

GOOD SHEPHERD - NUNGAMBAKKAM

REACHING OUT WITH MERCY AND COMPASSION

09/09/2017 & 10/09/2017



The Good Shepherd mission partners had a two day seminar, conducted by Sr. Mariam and Mrs. Sashirekha highlighting the theme “REACHING OUT WITH MERCY AND COMPASSION”. The day started by invoking God’s presence with a prayer service led by Sr. Benita and Sr. Vidya. Following the prayer service Sr. Divya welcomed the gathering. The theme for the day was depicted through a dance drama by the High School students. Sr. Aruna, the Province Counselor briefed them about the objectives of the meeting to the mission partners. A banner portraying the theme was displayed.



Sr. Sabina Pathrose, the Province Leader gave a short introduction, on the role played by the mission partners with the young children related to the Educational and Residential care, which led to a group discussion, where the group members shared their ways in which a new child is welcomed and made to feel at home. Then the session was led by Sr. Mariam and Mrs. Sashirekha which helped us gain a deeper understanding about Mercy and Compassion related to our mission in Educational and Residential care. The video clippings helped us reflect on the changes, that we need to bring about in ourselves to interact with children through Mercy and Compassion. We realized – how we had been silent spectators to violence around that kindled our hearts with a question, “Is Mercy still alive in us/ in our families / communities and with the children in Educational and Residential Care?”

Each group brought out various symbols such as SMILE, LOVE, SEED, RIVER, HELPING HANDS, UMBRELLA and LIGHT, which helped us in extending Mercy and Compassion to the children. This was followed by an activity to evaluate ourselves on how can be Merciful and Compassionate as teachers/spiritual persons. The event for the day was concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr. Pushpa followed by felicitations of the resource persons.

The second day session was led by Sr. Mercy George and Mrs. Sashirekha which made us to ponder on the roadblocks we face in our life, with our colleagues and with our children. We also analyzed on the measures taken to solve these roadblocks. The group members discussed among themselves, the various hindrances they faced in implementing Mercy and Compassion to the last, lost and the least. This also helped us to reflect the necessary changes to be taken, in handling the children with Mercy and Compassion. The session was concluded with solemn prayer service by Mrs. Josephine Nirmala and a vote of thanks by Mrs. Isabella.

