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Editorial Column



The writer of Ecclesiastes said, “Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses” (Eccles. 3:1). I believe the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India looked forward to a change of leadership in God’s appointed time and season. And today, the Council has bestowed upon me to take up leadership as the new General Secretary, for which, I am so thankful to all our Council leaders and to our Almighty God for His timely favour and anointing. I am deeply humbled. As I accept the responsibility as a gift from God, I will endeavour to take up the call with a clean conscience, refraining from self-elation, power or status consciousness to the best I can. Serve with servant-leader attitude in the step with the Master our Lord Jesus. With all my limitations and weaknesses, I will do my best with God’s help and with your constant support in my given responsibilities.

My commitment in this servant-leadership role will mean:

1. To uphold the sanctity, conviction and commitment enshrined in the Council’s Constitution, its Mission and Ministry.
2. Deepening the relationship between the Council and the Churches, involving the whole family of the Council for better coordination, cooperation, pooling of resources and strengthening our organisational capacity. We may be reminded of the life of the Penguins. It is said that the penguins club together to stay warm. If left alone, it dies.
3. Carrying out the ministry together by consensus with love,

respect and understanding, anchored by Christ in the centre of everything.

4. Activate our given responsibility for better results/ achievements.
5. Activate in fund-raising and self reliance for financial stability and developmental works.
6. Concentrate more in the home-front as a priority.
7. My prayer to God is: “Lord! Let my actions speak louder than my words.” Please pray with me as we take the Council forward! Let us shepherd our churches by ‘sharing and doing’ together. In one accord, let us execute God’s agenda through the Council.

This issue of Baptist News presents mostly the Reports of the Council activities which were presented in the 69th Annual General Meeting at Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam along with few articles. We look forward to have more of the mission and ministerial activities / programmes of our conventions, associations and local churches and few relevant articles and sermons in the coming issue. This will keep the CBCNEI family encouraging, motivating and challenging each other for better and healthy relationship and oneness in faith, spirit and work. May each one be blessed.

Yours in Christ


Rev Dr Akheto Sema
General Secretary



“ If God is your partner, make your plans BIG! ”

D.L. Moody

**Reports submitted to the
CBCNEI 69th Annual General Meeting
held at Diphu Baptist Church, Karbi
Anglong, hosted by Nihang Karbi
Association, (KABC)
from 26-28 April 2019**

Annual Report
of the General Secretary, CBCNEI
For the period April 2018 to April 2019



Respected President, Vice President, members of the Executive Committee, and most valued official delegates from Conventions; I thank the Lord for giving me the grace, strength and wisdom to serve the Council for the last five years. I took charge from the former General Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama on the 27th May 2014 in the presence of the officers and leaders of the Council. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all the Officers and Executive Members of the Council for giving me the privilege to serve the Council. I take it as the will of God and opportune time given to me and that I have been called to take up this responsibility at this juncture of the history of Council of Baptist Churches in North East India.

Below is the report for the period mentioned above.

Justice and Peace Ministry

Through my own initiative and assisted by **Mr. Vikato Shikhu**,

the Finance Secretary, we could receive support from India Collaboration (IC) for the specific program on Anti- Human Trafficking which is a grave concern in the world today. **Adv. Malthys D. Sangma**, the Justice and Peace Secretary effectively conducted more than 12 awareness programs in collaboration with regional conventions. Peace Training for Baptist Women Fellowship in North East India (BWFNEI) members were held at Tura, Meghalaya for Garo Baptist Convention (GBC) women group from 29th September to 2nd October 2018. Lee Ann Mckenna director for Partera International (Canada) was the resource person for the same program. We also had the Peace Training conducted at Nagaon, Assam from 8-11 October in collaboration with two convention women groups of Assam and Karbi Anglong. With the initiative of Dr. Leban, Rev. Kabi Gangmei and Dr. Smith we could organize the Ecumenical Peace Consultation (EPC) which was organized at CBCNEI campus from 29-31 October 2018 in collaboration with APBF (Asia Pacific Baptist Federation), NEIRC, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) with the resource persons from APBF and NCCI as well. Baptist Youth Fellowship North East India (BYFNEI) Youth Secretary Conference was held at Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh from 2-4 March 2018 hosted by the youth department of Arunachal Baptist Church Council (ABCC). The GBC Human Trafficking Awareness program was organized at Resu, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya on 17th November 2018. Legal Seminar for Eastern Theological College (ETC) Jorhat, Assam was conducted on 22-23 November 2018. Another Human Trafficking Awareness program was conducted at Hamren, Karbi Anglong from 29-30 November 2018. The Secretary also attended APBF TEAM consultation which was held at Melaka, Malaysia from 22- 24 January 2019 and Church Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) national board meeting at Delhi on 7th February 2019. Another Human Trafficking Awareness program for Manipur Baptist Convention (MBC) was conducted at Moreh, Manipur on 26th February 2019 in cooperation with Manipur Baptist Convention. He also attended the BYFNEI meeting on 5th March 2019 which was held at Guwahati, Assam.

Mission & Evangelism

Under the initiative of **Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai**, Mission Secretary, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Training was conducted during 7-18 May 2018, at WSBK (Western Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Kuqhakulu) Center in Dimapur. Altogether 22 Trainees attended the Training and all graduated successfully. With the adoption of new mission fields by our associations, there is a great need of training for our church planters. In partnership with GBC, Mission Department took the initiative of reaching the city of Guwahati.

1. *Youth Mission Conference of Garo Baptist Convention:* The Garo Baptist Convention conducted Youth Mission Conference from 18-21 October, on the Theme “*Come to Macedonia and help us*” (Acts 16:9) purely for young people.
2. *Mission Conference:* During November 2-4, the Nihang Karbi Baptist Association (NKBA) conducted Mission Conference to challenge the churches to be more involved and be active in Mission. Dr. Jolly also participated the TEAM Consultation of the APBF which was held from 22-24 January 2019 at Melaka, Malaysia. He presented a paper during one of the workshops. Missionary care Training for mission leaders was conducted from 12-14 February 2019 at CBCNEI campus. All together 55 Mission Secretaries and few pastors attended the training program.
3. *Legacy Building Construction:* The ground breaking of the long-awaited Legacy Building of the Mission work is progressing.
4. *Student Ministry:* Under the in charge of Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, the three hostels are managed. There are WMH (White Memorial Hostel), LM (Lewis Memorial) and Shillong Tyranus Hall supervised and managed by Mrs. Neisewheno Khro, Mr. M. Talimoa Jamir and Rev. K. C. Gaila respectively.

At present, there are;

White Memorila Hostels : 43 girls, including 6 nurses
from Satribari Christian

	Hospital
Lewis Memorial Hostel	: 57 boys
Shillong Tyranus Hostels	: 43 boys after the extension of new rooms

Healing Ministry

1. *Tura Christian Hospital (TCH)*: TCH is 110 years old with 74 beds. It is still serving the societies for general health care with emergency unit along with Medicine, Surgery, Gynecological and delivery unit, HDU (High Dependency), other services like, Ultra Sonography, ECG, X-ray, new dialysis unit and Laboratory facilities etc. are available. Recently TCH renovated their Emergency room into a first-class facility that is better suited to meet the growing needs of the community. One of the greatest challenges of the TCH is the Medical Insurance which has come to a huge deficit from the government of Meghalaya. Let us continue to pray for the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Jedidah Sangma, other doctors and staff that God will continue to use every one of them in the Healing Ministry.
2. *Babupara Christian Hospital (BCH)*: BCH serves as a Centre for vision, General health care, Ante-Natal care and delivery with 11 (eleven) staff. Two bedded Operation Theater for eye surgery, one optometry room, one bedded labor room and one room for outpatient. Wednesday for eye-surgery and eye OPD on Thursday. Dr. J R N Sangma is the Medical Superintendent.
3. *Kangpokpi Christian Hospital (KCH)*: KCH has 4 MBBS doctors, 15 Nursing Staff and 20 other staffs. It has Baby Warmer costing Rs. 1.5 lakhs, Phototherapy costing Rs. 1.5 lakhs, Digital X-Ray costing Rs. 8.25 lakhs (Through bank Loan), Generator Engine 5 KV costing Rs. 50,000/-, CBC Machine (Complete blood Counting) costing Rs. 4.5 lakhs. (On installment basis). The greatest challenge as of now is the **Centenary Celebration by 30th January 2020**. We have requested all the churches to have prayer with one time offering for this project. However, I am not aware how many

churches, associations and conventions have responded. Another challenge is, there is no fulltime superintendent. Let us continue to pray for the centenary celebration and the doctors and staff of KCH.

4. *Satribari Christian Hospital (SCH)*: SCH's greatest challenge is to pay off the huge liabilities incurred during the 4B Healthcare management. However, it is at the verge of signing off from the company. With the MPLAD Local Area Development, SCH has started the construction of two class rooms for GNM – which also marked the beginning of College of Nursing. Permission is now granted to increase from 20 to 40 seats in the school of Nursing. The Eastern Corridor Group tie up for Dental Unit was approved by the CBCNEI and OPD section with X-ray opened on 23rd February 2019. Very recently International Rotary Club shows interest for an Eye Hospital but due to shortage of spaces – Rotary Club of Guwahati opted to start OPD section for the Eye Department. Continue to pray for Dr. J. R. N Sangma, the Medical Superintendent and other doctors and staffs.
5. *Jorhat Christian Medical Centre (JCMC)*: JCMC has recently developed OD ward renovation, Laboratory re-arrangement with opening of Micro Department, Renovation of the Emergency Room (New Section), and Renovation of Record keeping room (HRD), five (5) New Generator and Transformer, New Morgue house with two cold chambers, Four (4) Isolation room set up in the BD ward, New Dialysis Unit donated by the Baruah and Associates Limited and Rotary Club, Jorhat and was inaugurated on 31st October, 2017 with four dialysis machines. It also has a neonates (new born) room with well-equipped nursery room with oxygen central line, warmer and phototherapy. Three dormitories for Nurses and one Staff Quarter in the old CLC hospital area and Doctor's Room with AC in the OPD area were made. Let us continue to pray for Dr. Seniorita Sangma, Medical Superintendent, other doctors and staffs of JCMC.
6. *Impur Christian Hospital (ICH)*: ICH is 30 bedded hospital. A new 3 storied RCC building is under construction funded by

NEC which is still incomplete. It is now managed by a Board of Trustee appointed by the ABAM. Beside normal healthcare programs, it also runs vocational training on Spoken English and Communication skills, Assistant Midwifery/Anatomy/Physiology, bedside Assistant and Community health care. Dr. Chubatoshi Longkumer is the Medical Superintendent and Dr. Shashi Meren Aier is the Chairman of the Board of Trust.

7. *MBBS Sponsorship:* We have altogether seven (7) MBBS Students at CMC, Vellore and One (1) at CMC, Ludhiana doing her BDS. We also sponsor one B. Sc. Nursing students at CMC, Vellore from Karbi Anglong. This year we had 48 candidates who attended the Screening Test on 4th April 2019 and hope that at least few of them will be selected. Most of our students applied only for MBBS but there are many other courses which are very important and beneficial. We need to encourage our children to undergo for some other allied medical courses.

Dr. Lucita Momin, the Medical Secretary has finished her term from April 2019. I must thank her for all her best efforts to look after all the hospitals especially safeguarding the Satribari Christian Hospital from total destruction. The new Medical Secretary is in the person of Dr. Bamin Tada who has joined the office from May 2019. We are very fortunate to have him as our Medical Secretary for he comes from a rich experience in the field of administration of medical institutions in the government.

Property Department

The Property Trust Committee of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India is headed by **Mr. Rajib Zillie**.

- 1) *Jorhat Christian Medical Centre Land Matters:* The hospital authority was requested to settle the matter with the encroacher as early as possible. After ARLDF (Asian Rural Life Development Foundation) withdrew from the project the hospital management is trying to keep the firm alive by continuing with chicken and goat rearing. The request of the Christian village members of JCMC, Jorhat was approved and the work has been completed and this will help demarcate to pro-

tect the mission land in the absence of proper fencing and boundary wall.

- 2) *Eastern Theological College, Jorhat*: The conversion process has already been taken up and already some progress has been made. Some arrears of the revenue have to be paid by us. The lawyer has said he is trying to complete the procedure and confirm.
- 3) *Baptist Vacation House, Shillong*: The construction of 1st floor rented premise of SIM is completed now and SIMNEI (Serving in Mission in North East India) has started occupying on rent with monthly adjustment against the amount invested by them.
- 4) *Panbazar & Satribari Mission Land Guwahati*:
 - Mutation of Mission land to beneficiaries & Purchasers: The mutation was done by all except the Guwahati Baptist Church's (Sunday School building area) and Nichols School (Playground area), but mutation is still pending. Now after issuing letter, Guwahati Baptist Church has written back for the demarcation of the land. Verbally pressure have been given to do it soon.
 - Construction of boundary wall (one part) alongside the flower market: The construction of the boundary wall, which was pending, was completed on March 2019.
 - Development of the unused plot at the back of Satribari campus: The court cases filed by Guwahati Baptist Church and Mr. Dilip Thomas are still going on although there is no injunction imposed. The good news is that the civil judge court has passed an order in favor of CBCNEI (T.S.No.167/16), although the trial is yet to be over. The development work, though slow, is being carried out.
 - Private Road Repair at CBCNEI, Satribari Christian Hospital land: Since all the beneficiaries and purchasers have not contributed towards the repairing of the common private road, it is not yet done and a new approach has to be made for the same.

- 5) *Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Land Matters, Manipur*:
 - Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Staff pensioner's colony: The

project is to take some time due to financial reasons, as discussed with the members.

- Application from the Kangpokpi Town Committee for cemetery land: The members were supposed to pay the money for the said plot of land on February 2019. But as confirmed, they are yet to complete the collection process and so it delays.
- 6) *Court Cases with Guwahati Baptist Church:* Despite several efforts to resolve our issues with Guwahati Baptist Church, we are not able to convince Guwahati Baptist Church to withdraw the cases. However, we are assured by our Lawyers that the preliminary verdicts are all in favor of us and thus the injunctions have been lifted up. Within these few years, I believe the cases will be over. The Executive Committee may have to take a stronger action to resolve the issue of court cases with Guwahati Baptist Church.
- 7) *Development Work at Satribari Land:* As of now, our partner-developer, SKRE is reluctant to start the work of the planned buildings except for making walls around the 7 bighas which is still pending. SKRE is supposed to make three quarters for 2 staff and a doctor. The two quarters are complete and the doctor's quarter will be started soon. Besides fighting for the court cases, Sanjiv Jain, SKRE has been supporting and helping us in the road development work outside the campus, trying to remove the methanation plant, and paying advocate fees since the beginning of the court cases.

Literature Ministry: Christian Literature Centre (CLC)

Christian Literature Centre of Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, under the leadership of **Rev. T. P. Mordecai**, has done printing of Our Daily Bread 2019 (5000 copies). Golden Jubilee celebration meeting were held on 6th July for the second time and detail program has been prepared and approved. A staff by the name Justus Ramson is terminated due to lack of discipline and poor performance. The Baptist Book Room at Agartala is under court case in the Guwahati High Court. During the last verifica-

tion the concerned person did not appear but paid 1.5 lakhs and now the remaining balance is 25,73, 495. The Dimapur land matter is also still pending. Out of the 60,00,000, Mr. Chenithung Humtsoe has refunded only 27, 82,000 in cash and the money is transferred to the Central account. It is designated for CLC Dimapur Branch's use. Both the Director and Assistant Director Mr. Angam Chahong attended the *Lead Like Jesus Seminar*. The Director also attended the 9th Kingdom Media Conference at Vivanta Taj, Delhi representing the Council. Seminar of Road Show-Israel was conducted on 24th February 2019 at CBCNEI Conference Hall. CLC is planning to publish "Artistic Skills" books for Nursery to Class V.

Relief and Development Department

Under the Consultant, **Rev. Kabi Gangmei** several programs have been conducted during the year. One-day seminar on Gender mainstreaming and women empowerment was held on 19th September at Solmari, Goalpara and the fourth one was held together with Peace Building and Conflict Transformation on 10th October at the same place. And the last one is mainstreaming local capacities for peace building and conflict resolution organized at Solmari, Goalpara represented by 33 people. On 24-26 October — CASA Monitoring Visit to the Project Sites was conducted in 6 villages in three days. On 08th November 2018 — CBCNEI-CASA Senior Management Meeting at CASA Office and discussed about Project Office Set-up at Project Site and Subsidiary Bank Account. However, subsidiary bank account is not possible due to technical reasons. On 22nd November 2019, the Donor and Assam/Nagaland Project Partners Meeting on Project Progress and Challenges faced by implementing agencies took place where 6 project partners attended. On 11th December 2018, Comprehensive Development Consultation on CBCNEI-CASA Project was conducted and 12 delegates from 12 villages out of 17 target villages attended. On 05-08 February 2019, the Project Site Office set up and community meetings was held. On 13th March 2019, Workshop on Understanding Community Based Organization (CBO)-Roles and Responsibilities conducted where 35 del-

egates participated. On 20-22 March, NGO Management Workshop in New Delhi was Organized by Evangelical Fellowship India Commission On Relief (EFICOR) where Mr. Kaikiri Terang attended the Training.

North East Christian University (NECU)

Dr. Darlando Khathing, Vice Chancellor and the team have worked so hard that we could start the course on English for the undergraduate and the post graduate classes. There are many areas the NECU is progressing which will be found in Dr. Kathing's report. My greatest concern at the moment is the finance. We really need to have good policies of raising funds for NECU. I appeal to all the EC members and the church leaders to whole heartedly work to get the support from churches and Christians in the whole of North East India. My second greatest concern is the starting of the Programs on Religious Studies. The original dream or vision of the Principals of theological colleges under CBCNEI was to open a University for Theology. However, in the course of discussion, the idea of a secular university came in and was decided with religious study as a branch of study only. In order to fulfill the original intention of opening this university, I strongly feel that the department of religious studies be started soon and am happy that NECU has decided to advertise for the Post of Dean, who will coordinate and guide the programs in NECU.

Eastern Theological College

This is the premiere theological institution of the Council and we are trying our best to promote this institute to a higher level where now we have started the Ph. D. degree in three departments (New Testament, Theology and History of Christianity). But the aim of this college should be for all the department of Christian studies. It is good that the college maintains engaging faculty from different tribes to the best possible, to avoid the sensitive tribe representation issue. There are altogether 299 students. There are 47 different tribes in the college and the Senate result in 2017-18, as a whole is very excellent. There are 55 BD graduates and 19 M.Th post graduates this year. Currently there are 10 D.Th stu-

dents, 49 M.Th., and 240 BD students enrolled. The College also has 27 students for MA in Holistic Child Development and 12 BCS students for church leaders. I appreciate the effective administration of the Principal and the Vice Principal with full cooperation of the faculty and staff. All the teachers are not only engaged in the classrooms but also in other activities and each one of them are engaged in writings. At present, Rev. Dr. Narola Imchen is the new Principal from May 2019 who is the first woman Principal in the history of CBCNEI.

Theological Scholarship

Due to lack of fund and planning we still depend on IM (International Ministries) for theological scholarship. We hardly received 20,000 USD which is not enough at all for all the students who have applied. So, we changed our scholarship policy and still there is lot of dissatisfactions. We need a separate Theological Scholarship Fund created by the CBCNEI from now. One day in the near future, the IM will fully withdraw its support and we must be prepared for that. We should have our own theological scholarship at least for the higher theological education. This year we had our Theological Education Board meeting at BTC (Baptist Theological College), Pfutsero on 13th March 2019 hosted by BTC. We have 18 ongoing sponsored students and 10 new sponsored students who are granted scholarship. Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema is the chairman of the board.

Seven Sisters' Home for Girls (SSHG)

The Seven Sisters' Home was established in 2012 as a registered Children's Home under the Juvenile Justice Act in Assam holding the registration number 98/2018. Our focus has been on minor girls who have been trafficked and have suffered physical and sexual abuse. Since 2013, we have been assigned more than sixty girls by the Child Welfare Committee (Kamrup Metro) in which some of them continue to be in our care and others are reintegrated to the respective families. Currently, the Home provides shelter to 13 minor girls and 12 major girls (aftercare service). Seven Sisters Home for Girls is a joint program of the CBCNEI

and the Seven Sisters International. The overall focus is to provide exposures to the girls to fullness of life as far as possible, which helps them to move forward to independence and self-sufficiency. This home is managed by a team of experts headed by **Ms. Prodipta Christy Rongpipi as the Managing Director.**

Travels and Participations

- During the reporting period, I have visited Kohima Konyak Baptist Church for NECU after the Governing Council meeting on 6th May. The church gave the founding member contribution on that day. I also attended the IMA (India Missions Association) Youth Program from 12-14 May. On 14th May, I left for USA to raise fund for NECU and to attend the World Mission Conference of the ABC (American Baptist Church), USA. I made a long trip from 14 June to 17 July, made several contacts with churches, universities and friends for the sake of NECU as the Chancellor.
- I participate at the seminar on Human Trafficking at Pasighat from 7-8 August; Justice and Peace Committee meeting on 5th September; Constitution Review on 6th September; EFI (Evangelical Fellowship of India) Annual General Meeting from 15-19, however, due to the death of my father on 16th September, I had to come back home the next day.
- I attended Student Ministry Board meeting on 21st September; the SCH ADMC (Satribari Christian Hospital), and Medical Board officers' Meeting on 22nd September and Mission Board meeting on 27th September; participated in the Eastern Theological College Principal Search Committee on 28th September and its Board meeting on 10-11 October 2018.
- Visited Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church on 19th October and met the Senior Pastor Rev. John Kok to express our heartfelt thanks for their support of RM10,000/- per year (equivalent to INR 18,000/-) for NECU.
- Participated at the Silver Jubilee of the Leadership Training Centre, Siliguri from 2-4 November 2018 and participated the Golden Jubilee of the Lete Baptist Church under the Arunachal Baptist Church Council from 9-11 November 2018 as a

speaker and visited its Office on 13 November at Itanagar and met the General Secretary, President and the Treasurer of the Convention.

- I also attended the NECU Governing Council meeting on 27 November 2018 and then went to Delhi to meet Mary Kom along with Rev. Samaresh Nayak to invite her to the Baptist Submit in 3-6 October 2019 as decided by the IMCC (India Mission Coordination Committee).
- I attended the bicentenary celebration of the Serampore College on 7th December 2018. I participated at the Third Youth Conference of the Zeme Baptist Association from 18-20 January 2019 and participated at the TEAM consultation organized by the APBF from 21-24 January 2019 along with Adv. Malthyus, Rev. Kabi Gangmei and Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai at Melaka, Malaysia.
- I participated as a speaker at the centenary celebration of the Puta Karbi Baptist Association from 1-3 February 2019 at Hamren Town, Karbi Anglong. I was also invited to participate at the 125 years celebration of the arrival of William Pettigrew from 4-6 February 2019 at Manipur Baptist Convention Centre, Imphal where I was asked to dedicate the memorial monument of the celebration. This was followed by the NECU Envisioning Consultation from 7-9 February at MBC Centre and Manipur Theological College, Kangpokpi where few church leaders attended. However, in MTC, we had a good attendance and program.
- I also participated in the WCC (World Council of Churches). Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Program in Delhi and in Chiangmai from 27 February to 7 March 2019. We had the Theological Education Committee meeting at Baptist Theological College, Pfutsero this time from 12-13 March 2019. We also conducted, as per the EC decision, the CBCNEI Leadership Consultation with Build India from 15-16 March when Alpha India also participated. MBC, KABC and ABC could not send any representatives due to their unavoidable circumstances.
- The Secretariat also went for retreat to Himachal Pradesh

from 20-24 March 2019. I attended Student Ministry Board meeting on 27 March and CLC Board on 29 March and ETC Governing Board on 2 April at Guwahati. Participated in the MBBS Screening Test as Chair on 4th April and then followed by the Medical Board held on 9-10 April 2019. I also engaged myself speaking at KCF, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in different churches.

In conclusion, I really want to thank God for all the strength, knowledge and wisdom granted to me that I could do to the best of my ability in serving the council from 2014 up to this time. I express my deep gratitude to all my colleagues and staff who have been supportive to me in my work. As I relinquish my responsibility and have hand over the charge to the new General Secretary, I request all of you to pray for the smooth transition. I fully believe God has another plan for me. I pray that the Council will grow, develop and improve better in the hands of the new guard and will grow to the higher heights.

God bless you!



Annual Report of the Mission Department, CBCNEI

Reported by Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, Mission Secretary



Reaching India Movement: Believing it is God-given vision, the Mission Department started this mission movement in the year 2017. Except Arunachal Baptist Church Council (ABCC) and Mising Baptist Kebang (MBK), envisioning has been completed in all the Conventions. Mission leaders from almost all Associations have taken the commitment to encourage their churches to pray for India and adopt new unreached Districts in India for prayer and church planting. Many Associations have adopted new Districts, and some have gone to the new Mission fields for survey, and some Associations have sent their missionaries. We will continue to encourage and pray for leaders to have the burden for the unreached people in India so that reaching India during our lifetime becomes a reality. Now the main challenge before us is not having enough church planters. After envisioning, churches are so willing to support missionaries, but we are unable to find enough workers. Therefore, the major responsibility of the Mission Department will now be training church planting missionaries.

Reaching Guwahati City, our New Vision: By the grace of God, in partnership with Garo Baptist Convention, we have started our focus in Guwahati city. There are over 40 churches, fellowships

and mission organizations based in Guwahati, yet hardly anyone is giving effort to reach the city. It has been almost 200 years since missionaries came and started mission work in Assam, and though Christianity has spread across Assam, Guwahati city has not been impacted. We believe this is our collective responsibility to share the love of God to those who don't know Him yet. As per Government record on Guwahati City Religion 2011, Hinduism is majority religion with 84.74 % followers. Islam is second religion in city of Guwahati with approximately 12.45 % and Christianity is just 0.93 %. Therefore, as part of our Urban Mission Strategy Development, we are focusing Guwahati city and make our presence felt in the city and develop strategy for urban mission.

TESOL Training: Like any other year, TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other languages) training was conducted during 7-18 May 2018, at WSBK (Western Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Kuqhakulu center in Dimapur. Altogether 22 Trainees attended the training and all graduated successfully. Testimonies of those who attended said they were recommended by those who have attended earlier, especially by their own brothers and sisters. We extend our gratitude to WSBK for hosting this training program. We would encourage this two weeks TESOL training to be conducted by the Conventions as CBCNEI mission will focus more on training the church planters who are already in the field, and who are planning to go. With the adoption of new mission fields by our churches, great need has arisen to train more church planters.

MOU with YBPS: As approved by the EC, MOU was signed between CBCNEI and Yesu Bhakh Pravitra Sabha (YBPS) on 15th May, 2018. YBPS is a young church planting mission movement actively working in UP state. As they plant new churches the need arises for them to partner with matured-established churches to guide them and help them get established. Therefore, a Memorandum of understanding was signed hoping our churches will come forward and help this newly established churches in UP. We agree that we will pray for, and encourage one another to the glory of God and for the extension of His kingdom.

Special Consultation on Present Scenario in India: Pressed by the challenges faced by the churches today, a one-day special consultation on Awareness of the Present Scenario was conducted by the Union of Tangkhul Baptist Churches Imphal on 16th June at Tangkhul Baptist Church Imphal. Pastors and church elders, women and youth leaders from Imphal city and foothill churches attended the program. Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai was invited to be one of the main resource persons of the consultation. Important issues on the challenges faced by churches all over India were presented, and the importance on how churches should respond through focused prayer was also presented.

Those who attended the consultation expressed how they were enlightened on the present trends in India, and were challenged on how they should respond. They also said this type of awareness and consultation should be conducted as the days are evil.

Mission Strategy Envisioning for Krima 13 under GBC, 4-6 July:

As part of the Mission Strategy envisioning program, the Krima 13 of the Garo Baptist Convention conducted a two-day Consultation to learn more on how every church can be more involved in Mission. Pastors from all local churches under the Krima attended the Program. Mission Secretary along with Rev. Rettiar Momin, Mission Director of GBC attended the program as resource persons. The Pastors were excited on seeing the possibilities of sending over 100 church planters to Tawang in Arunachal, their new mission field.

The envisioning was done in such a way that every local church will participate in sending church planters; we call it “Cutting into Bite size”. Having over 200 churches under the Krima, they saw the possibility of sending over 100 church planters in one focused area which they also see possibility making great impact in their mission work.

Mission Consultation with Nepal Baptist Church Council at Itahari 24-26 July:

In order to have good relationship and partnership between Nepal Baptist Church Council and the missionary sending Associations and churches under CBCNEI, a two-day mission consultation was

held at Itahari, Nepal. Mission leaders from Nagaland Baptist Church Council, Garo Baptist Convention, Assam Baptist Convention, and Manipur Baptist Convention attended the program. From Nepal Baptist Church Council, the President, former General Secretary, Mission Secretary, Association Secretaries and many pastors and leaders attended the program. In the process of discussions, it was learnt that there were lapses on both sides and a declaration was signed to have better relationship in future. We thank God for this meaningful consultation. There are over 100 missionaries from our churches working in Nepal. Another very exciting experience was, over 90% of the Nepal Pastors and leaders were the ones born and brought up, and also received Christ from North East India. We also realized how important it is to treat these migrants well and tell them about the salvation found in Jesus so that they go back and become witnesses of Christ.

Mission Korea 6-10 August:

As per the approval of the EC, the Mission Secretary of the Council was sent to attend Mission Korea 2018. The first and foremost impression from Mission Korea was youth participation in the Conference. There were over 2000 young college going students in the conference. This is something we need to learn so that the passion for mission does not end with the present church leaders, but pass on to the younger generation from all walks of life. We hope to see this envisioned among the churches in North East India in the near future.

Secondly, they had invited Mission leaders from the Global south. Over 200 leaders from Global south attended the conference. During special session for Global south, our Mission Secretary presented New Mission strategy of *“Each One Catch One”*. By the grace of God, it was well received by the participants. Some of the participants asked if they can also use the same strategy with few modifications which will be relevant to their context.

Some of our leaders had the opportunity to visit Baptist Convention of Korea and their University and met their leaders. We were also taken to different big churches to experience how Korean churches are growing. Overall, the program has impressed those who

attended from CBCNEI family, and we hope to see young people involving more in the Mission of the church.

Youth Mission Conference of Garo Baptist Convention: The Garo Baptist Convention conducted Youth Mission Conference during 18-21 October, on the Theme “*Come to Macedonia and help us*” (Acts 16:9) purely for young people. Hundreds of young people came and participated in the Conference. Different Speakers were engaged in the program to challenge the Youth for mission. On the last day, many youths dedicated to be involved in Mission and also go as missionaries. We praise God for this wonderful program. Continue to pray for the dedicated young people so that they will hear the call from God and respond to it accordingly. The Mission Secretary of the Council was invited to be one of the speakers in the Conference, and was deeply impressed.

Mission Conference of NKBA: During November 2-4, the Nihang Karbi Baptist Association (NKBA) conducted Mission Conference to challenge the churches to be more involved and be active players in Mission. The Theme of the Conference was, “*Reaching the Nations for Christ*”. Accordingly, they have adopted two districts in Bihar as their new Mission fields as part of their strategy to be part of reaching India for Christ. All the participants committed themselves to be actively involved in the movement to reach the Nations for Christ. The Mission Secretary of the Council was one of the speakers in this Conference. We thank God for this fruitful conference. Continue to pray for NKBA so that they will be able to make great impact in these two districts to the glory of God.

Asia Pacific Baptist Federation Mission Consultation: A long waited mission Consultation of the mission leaders under APBF was held from 22-24 January 2019 at Melaka, Malaysia. Out of many good things that happened during the consultation, the best part was the last day’s session where we talked about how we can strengthen our partnership and collaboration and make sure we reached every people groups in the Asia Pacific region. Due to constrain of time we were not able to deliberate the whole issue, but it was understood by all that we need to partner and help one

another as Baptist family here in APBF. We hope there will be better relationship and partnership in mission work from now on.

Missionary Care Training: Feeling the need to train our mission leaders; especially Association Mission Secretaries on Missionary care, a two-day training on how to better care our Missionaries was conducted during 12-14 February 2019 at CBCNEI campus. During the training, we were able to reflect the areas where we fall short in caring for them. We realized that we have not cared enough for our missionaries, and we pledge that we will treat them with dignity and value their service. All together 55 Mission Secretaries and few pastors attended the training program. The participants also came up with recommendation for our churches so that our missionaries will be better taken care of, in order that they will remain effective in their calling.

Some projects assisted by CBCNEI Mission department:

1. Purchase of bikes for ABCC church planters
2. Support church planters in ABCC (in the process)
3. Self-reliance project for KABC
4. Missionary back up project for MBC
5. House Church Movement ABC

Upcoming Program:

1. Missionary training program on church planting (November)
2. Mission Conference (February 2020)

Legacy Building Construction: By the grace of God, The Legacy Building construction will begin soon. It has been delayed as we could not get permission from the Government. All necessary documents have been submitted, site inspection has been completed, and now we are waiting for the official permission. Once the construction is completed, this will generate enough resources for the mission work of the Council. We look forward to more cooperation from the churches and individuals as we start the work. List of donors will be published in Baptist News. The Finance and Property departments of the Council are putting all efforts to complete the Building as soon as possible.

New Mission Assistant: After a gap of one year, we were able to appoint Mr. Imsutoshi Pongener with the recommendations from Mokokchung Town Baptist church, ABAM and NBCC. We hope the Mission Department will do better with his service.

Other programs attended:

ABU Youth Conference: Based on Psalm 119:9, under the Theme, “*How can young person stay on the path of purity?*” the Adi Baptist Union conducted Youth Conference during 3-6, 2018 at Ngopok Baptist Church, Arunachal. Over 700 young people gathered and made commitment that they will, by the grace of God, stay pure in their lives and dare to be different for the Lord. Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai was invited to be the main Gospel preacher of the Conference.

Nagaon District Baptist Association Leadership Training:

Sponsored by the Lamding Baptist Church, a two-day leadership training was conducted by the Nagaon District Baptist Association for their Pastors and church leaders from 8-9 June 2018 at the Association Center. Over 30 Pastors and leaders attended the training program. Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai was invited to be the main Resource person for the training program.

Maram Naga Baptist Association Repentance Program from 31st August to 2nd September:

The Maram Naga Baptist Association conducted Repentance program to confess and to ask God’s blessing at Lairouching Baptist church. Pastors, Deacons, women leaders, youth leaders and many social workers and politicians attended the program. God, in His grace, moved the gathering and had very meaningful time of repenting and praying for the tribe. Our Mission Secretary was invited to be the main Gospel messenger for the program.



Annual Report of the Finance Department, CBCNEI

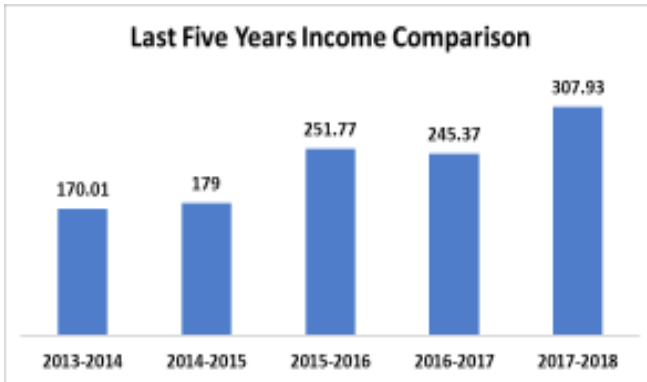
Reported by Mr. Vikato Shikhu, Finance Secretary



I am grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for enabling me to present to this house the Audited statement of accounts of 1. Inland Contribution (IC) and, 2. Foreign Contribution (FC) for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. Copy of audited Balance sheet and the Income & Expenditure account of both Inland Contribution (IC) & Foreign Contribution (FC) accompanied by the Auditor's Reports thereon for your kind perusal and approval.

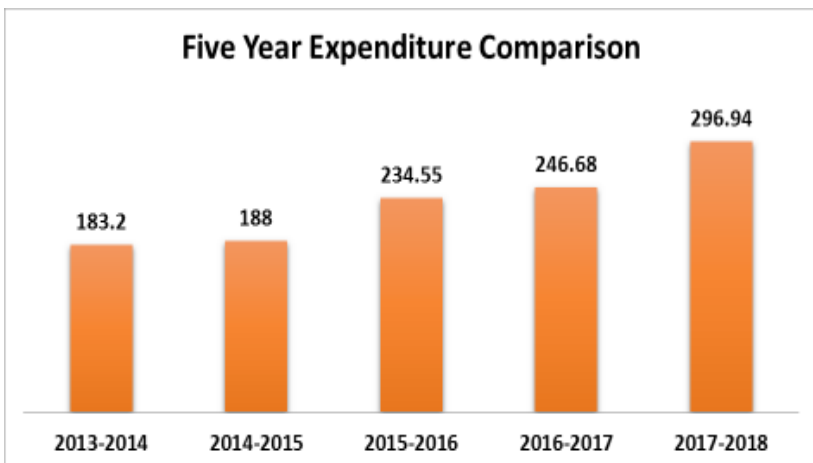
INCOME:

The working results for 2017-2018 show a total income of Rs. 3,07,92,814 (IC). The year 2016 – 17 the total Receipt amount was Rs. 2,45,36,959/- It was increased by Rs. 62,55,855/- and Foreign Contribution (FC) Rs. 2,36,79,273. The Council received 5,44,72,087 (both IC & FC). The variance of IC the past five year of Income & Expenditure showing below:



EXPENDITURE:

Total Expenditure including Depreciation of IC in the year 2017-2018 is Rs 2,96,94,326/- Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.3.2018 of the statutory Auditor's report, Council end up the year with the increased in expenditure of Rs. 50.3 lakhs compared to the year 2016-2017.



Depreciation was charged on written down value at 2.5% Building general, 5% on Hospital & other Building, 10% on Furniture & Fixture, 15% on equipment, 20% on Vehicles, 25% on Hospital

Equipment, Generator & Transformer, and 60% on Computer and other equipment. Total amount of depreciation charged was Rs.12,71,757/-

In the case of Income & Expenditure Account, the Council has made surplus of Rs. 10,98,488/- of its accounting year ended 31st March, 2018. The details of the 2017-2018 working result are given at the end of this report.

FC Utilization as on 31.03.2018:

We have received the Foreign Contribution (Project Fund) during the period of 2017-2018 was Rs. 23679273.00 (\$333510 Approx. @71/-). The total fund release 18787608 out of 23679273. As per the MHA the institution who received grant must spend 80% is mandatory. The Council utilized 79% only. Table for the last 5 years are shown below for your ready reference:

Year	Opening Balance	Received	Utilized	Closing Balance	Utilization%
2013-2014	8567537	8519235	11148673	5938099	131
2014-2015	5938099	8673469	8658820	5952748	100
2015-2016	5952748	22802328	18392560	10362516	81
2016-2017	10362516	16610263	19317990	7654789	116
2017-2018	7654789	23679273	18787608	12546454	79
Total	38475689	80284568	76305651	42454606	95

Fixed Assets IC (in Lakhs)It is regretted to say that the Council is unable to add more additional assets to generate the council revenue. However, we are able to invest Rs. 38.6 lakhs to construct the SRP II, CBCNEI Vacation House Shillong, NECU Building, and furniture & fixture etc. The depreciation was charged 12.72 lakhs. We need more assets creation to generate revenue in the near future.

YEAR	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-2017	2017-2018
Opening Balance	224.2	242.87	249.35	270.78	302.03
Additions	18.66	6.48	30.98	31.25	38.6
Depreciation	79.35	90.73	10.88	13.39	12.72
Balance	163.51	158.62	269.45	288.64	219.33

Fixed Assets FC (in Lakhs)The major additional Fixed Assets of FC was CBCNEI Vacation House, Shillong and Construction of

NECU Building, Dimapur. Out of the project fund the depreciation was charged Rs. 15.91 lakhs. The figure of the last 5 years is shown below table.

YEAR	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-2017	2017-2018
Opening Balance	483.84	486.03	486.38	492.9	523.74
Additions	2.19	0.34	17.37	30.84	14.05
Depreciation	219.34	230.87	237.45	255.28	15.91
Balance	266.69	255.5	266.3	268.46	266.6

Investment IC

Total investment for the year 2017-2018 was Rs. 7949520. The Council's current liabilities as on 31.03.2018 was Rs. 461082/- These liabilities are for tax and duties.

Year	Investment	Liability
2013-2014	10056005	11513739
2014-2015	10252370	10478728
2015-2016	7595400	558022
2016-2017	7492114	142987
2017-2018	7949520	461082

PROJECT FUND (IC)

The Council has received Rs. 153.81 lacs for various projects during the year 2017-2018. Out of which we could spend Rs. 79.93 lacs only. Please refer the table showing below for the last 5 years.

Year	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Project fund	95.97	103.6	78.8	93.3	79.93
Payment					
Project fund	102.5	104.8	55.35	90.16	153.81
Received					

Observation on the current financial performance, the Council revenue is not a healthy growth unless we start developing our campus (SRP) for generating revenue. The Council is very rich in terms of Land and Assets but we cannot utilize the resources properly that God gave us through pioneer missionaries. Moreover, as you see the depreciation of fixed assets is mounting without

any substantial addition in recent times. However, the exact figure overall Income & Expenditure will be seen after External audit is over for FY 2018-2019.

On behalf of the Council, I request all the Conventions, Associations, Associate members and Churches to think seriously on how to grow our CBCNEI expanding both infrastructure developmental and ministerial work with others. Whether our associations and churches could financially participate on different projects and programs of the Council in line with the master plan of the Campus. We would appreciate your prayers in this regard.

Project:

The Mission Department construction project near main entrance gate costing approximately Rs. 2.5 crore should be taken up as early as possible to enhance the department's ministry with revenue generation. The architect's drawings & estimate for construction approval with the Guwahati Municipal Development Authority (GMDA) is still in the process. We are expecting to start the construction by next month. Here I take the opportunity to appeal to all the conventions, associations and churches to pray and support to complete this project as early as possible.

Also, here I would like to mention that the Jubilee Complex Phase II 2nd floor construction above our main office was completed as mention in the last AGM, With a total cost of approximately Rs. 40,00,000/- and the State Bank of India has occupied the entire premise thereby giving us considerable revenue income to meet the expenses of the council.

The construction of SIM rented premise 1st floor at STH, Shillong with an estimated cost of Rs. 20,00,000/- (approximately) was completed. The fund is being loaned by SIM, which shall be adjusted in the monthly rent.

Seven Sister Home was established in 2012 as a registered Children's Home under the Juvenile Justice Act in Assam. The Council took the project in April 2015. Our focus has been on minor girls who have been trafficked and have suffered physical and sexual abuse. We provide a wide range of services like

medical, Psychological, educational, Psychosocial, and legal as well as vocational training and job placements when they become adults. Since 2013, we have been assigned more than sixty girls by the Child Welfare Committee (Kamrup Metro) in which some of them continue to be in our care and others are reintegrated to the respective families.

Currently, the Home provides shelter to 9 minor girls and 12 major girls (aftercare service which is named as Pragati Home). We have efficient staff comprising of Managing Director/Officer-in-charge, Clinical Psychologist, Social workers, and Legal case worker, care coordinators, cooks, house keeper, Para-Medical staff, Admin assistant, drivers and teachers. We use a comprehensive approach to meet the needs of the children with the goal of facilitating their recovery so they may become emotionally strong and independent individuals when they get reintegrated into the society.

Seven Sisters Home operates currently in a three-storied rented building (approximately 3000 square feet) with living space on the first two floors and offices on the top floor.

The Children at Seven Sisters are offered many extra activities to help with their personal growth and development. This self-defense classes, dances classes, Yoga, Daily exercise, Music lessons, art, and sewing classes. We provide computer course and training which is affiliated to an ISO9001:2015 certified and government registered institute, in our computer lab. Many of our girls have participated in District and State level Karate tournament and some of them have won medals. We seek your prayer support. The total budget in every Financial Year about \$1,50,000/- (Rs. 10800000 approx.)

Activities:

Unlike the other departments' activities, the finance department activities are different in nature. Nonetheless, the department is engaged on a day to day basis with the entire accounting system of the other departments as well as general administration in maintaining the books of accounts, yearly budget, day to day financial flow and expenses, complying with the statutory

requirements of the government related to Income Tax, HMA, FCRA, Provident Fund, State Government, dealing with the chartered accountant on yearly Financial Audit Reports and various Banks related matters and investments for better revenue returns. These require round the clock monitoring, analyzing and careful decision making to get the work done as per government stipulations. Hence, there is hardly any space left for exploring on other non-financial activities.

I give glory and honour to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for making all these possible and enabling us to complete the year without any major financial difficulties and guiding us throughout the year. We pray that our God may continue to guide us all with His supreme wisdom in the years to come.

Needs:

To sponsors Theological students

To start SRP at PanBazar Campus Guwahati and Eastern Theological College Jorhat



Annual Report of the Property Department, CBCNEI

Reported by Rajib zillie, Property Secretary



1. **Jorhat Christian Medical Centre Land Matters:**

JCMC Encroached plot behind Hospital Goddown: The hospital authority was requested to settle the matter with the encroacher at as early as possible as the matter is taking too long. Since the encroacher has paid an advance for purchase of the plot, the management should not delay any further. Letter sent to the encroacher as decided in the Board of Trustee meeting held on 08.03.19. Hospital administrator to follow up strongly with the proceedings of the same.

JCMC Boundary wall construction behind staff quarters: The construction of the boundary wall is important for protection of the hospital property. The work has already been initiated by digging of the ground. The construction part to be taken up in the new Financial Year.

JCMC/CLCRC Project: After ARLDF withdrew from the project

the hospital management is trying to keep the firm alive by continuing with chicken and goat rearing. Vegetable plantation program, for revenue earning, to be taken up in the new Financial year. The request of the Christian village members of JCMC/Jorhat was approved and the work has been completed and this will help demarcate the mission land in the absence of proper fencing and boundary wall.

2. Eastern Theological College, Jorhat:

Conversion of Annual Patta Land to Period Patta: The conversion process has already been taken up and already some progress has been made. Some arrears of the revenue have to be paid by us. The lawyer has said he is trying to complete the procedure and confirm.

3. Baptist Vacation House, Shillong:

Construction Project in STH Shillong: The construction of 1st floor rented premise of SIM is completed now and SIMNEI has started occupying on rent with monthly adjustment against the amount invested by them.

4. Panbazar & Satribari Mission Land, Guwahati: *Mutation of Mission land to beneficiaries & Purchasers:* The mutation was done by all except the Guwahati Baptist Church's (Sunday School building area) and Nichols School (Playground area), which matters are with the Executive Committee. Though now, only after issuing letter, Guwahati Baptist Church has written back a letter for demarcating the same.

Development of Headquarter campus, Panbazar: The architects have completed the Master Plan of the campus and sent the same. The work as per the Master Plan is on hold for financial reasons.

Construction of boundary wall (one part) alongside the flower market: The construction of the boundary wall, which was pending, was completed on March'19.

5. Development of the unused plot at the back of Satribari campus:

The court cases filed by Guwahati Baptist Church and Mr. Dilip Thomas are still going on although there is no injunction imposed. One good news is that the Civil judge court has passed an order in favour of CBCNEI (T.S.No.167/16), although the trial is yet to be over. The development work, though slow, is being carried out.

Private Road repair at CBCNEI, Satribari Christian Hospital land: Since all the beneficiaries and purchasers have not contributed towards the repairing of the common private road, it is to be abandoned and a newer approach to be made for the same.

6. Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Land Matters, Manipur:

Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Staff pensioner's colony: The project is to take some time due to financial reasons, as discussed with the members.

Application from the Kangpokpi Town Committee for cemetery land: The members were supposed to pay the money for the said plot of land in February 2019. But as confirmed, they are yet to complete the collection process and so they delay.

In addition to the above, time is also to be given for the maintenance and renovation work for CCC and MESS Hall, 25 tenants in Panbazar with renewal of their lease deeds, collection of monthly rent, collection of electricity charges and maintenance buildings, water supply, etc.



Annual Report of the Medical Department, CBCNEI

*Reported by Dr Lucita, Medical
Secretary*



We have come a long way since the beginning of the CBCNEI Healing Ministry. But in terms of development still we cannot compete with others. We are still behind in terms of human resources and finances. With the poor infrastructure the Mission run Hospitals find it difficult to draw the attention of the influential society, at the same time the lack of finances does not allow a higher salary payment for which we are losing our own graduate nurses also the specialist to the coming up corporate hospitals. At the same time the Government Hospitals are improving in infrastructure with various facilities offered to the patients. We still have miles to go and much more challenges to face with the ever-changing time in the world.

Few notes on present CBCNEI Mission Hospitals:

I. Babupara Christian Hospital: Established in February 1949, and is a 10 bedded hospital located in Nisangram, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya. It is a charitable health care, serve as a centre for Vision, General health care, Ante-Natal care and delivery. Two bedded Operation Theatre for eye surgery, one optometry room, one bedded labor room and one room for outpatient. Wednesday for eye-surgery and eye OPD on Thursday. At present everyday general check-up is available.

Two days in a week are dedicated for screening and treatment for various visual ailments. Every Wednesday about 10 – 13 cataract surgeries are conducted along with few other corrective minor surgeries. Patients are usually from low socio-economic status, hence the expenses involved in screening, medication and surgery are kept minimal. A total of 468 patients were operated in the financial year 2017-18. On Thursday, where about 100-150 patients are screened for preventable causes of blindness and others are treated for refractive errors, infective eye disease, diseases resulting from trauma of the eye. Around 4501 patients received treatment on OPD basis from April 2017 – March 2018. The **BCH** also have safe institutional delivery programme by giving Antenatal care to the expectant mother who enrolled in the antenatal programme. Many pregnant women are referred to BCH from other ANC centre for institutional delivery. The staff nurse of BCH is well experienced in conducting safe delivery and more than 1000 deliveries are done by her. BCH is also committed for the general health care for the people. Patients with variety of ailments are treated mostly on OPD basis. Majority of the patients are children from 4 months and above presenting with respiratory infections, acute gastro-enteritis also the elderly patients present with chronic illness, high blood pressure and diabetes. At present we are having Dr. Niyor Dutta, a CBCNEI sponsored candidate who is working as a residential Medical Officer.

Few completed projects are:

1. RCC extension of hospital to accommodate the installation of the X-ray machine which is donated by Dr. John R. N. Sangma.
2. Two no. of staff quarters ready for occupation.

Future Project:

1. Landscaping of the hospital compound.
2. Water tank construction and water supply to entire hospital campus.
3. Hospital boundary wall.
4. RCC extension of the hospital.

It is an opportunity to serve people in need, people who are less affordable, who would otherwise will not seek healthcare facility despite their illness. This is a privilege to provide evidence based ethical medical care to the poor and needy, young and old. This ministry has also helped to establish cordial relationship with the community and also provided job opportunities to the local youth.

II. Tura Christian Hospital

Established in 1908 and it is the oldest mission hospital under the healing ministry of CBCNEI and 110 years old with 74 bed. It is also a charitable health unit serves as a general health care with emergency unit along with Medicine, Surgery and Gynecological and delivery unit; HDU (High Dependency), other services like, Ultra Sonography, ECG, X-ray, new dialysis unit and Laboratory facilities etc. are available. Recently TCH renovated their Emergency room into a first-class facility that is better suited to meet the growing needs of the community. This has reduced the waiting time, also provides a clear view of all the patients at all time.

The minor OT area has been converted to a Dialysis unit with four (4) Air conditioners - it has two beds and well equipped with instruments. A fulltime specialist with trained nurses is available for 24 x 7. Two private rooms have been converted to Executive Rooms with few more facilities added to it (TV, Fridge, AC and Sofa set). A new canteen bigger in size is opened from 1st July 2018. It is better as it is more spacious and cleaner and kept open from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM. Though it is a minor milestone, we believe God will continue to help them. We continue to uphold them in prayer that God will continue to use every one of the TCH employees for the extension of God's kingdom through this Healing Ministry.

III. Kangpokpi Christian Hospital

The Kangpokpi Christian Hospital at present has 4 MBBS doctors, 15 Nursing Staff and 20 other staff. Because of financial crisis, KCH is facing problem in running the hospital. But still with God's grace few new things have been installed between 2017-18:

- a. Baby Warmer costing Rs. 1.5 lakhs

- b. Phototherapy costing Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
- c. Digital X-Ray costing Rs. 8.25 lakhs (Through Bank Loan)
- d. Generator Engine 5 KV costing Rs. 50,000/-.
- e. CBC Machine (Complete Blood Counting) costing Rs. 4.5 lakhs. (On instalment basis)

Future Plans & Needs:

1. Centenary Celebration by 30th January 2020. The estimated budget is as follows:
 - a) Centenary Memorial Guest House : Rs. 1 crore
 - b) Centenary Monolith, Presentation, Feast, Souvenir, Misc. : Rs. 17 lakhs

2. Sources of fund for centenary celebration:
 - a) Offering from CBCNEI Churches
 - b) Donations from Local MLAs, Govt. Officers, Local Leaders & Well wishers.
 - c) Contribution from MBC Churches
 - d) Distribution of Centenary Pledge Card to well-wishers.

3. To look for a Senior General Surgeon or Gynaecologist to be Medical Superintendent of the Hospital.

IV. Jorhat Christian Medical Centre

The vision of providing medical services in the plains of Assam and surrounding hilly regions was greatly felt by the “American Baptist Foreign Mission Society” in 1906 and subsequently a Medical Missionary, Dr. Herbert William Kirby, a qualified homeopath from Philadelphia was assigned to Sadiya, Upper Assam and started a dispensary (Clark Memorial Dispensary) in 1924.

Dr. Jones August Ahlquist was transferred from Tura, Meghalaya to join Dr. Kirby in 1927, who helped in the planning and construction of the hospital.

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the “Treat Memorial Hospital” (as was first named) was done on 28th January, 1930

and was completed in 1933.

As the need for professional nurses was felt Miss Elna Gustilie Forssell joined as the first missionary nurse at Jorhat sent by American Baptist Women's Missionary Society (ABWMS) in 1932 as the Superintendent of the Nurses Training School. Then in 1938, 14th October Dr. Oliver William Hasselblad, MD join the hospital following the invitation by the Board of ABFMS. He took over the administration of the hospital in 1940. The flow of Leprosy patients necessitated the opening of Christian Leprosy Clinic and then Hospital – wher Dr. H. W. Kirby became the full time Administrator in 1940. Tuberculosis Sanatorium was added by Dr. Hasselblad in the forties. Dr. Keneth Vincent Dodgson, MD, commissioned by the ABFMS joined Jorhat in March, 1957.

At present JCMC is undergoing lots of renovation and maintenance work as it is now 94 years old and quite old equipments are replaced with new equipments as per the requirements to keep up with the modern technology of treatment. To add to the facilities 24 hrs availability of Doctors and Nurses, 24 hrs operating sophisticated laboratory with 3 Units: Pathology, Biochemistry and Microbiology. Safety measures are also taken care of with the advent of disaster management, waste disposal and Bio-medical waste management also taken care of. Hospital has its own Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). Very recently hospital has also taken the help of Solar Energy on the hospital roof top to lessen the consumption of electricity.

Recent Development (2016 – 2018):

1. OD ward renovation
2. Laboratory re-arrangement with opening of Micro Department
3. Renovation of the Emergency Room (New Section)
4. Renovation of Record keeping room (HRD)
5. New Generator and Transformer
6. New Morgue house with two cold chambers
7. Four (4) nos. Isolation room set up in the BD ward

8. New Dialysis Unit donated by the B & A (Baruah and Associates Limited) and Rotary Club, Jorhat and was inaugurated on 31st October, 2017 with four dialysis machine fully functioning with the advancement in Science and Technology at this age, this dialysis unit is an upgradation of the healthcare system and to give the best support at an affordable cost.
9. The hospital also has a neonates (new born) room with well equipped nursery room with oxygen central line, warmer and phototherapy.
10. Total renovation of Operation Theatre and baby room
11. Central line provision for Operation Theatre, ICU, HDU, Baby Room and Dialysis Unit and shifting of the oxygen manifold system.
12. Three dormitories for Nurses and one Staff Quarter in the old CLC hospital area
13. Doctors Room with AC in the OPD area

Future Plan

1. To have a City Scan facility
2. ENT Operating Microscope
3. Burn Unit with 4 Beds
4. To construct a Guest House
5. Doctors and Staff Quarters
6. Single Nurse Hostel

V. Satribari Christian Hospital

Brief report after the taking over from the 4B Healthcare in April 2016:

1. The pending Consultation payments which was generated by the 4B Healthcare for Dr TIS Lygndoh was initiated in instalments (amounting to Rs.12 lacs).
2. The huge pending payments for the New Hope hospital group which were generated during the time of 4B Healthcare management have been initiated.
3. 2 out of 3 very old Court cases were settled out of court and now only one remains which also is on the track of

settlement.

4. Huge pending payments for the Advocate have also been initiated.
5. Pending payments to the Provident Fund with penalty has been cleared (amount Rs.40 lacs) and now we are in the process of surrendering over the exemption to the government for the better management.
6. The entire pending Gratuity for the retired has been released.
7. Streamlining of the accounts is in process and training is started with Mr. Harish K. Agrawala and his team.
8. A good relationship was again restored back with our suppliers with the timely release of their pending bills (Amount Rs.87 lacs). This relationship had gone sour during the 4B Healthcare management and SCH has faced a big problem as nobody wanted to supply anything to the hospital.
9. Water Supply: For many years the hospital and the residents of the entire campus were suffering because of the lack of proper water supply due to high iron and clogged pipes and leakages from the age-old GI pipes. The entire pipes were changed to CPVC. Two numbers of Iron Removal Filters with water chlorination were installed.
10. Geriatric Ward: No. of beds have been decided to increase from 12 to 17. The renovation is over and now the 5 number of beds is to be bought and this section is inaugurated on 23.02.2019.
11. Few rooms in the Private Ward were renovated.
12. New Monitors about 6 numbers of new cardiac monitors were purchased.
13. Roof: The entire leaking roofs over the chapel, Private Wards, Male Ward and the Female Wards were changed.
14. Staff Nurse Hostel: Renovation & painting done.
15. ANM Hostel: A new 4 bedded ANM Hostel have been constructed.
16. A 28 capacity Nurses hostel with a Warden's accommodation was constructed for the GNM staff.

17. Street lights were provided to light up the entire campus at night.
18. MPLAD: Following the funding from the MPLAD Local Area Development, SCH has started the construction of the two class rooms for GNM – which also marked the beginning of College of Nursing.
19. Seat Enhancement: Permission was granted by the nursing council for seat enhancement from existent 20 to 40 seats in the school of nursing and accordingly SCH has taken 40 students in September 2018 and their capping ceremony was held on 26th February, 2019 after completion of three months.
20. College of Nursing: The CBCNEI nodded with approval the permission for the up gradation of the School of Nursing to the College of Nursing.
21. Staff quarters – 4 Units have been constructed by the CBCNEI through the partnership with the builders.
22. Cleanliness Award: Our hospital was awarded the 3rd cleanest hospital in the city after Narayana & Ayusundra Hospitals.
23. 3 GNM students were given full sponsorship from our hospital.
24. Eastern Corridor Group tie up for Dental Unit was approved by the CBCNEI and OPD section with X-ray opened on 23.02.2019.
25. Very recently International Rotary Club shows interest for a Eye Hospital but due to shortage of spaces – Rotary Club of Guwahati opted to start a OPD section for the Eye Department also a better equipped physiotherapy unit and a Breast milk bank.
26. We are trying our best to remain highly motivated both mentally & spiritually to deliver the our services and restore back the lost glory of Satribari Christian Hospital though there is a strong tendency both from within and without to do away with our institution... may the purpose of our hospital be fulfilled... to God be the Glory!!!

VI. Impur Christian Hospital

ICH was established as a charitable dispensary in 1912 by American Missionaries with Dr. James R. Bailey as the First Doctor. Later it was shifted to a place just below the present Hospital building and continued there till 1954. The present Hospital site was selected in 1968 and Dr. K. V. Dodgson of JCMC Hospital designed this new building. The Hospital was shifted from the remodelled Bungalow to the permanent new and existing hospital building dedicating it on December 17, 1976. It's a 30 bedded hospital. A new 3 storied RCC building is under construction funded by NEC. This complex consists of OPD area with reception, pharmacy patients waiting hall, consultation room, nursing station, laboratory, imaging rooms etc. Administrative block comprising of offices, conference hall, counseling room. In-patients block with 4 wards of 5 beds each and one nursing station. A well-planned OT station with ICU.

Mission statement: To channel a Holistic Ministry of Healing providing physical and spiritual healing and mental wellbeing and improve the quality of life regardless of colour, culture, creed, religion or gender and continue the healing ministry of God.

Strategies:

- To promote and strengthen delivery of health care services.
- Provide care and support for the elderly citizen, palliative care and outreach services.
- To develop Human Resources for Health in Para Medical services.
- To help develop Impur as a spiritual sanctuary

Management:

Initially hospital was managed by the CBCNEI, Guwahati. In the year 2015 on 17th February, it is handed over to ABAM (Ao Baptist Arogo Mungdang). It is now managed by a Board of Trustee appointed by ABAM.

Services:

- OPD and Indoor patient services
- Day care centre for recovering Psychiatric patients
- Emergency services
- Ambulance Services
- Laboratory and Diagnostic services: Pathology, Microbiology, X-ray, ECG
- Drugs / Pharmacy
- Support services
- Medical camps – specialty / super specialty
- Outreach camps

Vocational Training:

- Spoken English and Communication skills
- Assistant Midwifery / Anatomy / Physiology
- Bedside Assistant
- Community health care

Future Plans:

- To open a Palliative care centre for terminally ill patients
- To develop a centre of specialty in a field of Medical Science
- To develop a high-class Training and Research Institute on Health Care and Public Health areas.
- To develop Impur a place where the Elderly will find Peace and Solace.

There are lots of renovations and developmental works pending, almost in all the Mission Hospitals under CBCNEI, due to the lack of finances. We welcome free will donation from individual, Churches, Associations and Conventions.



Annual Report of Justice & Peace Department, CBCNEI

*Reported by Mr. Malthys D.
Sangma, Secretary, Justice and
Peace*



Strategic Planning Consultation: CBCNEI with the support of India Collaboration launched out Anti-Human Trafficking program to cover the whole of North East India. In order to implement the program effectively and achieve better result, Justice & Peace Department of CBCNEI organised a major consultation with the representatives of 6-member Regional Conventions. On June 22, 2018 the 1st Consultation on CBCNEI Anti-Human Trafficking Program was held along with the State coordinators for Strategic Plan-Objectives & indicators. Goal and objectives of the Program was to bring in-depth awareness of human trafficking and encourage church pastors and their congregation and community leaders to play an active role in combating menace of human trafficking. Hence, on 30 July 2018 was to be observed as the World Trafficking Day.

ABCC, Anti-Human Trafficking awareness: On August 7 & 8, 2018 consultation on 'Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness' was conducted at Adi Baptist Church, Pasighat. It was hosted by the Mission Department of Arunachal Baptist Church Council. Altogether 112 delegates mostly composed of youth, mission and women secretaries, and officials of Baptist Associations affiliated to ABCC attended the consultation.

The 2nd Anti-Human Trafficking awareness was organised at Tangsa Baptist Churches Association. This program was conducted for the leaders of 8 associations that falls in the eastern zone of Arunachal Pradesh and were attended by 80 delegates comprise of Mission leaders, Pastors, Evangelist and Public leaders. Human trafficking is an illegal trade of human being against their will for the purpose of sexual exploitation and forced labour. Hence, CBCNEI have come up with this program on how church leaders can play a role in bringing awareness on such heinous crime in the society.

MBC, Anti-Human Trafficking workshop: Two-day workshop on Anti-Human Trafficking with Manipur Baptist Convention was held on August 22-23, 2018. There were 69 participants. The awareness consultation brought in dept awareness among the church leaders; they expressed their gratitude to CBCNEI for the great opening in bringing the message for the first time.

The second consultation was held from 25-27 Feb, 2019 at Chongthu Baptist Churches Association (CBCA) Moreh, with the theme “Slavery still Exits”. The program was participated by 107 from 14 different denomination of churches in and around Moreh town, where 37 female & 70 males.

KABC, 2-day Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness: The KABC had divided the awareness consultation in two different time and places in two zones, one for Eastern Karbi Anglong (8 associations) for which the Nihang Karbi Baptist Association hosted the consultation at its mission center at Manja, Karbi Anglong on October 12 & 13, 2018. There were 50 delegates. The second consultation was organised for the western Karbi Anglong for 5 Associations leaders at Hamren, Karbi Anglong on 29-30, Nov, 2018 at Hamren Town Baptist Church, Hamren, West Karbi Anglong. It was an eye opening for the church leaders and for many.

ABC, Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness: On 31 August-1 September 2018, consultation on Anti-Human Trafficking was conducted at Jubilee Complex, Nagaon. It was organised by the Youth Department of Assam Baptist Convention. Altogether 48 delegates of youth, mission and women secretaries attended.

GBC, Awareness program on Anti-Human trafficking: The program was conducted on the 17 of Nov, 2018 at Resubelpara North Garo Hills. The program covered six Associations under the Garo Baptist Convention. It has been the felt need of the Convention to create awareness on the issues related to women and children. The program was much appreciated by the leaders of the Associations who participated on that day.

NBCC, two days' workshop on Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness: On September 26 & 27 2018, the NDO (NBCC) organised workshop on Anti- Human Trafficking Awareness at DAN, 4th Mile, Dimapur. Altogether 35 delegates attended. The consultation also brought immediate alert among the church leaders and they promised to take the messages to their respective churches.

Youth leaders training: On September 13-16 2018, the CBCNEI Youth leaders' training program was held at MBC Centre Church, hosted by MBCYD. This program was conducted to facilitate needed leadership trainings to the working youth leaders of the 6 Conventions under CBCNEI.

BYFNEI Associations Youth Secretaries' Conference: BYFNEI, a youth wing of the Council of Baptist Churches of North East India conducted an Associations Youth Secretaries' Conference with the theme 'Leadership Building' on November 2-4, 2018 at Apatani Baptist Association Centre, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh in partnership with Youth Forum of India Mission Coordination Committee (IMCC). Altogether 57 leaders attended the training. All the leaders

decided themselves to be actively involved in the ministry to reach out young people. We thank God for this fruitful conference.

Women of Peace Program: Baptist Women Fellowship- NEI in collaboration with Justice & Peace Department and in partnership with Partera International conducted Women of Peace program on September 29- Oct 2, 2018 at Bakdil training centre, Tura, GBC. Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Mckenna was invited to be the main resource person of the program. She presents to encourage, build relationship and networking among women and challenge the women to be more involved and be active in ministry. From all the 15 association of GBC attended the program.

The second workshop on Women of Peace and conflict transformation was conducted on October 8-11, 2018 at Nagaon hosted by Assam Baptist Convention along with KABC Women department. Altogether 20 delegates attended the program. We praise God for this fruitful program and we hope through this partnership, our ministry towards women will be benefited in many ways.



Pollin G. Sangma is from Hakkumari village, Guwahati. He hails from Garo Community, Assam. He has joined the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India as Mali (Ground worker) from February 2019.



Annual Report of Christian Literature, CBCNEI

*Reported by Rev. Mordecai, Director
CLC*

1. List of Books and other items printed and released since April 2018 till today.

The following books were printed this year by Christian Literature Centre, CBCNEI.

- i. Youth in the Changing World : by Rev. Dr. Elungkiebe Zeliang
- ii. Shitkasanga Shimkhur : by Rev. Somi Kasomwoshi
- iii. Our Daily Bread 2019 : Discovery House Distributors Pvt. Ltd.
- iv. The Pastor's Manual : J.R. Hobbs.
- v. Calendar & Diary 2019 : CBCNEI
- vi. Diary : TBCU
- vii. Diary : RNBA

2. Financial Contribution towards CBCNEI Ministry:

This year CLC is able to contribute Rs. 2, 00,000 (Two lakhs) only towards the Council ministry. It is because of the heavy financial burden CLC has for the past years.

3. Pending Projects:

As stated, above CLC has lots of financial problems as there were pending dues to our suppliers and our defaulters, we are unable to take up Construction of Assam type Rooftop Staff Quarter at CLC Building and the Assam type Book Store till now.

Even the project written to BIM for Building construction also have not received positive response as no one will be interested in construction of the Quarter.

4. One new Board members:

Rev. Bando Perkin had been nominated by ABCC as the new Board member of CLC in place of Rev. Nokthom Wangsu.

5. Seminar on Road Show-Israel:

Seminar on Road Show- Israel was conducted on 24th February, 2019 at CBCNEI Conference Hall. Mr. Jonah Rikhi, India & South East Asia Specialist of Sar-EI, a Messianic owned Company in Israel came and share with us about Israel. He shared that their heart is to share about Israel for life changing experience.

He shows us the better biblical understanding of the Israel. He also shows us the easiest way how to visit Israel with less expensive and less days with covering biblical places. As of now the total cost for Israel trip is only 85,000 per person.

6. Publication of Artistic Skills for Class 1-5:

On 27th December, 2018 Mr. Manab Gohain and I met Mrs. Shorbary Ghosh, the Former Fine Art Teacher of St. Edmonds School, Shillong and had verbal agreement to publish her books “Artistic Skills” from Nursery to Class V (eight books) by CLC. The detail agreement is yet to made.



EASTERN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RAJABARI JORHAT, ASSAM

*Principal's Report in the EC Meeting, Diphu,
Assam.*

25-26 April 2019



1. Status of students' enrolment 2018 - 2019 (June to April is one academic year): Currently we have the following numbers of residential students:

BD - 240

MTh - 49

D.Th - 06 +4= 10

Total = 299

We also have 27 students for Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development and 12 Bachelor of Christian Studies (BCS) students in external programmes for men and women who are inservice in local churches, Government services and Christian organizations. ETC students comes from 47 different tribes and community from India and beyond: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Myanmar, Nagaland, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala.

2. Senate Results 2017-18:

BD:

First class	A-	= 2
Second class	B+	= 19
	B	= 27
	B-	= 7
	Total	= 55

MTH:

First class	A-	= 9
Second class	B+	= 7
	B	= 3
	Total	= 19

3. Academic programmes: I am extremely happy to inform the member that, the long felt need for starting Doctor of Theology in ETC was launched in June 2018-2019 academic session in 3 areas: New Testament, Theology & History of Christianity. We have 6 candidates in two areas for 2018-19 session and also 4 candidates who are directly sent by SATHRI / Research of Senate of Serampore College/University and supervised by ETC faculty. Altogether we have 10 D.Th candidates supervised by our faculty members. Several ETC faculty members are also involved in supervising Doctoral students of other centres of the Senate of Serampore College. The Master/Chancellor of Serampore College/University unveiled the monolith of the inauguration of Doctor of Theology (D.Th) in the college. **This is one of the historical achievements in the college.** We give thanks to God and also to the Senate of Serampore College University for making this possible. The increase of enrolment in the Master of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity, BCS and Dip. CS., and Master of Arts in HCD are very encouraging. Senate has granted eligibility to conduct 'Common Entrance' Test/examination for Doctor of Theology (D.Th) candidates and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min). Altogether 18 candidates wrote CET in November 23 2018 and as per the result in January 2019, 10 of them passed CET including Mrs. J. Vashti Pao, one of our faculty members in the Old Testament discipline.

4. Faculty status: There are 5 professors including the recent professorship conferred to Rev. Dr. Yangkahao Vashum, one of the senior faculties in the department of Theology. Rev. Dr. Phandenmo Kath, in the department of Counselling defended his thesis (Viva voce) in November 2018 and obtained Doctor of Theology in December 2018 in Serampore. With this, we have 13 doctorates in the college. ETC is having the maximum doctorates as core-faculty under the Senate of Serampore College /University theological colleges (50 plus theological colleges under senate programme). This is something to be thankful to God and

be proud of it with much humility as the sole theological institution owned by the Council. Very soon 3 faculty members will be added who are currently undergoing doctoral studies. Mr. Kezhalezo Angami has submitted his dissertation, and soon to earn Ph.D in Missiology in Australia and return to the college this year. There are 6 associate professors; 7 assistant professors (changed the nomenclature from lecturer to Asst. professor); 1 music instructor on study leave and 1 librarian with faculty status.

5. Financial support and developmental works in the campus:

The Lord through His churches, organizations and individuals have made it possible to see us through in the over-all campus development for which our due thanks is given to God. Secondly, I am so grateful to churches under the CBCNEI for your regular support given to the college. Currently, the following developmental activities sponsored by individuals, churches and Christian organization for over-all development are highlighted:

a) We continue to receive *Ausbildungshilfe Christian Education Fund (CEF)* for scholarship for our Bachelor of Divinity (BD) and Master of Theology (M.Th) students. We have received for 2018-19 academic session from CEF, Kassel, Germany. It is a great help to our students who are financially poor and yet bright in his/her academic studies. The college is very grateful to Ausbildungshilfe CEF. The General Secretary of CEF visited the college from 26-29 January 2019.

b) *Campus beautification* with flowers, decorative plants/trees, hedges on the footpaths etc in progress. Recently we got 1000 nos of saplings of decorative trees from Forest Department, Government of Assam for developing healthy environment in the campus.

c) *P.G Women hostel* ground floor structure is completed and we have accommodated 12 P.G. students. Recently the Brewster Baptist Church raised funds of US \$ 48000/-. We have started the construction of 1st & 2nd floor to be completed by April 2019. Once we complete the construction, we will be able to accommodate 40 women students.

d) *The Mokokchung Village Baptist Church* donated Rs. 2.5 lacs and we have made Conference hall named "*Prof. Renthly*

Keitzar Memorial Hall”. The conference hall is fitted with ACS, over-head projector, screen and arm chairs etc. The hall is been used for conducting various academic/workshops/seminaries in the campus.

e) One of my major concerns was **Water filtration plant** which was a long felt need by the community. We are thankful to God and the donors for making it possible to connect the homes, hostels, guest houses with clean & filtered water.

f) Extension of library building to accommodate more books specifically for D.Th students is in progress. The Archive room is fitted with A.C. CBCNEI library books and archive materials are all shifted to ETC library. More furniture purchased to stock the book etc. The Andover Theological Seminary, USA donated **1000 volumes of books to ETC** which has reached us. The books are used for D.Th programme in N.T/Theology / Church History. Our next project is to extend library hall as it is becoming congested due to increase of volumes of books, students and academic programmes.

g) ETC Graduation which was held on 14 April 2019 went well with Rev. Dr. Hnuni as speaker. Altogether 88 students graduated: BD-56 M.Th-21 M.A/HCD - 11.

6. Some immediate projects: 1) We need 2 faculty quarters (concrete building); 2) We need 3 family quarters (Assam Assam type – half brick wall & bamboo walls); 3) To put up walls behind the senior faculty quarters. 4) Extension of library hall.

7) ETC Board meeting was held on April 2, 2019. Some of the resolutions made are reported here:

A. Vice Principal tenure (Resol. 1)

“The members decided to reduce the tenure of Vice Principal to 3 years from 5 years. This will be implemented from next tenure. The matter is recommended to the EC for approval”.

B. Amendment of Service Rule (Resol. 2)

a) Gratuity Committee convener Mr. J.D. Sangma, presented

the following proposal.

The service **Gratuity** will be based and calculated on the length of 'Qualifying service' of the employees as below:

- The qualifying service of the employee shall commence from the date he/she takes charge of the post to which he/she first appointed either on regular, officiating or temporary capacity. Provided that the employee's service is regularized and that there is no interruption or break of service.
- In case of any break in service on account of termination, the qualifying service will commence from the day of re-appointment and regularization of his/her service.
- Employee who had served the college for a minimum of five years shall be eligible for service gratuity on his/her retirement/resignation/death or disablement due to accident or sickness.
- A break in service on account of resignation will entail forfeiting of past service, however if he/she is re-employed, the qualifying service will commence from the day of his/her re-employment in the college.
- Employees on deputation to other service/college will also eligible for service Gratuity provided they return to the college service immediately after the expiry of the deputation period and extended by the management of the college.

b) Amount of Service Gratuity Payable

- i. An employee, who has completed five years of uninterrupted service and has become eligible for service gratuity shall on his/her retirement or resignation or death shall be granted service or retirement gratuity equal to one third of the total emoluments for every six monthly period of qualifying service subject to the maximum of 15 (fifteen) times the total emoluments.
- ii. Maximum number of qualifying year of service for the purpose of calculating Service-cum retirement Gratuity shall be 35 years and maximum Amount of service-cum-retirement shall not exceed 16 (sixteen) times the total

emoluments calculated on the maximum pay drawn during the last 12 (twelve) months of his/her retirement year.

C. ETC Self-reliance project: (Resol. 6): Three Marwari business persons came and presented their project plans. However, the members felt it was too brief for which they power point presentation in the next meeting with detail explanation of the project. The Board also decided to deal with one representative for the party while signing the MOU though the project may be comprised of many individuals or firms.

The party came with many proposals. After deliberation the members recommends the following Projects:

1. Automobile Dealership and Service Centre
2. Supermarket
3. Multiplex Mall
4. Clinical Pathological lab and Diagnostic Centre
5. Warehouse
6. Vocational Training Institute for Footwear & Apparel wear
7. Adventure Club
8. Air-condition Banquet Hall including Convention Hall.

This is a huge project, which need experts from various field, the following committee members are constituted and entrusted to workout the modalities to deal with the party and report in the next April Board meeting.

1. Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema (convener)
2. Mr. Pawan Bhuyan
3. ETC Legal Consultant
4. One Entrepreneur from Jorhat
5. Architect from Nagaland

D. ETC Board: This is to inform the conventions that the members you have selected for ETC Board are completing 3 years by April 2019. You are kindly asked to send new members for October 2019 meeting.





**The North East Christian
University
Annual Report 2018-2019**
*Reported by Prof. Darlando Khathing,
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*The North East Christian University – A University with Distinction
under the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India.*

North East India is the Easternmost region of India comprising of the contiguous Seven Sister States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura) and the Himalayan State of Sikkim. The region shares almost 90 % of its borders with China (Tibet) in the North, Myanmar in the East, Bangladesh in the Southwest and Bhutan in the Northwest. The North East is a true frontier region.

North East India has been the meeting point of many communities, faiths and cultures. A place renowned for its magical beauty and bewildering diversity, North East India is home for more than 166 separate tribes speaking a wide range of languages. Some groups have migrated over the centuries from places as far as South East Asia and Mongolia. They retain their cultural traditions and values but are beginning to adapt to contemporary lifestyles. Its jungles are dense, its rivers powerful, and heavy rain and thunderstorms sweep across the hills, valleys and plains during the annual monsoons.

The North East Christian University is an ambitious project (Ministry) of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI). Since the establishment of the Baptist Mission in the North Eastern region, education has been one of the major focuses of the American Baptist missionaries. In a meeting of the Principals of Theological Seminaries under the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) held in March 2010, it was unanimously agreed that the time was right for Baptist Churches to establish a full-fledged University. A series of consultations were then held with Conventions and Associations members which endorsed the vision.

The North East Christian University (NECU), was formally established through the North East Christian University Act 2012 passed by the Nagaland State Legislative Assembly in 2013 and duly notified in the Nagaland State Gazette on June 5, 2013. As per UGC Act, the University is empowered to confer degrees.

The Vision of the University is of a distinctive Centre of excellence committed to integrating faith and knowledge, character and service, in transforming students towards empowerment, leadership and human development in preparation for challenging times. The Mission of the University is to provide a wholesome education that is global in perspective, upright in character and praxis in its approach. Its Motto is “Truth and Liberty”. The Logo depicts a Flame (of Warmth, Light, Care, Compassion), a Dove from above (Wisdom and Understanding, Love), and a Pedestal (Pillar of Knowledge and Discernment, Leadership).

NECU is a secular University which will offer courses and training programs on a wide range of subjects – from religion and theology to earth sciences and philosophy, from history to mobile technology, from medical sciences to agricultural sciences, from humanities to science and technology. It would provide flexible and innovative programs using online and blended learning methods that comply with international standards for quality education and professional competence. It would inculcate various skills like critical and innovative thinking, technological adaptability and multi-cultural traits. It would create research opportunities

that will lead to actions bringing contextual realities to programs and greater community participation. In addition to accreditation to National bodies, NECU would seek accreditation to American statutory bodies to ensure world class teaching and learning standards and offer seamless opportunities for NECU students to pursue further studies overseas. Semester and Credits would be adopted including transfer/recognition of Credits from well-established collaborating institutions.

A Governing Council comprising representatives of the CBCNEI, the Nagaland Baptist Council of Churches (NBCC), the Visitor of NECU, and ex officio members of the University is in place. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, General Secretary, CBCNEI, took over as the Chancellor, NECU with effect from 1st January, 2018.

Infrastructure

The University functions at its City campus located in the Anchor Complex, Burma Camp. This plot and a single storey building were donated to NECU free of cost by a God fearing and generous family. The premises now have two air-conditioned classrooms, one multipurpose 120 seat capacity Palm Leaf Centre, in addition to staff and faculty rooms.

The Main permanent campus is at Medziphema and comprises about 250 acres of beautiful land generously acquired by the Government of Nagaland for NECU. In addition to the usual modern and state of the art classrooms, hostels, administrative blocks, etc, and a large sports complex, a North East Village is being planned as a Retreat cum Event Centre for gatherings and conferences. Cottages to stay in would represent designs of all the eight NE states with special display and craft making facilities. Seminar rooms and hostels and a food court of NE cuisine is envisioned. A specially designed Chapel would be a central facility of the University. Four major hillocks have been named: Mt. Sinai, Mt. Nebu, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Hermon, where zoning of specific infrastructure has been identified in line with the history of those Biblical mountains.

A School of Ecotecture, architecture based on ecology and sustainable technology including traditional ones, has been proposed.

Annual Report 2018 – 2019

I. ACADEMIC

The first Academic Session of NECU started in August 2018.

A. Undergraduate Degrees: The University invited applications for Major (Honours) in Public Administration, Political Science, International Relations and in English.

As a Liberal Arts University all UG students had to take the following subjects in the First and Second Semesters: Foundation Course, Religious Studies, English – Basic and Advance Writing, History of Science, Mass Communication – Introductory Speech, North East Indian Heritage in a Global Context, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Counseling.

In both the Semesters, Community Work and Internship are also mandatory. In the first Semester, Community Work was being attached for three weeks to an orphanage and in the second Semester being attached to an Old Age Home. During the first Semester the Internship was with a top-rated hotel in Dimapur where hospitality and hotel services were learned. During the second Semester which is ongoing, the students are attached with a top baking enterprise learning on baking and front desk skills.

B. Post Graduate Degree: The post Graduate program offered MA English (TESL) – Teaching of English.

C. Classrooms: The University has 25 students as the intake limit for any subject. The University has two air-conditioned classrooms with a seating capacity of 25 students each.

One of the classrooms is also a Smart/Digital classroom with video conferencing facility and an Interactive Board (where one can even write or draw using all ten fingers). Each lecture can be recorded through the inbuilt software and the video camera, which

lecture can then be uploaded to a cloud server and students can access the same later, in case of revision or having missed class.

D. Other Academic Programs:

1. *15-16 November 2018:* NECU conducted a 5-week intensive Training and Certification Course in TESOL. This was offered in collaboration with the Asia Center (ACT) for TESOL Thailand. The Certificate is jointly issued by ACT Philippines, Cornerstone University USA and NECU.
2. *12–16 November, 2018:* NECU organized a 5-day workshop and training on various Self Employment and Sustainability Skills in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Council of Science, Technology and Environment. These included Food Processing and Green Technologies.
3. *11th December 2018:* NECU organized its first Cultural Symposium. This was aimed at complementing the Nagaland State Hornbill Festival programs. The broad themes covered included Naga Folklore and Oral Tradition, Naga Traditional Customs, Laws and Beliefs, Naga History and Naga Movement, Naga Traditional Dance Forms and Music, Folk Art and Attire. The active participation of Traditional Healers was a highlight of the program
4. *28th January to 2nd February, 2019:* NECU conducted a week long course on Accountancy and Management of Church Accounts. Resource persons included NU faculty, a banker, a CA and experience senior Ministry Financial Manager.
5. *5th March to end April 2019:* NECU conducting a 2-month Communicative English Certificate Course using its English Language Laboratory facility. Three trainers engaged to teach Soft Skills, Phonetics and Language Skills.

II. OUTREACH INITIATIVES:

1. April 18-19 2018: Finance Management to Chang Baptist Association Finance Secretaries, Tuensang, 18–19 April, 2018. Resource person Mr. Pesha of NECU.
2. April 18, 2018: NECU address Chang Town Baptist

Church.

3. April 19, 2019: NECU address Khamniungam Town Baptist elders and office bearers.
4. 2018: NECU at request of Khamniungam Students' Union Tuensang conducted a Career Awakening Program at Tuensang. NECU resource persons were Dr. Ayangti Longkumer and Mr. Pasha K.
5. February 2018: On going Free Tuition Classes to underprivileged Children in the NECU City campus neighborhood. Tuition classes offered by Dimapur based graduate students under Vivekananda Welfare Foundation under Capacity Building Centre (CTC) of NECU. Classes held three times a week. 50 children registered.
6. 7-9 February 2019: CBCNEI conducted a Church Leaders' Conference under the theme "Together towards Transformative Education", at the Manipur Baptist Convention Centre, Imphal. The main objective was to evaluate, exhort and examine the role of NECU as an Institute of Higher Learning in the NER of India.

III. NECU FACULTY RECOGNITION:

1. Dr. Ayangti Longkumer, Faculty of History of Science, presented a paper "Combatting Narrow Nationalism: India's Strive for Self-Reliance in Science and Technology", at IIT-Guwahati.
2. Ms. Arenkala Kichu, Faculty of MA(TESL), was judge for a "Public Speaking" competition at Tetso College, Dimapur.
3. Dr. Aienla, Coordinator, Capacity Training Centre, was awarded by the Changki Educational Trust for Excellence in Academics.
4. Dr. Samson Chiru, Faculty in Political Science, chaired one Technical Session in the NAAC organized Seminar.
5. Dr. Samson Chiru, Faculty in Political Science, was a speaker.

IV. NECU NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

NECU has been recognized by the Quality Council of India (QCI) to be a Personnel Certification Body (PrCB) for Traditional

Community Healthcare Providers (TCHPs), more commonly known as traditional healers. QCI (www.qcin.org) is the apex body in the country that oversees all standardization e.g. of products (ISI, BIS, etc.) and processes including Hospital management, etc., as per international standards.

With NECU laying much importance to tradition, culture and biodiversity for which the North East is rich in, NECU took the initiative of being recognized as a Certification Body to certify Traditional Health Providers (Healers). There is a large group still existing of experienced traditional community practitioners who render valuable service mostly to rural, remote and not easily accessible areas. Such certification is like a degree to one who has no formal classroom learning experience, but by generation or in-house training of their gifts, are very competent and well recognized by society. The Certification would have international status and could give our traditional practitioners a well-deserved lift and recognition.

NECU is only one of two organizations in the country to have such recognition. NECU is the only University (of approx. 800 Universities) in India with this distinction. UGC now initiating steps to encourage all Universities in this matter.

In a first for any PrCB in the country, NECU PrCB carried out its Certification initiative on applicants from Tripura, by sending a team on a three days evaluation exercise to remote areas where the healers were located. The team comprised of NECU representatives, a senior Aryurvedic doctor from Arunachal Pradesh, two senior practicing traditional healers from Assam and an Observer from QCI, New Delhi.

V. UNIVERSITY GUESTS:

1. July 23rd 2018. Korean Guests visit NECU. Mr. Kim, wife and son.
2. October 29, 2018. CIM Director visit NECU for discussions on possible collaboration.
3. February 12th 2019. Friends of NECU Breakfast Fellowship

at Anchor Complex. Discussions, tour of site, depart for airport.

VI. SCHOLARSHIPS:

The University has been privileged to receive:

1. An Endowment Fund to institute the “Governor-Acharya’s Award”.
2. FNECU Scholarship with the support of well-wishers – NECU students have been supported fully or partially towards tuition fees from this contribution.
3. One undergraduate student, Ms. Mirdom received full support for tuition, residence and miscellaneous expenses from the International.

VII. RESOURCE MOBILISATION:

1. The Chancellor, Rev. Dr Solomon Rongpi was supported by FNECU to spend a one-month long tour of the US in June/July 2018, to speak on and promote NECU.
2. NECU Promoter from Manipur, Rev. Yarngam Muivah has submitted the following Report and Director Operations has submitted their report.

VIII. NECU DIARY OF EVENTS (April 2018 to March 2019):

1. April 7, 2018: Attended Tangkhul Baptist Association Triennial Meet at Phale, Manipur. Spoke on NECU
2. April 8, 2018: Attended Tangkhul Baptist Church, Lamphel, Imphal. Share message and spoke on NECU
3. April 18, 2018: Met with Chang Baptist Association Pastors at Tuensang. Spoke on NECU
4. April 26-27 2018: Executive Committee Meeting of CBCNEI, Nagaon.
5. April 30, 2018: Kohima Science College Guest at regional Seminar. Governor Nagaland Chief Guest.
6. May 4th 2018: 9th Meeting of NECU GC.
7. May 6, 2018: Covenant Baptist Church Dimapur. Share Message on Mission Day.
8. May 29 2018: Attend 4th Meeting Steering Committee of QCI on TCHP

9. June 1, 2018: NECU meeting with Chief Minister, Nagaland at Kohima.
10. June 5, 2018: NECU meeting with Manipur NECU Promoters Committee members.
11. June 6, 2018: Meeting with learned members of society at MBC, Imphal on NECU Vision.
12. June 18-19 2018: Attend National Standards Conclave, New Delhi at invitation of QCI
13. June 19, Visit factory and headquarters of Saini's, New Delhi on Smart Classroom and Panopto software systems.
14. July 25, 2018: Held NECU first Faculty Selection / Search Committee meeting.
15. August 10, 2018: Held 10th Meeting of NECU Governing Council.
16. August 16-18, 2018: Held PrCB Evaluators Training by QCI at Anchor Complex
17. August 20, 2018: Attend Meeting of QCI and Chief Secretary, Nagaland and officers on TCHPs and Certification.
18. August 21, 2018: Start of first NECU Academic Session
19. October 15, 2018: Organized 5-Weeks Intensive Training on TESOL.
20. October 24-25, 2018: Attend Executive Meeting of CBCNEI at Guwahati
21. October 29, 2018: Attend one day Consultation of Church Leaders organized by CIM (Christian Institute of Management, Chennai)
22. November 12-16, 2018: Organise Meghalaya ST&E Council Training Workshop at NECU
23. November 27, 2018: Held 11th Meeting of NECU Governing Council.
24. January 7th 2019: Second Semester starts
25. January 11th, 2018: Held Peer Committee Meeting to Quality TCHP as Evaluators.
26. February 7th 2019: Participate in CBCNEI-MBC-NECU Church Leaders' Conference on Higher Education, Imphal
27. February 11th 2019: Friends of NECU arrive by train from

- Guwahati. Nagaland Bandh and journey timing postponed.
28. March 5th, 2019: NECU Communicative English classes begin.
 29. March 9th, 2019: Covenant Baptist Church, Dimapur Men Breakfast Prayer Group meet at NECU.

IX. MEETINGS of the GOVERNING COUNCIL:

- 9th Meeting of Governing Council held on May 4th, 2018.
10th Meeting of Governing Council was held on August 10th, 2018
11th Meeting of Governing Council was held on November 27th, 2018.
12th Meeting of Governing Council was held on March 18th, 2019



**ASSAM BAPTIST
CONVENTION(ABC)
The Annual Report**

*Reported by Benard K. Marak, General
Secretary*



God's word says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassion never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 22:23). As Bible says, I have experienced God's great love, his compassions and his faithfulness throughout the year as I discharged important responsibility of the convention. Therefore, He alone is worthy to be praised. This report includes Assam Baptist Convention: 51st Arunachal Baptist Convention (ABC) Annual General Meeting (AGM), 68th CBCNEI Annual General Meeting hosted by ABC, Admission and Organisational infrastructure for Associations, Initiative to foreign Mission, Leadership Training, ABC Schools, ABC departments, Projects, Scholarship program, Christian Education, Flood Relief distribution, and 52nd Annual General Meeting in brief. The following are the annual events;

1. Annual General Meeting

The 51st Annual General Meeting was held at Napuk Baptist Church, under Sibsagar Baptist Association, from April 6-8, 2018. The theme of the AGM was; "*Growing in Christ*" (II Peter 3:18). Rev. Dr. Woba James, Associate Professor, Eastern Theological College brought the Word of God basing on the theme. Ms, Chubala Sangma, Pastor, Kahilipa Baptist Church, Kamrup Asomia Baptist Asobha (KABS), led the Bible study on III John chapter 3.

2. Council of Baptist Churches in North East India 68th Annual general Meeting:

Assam Baptist Convention had the privilege to host the 68th CBCNEI AGM from 27-29 April, 2018 at the premise of Nagaon Mission High School, Nowgong. We are much thankful to God for his grace and blessing in organizing the program. Appreciation goes to CBCNEI for this great opportunity.

3. Workshops on Administration and Organisational Infrastructure for Associations:

One day workshop on Administration and Organisational Infrastructure of United Baptist Churches Association (UBCA) was conducted on 5th July 2018, and 16th July at Sibsagar Baptist Association (SBA). The program were organised to strengthen the working relationship between Association and Convention, by encouraging one another in the primary area of organisational infrastructure and administration.

4. Initiative to Foreign mission:

Assam Baptist Convention is initiating to work with Nepal Baptist Churches Council after MOU being signed. In this connection the General Secretary Rev. Benard K Marak and Mission Secretary, Rev Prince Paul attended the Mission Consultation held at Itahri, Nepal from 24-26 July 2018, organized by Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI).

5. Leadership Training

Leadership Training under the theme “*Agents of Holistic Transformation in North East India*” was conducted in favour of Association leaders, Secretaries and Pastors of the convention from 20-23 August 2018 at Jubilee Complex, Nagaon. This was jointly organised by Northeast Alliance Leadership Education And Social Transformation” (NEALEAST).

6. Assam Baptist Convention Departments:

Departments such as Mission, Youth, Women, and Finance are doing well under the abled leadership of departmental secretaries. The integrated ministerial approach has been the main thrust of

all the departments to strengthen and empower our local churches focussing on grassroots ministry through the united endeavour undertaken by the departments.

A. Mission Department

The state of Assam has more than 25,400 villages, out of which Christian presence is only 6000+ villages. The challenges before us is to reach out 18000+ villages with Gospel of Christ. Therefore, the Convention has cast forward a new vision to establish 10,000 churches by 2030 within the state of Assam and beyond. To accomplish this huge task ABC has already initiated plans with prayer and action. The below are the invited partnership in this endeavour:

- i. Evangelization and Church Plantation
- ii. Assistance to Evangelists appointed by Association
- iii. Community Development Project
- iv. Trainings and Consultations

B. Women Department:

Women Department has different programme and organisations like; Lydia centre, Women day of prayer, Grassroot leaders build up training, and Peace and conflict Transformation. These were taken up for women empowerment and upliftment.

C. Youth Department: Programmes like Human-Trafficking, workshop on Christian Hymn, Youth prayer day and leadership Training were organised in collaboration with convention's executive Committee and Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI)

7. Assam Baptist Convention Schools

- a. The Nagaon Mission High School
 - Higher Secondary
 - Hostel
 - Community College
- b. Christian High School Golaghat

8. Projects

- a. Mission Market/Mission Plaza/Edward Singha memorial Market
- b. Whispering Hope Project
- c. Socio-Economic Development Project
- d. Love Guwahati Project

9. Scholarship Program: Students selected in Satribari Christian Hospital and Jorhat Christian Medical College are supported financially by the convention. Two students were granted financial support for their Theological Studies.

10. Christian Education: To promote Christian Education many camps and trainings were conducted in the Sunday school and other children camp.

11. Flood Relief distribution: On 13th September 2018 food relief distribution was organised by the convention in collaboration with Jorhat Christian Medical College (JCMC).





**ARUNACHAL BAPTIST
CHURCH COUNCIL (ABCC)
The Annual Report**

*Reported by Rev Dr Changha Chippo,
General Secretary*

Arunachal Baptist Church Council is doing good by God's Grace. The below are events conducted and organised:

- **Release of Bible Commentary on the book of Luke in Local dialect:**

Local Bible Commentary on the book of Luke was released:

- a. On 24th March 2018 at Mishmi Baptist Church Council Mission Compound, Tezu District-Lohit Arunachal Pradesh.
- b. In Nyishi dialect at NBCC Mission Centre, Naharlagun

- **ABCC Women Wing organised a Prayer Walk at Tawang:**

Women Wing under ABCC organised a Prayer Walk Program from 13-20 May 2018 under the theme; *Pray for Tawang*. The team also visited all the important places of Tawang District and across the international boundary with China.

- **ABCC Mission Consultation:**

The first State level Mission Consultation program was hosted by Idu Mishmi Baptist Khumu Embo at Mission Centre, Roing on 15-16, May 2018. The objective of the program was to create platform for all mission partners

working in Arunachal Pradesh. The participants were encouraged and have resolved unanimously to conduct the program every year.

- **Seminar on Anti-Human Trafficking**

The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Justice and Peace Department of CBCNEI on two occasions:

- a. Hosted by Adi Baptist Council, Pasighat from 7- 8, August 2018
- b. Hosted by Tangsa Baptist Church Association from 21-22, September 2018.
Besides officials from ABCC, Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, the General Secretary of CBCNEI and Adv. Malthys D. Sangma were the resource persons. Mr. Arup Saikia attended the program as research scholar for CBCNEI.

- **ABCC Connect Program**

The ABCC visited the Tutsa Baptist Church Association, District Changlang on 22-23, September 2018. The purpose was to meet the leaders and office bearers of the Association to interact and discuss the significant issues of the Association.

- **ABCC Connect Program**

The Nyishi BCC and ABCC leaders' consultation meeting was held on 7th September 2018 at Hotel Benjamin Papu Nallah, Naharlagun, and had resolved issues in relation to Arunachal Christian Forum.

- **3rd ABCC Youth Conference**

The 3rd ABCC Youth Conference under the theme; *Newness in Christ*- Romans 12:2. It was conducted at Rayang Baptist Church, Roing under DLBCA from 19- 21, October 2018.

- **The ABCC 24th Executive Committee Meeting**
 The 24th Executive Meeting of Arunachal Baptist Church Council was held at Yingkiong Town Baptist Church under Adi Baptist Church Association on 6th November 2018.
- **Tagin Baptist Church Association and Upper Subansiri Baptist Church Association Unification**

 - The Tagin Baptist Church Association and Upper Subansiri Baptist Church Associations unification Consultation meeting was held on 3rd December 2018 at Golgotta Baptist Church Papu Nallah, Naharlagun.
 - Leaders of both the associations unanimously concluded the meeting with a resolution to have one single body called *Tagin-Galo Baptist Church Association* and signed MOU upon it.
- **Installation of Pastor at Daporijo Police Colony Town Baptist Church**
 Mr. Neelam Totup was installed as protem pastor for Daporijo Town Baptist Church, Police Colony Daporijo on 12th December 2018 by Arunachal Baptist Church Council.
- **Seminar on clean Election**
 A seminar on Clean Election was organised hosted by Nokte Baptist Asathem Roapkkhoan(NBAR) from 8-10, March 2018 at Khonsa Town Baptist Church. Adv. Norbu Lama, Rev. Dr. Changha Chippo and Adv. Tugaso Manyu Attened the seminar as resource persons.
- **Seminar on centralisation Administration**
 A seminar on centralised administration was held on 23-24, March 2018 at Tirbin town under Galo Baptist Union. The General Secretary, ABCC attended the seminar as the resource person.

- Golden Jubilee and Silver Jubilee celebrations of Baptist Churches in Arunachal Pradesh**

The Apatani Baptist Association celebrated the 25 years of God's faithfulness from 19-21, October 2018 at Ziro

Karo -Yapso Baptist Church, NBCC, Lete Baptist Church under GBCC and Ngensi Baptist Church under GBU celebrated 50th year of God's faithfulness during the year 2018.

Jajing-Tapo Baptist Church, NBCC also celebrated its 25 years of God's faithfulness from 29th November to 2nd December 2018.
- Asia Pacific Baptist Federation program**

Adv. Tugaso Manyu, Mission Secretary ABCC represented ABCC in the APBF Theological Education, aid and mission consultation program at Melaka Malaysia from 22-25, January 2019.
- CBCNEI Youth Secretaries' Fellowship of Northeast India**

Arunachal Baptist Church Council had the privilege to host the first ever CBCNEI secretaries Fellowship of North East India at Apatani Baptist Association Mission Compound, Ziro with the effect from 2-4, November 2018.
- General Secretary CBCNEI visits ABCC Office**

The ABCC had a pleasant surprise and a precious privilege to welcome Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, General Secretary, CBCNEI to the office at Pappu Nallah, Naharlagun on 12th November 2018. He took stock of the ABCC activities and shared valuable advices on various issues. ABCC look forward for similar visits from the CBCNEI Office.





**GARO BAPTIST
CONVENTION (GBC)**
The Annual Report
*Reported by Rev. Janang R.
Sangma, General Secretary*

Garo Baptist Convention, as an organisation, is grateful to God for His guidance and protection throughout the year, and for having counted us worthy to serve his people in many different ways. Today we live in a fast-moving world where all kinds of wickedness and ungodliness are thriving; where there is coldness and indifference to the things that are spiritual and divine; where worldly pleasures are given more prominence than eternal; I believe what has been foretold by Apostle Paul in II Timothy 3:1-5 about the signs of the end times is being fulfilled right before our eyes. Hence, it is imperative for God's people to stay alert and be ready for any eventuality.

This year several new faces have joined the GBC team of officers which include Mr. K.C. Momin, the new President for the next two years, Rev. S. M. Marak as Vice President and Mrs. Bonjera Nochie A. Sangma as the new Women's Director. The convention is immensely grateful to Mrs. Jaksil A. Sangma the outgoing Women Director for the outstanding service she had rendered to GBC during her term. We pray that God will continue to use her as His powerful instrument wherever He places her.

Recently, two new associations- Krima No. 16 (with 18,222 members and 14 churches) and krima No. 17 (with 21,223 members and 13 mother churches), with headquarters at Resubelpara and Bajengdoba respectively, in East Garo Hills

District, were created out of Krima No. 1 for the sake of better coordination among churches. With these the number of associations under GBC has gone up to 18 with one deemed association in South West Khasi Hills. Furthermore, 10 local churches were given autonomy and upgraded to mother church status. Eight (8) fulltime pastors and three (3) Seminary professors were ordained during the year 2018.

Programmes and Activities undertaken during March 2018-February 2019

- Ø **GBC Day of Fasting and Prayer:** A day of fasting and prayer was observed on Holy Saturday (31st March, 2018) between Good Friday and Easter as a mark of identification with the suffering and death of Christ.
- Ø **Youth Leaders' Conference:** The GBC Youth Department organised a 4-day conference (April 5-8, 2018) for youth leaders at Ku'simkol Baptist Church in Williamnagar which was attended by 450 youth leaders from different churches under GBC.
- Ø **School and College Teachers' Retreat**
One day counselling workshop was organised by the Christian Education Department on August 3-4, 2018 for church-run school and college teachers where 26 participants took part.
- Ø **Get together program with elected MLAs**
A special Prayer Meet and Get-together was arranged for the elected Garo representatives of the State Assembly on 10th September at Tura Baptist Church where 16 out of 24 MLAs from Garo Hills region participated and were greatly blessed.
- Ø **Women of Peace Programme**
GBC women department in partnership with CBCNEI Peace and Justice Department and Partera International organised a four day "women of Peace" programme on September 29 to October-2, 2018, where 35 young women were empowered and commissioned as peace-builders.
- Ø **GBC Pastors' Conference**

This was held from 1-4, November 2018 at Bangsi Songma Baptist Church, krma No.1 on important topics such as 1. Pastors' call, commitment and Responsibility. 2. Lifestyle of a Pastor and 3. Challenges of modern-day Pastoral ministry.

Ø **The 145 Annual General Meeting of GBC**

The 145 Annual General Meeting of GBC was hosted jointly in Tura City by 18 Tura-based Baptist Churches under Krma No. IV from February 6-10, 2019. Hence, the theme of the AGM was "Choose Life" taken from Deuteronomy 30:19.

Overview and Analytical Comments

- **Spiritual life of our members:** The greatest strength of GBC lies in our membership and mono-linguistic culture. Roughly 70% of our church members belong to rural churches. Various spiritual enrichment programmes such as bible Camps, retreat worships, conference and training are being organised right from local church level to association level.
- **Youth ministry**
One of the biggest challenges the youth ministry is facing today is the need to reach out to the end of the educated youth from affluent families who tend to stay away from the church and youth lost in alcoholism, drugs and immorality.
- **Women Ministry**
GBC women form the backbone of the church ministry. It may be mentioned that majority of the participants in most church programmes are women. Our women members are actively involved in prayer ministry and in giving.
- **Mission and Evangelism**
On the mission front churches under GBC are taking keen interest in fulfilment of the Great Commission of Christ.

There is an upward trend in cross-cultural missions and many of our churches are directly sponsoring cross-cultural missionaries.

Social Action

- Socio-Economic Empowerment of Rural communities, Creation care and climate change, Human Trafficking Awareness Programmes, Kasturba Gandhi Ballika Vidyalaya (KGVV schools), Relief works, and Other notable contributions to society by churches and associations.

ABDK self-support objects of GBC

- Working Women Hostel, Tribal Boys' Hostel, For Hiring, and Sales

Upcoming major events in 2019

- i. August 16-18 : GBC Executive Secretaries' retreat in Thimpu, Bhutan
- ii. October 4-6 : Women Conference
- iii. December 6-7 : Harding Theological College Centenary Celebration
- iv. February 5-9 2020 :146th Annual General Meeting of GBC to be held in Mangsang Baptist Church under Krima No.V in East Garo Hills District.



MANIPUR BAPTIST CONVENTION (MBC) The Annual Report

*Reported by Rev Dr Wungnaoting
Konghar, General Secretary*



Like any other years during 2018-2019, Manipur witnessed many incidents such as bomb blasts, strikes(bandhs), blockades, dharna, Manipur total shutdown and so on, called by some Civil Society Organisation (CSOS), JAC and some underground revolutionaries, which really affect the day to day life of the people. When people from outside Manipur ask, "How is Manipur nowadays", it is not easy for us to give a positive answer, because in our state Manipur, any time and any moment, anything could happen. We all know that life in Manipur is very risky and unpredictable.

In the year 2018 and 2019, many church leaders have passed away including the first General Secretary of the Manipur Baptist Convention. Rev. Seikholet Singson who was 96 years old passed away on February 18, 2018 after the brief illness at his residence at Bongmol. The MBC Cabinets, having consulted with the KBC leaders proposed to conduct a befitting and significant memorial service for our former General Secretary at MBC Centre Church, Imphal. However very unfortunately our proposal was turned down by the local church. Rev. Seikholet Singson was indeed a man of character, integrity and upright servant of God. His death is certainly a great loss for the people of Manipur in general and our Convention in particular.

Events of the Convention

- MBC Executive Council and Assembly

- Green Sunday
- The Secretaries' Conference
- Quasquicentenary
- Training and Consultation
- Association Headquarters/Centre Visited

Departments

- Ø **Mission:** MBC Mission Department exist to assist the churches of Manipur Baptist Convention by evangelising persons, planting Baptist Churches, nurturing church planting movement, equipping leaders, sending and supporting missionaries, providing resources and consultation, reaching out to people within and outside, and making Christ known among all people. The associations and the churches under the convention are equipped with the gospel of Jesus Christ and Christ communities are being established in different areas of Manipur and beyond. Under the leadership of Rev. Alani Songshir, various consultation, MBC school of church planting training, Global Leadership summit, and mission conference at various Associations were conducted.
- Ø **Finance and Property:** The financial system of the Convention has been receiving and collecting its fund (membership and others) through the associations. The finance committee of the Convention was also expanded by inducting all the finance secretaries as per the executive council vide action No. 179/EC/2013/08 and all the Associations have been fully engaged in planning and budgeting of the Convention through the Finance Secretaries.
- Ø **Peace and Development Director:** Peace and Development Department comes under one department, yet they have two separate Board/Committee members for the effective and smooth functioning of the Department. Under the leadership of Rev. T. Karang, the Development Department in collaboration with CASA reached out to more than 15,000 Households in about 5 valley districts of Manipur with various relief goods which were affected

by floods and landslides. Various workshops, Projects and programs were conducted in various churches, villages and districts successfully in collaboration with EFICOR, CASA and CBCNEI.

- Ø **Women Department:** Among all the projects the women department has taken up, the project worth mentioning i.e. **1 Rupee Project** which was able to buy 817 blankets and were distributed to 25 Associations, 3 Children Home, grade IV staff in the campus and DCH members as 2018 Christmas gifts. Under the leadership of Ms. Lhingboi Kipgen, the Women Department runs a hostel for young women called 'Legacy Home' which has 33 hostellers from 14 different tribes. Another project run by the women department is **Dorcas Compassion Home** enrolling 15 widows.
- Ø **Youth and Education Department:** Under the leadership of Rev. Boipu Serto, the Youth Department has conducted various trainings such as Pastoral and Leaders Training with Singapore team, youth Leaders Training, Music Training and hymn Fest with SBC faculties and Alumni, children Bible Ministries with New Zealand, CBCNEI youth Leaders Meet.
- Ø **Manipur Theological College:** The College headed by Rev. Dr. LT. Haokip is the only Theological College run by the Convention. Beside the contribution from the churches under MBC, they received great help from Evangelisches Missionewak(EMW), Germany. The college Convocation was held on April 12th 2019. Nine (9) students from Bachelor of Divinity (BD) and three from Master of Divinity (M.Div) belonging to different communities graduated this year.



NAGALAND BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL (NBCC)

The Annual Report

Reported by Rev Dr Zelhou Keyho, General Secretary



The ministry of NBCC for the year 2018 began with 21st Triennial convention held at Impur Mission Centre, hosted by Ao Baptist Association Mission from February 2-4, 2018. It was a time for the Nagaland Baptist Church Council to revisit and rejuvenate her ministry and to revisit her root. It was for NBCC and the Associations a homecoming experience. Below are some of the reflection;

- **Clean Election Campaign 2018:** Our first challenge after the 21st Triennial was the state general election of 2018. We are grateful to the CEC NBCC and also to association level CEC for taking the responsibility seriously.
- **NBCC Headquarters Initiated Ministry:** The head office initiated the ministry called “Sparrow Mission” with an aim to reach out to the sojourners and aliens in Kohima. The purpose of this ministry is to enable everyone to hear the gospel at least once before they return to their own dwelling.

- **Staff visit to Churches and Associations:** NBCC staff is much encouraged with the openness of the churches to our visits. A part from the Kohima, in 2018 we have extended our visit and fellowship with smaller associations and beyond.
- **Beyond Ourselves:** Within us there are associations that are in the process of becoming and yet are still struggling in more than one way; financial and even in manpower.
- **In the world of Partnership:** Our partnership and associations with likeminded bodies outside of Nagaland to a great extent is recognised and perhaps much is also expected. The representation in different levels has been positive. However, there appears to be the need for NBCC to go beyond and extend help to others in every possible way.

Challenges

- **Knitted Together in Christ:** The theme for this year, “*knitted together in Christ*” is a relationship term. It describes the beauty of being together as one in Christ even though our strength and our abilities are different. But Unity ensures that each part of the body is functioning where God has placed them.
- **Ministry of Edification:** Most of the churches in Nagaland lies within the description of rural sectors. The church is often said to be rich and it has all the facilities. But this applies to only 25-39% and the rest are trying to find their way out to effectively function as the church in their ministry and in their witness. Without any elaborate explanation, partnership within ourselves as a council is the need of the hour.

The challenge to partnership internally is not to reduce the mission and witness externally. The basis for this is biblical and missional

in purpose. It is to build up each other to enable the other to reach to its full potential in the ministry of the church. As much as we think and get involved, partnership is a call to pay attention within us to those who came to the stage after us and are becoming.

- **Becoming an Externally focussed Church:** We are trapping our resources to ourselves. This is self-serving and losing sight of what we are called to be. The activities that we plan and perform are not going beyond us. Therefore, we need to identify needs of our communities and start ministries or programs to meet those in needs. Partnering with existing ministries/service agencies that are already accomplishing a shared mission in the community.
- **From celebration to Development Syndrome:** Our celebrations are turning out to be an act of religiosity. Religiosity is a show piece. It is now becoming different to do away with elaborate celebration in our context. The point is, the church can contain this cycle of celebration by coming out with Biblical teachings, theological implication and develop proper contextual theology on how the church should celebrate and commemorate anniversaries, Jubilees and weddings. In a Christian majority state, if we cannot have a controlling factor on how things should go about, we have no other institutions that can do it.
- **Growing through Relationship:** As God has entrusted the message to His people, we are also entrusted to glorify God and not ourselves. We anyway disagree with each other but we must agree that our unity is paramount in the ministry of our Lord.





KARBI ANGLONG BAPTIST CONVENTION(KABC) The Annual Report

*Reported by Rev Davidson
Ingti, General Secretary*

The KABC was founded on the 12th of November 1980. About half of the Associations are led by laymen and organisationally weak in every aspect.

Activities

- Ø **Annual General Meeting:** The 38th Annual General Meeting was hosted by Zeme Baptist Association, Assam held on 16-18 March 2018, at Hangrum Baptist Church, Dima Hasao (NC Hills) under the theme; *Christian Stewardship*.
- Ø **Mission Consultation:** The KABC had Mission Consultation program at Hamren Town Baptist Church. Leaders of the five associations and some business men were also attended the program.
- Ø **ICT Program Inauguration:** On July 2, the Institute of Community Transformation program was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Jacob sonar, State Coordinator of Seva Bharat. Accordingly, classes were started for 10 church planters.
- Ø **Inter-Church Prayer Meeting:** As far the United Christian Prayer for India national program, the KABC also adopted the program by holding prayer service on July 27.

- Ø **Leadership Training cum Inter-church Prayer at Hamren:** For the West Karbi Anglong Associations, leadership training program was undertaken on August 27-28.
- Ø **The KABC Youth 4th Sports Meet:** It was held from 4-6 October, 2018.
- Ø **Anti-Human Trafficking Seminar:** It was held at NKBA Centre, Manja for East Karbi Anglong on 13 October. The participants could learn precautionary steps to protect children and women from traffickers.
- Ø **Missionary day:** In memory of American Baptist Missionaries who came to Karbi Anglong way back in 19th century, the Missionary Day was observed from 29-30 October.
- Ø **Patron's Meet:** It was held on 6 November at KABC conference hall. The meeting resolved to start Resource Centre as early as possible for the training of Pastors, Evangelists, Sunday Schools' teachers and others.
- Ø **KABC foundation Day:** The 38th foundation Day was observed at KABC office.
- Ø **Partnership with CASA:** On November 26, the KABC and CASA signed a Project Agreement at CASA office, Guwahati called "Community Empowerment and Sustainability Development Project" to be operated in Kheroni-Jengkha area in West Karbi Anglong.
- Ø **Church Planning Activities:** The KABC mission Department signed MOU with AWANA, Go Give Hope for children and church planting ministry. This also works with ALPHA India.
- Ø **WIN Seminar:** The Women Impact Network (WIN) seminar was held at KABC campus on 14-16 September.





The Annual Report of **BYFNEI**

*Reported by Monison Teron,
Secretary*

- Ø **BYFNEI Executive Meetings:** The BYFNEI had three times Executives meeting at;
 - a. Nagaon – 28th April 2018
 - b. Manipur Baptist Convention, Guest House – 14th September 2018
 - c. CBCNEI – 5th March 2019
- Ø **Youth Leadership Development Training:** Human Trafficking program was conducted at Manipur Baptist Convention, Imphal on 13-16 September 2018.
- Ø **Associations' Youth Secretaries Conference:** The conference was conducted on the theme; '*Leadership Building*' at Apatani Baptist Association Centre, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh from 2-4 November 2018.
- Ø **Plan Ahead:**
 - a. To have an exchange tour among the Convention leaders in 2019
 - b. Youth Fest will be organised at GBC Tura from September 19-20 2020.





The Annual Report of BWFNEI

*Reported by Mrs. Jaksil Sangma,
President*

I. Women of Peace Conference: As a follow up of *Women of Peace* conference held in 2017, BWFNEI has resolved to incorporate this program in all the conventions. And consequently, Garo Baptist Convention and Assam Baptist Convention have implemented in their respective conventions.

II. Upcoming Events:

- a. The 7th Triennial Conference of BWFNEI-** The conference will be held from November 12-14, 2019 to be hosted by Nagaland Baptist Church Council.
- b. IBWU Conference-** India Baptist Women Union Conference is to be held from 29th November- 1st December 2019 in Guwahati to be hosted by Baptist conventions of North East India.
- c. U S Visit-** BWFNEI officials plans to visit West Virginia Baptist Convention during the last week of June 2019 for the purpose of sharing and networking with the women folk out there. The members are working on their VISA's. Please uphold us in your prayers.



The 69th Annual General Meeting, Council of Baptist Churches in North East India

Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, 69th Annual General Meeting was held on 26-27 April 2019 at Diphu Baptist Church, Karbi Anglong, Assam hosted by Nihang Karbi Baptist Association, Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention. The theme of the program was, “*Pressing Towards the Fullness of Life*” (John 10:10):

- a. *Pressing towards living the Fullness of Life in the **Church**.*
- b. *Pressing towards living the Fullness of Life in the **Family***
- c. *Pressing towards living the Fullness of Life in the **Society***

The speakers of the program were Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, General Secretary Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, Rev. Dr. Jerson B. Narciso, General Secretary, Central Philippine Baptist Convention, Philippine and Prof. Joshua Zonita, central Philippine University, College of Theology. Farewell program for General Secretary, Medical Secretary and Relief and Development department Consultant, CBCNEI was organised during the meeting.

The below are the new officials of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India;

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| 1) President | : Mr. R. K. Raychawdhuri |
| 2) Vice President | : Mr. Nshenthang Jishing |
| 3) General Secretary | : Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema |
| 4) Mission Secretary | : Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai |
| 5) Finance Secretary | : Mr. Vikato Shikhu |
| 6) Property Secretary | : Mr. Rajib Zillie |
| 7) Justice and Peace
Secretary | : Mr. Malthyus D. Sangma |
| 8) Medical Secretary | : Dr. Bamin Tada |
| 9) Vice-Chancellor | : Dr. Darlangdo Khathing |

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- 10) Director CLC : Rev. T. P. Mordecai
- 11) Assam Baptist Convention
- a. President : Mr. Atul Horo
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Benard K. Marak
- 12) Arunachal Baptist Church Council
- a. President : Mr. Norbu Lama
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Dr. Changa Chippo
- 13) Garo Baptist Convention
- a. President : Mr. Knudshnberg C. Momin
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Janang R. Sangma
- 14) Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention
- a. President : Mr. Nshenthang Jishing/
Vice President CBCNEI
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Davidson Ingti
- 15) Manipur Baptist Convention
- a. President : Rev. H. Kaba Maram
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Dr. Wungnaoting
Konghar
- 16) Nagaland Baptist Church Council
- a. President : Rev. Dr. Hukashe Zhimomi
 - b. General Secretary : Rev. Dr. Zelhou Keyho
- 17) BWFNEI
- President : Mrs. Jaksil A. Sangma
- 18) BYFNEI
- President : Mr. Bikash G. Momin
- 19) Co-opted Member :
- a) Mrs. Dajum Lego
 - b) Rev. Alpha sengbah D. Marak
 - c) Ms. Chubala Sangma





Farewell Note

By Rev. Dr Solomon Rongpi

At the outset, I and my family would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Council as the 7th General Secretary for the last five years. It has been a great honour and I consider as an undeserving opportunity.

Council of Baptist Churches in North East India is a big family with diversity. Diversity is God's plan of creation and so it is to be celebrated. Today, our country is shaken, our churches are shaken because of the unacceptance of diversity. Thus, the problem is not with diversity, but with those who are not willing to accept the diversity. Respect, acceptance and love are core teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Council also will be able to bear testimony of our Lord Jesus' prayer, "*Called to be One*" but only when we respect and uphold diversity – whether small or big community. We need to stand hand in hand in solidarity especially with the weaker churches so that all members in the Council experience equality and love in one body of our Lord.

We are proud to inherit the great legacy of social gospel. The American Baptist and our fellow Baptists in different parts of the world stood for social justice. For them, "There is no gospel without relating to social issues". That is why they championed for civil rights movement, slavery movement and some of them even got assassinated like Martin Luther King Jr. I am privileged to visit Luther's house and the church building where he pastored at Atlanta, USA. William Carey is recognized as one of the greatest

missionaries of social justice. American missionaries sacrificed their lives for social upliftment of North East people. We are proud to be part of this great heritage. I am happy that the council continues to strive to uphold this heritage initiating different programs and establishing networking with different like-minded mission partners.

Keeping the spirit of the Nazareth Manifesto and legacy of Baptist heritage, I have tried my best to keep the balance between the Evangelicals and Ecumenical as we need each other in furthering God's mission in this world. Apart from taking active role in Baptist family around the world, the Council is part of World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI), National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), World Council of Churches (WCC) and many missions and development partners. We have benefited much from all those organizations. We are proud of them and it shows our maturity. I have discovered that we have so much to learn from each other. Therefore, we need to respect and learn from each other to make our world better. Let us continue to uphold this spirit even in the years to come.

While discharging my duty as General Secretary, I have encountered many problems as well as opportunities. I thank the Executive Committee members, officers, my colleagues and administrative staff for their support and encouragement. You made me strong when I was weak and discouraged. I will always cherish your love and friendship. I am sure, I have overlooked and failed in many things and not sensitive to your needs, and hurt your feeling.

I express my sincere regret for my wrong doings and seek your kind forgiveness. I also wish to express my deepest gratitude to all. And to those who have gifted me and my family, your precious gifts meant a lot for me and my family. Thanks for your solidarity and love. Expressing my deepest appreciation to the leadership of different ministries of the Council – the healing (hospital ministry), Student ministry, CLC, Justice and Peace ministry, Eastern Theological College, and North East Christian University and my staff for carrying out your duties diligently and enabling

people to experience God's transformative love. Continue your good work even in the days to come. I will be missing you!

The Council would have not achieved many dreams without the support and partnership from International Ministries. They stood with us in many ways. NECU would have not achieved its vision without the support of International Ministries (IM). Big thank you to IM and leadership team led by Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director, and Rev. Dr. Benjamin Sun Lai Chan and our Area Director, with whom I have worked since many years for their continued partnership. It is a special honour to receive a farewell program at my own church i.e. Nihang Karbi Anglong Baptist Association (NKBC). Thanks to Diphu Baptist Church, NKBA and KABC for hosting the 69th AGM and facilitating my farewell. I have nothing to give in return but it is my prayer that the Almighty God will bless you in a special way and abundantly.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and welcome Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema, my senior colleague and friend, to be our new General Secretary. As Principal of Eastern Theological College, he has been associated with the Council for many years and I hope and pray that the council will achieve greater heights under his able leadership. May God bless your ministry. Once again, I thank the Council for the confidence and allowing me to shoulder the responsibility as General Secretary of the Council. Thank you all and may God bless you. Farewell to you all!



PRESSING TOWARDS LIVING THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

Rev. Dr Solomon Rongpi

“Pressing toward the Fullness of Life” (John 10:10) is the theme of the 69th Annual General Meeting of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) which was held at Diphu Baptist Church under Nihang Karbi Baptist Association of the Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention from 26-28 April 2019. Living the fullness of life in the family, church and society are important topics for us to consider. What is the fullness of life is a real question for all of us to find the answer.

Do we find life a real joy or a terrible burden, or drudgery? For many of us, life is really a chore. It is not only one of suffering but often a vain suffering. Why is it that some of us are so negative about life? If we find that we have no life in us and that we wish we don't have to live on, then it would seem that our faith in Christ is in vain, as St James tells us in chapter 2:14-24,26. That kind of faith does us no good and therefore cannot save us as it does not give us fullness of life as promised by the Lord. Hence, this quest for life is important. How can we find life?

What the fullness of life actually means

What would the fullness of life entail? It means fulfilling our physical, material, emotional, aesthetic and spiritual needs. To live the fullness of life is more than just acquiring wealth, status and power. It means to live a meaningful and purposeful life. Here the meaning is spelt out in terms of being contributive towards others, especially in love and in relationships. The purpose would entail immediate, long term goals and the ultimate goal in life. There is no life, even if we are rich and successful in worldly terms, if there is no love and respect

in our lives, when we have no friends and no one whom we can share our love. Life is also not full even if we have good friends, unless we find a purpose for living, now and hereafter. That is why it is necessary that we know our final destiny as well.

The fullness of life is the theme of 69th CBCNEI Annual General Meeting based on John 10:10 which says, “The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.” The purpose of Jesus’ coming is to give us the fullness of life. In the first place, Jesus warns against trying to find life through the way of the world. Many are caught in the rat race of acquiring wealth, money, power and status. Some think that fullness of life is to eat, drink and be merry all the time. Others think that life is to look good, attractive and are obsessed with external beauty and care for their bodies. To think that these will give happiness is an illusion because many are consumed by what they consume. The warning of Jesus is clear. “What gain, then, is it for a man to win the whole world and ruin his life? And indeed, what can man offer in exchange for his life?” (Mark 8:34-9:1). One must not be deluded by the world because what the world can offer is external happiness, not the happiness of the soul. The world might be able to satisfy the body but not the spirit. We are not mere body; we have a soul, a heart, and a mind that desires to be satisfied.

The Paradox of Life

So how can we acquire life? The paradox of life is that life cannot be acquired directly. Life is given to us as we expend that life for others. It is a by-product of something else. Indeed, the more we try to acquire life, the more it escapes from us. This is what Christ meant when He said, “For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Life is ours only when we give ourselves away in love and service. If Jesus lived the fullness of life, it was because all through His life, He was a man for others. He lived for God and for His people. Jesus did not live for Himself. He went about doing good, focusing on others’ needs rather than His own. Forgetful of Himself, His own thoughts were the sufferings of His fellowmen. He came to proclaim to them the mercy and unconditional love of His Father, whether by words or deeds. Indeed, those people

who are rich and successful know that what give them the greatest joy are not pleasure and power but service and love, especially to the poor. As a consequence, most truly, successful people give a great portion of their time and wealth to the development and cause of humanity.

That is why securing life cannot be a goal in itself. The truth is that we have been deceived by the world. We are told from young that we need to have goals in life. Life for many is a whole series of ambitions. Once a goal is reached, another goal is set. And so, we are told first to study hard, get a degree, find a good job, then a good spouse, a big house, a luxurious car, etc. But if we are so busy pursuing the goals of life, we will never be able to enjoy and taste life itself. With that kind of thinking, we will always be anxious to prove ourselves. And like others, we are so caught up with our projects and ambitions that we have no time to really live. If all we do each day is seen as nothing more than a means to achieve some goal, then we can say that life is really difficult and work becomes distasteful.

Consequently, if we want to find life, we must not harbour such ambitions because we only postpone life to live in the future – a future that can never be realized. Within this context, we can understand why Jesus told His disciples that if they want to find life, they must renounce themselves and follow Him. In other words, we must empty ourselves of our goal-orientated thinking so that we can begin to live moment by moment, enjoying and relishing whatever we are doing without being too worried about the future. Only by living as fully as we can in this moment and finding meaning in what we do, especially ‘wasting’ time in relationships, can it then be said that we already taste the power of the Kingdom in our life, here and now. The happiness of life is to be found in the journey itself, much less at the end. For this reason, heaven is a dynamic experience because no one can totally know God and understand the mystery of God. It is like an abyss that is unfathomable. It is like a relationship. There is so much to unravel and discover even in our best friend or spouse, although we might have known each other for years. Once a friend told me and said, “I have lived with my wife for the last 25 years and yet there are many things I do not really understand her.”

This does not mean that we are called to live aimless lives. Not to be obsessed by the goals we set before us does not mean that we drift through life without purpose and motivation. Such an attitude would be irresponsible and would lead to lethargy, boredom and meaninglessness. Indeed, some of us feel so secure in our iron rice-bowl, which is a Chinese term used to refer to an occupation with guaranteed job security, as well as steady income and benefits, whether at work or at home, that we do not feel the need to improve ourselves and our work. We fall into complacency doing the same thing every day, following the same routine, without any enthusiasm or motivation, doing the minimum and haphazardly as well. As a result we live a half-fulfilled and mediocre life. In order to live a fulfilled life, we certainly need some kind of goals, but these must not be taken too seriously. The goals that we set before us are simply means to give us some orientation and direction in life. But happiness is not to be found in the goals themselves. It is the living out of the life in the process that we become truly alive.

What then is this “aimless goal” that can truly give us life? Simply this: to empty ourselves in love and service for others. It is when we forget about ourselves and begin to be other-centered that we find life a real joy. The joy comes in losing ourselves, for when we lose ourselves, we no longer worry about ourselves, since our focus is on others. The joy and meaning of living therefore is found not within ourselves but in living for God and for others. As we empty ourselves for the service of the Church and humanity, we become more human and come to realize that at the end of the day, what we value most is compassion, kindness, charity, love and relationship. Whether we are entrepreneurs, workers, professionals, politicians or religious, it is immaterial. Whether we are happy or not depends on whether we see what we do as being our unique contribution to the building of God’s Kingdom and not just technological advances or economic development, but seeding and growing the gospel values among our fellowmen. When we see our work as a service to humanity, as opposed to it being purely a technical and economic engagement, we will feel empowered because then everything becomes meaningful.

Faith in God Alone is Useless

For this reason, St James tells us that life is ours only when faith is worked out in deeds. Faith in God alone is useless unless this faith is lived out in love and charity, for even “the demons have the same belief, and they tremble with fear”. St James says, “Do you realize, you senseless man, that faith without good deeds is useless. You surely know that Abraham our father was justified by his deed, because he offered his son Isaac on the altar? There you see it: faith and deeds were working together; his faith became perfect by what he did” (James 2:14-24,26). If Abraham lived the fullness of life, it was not simply because He believed in God but because He lived out his beliefs by surrendering his life completely to the Lord, allowing Him to lead him each day to the day when God would fulfill the promises made to him and his descendants.

Living for others and for God, of course requires sacrifice and pain. The psalmist tells us “happy is the man who takes delight in the commands of the Lord” (Ps. 112:1). What is this command if not to renounce ourselves and take up our cross and follow after Jesus? This is what Jesus expects of us as His followers. We are called to renounce ourselves and share the burden of Jesus in reaching out to humanity. The irony of Christian life is that we find happiness in pain. The world fights shy of pain, believing that pain and suffering take away life and happiness. But Christian life comes to the fullest when we share in the sufferings of others, doing what we can to alleviate them, for by so doing, we learn how to love and grow in compassion and solidarity with God and our fellowmen. The Christian message remains that it is through the cross that we find the fullness of life.

To me the fullness of life is to walk like Jesus; to live for others and to fulfill what the father willed. This life is not the abundance of wealth, power and luxury but to use all our wealth, position and talents for others. That it is through bearing the cross daily that we experience and live the fullness of life. This is really satisfying and fulfilling. Let us move forward and press on towards this kind of life that is so fulfilling and satisfying in the midst of pain and suffering.



NEWS CAPSULES

Fare you well

On 21st May 2019, Farewell Programme was conducted in honour of **Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi**, General Secretary and **Dr. Lucita Momin**, Medical Secretary and **Rev. Kabi Gangmei**, Consultant, Relief and Development Department of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India.

As the Bible says, There's season for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1- 22). We believe that

this is one of the seasons that you all are up to. The Hope is that, even this season you will be fruitful at the same time a blessing to people around you as you were being thus far.

It is our sincere prayers that God will lead you to where you are needed by the people in His ministry. God be with you wherever you go and wherever He leads.

Fare thee well



Handing over and Taking over Ceremony of the General Secretary

On Friday, May 31 2019, the 'Handing over and Taking over

ceremony' of the outgoing General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi and incoming General Secretary, Rev. Dr Akheto Sema of the Council of

Baptist Churches in North East India was conducted. This special Day has open up a new chapter for both the Outgoing and Incoming General secretary. May God continue to Help and Direct them as they carry out new responsibility in His faithful Ministry.



CBCNEI Condemns Sri Lanka Serial Bombings, Mourns Lives Lost on Easter Sunday Attacks
Guwahati- April 22, 2019

With deep shock and sorrow on this Easter Sunday, the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) expresses its solidarity with the churches and people of Sri Lanka following the news of the Serial Bombings of churches and ho-

tels; condemns in strongest terms on the Serial Bombings of multiple churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on the Easter Sunday with the death toll passing 200 people and hundreds of them reported injured. It is a cowardly act of violence against the Christian community and other innocent people on the Easter Sunday when we, the Christians, are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus



Christ. We mourn the loss of lives due to this heartless attack. We call on the churches in the North East India and India to join us in prayer for those affected, that God will give strength and consolation at this time of shock and sadness.



New Medical Secretary take charge:

On 8th May 2019, **Dr. Bamin Tada** joined the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) as the new **Medical Secretary**. Dr. Lucita the then Medical Secretary has handed over with the undersigned signature. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, the General Secretary of the Council prayed for both the incoming and outgoing secretaries.



STNBA Christian workers and Theological Students' Conference:

On the theme “*Mission Reformation*”, the Southern Tangkhul Naga Baptist Association conducted Conference during 7-9 May at Nambashi Khullen Baptist Church. The Mission Secretary attended the Conference as one of the Speakers. Rethinking on Mission was the main focus of the Conference where leaders were challenged to rethink mission as “*Missio Dei*”. The earlier concept of involving in the Mission of God, to either “Go, Send or Pray for” was challenged with the new

concept of Praying, Sending and Being Witnesses ourselves as Christians. The new understanding of making “Every Church a missionary Church, every Home a missionary support Center and every Individual a Missionary” was brought home strongly during the Conference.



NEICC Mission Consultation: During 22-24, May the NEICC conducted a Seminary on Contemporary Issues where Mission and Evangelism was also an issue for North East churches for partnership and coordination in Khumulwng Baptist church under Tripura Baptist Christian Union. All together 87 leaders participated in the Consultation and the Mission Secretary of the Council was asked to be one of the respondents on “Partnership in Mission in North East India”.



BIOGRAPHY



Rev Dr Prof. Akheto Sema is the New General Secretary of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India from 1st May 2019. He was involved in the Educational ministry of the Church since 1982 in various capacities until the time he was installed to the present assignment. The first amongst the Sumi tribe to have acquired D.Th degree and completed the Post-Doctoral studies in 2008, he has a wide range of experiences in broader ministry too. He married Kuholi Chishi and is blessed with a son Pito Samuel. The following describes his credentials in brief:

Educational Qualification:

1. Doctor of Theology (D.Th)- at United Theological College/ SATHRI, Bangalore, India under the Senate of Serampore University in the area of Christian Ministry (Practical Theology).
2. Master of Theology (M.Th)- at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, Maharashtra, India, in the area of Christian Ministry with special studies in mission.
3. Master of Arts in Religion at American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA. USA.
4. Bachelor of Divinity (B. A) & Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) at Eastern Theological College, Jorhat.
5. Music Studies at Hongkong Baptist College & Chung Chi Chinese University, HongKong.
6. Post-Doctoral Work at Global Research Institute, Fuller

Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, USA.

7. Conferred Professorship by Eastern Theological College.

Ministerial Experiences

1. Five (5) years of Teaching at Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, as Junior Lecturer.
2. Twenty (20) years ministry as Lecturer and Academic Dean at Clark Theological College, Mokokchung, Nagaland.
3. Nine (9) years of Principal at Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Assam.
4. Worked with the Christian Student Movement [SCM] of North East India.
5. Involved in the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) as Continuing Member.
6. Involved in Global LEAD Alliance-Leadership Ministry (Global Discipleship).
7. Involved with the Micah Network International (Micah Challenge).
8. Honorary Secretary of North East India Theological Association.
9. Baptist youth fellowship as President of Wokha Town Baptist Church as the first and perhaps the last to work in non-Sumi Church.
10. Involved in 4/14 movement.
11. A senator in the Senate of Serampore College/ University
12. Widely Travelled at the regional, national and international level to participate in the ongoing Theological Education and Ministerial Orientation.



Dr Bamin Tada hails from Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. He is married to Cheryl Susan Dkhar. They are blessed with two children- Ampy and Dr. Hano Daniel Dkhar. The below is his description; MBBS; DPH; Dc. R.M; MIPHA; M.Phil (BITS PILANI), MHPDC (HARVARD USA).

Ø Former Director, RRC-NE, GOI, Guwahati

Ø Former Advisor Health, North Eastern Council, GOI Shillong



Ø Jt. Director of Health Services Arunachal Pradesh; Director State TB Training and Demonstrative Centre Arunachal Pradesh.

Former:

- Jt. DHS, Director of Health, Nlg. (2011-13)
- Dy. DHS, Directorate of Health, Nlg. (1995-2011)
- TO, Directorate of Health, Nlg. (1991-1995)
- DTO, DMO, Ziro (1984-91)
- DTO, Bomdila (1982-84)
- M.O., General Hospital, Pasighat, (1980-82)
- Founder General Secretary of Apatani Baptist Association

- Founder, President of Haggai Alumni North East India
- Founding Member of Governing Council of NECU

HONOURS AND REWARDS

- Governor of Assam & NEFA, **Commendation Certificate** for meritorious service (small pox outbreak Ziro), 1969
- ‘Noble Laureate’ Mother Teresa’s **appreciation Letter** for services to weaker section of society in Arunachal Pradesh. 1994
- Arunachal Pradesh **State Award Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Gold Medal** in the field of public Health, 1999
- Arunachal Pradesh **Best TB Worker award**, 2002
- **Life time Achievement Award**, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, 2007
- **Prof. S.N. Tripathy Memorial Oration Award**, longest serving National TB Control Prog. Officer in India 1981-2013, NATCON-Patna, 2013

Prayavaran Mitra Award, by Indian Academy of Respiratory Medicine & Environment Medical Association, India, Mumbai, NESCON, 2014.





Rev Dr Narola Imchen hails from Ao community of Naga tribe in Nagaland. She is married to Rev Dr Lima Jamir and they are blessed with two children - Amen and Aosen. She is the new Principal of Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Assam. She is a Professor in History of Christianity. She is the first woman Principal in the history of Eastern Theological College (ETC).

Qualification:

- HSLC : Holy Cross School, Dimapur Nagaland (1980)
- PU : Patkai Christian College,

NEHU (1982)

- BA : Dimapur Government College, NEHU (1984)
- BD : Eastern Theological College, Jorhat (1987)
- M.Th : United Theological College, Bangalore (1992)
- D.Th : SATHRI, Senate of Serampore College (1999)

Ministry:

- Teaching at Eastern Theological College from 1987 till date
- Judson Visiting Professor at Andover Newton Theological Seminary during Sabbatical (2006-2007)



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