leaders like Ignatius of Antioch similarly emphasized the vitality of youth in maintaining community unity and faithfulness. This verse emphasizes the importance of young people being confident in their faith and being a positive influence on those around them.

Instilling Confidence in Youth

To address the challenges faced by youth in the church, it is essential to instill confidence in them. This can be done by reminding them that being a Christian is not just better than not being a Christian, but it is something to be proud of. By doing so, young people can develop a strong sense of identity and purpose, which can help them navigate the challenges of life.

Efforts taken by the department

Bishop Timothy Ravinder has been actively involved in supporting young minds in the church. He has been instrumental in organizing various programs and activities that cater to the needs of young people, including youth camps, retreats, and leadership training sessions. Through these initiatives, Bishop Timothy Ravinder aims to empower young people to become active participants in the church and to take on leadership roles in their communities.

Empowering our Youth



Bishop Timothy Ravinder also emphasizes the importance of theology in empowering young people. He believes that by studying theology, young people can gain a deeper understanding of their faith and develop a stronger sense of purpose. This, in turn, can help them navigate the challenges of life and make informed decisions that align with their values.

The CSI Coimbatore Diocese is dedicated to equipping young individuals for impactful service. In collaboration with the Protestant Church in Baden (EKIBA), Germany, and with the generous support of the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS), the diocese has initiated a unique opportunity for training in Diakonie institutions in Germany. This initiative reflects the diocese's commitment to nurturing leaders who embody Christ's love and compassion in service to humanity, fostering a global perspective rooted in faith and action. "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance" (Proverbs 1:5).



The Impact of Youth on the Church

The presence of young people in the church can bring new life and energy to the community. As states, "Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life." This highlights the importance of young people in bringing vitality and enthusiasm to the church.

Youth as Agents of Evangelism

Bishop Timothy Ravinder also encourages young people to become agents of evangelism. He believes that young people have a unique opportunity to share their faith with their peers and to spread the message of Christianity to a wider audience. Through various initiatives, including social media campaigns and outreach programs, Bishop Timothy Ravinder empowers young people to become effective evangelists and to make a positive impact in their communities.

Creating a Supportive Community

Bishop Timothy Ravinder also emphasizes the importance of creating a supportive community for young people. He believes that by providing a safe and nurturing environment, young people can feel encouraged and supported as they navigate the challenges of life. Through various initiatives, including mentorship programs and support groups, Bishop Timothy Ravinder aims to create a community that is supportive and inclusive of young people.

Addressing Emotional Needs

Bishop Timothy Ravinder also recognizes the importance of addressing the emotional needs of young people. He believes that by providing a safe and supportive environment, young people can feel comfortable opening up about their struggles and seeking help when needed. Through various initiatives, including counseling services and support groups, Bishop Timothy Ravinder aims to provide young people with the emotional support they need to thrive.

Promoting Physical Health

Bishop Timothy Ravinder also emphasizes the importance of promoting physical health among young people. He believes that by encouraging young people to engage in physical activity and to prioritize their

health, they can develop healthy habits that will benefit them throughout their lives. Through various initiatives, including sports programs and health education, Bishop Timothy Ravinder aims to promote physical health among young people.

Finally, the role of youth in Christianity is crucial, and it is essential to recognize their importance in the church. By instilling confidence in young people, empowering them through theology, and providing them with opportunities to engage with the church, we can help them develop a strong sense of identity and purpose. Bishop Timothy Ravinder's efforts to support young minds are a testament to the importance of investing in the next generation of Christian leaders. By working together, we can create a brighter future for the church and for the world.

FAITH IN ACTION FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Social Concern

The Coimbatore Diocese, under the dynamic leadership of the Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, has flourished as a beacon of spiritual growth and social transformation. Bishop Timothy's ministry exemplifies a profound commitment to faith, stewardship, and community service, embodying the biblical mandate to serve "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). His leadership reflects a vision rooted in holistic care, addressing both spiritual and practical needs.

Coimbatore Diocese's Compassionate Response to the 2015 Chennai and Cuddalore Floods

In the aftermath of the devastating floods that struck Chennai and Cuddalore in 2015, the CSI Coimbatore Diocese demonstrated remarkable solidarity and compassion. Under the guidance of its leadership, the diocese mobilized resources and provided emergency essentials, including food, clothing, and other necessities, to support those in dire need.



The first truckload of relief materials departed on December 7, 2015, destined for No. 5, Whites Road, Royapettah, the CSI Centre in Chennai. There, Rev. Asir Ebenezar, former Director of CSI SEVA, received the goods for organized distribution to affected communities. A second consignment of essential supplies was also prepared and dispatched to Cuddalore to extend the diocese's support to other flood-impacted areas. The Coimbatore Diocese played an active role, encouraging and participating in the dispatch of the relief consignments. Their involvement highlighted the diocese's commitment to serving with love and unity during a time of crisis, reflecting Christ's compassion for those in need.

Peace Rally in Ketti Valley

On 19 March 2015, as part of the bicentennial celebration of the Bassel Mission, the CSI Coimbatore Diocese organized a peace rally, which was flagged off by the Bishop of the Diocese. The rally was coordinated by the Social Concerns Committee, which had made all necessary arrangements for the event. The convener of the committee delivered an inspirational speech, highlighting the urgent need for peace in today's world.



This rally, focused on fostering unity and peace, reminded participants of the biblical call to be peacemakers: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). It also reflected the message from Romans 12:18: “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” The diocese reaffirmed its commitment to promoting peace, justice, and reconciliation in a world that urgently needs healing and harmony.

Communal Harmony and Goodwill Celebration with City Police

In 2018, the Coimbatore Diocese partnered with the Coimbatore City Police and the Department of Social Justice and Human Rights to host the “Celebration of Communal Harmony and Goodwill” at CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Education. The event brought together students from various institutions across Coimbatore, promoting unity, peace, and mutual respect among diverse communities.



The gathering was graced by the presence of City Police Commissioner Sri K. Periyaiya, IPS, along with other senior government officials. Assistant Commissioner Sri G. Raju extended a warm welcome to the participants. Conducted under the auspices of the district administration, the program highlighted the collective commitment to fostering communal harmony.

The Coimbatore Diocese, under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, has consistently emphasized the biblical call to peace and reconciliation, as reflected in verses like “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9) and “Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy” (Hebrews 12:14). This event served as a testament to the diocese’s commitment to being a bridge between communities, advocating for a society rooted in goodwill and understanding.

During the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Timothy guided the diocese in providing critical aid to vulnerable communities. This included daily meals for 150 individuals, monthly provisions for 75 families, and dignified burials for those who succumbed to the virus.

These compassionate efforts brought hope and relief during a time of widespread despair. Similarly, his leadership during natural disasters—such as the Kerala floods of 2019 and landslides in Wayanad in 2024 mobilized diocesan resources to deliver aid, rebuild lives, and restore communities.



Bishop Timothy’s vision extends to empowering various demographics within the church. His initiatives have strengthened pastoral leadership, nurtured youth and children, and uplifted women through spiritual empowerment programs. Under his guidance, the diocese has also prioritized education and healthcare, organizing free medical camps and fostering a transformative approach to learning that shapes minds and hearts for Christ.

Notably, his stewardship has sustained HIV relief efforts in Namakkal, ensuring ongoing nutritional and educational support for 150 affected families, even amidst funding challenges. His leadership demonstrates a relentless dedication to serving marginalized and vulnerable groups,

guided by the principle, “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).



SABDA: Social Awakening by Dalits and Adivasis Program Held in Coimbatore

In 2021, the CSI Synod’s Department of Dalit and Adivasi Concerns

organized the “SABDA: Social Awakening by Dalits and Adivasis” program at Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science (BACAS) in Coimbatore. The event focused on empowering marginalized communities through awareness, advocacy, and action, fostering a sense of identity and purpose rooted in faith and justice.

Under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, Bishop of the Coimbatore Diocese, the diocese has consistently supported initiatives that uplift and empower vulnerable communities. Such programs reflect the diocese’s commitment to creating an inclusive church that champions the rights and dignity of all people.

The event, held in the presence of the Synod leadership, emphasized the biblical mandate for justice and equality, inspired by verses like “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8) and “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). The Coimbatore Diocese continues to advocate for social transformation, standing as a witness to the Gospel’s call to break barriers and foster harmony among all people.

Peaceful Human Chain in Solidarity Against Violence and Harassment

On Thursday, 31 August 2023, the Department of Social Concerns of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese organized a peaceful human chain in Coimbatore City, with the permission of the city police. This event was held in solidarity with the CSI and NCCI’s Thursdays in Black initiative, a global movement aimed at raising awareness and taking a stand against violence and sexual harassment against women. The human chain, formed by members of the diocese and other community participants, was a powerful visual statement and a call for action to protect and empower women in society.

The event was not only a demonstration of unity and support but also a reminder of the ongoing efforts needed to promote justice and equality for all. It reflected the diocese's deep commitment to addressing social issues and creating a safer, more just society where the dignity and rights of women are upheld. The leadership of Bishop Timothy Ravinder continues to inspire and impact countless lives, as his ministry exemplifies Christ's love in action. His unwavering dedication to promoting peace, justice, and equality sets a standard of faithful service that will continue to influence future generations of the Church and community.



Leadership Training for Tamil Region Youth & Dalit and Adivasi department, CSI Synod

On February 24, 2018, the CSI Synod's Department of Dalit and Adivasi Concerns conducted a Leadership Training program at CSI College of Engineering in Ketti, situated in the scenic Nilgiri area. The program was designed to equip young leaders with the tools and knowledge to address both social and spiritual challenges within their communities. Around 50 youth from various Tamil dioceses actively participated, reflecting the widespread desire for leadership development across the region.



This initiative was organized in close collaboration with the Coimbatore Diocese, which has consistently prioritized nurturing young leaders as part of its broader mission to empower marginalized communities. Under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, Bishop of the Coimbatore Diocese, the diocese has made significant strides in fostering an environment of learning and leadership grounded in the values of justice, equality, and faith. This leadership training program was one such step, reinforcing the diocese's ongoing commitment to the welfare of Dalit and Adivasi communities, ensuring that future leaders

emerge with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose.

The training focused on the principles of servant leadership and social justice, concepts inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The program was deeply rooted in biblical values, drawing on verses such as “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12) and “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed” (Psalm 82:3), emphasizing the importance of integrity, compassion, and leadership that serves the greater good.

Through such initiatives, the Coimbatore Diocese reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing a generation of leaders who are not only equipped with skills for effective governance and ministry but also inspired by faith and compassion. The program served as a reminder of the diocese’s role as a catalyst for social transformation, with leaders ready to impact both the church and society. It was a powerful testament to the diocese’s long-standing dedication to fostering young people who will serve with purpose, humility, and love in the world around them.

Representing the Church of South India, the leadership of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese, under the stewardship of Bishop Timothy Ravinder, participated in an important meeting with the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru M.K. Stalin, in Chennai. This significant gathering underscored the church’s commitment to engaging with state leadership on matters of social welfare, education, and community development.

The dialogue aimed to explore avenues for collaboration between the church and the government in addressing pressing societal challenges, promoting inclusive growth, and fostering harmony. Rooted in the biblical mandate to serve as the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) and “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), the church’s representation at such high-level forums demonstrates its dedication to working for the

common good in partnership with civic authorities.

This engagement reflects the diocese's vision to build bridges of understanding and cooperation, reinforcing the mission of being a transformative presence in society. It also stands as a testament to the church's role as a beacon of hope and a voice for the marginalized in Tamil Nadu.



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION SHAPING MINDS AND HEARTS FOR CHRIST

Education Department

The Education Department of the CSI Coimbatore Diocese plays a pivotal role in fostering academic excellence and holistic development within its educational institutions. Committed to providing quality education grounded in Christian values, the department oversees a wide range of schools, colleges, and training programs. Its mission is to nurture students not only in academics but also in spiritual growth,

moral values, and social responsibility. Through various initiatives, including leadership training, scholarships, and capacity-building workshops for educators, the department strives to empower both students and staff, creating a positive impact on the community. Guided by the leadership of the bishop and dedicated educators, the Education Department continues to contribute significantly to the educational landscape, upholding the diocese's vision of academic and social transformation.

Dedication of New Classrooms



The dedication of new classrooms at CSI Boys Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore, was held on Tuesday, 15th September 2015, in the presence of local dignitaries. The event was attended by the Correspondent, and the Headmaster, along with the strong support of Assistant Headmaster, and the creative team of teachers. Their collective efforts and dedication contributed significantly to the success of the event and the school's growth.

CSI Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore, commemorated its 190th year, celebrating the Lord's faithfulness. A heartfelt thank you to Hon'ble Dr. Inigo Irudhayaraj, MLA, for his gracious presence at the event in 2021.



In January 2024, the rededication of the renovated CSI Primary School Adderly took place on Saturday, 20th January. This century-old institution, established during the Basel Missionary enterprise, stands as a testament to a rich educational heritage. The school, which was remarkably managed by a single teacher for many years, now benefits from the leadership of a newly appointed dynamic Correspondent.

This renovation marks a significant milestone under the visionary guidance of the Bishop and the Coimbatore Diocese, ensuring that the school continues to provide quality education for generations to come. It builds upon earlier milestones, such as the 2014 inauguration of a new classroom and a pure drinking water facility at the CSI Graham Staines Primary School and CSI Primary School in Attur, Salem District—approximately 216 km from Coimbatore. These developments reflect the Diocese's ongoing commitment to enhancing educational infrastructure and supporting holistic development for students in the region.



Bishop Appasamy College of Education Students Excel at Tamil Nadu State Level

In 2016, the students of Bishop Appasamy College of Education achieved remarkable success, winning the Tamil Nadu State Level prize in several categories, particularly in Anthariksh 2016. Their outstanding performance highlighted the high standards of education and the encouragement they receive, reflecting the diocese's commitment to nurturing excellence in both academic and extracurricular pursuits.

Under the guidance of the Bishop of the Coimbatore Diocese, the college continued to flourish, shaping students who are not only academically proficient but also actively contributing to their communities. The diocese took great pride in these accomplishments, as they showcased the values of hard work, discipline, and dedication that the institution upholds.



Visit of Prof. Dr. Stanley Oliver - Exploring Potential Partnership with Northumbria University



On 25 August 2016, Prof. Dr. Stanley Oliver, FIMechE, FCMI, PhD, visited Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science (BACAS) to discuss the possibility of a strategic partnership with Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK. The meeting enriched the discussions in the

presence of Principal of BACAS, and other heads of institutions from Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Erode, and Salem areas. The group prayerfully explored potential cooperation and collaboration to empower the departments in their institutions through exchange programs and networking.

This initiative stemmed from earlier discussions in Canterbury, UK, earlier that year, where conversations were held with the scholastic community in London on how to improve and develop institutions in India, particularly those affiliated with the Coimbatore Diocese. BACAS hosted and meticulously organized the meeting, marking a significant step toward fostering international academic partnerships for the advancement of education within the diocese.

Northumbria University, Newcastle – A Brilliant Experience and Promising Initiative (2016)

In 2016, the CSI Coimbatore Diocese had a truly enriching experience during their engagement with Northumbria University, Newcastle. Renowned for its commitment to excellence in education and its exceptional Business Management department, the university stands out as one of the leading institutions in the UK. This partnership, still in its early stages, was met with enthusiasm and optimism as the diocese sought to explore collaborative opportunities that could bridge academic and social initiatives across borders.

During their visit, the diocese met with key university leaders, including Lucy Winskill OBE, Pro Vice Chancellor, and Mark K. Brewer, Director of International Development. These meetings were marked by open dialogue and shared vision for a possible future of academic collaboration, specifically in the areas of leadership development, innovation, and empowering students. The discussions revolved around mutual aspirations to make a lasting impact in education, aligning with the diocese's mission to promote empowerment and capacity building within their institutions.



With the guidance and support of Prof. Stan Oliver and his dedicated team, the diocese was encouraged by the prospect of this partnership, confident that such an alliance would lead to positive outcomes. With God's grace and guidance, the Coimbatore Diocese looks forward to continuing this fruitful partnership with Northumbria University, trusting that it will bear fruit in the years to come.

Dedication of Extended Blocks, Awards Function, and Graduation Ceremony at CSI Polytechnic College, Salem

The dedication of the extended blocks (Chemistry Lab and Workshop), awards function (Academics, Sports, NSS, and NCC), and graduation ceremony for 609 students at CSI Polytechnic College, Salem, was held on 2nd February 2016. The event was graced by the Correspondent, Principal and other Diocesan dignitaries.

Maheswari received the Best Outstanding ISTE Student Award from the Department of Electronics and Communications. Manigandan and Mariappan, Tamil Nadu State Republic Day Trainers, were awarded for being the Best Trainers. S. Madhan Kumar, M. Mohan, R. Naveen Kumar, P.K. Raghuram, and K.J. Ram Kumar were recognized for their innovative design of the “Nano Tractor.”



Graduation Ceremonies of colleges

In 2014, the B.Ed. Degree Convocation at CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Education, Coimbatore, was a significant occasion for the institution. Successful candidates received their degrees in the presence

of distinguished leaders. This event emphasized the college's commitment to empowering rural women through creative education. It was another step towards uplifting communities by offering opportunities for higher learning, marking a pivotal initiative in the institution's mission.

In 2015, the 13th Graduation Ceremony at CSI College of Engineering, Ketti (Nilgiris) saw the graduation of PG and UG engineering students, who were honored for their academic achievements. The ceremony also included the dedication of the CSI Platinum Jubilee Arena, a symbol of the college's growth and development. During the event, outstanding students were recognized, with particular accolades given to those who achieved top ranks in their fields. This momentous event underscored the continued success of the institution in producing graduates ready to contribute to society.



The 8th Convocation Ceremony at Bishop Appasamy College of Education, Coimbatore, in 2016 was another milestone for the college. Students were celebrated for their academic achievements, as they prepared to embark on the next chapter of their lives. The event began with an inspiring invocation song performed by the college choir, and

the faculty and staff were commended for their efforts in making the event a success. The Secretary and Principal were praised for their leadership, and the graduates were sent off with blessings for their future endeavors.



In 2024, CSI College of Engineering, Ketti (Nilgiris), celebrated its 18th Graduation Ceremony, continuing its tradition of excellence. The event honored graduates for their dedication and hard work, with special recognition for rank holders who excelled in engineering. A significant highlight was the dedication of the CSI Platinum Jubilee Arena, symbolizing the institution's growth and commitment to innovation.

Adding to its accolades, the college received the prestigious *Trendsetters 2024* award from *The Times of India*. Presented by Honourable Maa. Subramanian, Health Minister of Tamil Nadu, this award acknowledged the college's excellence in education, leadership in fostering innovation, and societal contributions. The ceremony and recognition together underscored CSI College of Engineering's role in preparing graduates for impactful careers and its dedication to shaping future leaders while setting benchmarks in engineering education. The Coimbatore Diocese, renowned for its commitment to education and community development, benefits from the valuable guidance and

insights of Dr. Leo Jackson John, a distinguished Senior Scientist at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).



Also in 2024, Bishop Appasamy College of Education, Coimbatore, hosted its graduation ceremony, where approximately 250 candidates received certificates for their exemplary performance. The event was meticulously organized by the Secretary, Principal, and the dedicated staff. It was a proud moment for the institution, celebrating the successful completion of their academic journeys. The graduates were commended for their hard work and dedication, with heartfelt blessings for their continued success in shaping the future through education.

Each of these ceremonies reflects the continued growth, commitment, and success of the CSI educational institutions. They celebrate the hard work and achievements of the graduates, as well as the institutions' dedication to empowering students and shaping future leaders.

Global Education Mentor Award 2024

The Coimbatore Diocese is proud to recognize Bishop Timothy

Ravinder, Chairman of St. Hildas School and Junior College, Ooty, for receiving the prestigious Outstanding Leadership Award (Education) at the Global Education Mentor Award 2024.



Under his visionary leadership, the school has flourished, leaving a lasting impact on both students and educators. His dedication to excellence in education continues to inspire the diocese and beyond, shaping the future of learning.

“The wise man’s heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.” – Proverbs 16:23

Teacher Fest 2024

The Teacher Fest 2024, held on 7th September, was a vibrant celebration of educators’ dedication and hard work. Organized by the Coimbatore Diocese, the event highlighted the invaluable role teachers play in shaping future generations. Under the leadership of the Bishop and with the support of Convenor of the Joint Board of Education, the festival offered recognition and encouragement to teachers, reaffirming their crucial role in both academic and spiritual development. The day

served as a reminder of the diocese's unwavering commitment to supporting and uplifting its educational community.



Eye Camp

An eye camp was held today at CSI St. Peter's Nursery & Primary

School, Rathinapuram, for the students and teachers. The event was a great success, with both students and staff receiving free eye check-ups and expert advice from healthcare professionals. This initiative, supported by the Coimbatore Diocese, highlights the ongoing commitment to the well-being of students and staff under the leadership of the Bishop. The event underscores the importance of health and education working hand in hand to nurture holistic development.



Annexure -1

BISHOP APPASAMY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE COIMBATORE

THE REPORT (2012-2024)

NAAC AND OTHER ACCREDITATION

- By the grace of God our college is awarded the B+ status in the year 2016 by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) New Delhi.
- In the year 2017 our college was given the 2(f) status by the UGC (University Grants Commission) New Delhi and our college is included in the list of colleges prepared under the UGC Act.
- Our college is re-certified with ISO 9001: 2015 QMS/ISO 2101 TO 2018.

UNIVERSITY RANKS

- Every year our students secure University Ranks in the University Examinations conducted by the Bharathiar University and bring laurel to the institution. From the year 2012 to 2024 our students secured 102 University ranks which includes 21 Gold medals.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF THE STAFF

- The Principal and Staff members hold responsible and confidential positions in Bharathiar University, other Universities and Colleges in their respective subjects as,
 - Principal Selection Panel Member
 - Senate Members
 - Chairman and Member in Board of Studies
 - Commission for New Courses - Convenor and Member
 - University Representatives
 - Exam Squad
 - Question Paper Setters
 - Chairman, Chief and Examiners in Valuation Board

- VC nominee for doctoral committee

CONVOCATION

- Students were conferred their degrees on the graduation day in the years 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 respectively. Dr. James Pitchai, Vice Chancellor, Bharathiar University, Prof. Dr. H. Devaraj, Former Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Advisor PMO, New Delhi, Dr. Ponmudi, NAAC Advisor, Bangalore and Dr. S. Sundar Manohar, Vice Chancellor, Pandit Deenadayal Energy University- Gujarat were the chief guests for the same.

PAPER PRESENTATION

- The faculty and students presented papers in various National and International seminars and conferences in their area of expertise. Their papers were also published in reputed journals and books with ISBN and ISSN numbers.
- The Principal presented paper and Handong University, Korea in the year 2023 Our Faculty members also presented papers at Lincoln University, Malaysia and Asia Pacific University, Kualampur, Malaysia.
- A paper presented by Mrs. Joy Hepzibah titled, “Stigmatization of Trans women as Social Deviants causing Traumatic Internalised Transphobia in Living Smile Vidya’s I am Vidya: A Transgender’s Journey” in an International Conference organised by Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, Madurai won THE BEST PAPER AWARD

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

- In order to keep abreast of the current topics and to help the students to equip themselves adequately to meet future challenges, various seminars and workshops were organized.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

- Our student Sridhar Muthu Krishnan of Visual Communication is given the Guinness world record award for “Light painting photography” i.e. (The most light orbs of 1350 in photograph) on 13th Feb 2018.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE

- Our college was included in the ranking of TOP 20 Promising Institutions in Tamilnadu by the Higher Education Review (HER) Magazine in Dec 2018
- In the year, 2013 the college was awarded the “Best college Award” by the Bharathiar University for Inclusive Practices.
- The college was awarded the “Tamil nadu State Best College Award - 2016” by Kaviarasar Kalai Tamil Sangam, Namakkal dist. for rendering best service in the field of education.
- On 21.10.2023, Our College was awarded “The Best College Award-2023”by UllatchiMurasau and Tamil OodagammatrumParthirikkaiyalargal Sangam.
- The college is awarded The Best College Inclusive Award 2024 by the Coimbatore District Collector Thiru. Kranthi Kumar IASfor the Exceptional dedication to promoting Inclusion and diversity within the campus community and for the promoting opportunities and empowering people with disabilities.
- The department of Catering Science and Hotel Management has secured 2nd rank in the top 10 colleges with Lowest Fees in the survey conducted by INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The department of Catering Science and Hotel Management has secured 4th rank in the top 10 colleges with Best value for Money in the survey conducted by INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The department of Costume Design and Fashion has secured 6th rank in the top 10 colleges with lowest fees in the survey conducted by INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The department of Costume Design and Fashion has secured 7th rank in the top 10 colleges with best value for money in the survey conducted by INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The Social Work discipline of Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science has secured 46th rank in INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.

- The Computer Applications discipline of Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science has secured 128th rank in INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The Arts discipline of Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science has secured 147th rank in INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.
- The Commerce discipline of Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science has secured 177th rank in INDIA TODAY RANKING 2022.

NEW COURSES New Courses Introduced During the Academic Years(2012 – 2024)

- **UG and PG COURSES**

B.Sc. Mathematics

B.Com (Computer Applications)

B. Com. (Professional Accounting)

M.Com

- **RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

M. Phil. In Tamil

M. Phil. In Management

Ph. D. in Tamil

Ph. D. in Commerce

Ph. D. in Costume Design and Fashion

Ph. D. in Management

CERTIFICATE COURSES OFFERED BY BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY

- Tally ERP 9
- Banking and confectionery
- Merchandising
- Communicative English
- French
- Multimedia
- Skill Development Programs
 - Business English courses (BEC)
 - Mobile Technology
 - IAS Coaching classes

- TNPSC Coaching classes
- Bank Coaching classes
- Personality Development Courses and
- Add on courses

ADDITIONAL COURSES

- “The Open Tutorial Courses” offered by IIT Mumbai was introduced for the benefit of our students under the guidance of Bharathiar University in the year 2018.
- BACAS is selected as the Training centre for Communicative English (Centre No. 127051) by the Cambridge University.

Add-on and Value Added Course

- Our college offers Add on and Value Added Courses such as Life skills, Spoken English, Value education and Interdisciplinary certificate courses for the students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Our college students are receiving scholarships from Government, Private and college. Thus the college strives hard to bring the poor, the needy and the down trodden students to come up in life.

PLACEMENT

- Every year on campus and off campus interviews are arranged through the placement cell. Placement training programs and skill development programs are organized for the students regularly. The placement cell maintains a very good track record of placement. Every year, most of our students are leaving the college with their appointment order (offer letter) and all of them are placed in good positions both in India and abroad. The Department of Catering Science stands high in placement which produces 100% placement every year. All of them are placed in Star Hotels and in International Hotels.
- Sanjay from III B.Com has received the offer letter from the honorable Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin at Codissia on 29th February 2024.

MOU

- Our College has signed an MOU with the Handong University, Korea to equip and enhance the competency and skills of the faculty and students during this digital era. The representative of Handong University, Mr. Sungmin Kim was present in the campus. This was a great initiative of Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science. The MOU was signed in the presence of our most respectful Chairman and Bishop Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, our respected Secretary Rev. L.David Barnabas, The Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston, The Vice Principal Mr. Paul Sudhan and other dignitaries.
- The college has also signed MOUs with reputed educational institutions and industries

PATENT RIGHTS:

- Dr. Sheela John and Mrs. C. Manimekala have been granted patent rights for the invention “knitted fabrics with wicking fibers and method of making sportswear Therefrom” in July 2020.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS WON BY THE STUDENTS

- Costume Design students won 1st prize in the fashion show conducted by India International Coir Fair on 15th July 2016 and received prizes from Dr. Tamilisai, the President BJP, Tamilnadu. Students were also given a cash award of Rs. 15000.
- Our student Mr. Silvester Nirmal of B.Com CA was invited as the Chief Guest and Mr. Paul Deva Kumar of Comp. Sci. as the Guest of Honour for the cultural event “Exuberance 2017” conducted by St. Patrick’s Academy, Dehradun, Uttarkhand.
- Our Vis. Com Students won the First Prize in SVEEP-18, a State Level Short Film Competition conducted by the Election Commission of India, on the topic “Right to Vote”. The students were invited to meet the Chennai Collector and received prizes from him.
- Aishwarya of I B.Sc CDF has made the record of making maximum number of portraits of Tamilnadu chief ministers-(21

chief ministers) on a A4 sheet and achieved a record in INDIA BOOKS OF RECORDS on 30th March 2021

- Our student Mr. Thoufiq Ahmed of BBA has represented in Body Building and Bench Press competitions at State and National Level Competitions and has secured first and second places.
- Pranavi of I B.Sc CDF has created a record of making smallest Madhubani painting measuring 3 cm height and 3 cm width in INDIA BOOKS OF RECORDS on 19.4.21.
- K. Saravana Prakash of III BBA won National Aero Skating and received cash prize of Rs. 50000 from Honourable Education Minister of Tamilnadu Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on 12.09.2022.
- Delsini Mariya of II BBA participated in Karate International Tournament at Trishur, Kerala and secured 2nd place, received silver medal.
- Our student Samuvel Rajkumar own 1st prize in ONE SHOT randomic perspective in under National Photography Award from Reuters-IPA
- Our Visual Communication student M.V.Ganadharan got Seva Rathna Award in the year 2024.

AWARDS WON BY THE STAFF MEMBERS

- The Principal Dr.Jemimah Winston was recognized for her achievement by the Indian Foundation Iconic and is awarded “The Women Achievement 2016” award.
- On 15th March 2017 the Principal Dr.Jemimah Winston was honoured and appreciated for her excellent service in education by the Kaviarasar Kalai Tamil Sangam and is given an award of “Abdulkalam Aasiriar Viruthu”.
- The Principal Dr.Jemimah Winston is given the Best Principal Award for excellence in Education service by the C.S.I Coimbatore Diocese.
- The Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston given the National Award as Best Principal by AIACHE , New Delhi in the year 2016.

- The Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston received an award from Mrs. Vanathi Srinivasan, Member of Legislative Assembly, Tamilnadu for the highest number of participation in the Handloom Fashion Show conducted in accordance with the National Handloom Day.
- On 21.10.2023, Our Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston received “The Best Principal Award-2023” by UllatchiMurasau and Tamil OodagammatrumPathirikkaiyalargal Sangam from Mr. Trichy Siva MP.
- Our College Former Secretary Mrs. Mrinalini R. David was awarded ‘Long Standing Service in Higher Education Award’ in recognition of her dedicated service and continuous contribution in the field of higher education by the Association of Self Financing Colleges.
- On 19.11.2022, 21 of our women Staff members and 25 of our girl students participated in the WorldRecord Attempt – Bike Rally (Helmet Awareness) organised by the Coimbatore City Police & Hindustan Educational Institutions and received certificates of World Record Event under Asia Book of Records.
- Our Faculty member Dr. Mrs. Esther Socrates Head, Department of Social work was awarded Amirtha Sen Award of Social Sciences by the Association of Self Financing Colleges.
- Mr. Samuel Raj, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Social Work cum placement officer was awarded the ‘Best Educationalist Award’ by Tamilnadu Police and Friends of Police on 28/12/2017.
- For the service rendered to the students Dr. Prema John, Dr.Irene, Mrs.Uma rani, Mr. Samuel Babu, Mrs. Ramya, Ms.Aparna, and Ms. Sushmitha, received “PerasiriyarThilagam Viruthu-2023” by KavinkanPathipagam.
- Mrs. Umarani received “AsiriyarSirpi Award 2023” by Shree Kavithalayam Foundation.
- On 10.11.2023, Ms. Shushmitha participated in an International poem writing competition and received “Manitha Urimai Kural Award” by MemmathiKovai Tamil Mandram.

- Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston was awarded the “Women Empowerment Award - Education” by the Medical Mission International on 13.03.’23.
- On 15.09.2022 Dr. I. Prema John – HOD, Department of Tamil and Dr. G. Irene – Asst. Professor received “Perasiriyar Ratna Virudhu”.
- Mrs. P. Agnes Patricia Kanmani, Assistant Professor in French received “The 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award” by India Author Awards 2022.
- On 18-10-22, Mrs E. Uma Rani, Asst. Professor, Department of Tamil was invited as the Chief Guest for the virtual conference, World Tamil koodal.
- Mr. G. Samuel Babu, Asst. Professor, Dept. of. Tamil was the co-ordinator of the virtual Eleventh world Tamil Research Conference held in Sharjah on 31.10.22.
- Mr. Chitty Babu, Head in charge of Vis. Com. department took part in the National Fest “Varnabhandham” where artists from all the states gathered to celebrate the rich culture of our country.
- Dr.Mobirajendran HOD, Department of Commerce with Computer Applications, Dr.sam Jayachandran HOD, Department of B.COM (PA) and Dr. V. Savitha HOD, Department of Management were Awarded “Kalai Rathna Viruthu” on 19th July 2021 by Tamilnadu Kalai Elakiya Kazhagam.

HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

- It was a great privilege and honour for our Catering Science and Hotel Management Students to serve breakfast and lunch to our Indian President, his Excellency Mr.RamnathGovindh at Sular Airforce on 3rd March 2019.
- The Department of Catering Science and Hotel Management in association with NABARD and Lead Bank Conducted a Certificate course on Skill Development for the Transgenders’ (No.40)during the month of November in our college Restaurant. This is a Central Government Tie-up with our

college. The report of this programme is sent to the Prime Minister's office.

- On September 4th 2023, Catering students rendered hospitality service to Mr. Sung Min Kim, Office of International Affairs, Handong Global University, South Korea.
- Mr. Wesly Rajkumar, Director of Physical Education was appointed as a Selection Committee Member for under 20 years age group Football Team for Coimbatore District Football Association on 29.09.2023, and appointed as the Coach for the Coimbatore District Football Team by the District association, Neheru Stadium, Coimbatore.
- Mr. Wesly Rajkumar, Director of Physical Education appointed as an Executive Committee Member for Coimbatore District Football Team Association.

FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The department of costume design and fashion participated in faculty exchange program on 4.10.2021 with MAR Gregarious College of arts and science and exchanged their faculties and students.

COMPETITIONS

Intra-collegiate: Many competitions are conducted inside the college to encourage the students to showcase their talents.

Inter-collegiate: Students from other colleges are also invited to participate in the Competitions conducted by our college. Our students bring Laurels to the Institution by Participating in various competitions conducted by the Government departments and other colleges.

NAAN MUDHALVAN

- Our College has successfully implemented NAAN MUDHALVAN Scheme proposed by Government of Tamilnadu for Undergraduates of all Disciplines. Language Proficiency for Employability for first year students, Office fundamentals subjects for II year students and subjects related to the areas of specialization, for III year students, are offered.

- Our students participated in the story telling competitions conducted by the NAAN Mudhalvan Scheme, Tamilnadu and secured 5th Rank in the State.

NOON MEAL

- Few poor students are enjoying the meals in the college mess at free of cost.

PUDHUMAIPEN SCHEME AND THAVAPUDHALVAN SCHEME

- Our students are benefited out of Tamilnadu government schemes. 79 Female students of our College are enrolled under MoovalarRamamirthamAmmaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme and are receiving Rs.1000 per month from the Government of Tamilnadu and 63 Male students of our College are enrolled under Thavapudhalvan Higher Education Assurance Scheme and are receiving Rs.1000 per month from the Government of Tamilnadu.

YRC

- YOUTH RED CROSS (YRC): Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science is one of the members in the Youth Red Cross association of the Bharathiar University. Our institution conducts various social and health awareness programmes through YRC.
- YRC encourages the student volunteers to extend their humanitarian services to the society. Our institution has organised motivational programmes, road safety programmes and awareness campaigns. Training on First aid was also provided to the students. A blood donation camp was conducted in which the YRC volunteers donated blood.

NSS

The college has two units of NSS which actively conducts social activities, rallies, awareness campaigns and camps. NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically in social activities such as Tree plantation, Drug abuse and illicit trafficking at Gandhipuram town bus-stand, Anti-Drugs awareness rally Anti Plastic Removal awareness camp, Awareness program on road

safety and Wheel chair marathon organised by Sagai Trust, Coimbatore.

NCC

- The NCC Cadets of both boys' wing and girls' wing have attended various camps and actively participated in social service activities. BACAS is the only Arts and Science self-financing college to have NCC girls wing under 5 TN GIRLS Batallion Unit. This year our student K. Sam Harish of II B.Sc (Computer Science) is selected Republic day camp 2025 for the Republic Day celebration at New Delhi. He has attended 8 camps in IGC at Madurai NCC Training Area.
- Cadet Nandha kumar of B.Com. CA, and Ram Nagilan of Computer science department have attended All India Coastal Trekking camp held at Puri, Odisha.
- We are proud to inform that our Alumni, Mr. Krishna Raj of English Department, is undergoing DSP training in Chennai. He has cleared TNPSC Group Exam.
- Our Alumni Mr. Prasanth of BBA, is appointed as a special squad in Police Department.
- In the year 2019, 4 of our NCC students were recruited by the Indian Army and we are privileged and honoured for producing such brave and brilliant students.
- Our student Vimal of Computer Science was selected for Republic parade at New Delhi, and our collge has lauded for motivating the students with partriatric attitude

VARIOUS COMMITTEES FOR STUDENTS AND WOMEN WELFARE:

- Our college is always in mindful of the students welfare, the following committees are formed for the same
 - Anti -Drug and Anti Ragging Committee
 - Hostel Committee
 - Road safety club
 - Grievance redressel committee
 - Internal complain committee
 - Women harassment protection committee

Apart from the above mentioned committees the POLICE AKKA and POLICE BRO are there to help our students.

INSTITUTE INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC):

- Our College has formed the Institute Innovation Council (IIC) as part of “Innovation Cell” under Ministry of Education, Government of India. The Government has initiated this with a purpose of systematically fostering the culture of innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country. Mrs. Dheepa Surender is the co-ordinator for this program.

OUT REACH PROGRAMS

- Outreach Programmes are organized to motivate the students to think about the under privileged in the society. Students and staff from each Department help the needy and the poor by visiting villages, tribal areas, orphanages and homes and share their time, money, love and affection with them.
- A group of 6 students and 2 staff from English department took initiative to Teach English grammar to the students of the Tribal Government school, Eklavya by using innovative teaching methods. They also distributed note books and stationeries to the school children on 21st and 22nd of November 2022.
- The Department of Costume Design and Fashion organized a Skill Development Training Programme for the Kurumba adivasi people in Pudukadu, Ooty on 24.01.23. 5 PG students from I and II year travelled to Pudukkadu and taught them how to make ornaments, wall hangers, aprons and few home textiles.
- On 30.3.'23, staff and few students of Department of Commerce visited tribal people near Dindigul district and lent their helping hands by providing provisions for the needy families and uniform for school going children.
- On 13th September 2023, the students and Faculties Members of the Department of CDF visited St. Joseph’s Old Age Home, Podanur. Served lunch and offered Floor Mates.
- From the Department of Commerce 70 students and 3 staff members visited the orphanage called

“Saranalayam” near Coimbatore on 19.10.2023 and provided food for 40 Aged inmates and few orphan children.

- On 11/10/2023, Students and Staff Members of the Department of Commerce with PA have visited the Kendra for Rehabilitation of Mentally Handicapped Adult Sisters and provided lunch for them.
- As an Outreach Programme the Department of Computer Science, visited “Little Sister’s Home for elderly people” at Coonoor and provided them lunch.

VOICES OF WOMEN

- Voices of Women is run by the social work department. Two staff members are specially appointed to visit the central prison women inmates to counsel them and to teach Job Oriented Courses to the inmates.
- As a part of Rehabilitation of Women Prison inmates project, dresses and school stationeries were distributed to the children of Saranalayam Home, a residential home for prison inmate’s children.
- Christmas program was organised for Women Prison inmates. Cakes, snacks and fruits were distributed to them.

SPORTS

- The All India Inter University Athletic Marathon Tournaments held at KBR College and our student Karthi of II M.com got 10th place in Half Marathon.
- On march 5th 2017 Mr.Karthi –II M.Com student Won I Prize and Rs.5000 cash in a District Level Marathon.
- Sakthi of 1st BBA Participated in Bharathiar Inter University Swimming Competition and secured 2nd Place in Swimming Competitions.
- Our B. Sc. Computer Science student, Mohan Prabhu was selected for Tamil Nadu Football Team and he also represented the Indian team in Russia.
- Mr. Antony Revanth of M.Com, John Daniel and John Wesley of B. Com., have participated in the ‘Asia Sports Leadership

Camp' representing South India, conducted by International Sports Colation of India.

- Dinesh Kumar S. of BBA was appointed as Youth Coach by 'Chennaiyin Football Club', an elite football club, which plays in Indian Super football league.
- Our student Praveen is selected to represent Junior National Team (under 21) would play in France during November 2019, with the Indian Football Team.
- K. Saravana Prakash of III BBA won National Aero Skato Ball as Referee and received cash prize of Rs 50000 from Honorable Education Minister of Tamil nadu Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on 12..09.2022
- T. Anand of III BBA CA Won 1st Prize in NAMMA ERODE MARATHON on 13th November 2022.

CHAPEL SERVICES

- To grow spiritually every morning we have staff prayer. On all Wednesdays, a special chapel service is conducted with a special message by our beloved and respected college chaplain Rev. Manoharlal and all Wednesdays and Thursdays we have girls and boys prayer cell respectively.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

- Our college has an excellent choir which sings for the glory of our Lord God the Almighty and visits churches to spread the Gospel. Every Christmas season we will be having Christmas carol in marking the celebrations of the Birth of Christ. In that time the college choir will present a grand show with a melodious Christmas carols. Christmas message will be delivered by Our Most Respected Chairman and Bishop Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

- The students of each department participate in the Christmas decoration irrespective of their religions it is happy to say that mostly the Non- Christian show maximum interest in the Christmas decoration competitions with laughter and real happiness.

BAKING THE CAKE

- Our catering science and hotel department bakes the cakes every year during Christmas season and selling it to the staff members.

STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- In line with technology advancements, the Campus automation is implemented in the year 2022.
- With The Grace of The Almighty and the support of the Chairman and the office bearers college has purchased a New Bus in the year 2023. A Mini Van is also bought for the use of carrying the food for the boys and girls who are residing in the hostel.
- With the Support of the Management and sponsorship from Vitae International, the College canteen was renovated.
- With the grace of our God and the support of the Management our college chapel was renovated in the year 2016 by our most respectful Chairman Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, Secretary Mr. Roy Surendra, Principal Dr. Jemimah Winston and the Vice Principal Mr. Paul Sudhan.
- It is a pleasure to mention that our college got Building Approval in the year 2024 after long period of its inception.
- The 3 story Building is also renovated in the year 2024 and 2 floors are ready to occupy as class room.

All these are possible only with the help of our Lord God the Almighty, the prayers and guidance of our Chairman and Bishop Ayya Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder, the co-operation of the office bearers and the constant support of the Secretary of our College Rev.L. David Barnabas Ayya, the tireless efforts of my vibrant team of staff members and the co-operation of our students.

-Principal

CSI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, KETTI

REPORTS FROM 2013-2024

2013

1. Establishment of PG Structural and Manufacturing Engineering
2. Permanent Affiliation for B.E. Computer Science and Engineering.

2014

1. Permanent Affiliation for B.E. Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

2016

1. Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
2. Permanent Affiliation for B.E. Mechanical Engineering.

2020

1. Best NSS Unit Award from Anna University (2019-2020)

2021

1. IGEN Green Day Star Contributor Award on 22nd October 2021.

2022

1. Establishment of CSICE Tech Park
2. Best NSS Unit Award from Anna University (2021-2022)

2023

1. Silver Jubilee Year
2. Accredited by NAAC on 12th August 2023.
3. Establishment of Trending new program B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science and AI & DS Department
4. Winner IGEN Green Day Award 2023 (Silver Category) from the Institute of Green Engineers
5. IGEN Green Day Award 2023 (Platinum Category) from the Institute of Green Engineers
6. Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Awarded with 2 star rating from the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell.
7. Best March Past Band Award received from The Superintendent of Police, The Nilgiris on 8th February 2023.\

8. Anna University Non-Autonomous Engineering Colleges Ranking
 - i. 148th Ranking out of 392 colleges in Tamilnadu
 - ii. 10th Ranking out of 36 colleges in Coimbatore & Nilgiris Distirct.

2024

1. Establishment of Trending Program B.E. CSE (Aritificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)
2. Establishment of Trending Program B.E.CSE. (Cyber Security)
3. Trendsetters 2024 Award on 30th June 2024 from Times of India, Chennai
4. Top performing Institution Award in placement under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, Government of Tamilnadu.
5. Opening of CSI Platinum Jubilee Sports Arena on 9thNovement 2024
6. CSI Platinum Jubilee Inter School Football Tournament from 21st to 24thNovemeber 2024.
7. Mega Job Fair 2024 Best Host Award from Government of Tamilnadu on 23rd November 2024.
8. Open House Artificial Intelligence Science Exhibition in association with Sri Nandha Infotech Pvt Ltd for school students in Nilgiris District on 29th and 30thNovemeber 2024.

- Principal

Bishop Appasamy College of Education

REPORT FROM 2013

CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Education, a co-educational institution, was established in Sep 21st 2007 with the active support of CSI Coimbatore Diocese, is a valuable community resource which can be distinguished from others as a leading college in its status of a most preferred college because of the standard it maintains in providing quality education to the budding professionals. Some important events regarding academic enhancement and infrastructure facelift are appended herewith:

- 11.11.2014 - Dedication of the front main gate and new interlocking pavement stones was laid and dedicated by our Bishop & Chairman Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder.
- 26.04.2014 - A One day National Seminar on amending fossilized pedagogies with Innovative Technologies was conducted.
- 09.08.2015- For the spiritual nourishment of the college community a New Chapel was dedicated by our Bishop and Chairman Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder.
- 16.02.2017 - A One day National Level Workshop on Facilitating Learning through Art - Fabrica Fabula - 2017.
- 20.10.2017- 10th Anniversary Celebration (Decennium) of our college was celebrated. Our Bishop & Chairman Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder as a Chief Guest and ADV. C. Robert Bruce, Hon. Treasurer, CSI - TA, Chennai as a special guest.
- 21.12.2017 - A one day International Seminar on Exodus: Exclusion Inclusion Resource Persons: Rev. Fr. Joe Mariadhas, Nagaland-India, Dr. Christina Baskaran, California, USA & Mrs. D. Juliet Carolyn, Dubai, UAE.

- Principal

CSI Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore Report from 2013-2024

CSI Matriculation Hr. Sec. School located at prime and prestigious area of Coimbatore was started in the year 1979. The motto of the school is Honesty Loyalty and Service. The school is mainly established to impart quality education to middle class and lower middle class families. The school was upgraded as full pledged Matric Hr. Sec. School in the Year 1994. School produces good results in the board exams. We are much glad to place on record that the past students are placed in good positions in our country and outside the country in USA and U.K. The main aim is to impart value based education with discipline and mold the life of young minds to be a responsible citizen of our country. Presently the school has 27 classrooms, 6 Labs, 2 Libraries and playground with 700 students.

The following members served as Correspondent

1. Miss. Marsh
2. Mrs. Mary Paul
3. Rt. Rev. William Moses (Bishop)
4. Rev. Gunabalan
5. Mrs. Mary Jayapaul
6. Rt. Rev. M. Dorai (Bishop)
7. Mr. R. Geroge
8. Mr. Enous
9. Mr. S. Sathy Sargunam
10. Mrs. Banumathi Santhosam
11. Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder (Bishop)

The School had a privilege of functioning directly under Bishops. A face lift was given to in the past ten years by changing the ambiance of the school. The school is concentrated to become more Eco friendly. School received awards for Best Eco friendly school under green school project of Synod.

Developmental work in the past decade

- In order to strengthen the spiritual growth and sustain peace and

Harmony a new chapel Shiloh as built and dedicated on 04.08.2016 by Bishop Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder.

- Paver stones were installed in the parking area for 20,00Sq.Ft.
- A new Bus EICHER was purchased.
- A new Bus shed was constructed to park it safely.
- Canteen service was extended to students by providing hygienically prepared healthy food at nominal cost.
- Assembly stage was constructed.
- Safety grills were fixed to ensure safety of children in the first and second floors.
- Two new LCD projects with screens were fixed for two smart rooms.
- A smart TV is also purchased for enhancing students learning.
- A new Montessori lab was set with Montessori equipments.
- School walls were painted with slogans and educational informations.
- Two way stairs and Emergency Exits were constructed for all the buildings.
- A new garden ‘Lohairoy’ with water fountain was constructed. Which attracts the attention of children and they enjoy them.
- A Herbal Garden with Medical plants are maintained.
- Toilets were renovated and new tiles were fixed.
- A new bore well was drilled upto 750 ft. to manage the water facilities.
- Lange water purifiers were fixed to provide purified drinking to students.
- Cycle sheds were extended.
- Three type of new uniforms were introduced to students, to help them look colorful with House shirt on Wednesdays.
- Students are also trained in various sports activities. They receive awards regularly in zonal level and district level.
- Teachers salary was increased
- Teachers who produced centum results in Board Exams were honoured with cash awards and medals.

- Staff prayer meetings are conducted regularly every month in the past ten years.
- 70 CCTV cameras are fixed to ensure safety of the students.

Bishop Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder himself is fond of children and gives more priority in enhancing the facilities of school all over Diocese. School is much privileged to function under his eminent leadership.

Principal

PASTORAL AID DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER 2013 – OCTOBER 2024

Confirmation candidates - 17151

Building Dedications – 243

Poor Relief Fund disbursed - Rs.50,81,718/-

Beneficiaries - 310

Youth Volunteers sent to Germany – 13

Ordination Fund received - Rs.54,65,676/-

Diocesan Sponsored Candidates :

1. Mr. S.G. Alwin Dhillip -
2. Mr. I. Godwin Joyson
3. Mr. James S C Scudder
4. Mr. P. Bobby Alfred Joseph
5. Mr. Samuel John Dinakaran
6. Mr. M. Deenathayalu
7. Mr. D. Govindaraj
8. Mr. P. Praveen
9. Mr. C. Rally Stephen
10. Mr. Y. Anbarasu
11. Mr. V. Johnson
12. Mr. V. Kavim
13. Mr. M. James Prashanth
14. Mr. Norman Paul
15. Mr. J. Kingston Robin
16. Mr. M. Abraham
17. Mr. R. John Rene Godson
18. Mr. G. Ebenezer Paul
19. Mr. Browlyn Danny
20. Mr. Charly Prabu
21. Mr. Koushik
22. Mr. V. Joshua Franklin

23. Mr. Jayanth
24. Mr. V.N. Thiyagarajan
25. Mr. P. John Malsingh
26. Mr. D. Joshua
27. Mr. Sam J Benny
28. Mr. Solomon George
29. Mr. P. Vijayakumar
30. Mr. A. Yowan Salisha
31. Mrs. Sabita Douglas
32. Miss Vindhya

Presbyters sent for Higher Studies:

- M.Th.:**
1. Rev. D. Christopher – Christian Theology
 2. Rev. R. Arun Thilagam – Pastoral Care & Counselling
 3. Rev. A. Sargunam – New Testament
 4. Rev. John Moses Samuel - Missiology
 5. Rev. M. Jayamani – Church History
 6. Rev. Samuel Livingston – Christian Education
 7. Rev. Francis Bernardshaw – Homiletics
 8. Rev. P. Paul Davis – Pastoral Care & Counselling
 9. Rev. R. Stephen – Church History
 10. Rev. N. Sukumar - Communication
 11. Rev. V.K. Sureshkumar - Communication
 12. Rev. W. Praveen Jebaraj – Pastoral Care and Counselling
 13. Rev. G. Jogu – Christian Theology
 14. Rev. Gopinath Samuel – Church History
 15. Rev. I. Godwin Joyson - Communication
- D.Th.:**
1. Rev. John Moses Samuel – Missiology
 2. Rev. M. Jayamani – Church History

Ordinations: Presbyters 86, Deacons – 1

1. Rev. J. Jeremiah Alfred

2. Rev. C. Jeri Rajkumar
3. Rev. J. John Jebalin Jose
4. Rev. P. Paul Davis
5. Rev. M. Ramesh Kumar
6. Rev. YoshabathChimmer Honey
7. Rev. (Mrs.) Lurdhu Baby
8. Rev. J. Amirtharaj
9. Rev. C.S. Arul Prakash
10. Rev. P. Austin
11. Rev. D. Babu Joshua
12. Rev. R. Charles Dickanson
13. Rev. Gnana A. Yessaian
14. Rev. A. Manickam Yesudhas
15. Rev. R. Pradeep Kamal
16. Rev. N. Pramila
17. Rev. K.J. Rajesh
18. Rev. T. Robinson
19. Rev. S. Santhakumar
20. Rev. S. Sargunam
21. Rev. S. Suvisesha Rathinam
22. Rev. S. Timothy
23. Rev. S.N. Charles, CSI Masakkal
24. Rev. W. Charles William
25. Rev. G. Daniel Solomon Raja
26. Rev. R. Girubai Lilly
27. Rev. S. Madhu Hilda
28. Rev. R. Prabudass
29. Rev. S. Samuel Livingston
30. Rev. N. Solomon Senthilkumar
31. Rev. N. Sugumar
32. Rev. S. Christoper
33. Rev. R. Gift Thompson
34. Rev. M. JelinJayaseeli
35. Rev. S. Nelson Sathish Kumar
36. Rev. C. Prabakaran

37. Rev. J. Ramesh
38. Rev. S. Sam Sathish Kumar
39. Rev. R. Stephen, CSI Belavarthy Pastorate
40. Rev. S. Vasantha Kumar
41. Rev. J. Vigesh Marcus
42. Rev. M. Ziegan Paul
43. Rev. P. Bartholomew Segan Palk
44. Rev. R. Charles Soundararajan
45. Rev. P. Dann Eleazer
46. Rev. C. Daniel Sathish Chellson
47. Rev. G. Godfrey Stephen
48. Rev. L. Jos Robert
49. Rev. W. Praveen Jabaraj
50. Rev. W. Praveen Jabadoss
51. Rev. J. Rajesh
52. Rev. J. Sangeeth Vijayakumar
53. Rev. Mrs. V. Siron Evangelin Jebamani
54. Rev. Allywin Dhillip G
55. Rev. Bobby Alfred Joseph P.
56. Rev. Brill Raja G
57. Rev. Dheenathayalu M
58. Rev. Gideon D
59. Rev. Godwin Joyson I
60. Rev. Gopinath Samuel S
61. Rev. Jagadeeshan J
62. Rev. James S.C. Scudder
63. Rev. James Vijay Santhappan D
64. Rev. Jogu G
65. Rev. JoushvaMuthurathinam S
66. Rev. Praveen P
67. Rev .RajaRaveendranath S
68. Rev. Rajan Daniel R
69. Rev. Rajesh Y
70. Rev. Samuel John Dinakaran
71. Rev. Suresh Kumar J

72. Rev. Annie Synthiya P
73. Rev. Darvin Raja M
74. Rev. Joel Ashirwadam J W
75. Rev. Kabil R
76. Rev. Rachel R
77. Rev. Sam Jeba Sundar S
78. Rev. Sugi C
79. Rev. V. Dheen Lucas
80. Rev. V. Johnson
81. Rev. V.S. Jonah Thomas
82. Rev. V. Kavin
83. Rev. C. Rally Stephen

Hon. Presbyters

84. Rev. T. Benjamin Sathya Satchi, Hon.Presbyter
85. Rev. R. Margaret Sheela, Hon.Presbyter
86. Rev. D. Uma Esther, Hon.Presbyter

Deacon: Rev. V. Karthik Alexander

Presbyters sent to Overseas and Synod on Mission Work / Deputation :

1. Rev. D. Christopher – Director, Christian Education Department, Synod
2. Rev. D. Prabu Chandramohan, CSI Tamil Parish, Muscat & Oman
3. Rev. M. Christopher Rajendran, CSI Tamil Parish, Al-Ain
4. Rev. A. Victor Premkumar, CSI Tamil Parish, Dubai
5. Rev. C. Jeri Rajkumar, CSI Tamil Parish, Abu Dhabi
6. Rev. John Jebalin Jose, CSI Tamil Parish, Sharjah
7. Rev. J. Edwin Rajkumar, CSI Tamil Parish, Qatar

Presbyter sent to overseas for Higher Studies:

1. Rev. Samuel John Dinakaran – Mbest, University of Bonn, Germany

Overseas Trips of Bishop Timothy Ravinder and others from the Diocese

- Canterbury - On Being a Bishop: For Those in The Early Years of Their Episcopal Ministry – 30.1.2014 – 7.2.2014
- World Council of Churches – Karlsruhe, Germany
- Lambeth Conference, United Kingdom
- Sri Lanka Diocese – CSI Jaffna Diocese
- Korind Mission – Korea
- Greece - Bishops Study Tour – Footsteps of Paul
- Dr.Lee-IL-Ho,from KORIND along with his team from Korea visited our Diocese for CSI Kundah Church Dedication on 8th December 2013.
- Delegation from Germany from 5th to 7th January 2014
 1. Mr. Lutz Drescher, the Liaison Secretary East Asia/India, EMS
 2. Mrs. Susanna,
 3. Mr. Albert
 4. Mr. Juergen Reichel, General Secretary, EMS
- Delgates visited Germany from 20.5.2014 to 6.6.2014
 1. Rt.Rev. Timothy Ravinder
 2. Mrs. Anny Hemalatha
 3. Rev. S Prince Calvin
 4. Rev. D. Ezhil Robert Kevin
 5. Mrs. Matilda Johnson
 6. Mrs. Ruby Christy
- Mrs.Queenie Magi Devapriya, Principal, CSI Coimbatore Diocese Community College had attended the “International Educational Administrators Seminar” from 26th October 2014 to 6th November 2014 in the United States of America.
- Mr.Alan and Mrs.Violet Collins from Canadaalso visited our Diocese from 17th January 2015 to 15th February 2015.
- Mrs.Florina(CASA) and Team from Texas University, USA (regarding CSI Hospital, Erode) visited our Diocese on 14th& 15thJuly 2015.
- Ms.Kwon Young Mi PROK and Ms.ParkEunKyeong, PROK, South Korea visited us in October 2015.

- Through Synod Ecological Concerns visited Jaffna Diocese, Sri Lanka 13.10.2015 to 19.10.2015.
 1. Rev. Christopher Rajendran
 2. Rev. Edwin Rajkumar
 3. Mrs. Raichel Shantha Ruby
 4. Mr. Prasath Jill
- All Presbyter visited for Jaffna Diocese, Sri Lanka from 25.10.2015 to 29.10.2015.
- Visit of Mr. Lutz Drescher, the Liaison Secretary East Asia/India, EMS on 26th & 27th January 2016.
- Presbyters Attended World Presbyters Conference, Malaysia – 18.9.2017 to 22.9.2017.
 1. Rev. S.C. Jayakumar
 2. Rev. J. Vincent
 3. Rev. A.S. Rajasekaran
 4. Rev. P. Moses
 5. Rev. A.M. Frederick Thanupillai
 6. Rev Robin Maria
 7. Rev. Samuel Livingston
- Early Presbyter Conference in Anglican Communion, London – 2.6.2016 – 16.6.2016
 1. Rev. C. Jeri Rajkumar
 2. Rev. John Jebalin Jose
- Delegation from Diocese went to Germany from 18.5.2017 to 15.6.2017
 1. Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder
 2. Mrs. Anny Hemalatha
 3. Rev. Immanuel Vezhavendan
 4. Rev. John Moses Samuel
 5. Dr. Jemimah Winston
 6. Mrs. L. Mercy Matilda
 7. Mrs. Theboral Sasikala
 8. Mr. J. Anandakumar
- Through CSI Synod, KORIND Mission to South Korea – 3.6.2017 to 12.6.2017

1. Mr. D. Jebakumar
- Visit of Dr. Peter Kudella – 5.1.2018
- Presbyters visited to Halle, Germany from 1.4.2018 to 16.4.2018
 1. Rev. J. Robinson Prabakaran
 2. Rev. J. Vincent
- Myanmar Mission Conference 11.10.2018 to 17.10.2018
 1. Rev. David Suresh
- Bishop and Bishop Amma to Germany to attend WCC Assembly at Karlsruhe, Germany from 28.8.2022 to 16th September 2022.
- Presbyters to Malaysia from 17th to 21st April 2023
 1. Rev. Joseph Christopher
 2. Rev. Doraiswamy Samuvel Prabakaran
 3. Rev. Pushparaj Austin
 4. Rev. Manalan Deenathayalu
 5. Rev. Aaron Sargunam
 6. Rev. S. Samuel Johnson
- Bishop's trip to Sharjah from 19.04.2023 to 12.05.2023 to conduct Confirmation Service at CSI Tamil Parish, Sharjah.
- Bishop's Trip to South Korea –to attend INCHE Asia-Oceania Conference at Handong Global University in Pohang, Korea from the Diocese from 18th to 25th June 2023.
- Youth Volunteer to Germany –
 1. Mr. Pradesh Dev, S/o Mr. Baskar
 2. Miss. Merline Cynthia, D/o Mr. Ravindran
 3. Miss Hanna Roselin, D/o Rev. D. Ravindran
 4. Miss. Preethi Shalina, D/o Mr. Stalin
 5. Miss. Steffi, D/o Mr. Rajkumar Pandian
 6. Miss. Sheeba, D/o Mr. K.R. John
- Ms. Jennifer Prarthana D/o/ Rev.K.C.Richard Durai to attend National Christian Youth Convention, Australia in January 2014.
- Delegation from Germany from 23.01.2016 TO 04.02.2016 :

1. Rev.Christiane Quincke, Dean of Evangelical Church of Pforzhiem.
 2. Rev.Alexander Kunick, Pforzheim.
 3. Dr.ChristophMahrlein, President of the synod of Evang.Church of Pforzheim.
 4. Ms.AnnegretHofsaB, Leader of the protestant kindergarden.
 5. Mr.Andreas Kohler, Lector, Pforzheim.
 6. Rev. Christine Kaden, Presbyter, Pforzheim.
 7. Rev. Marilyn Fenton, Presbyter, Pforzheim.
 8. Dr.Benjamin Simon, Reverend “Mission and Okumene” Karlsruhe.
- In commemoration of the Bishop’s Consecration Day the following were done to the poor and needy people:
1. Sewing machines were distributed to the poor, destitute, single women and transgender
 2. Walking sticks, blankets, weighing machines to the blind people
 3. Rice bags and dress to the poor women
 4. Tree saplings to the Institutions and
 5. Conducted blood donation camps

New Pastorates :

1. CSI Lovedale Pastorate
2. CSI St.Mark’s Church, Podanur
3. CSI St.John’s Church, Airport
4. CSI New Mullai Nagar Pastorate
5. CSI Chinnampalayam Pastorate
6. CSI Chettipalayam Pastorate
7. CSI Pattanam Pastorate
8. CSI Irugur Pastorate
9. CSI St.Luke’s Church, Tiruppur
10. CSI Palladam Pastorate
11. CSI Annur Rural Pastorate
12. CSI Iduvai-Divine Nagar Pastorate
13. CSI Pitchampalayam Pastorate
14. CSI Nasiyanur Pastorate