

CONVENERS MEET - CEIN

A two days of Meeting was organized for the conveners of various commissions by the Province on 27th & 28th of August at Good Shepherd Convent Chennai. The program started with a meaningful prayer conducted by Sr. Usha followed by words of welcome by Sr. Pushpa to all the participants. There were thirteen Sisters including the Province

Leadership Team. The

commissions are Vocation Mission Promotion, Peace, Justice & Reconciliation, Social Action Ministry & Holistic Health Care, Spirituality & On-going Formation,

Communication, Education & Residential Care Ministry, Partnership & Financial Administration and Formation. Sr. Sabina Pathrose, the Province



Leader, presented her opening message and gave a few questions to reflect on the blessings and challenges of working as team. Sr. Pushpa then invited the conveners to present their reports and everyone appreciated



the wonderful efforts taken to carry out the programs efficiently. After each of their presentations certain suggestions and feedbacks were given for better implementation of the programs.

Sr. Aruna then shared about the visit of Ms. Teresa Symons, our Asia Pacific Regional Manger, to our EJ project sites. She took the



session on how we could integrate EJ project with other commissions in our Province the way in which we could follow a right-based approach in all our ministries. She explained about advocacy. It is not

some great things we do on a higher level but it is in doing day to day activities efficiently. Advocacy can be done by our staff and our beneficiaries and these needs to be documented. She also shared our Good Shepherd position paper:

- *Girl Child
- *Economic Justice/ Migration
- *Trafficking
- *Human Rights

Mr. Sathyan gave a presentation on the difference between religiosity and spirituality.

The best practices from our projects can be replicated in other projects. Best practices of having all the policies which can be displayed in



the office where everyone could have the visibility. How the commissions can contribute to EJ project and the expectation of EJ project from the commissions.



Sr. Mercy continued the same and showed glimpses of Right Based Approach and explained about the difference between Religiosity and Spirituality and the expectations of EJ project from the various commissions. How

can we link all our activities with sustainable goals were clarified.

After their sharing Sr. Sabina concluded the sessions with 3 stories of communicating without insulting others and how we can have growth promoting conversations through our communication pattern. The first day's session came to a close at 6 pm.

The second day's meeting began at 9am and the prayer was conducted by Sr. Annie based on the theme 'MERCY'. The resource person of the day was Mrs. Sashi Natrajan and she dealt on the topic 'Motivation and inner transformation.' She started with a boy's life story whose mentor she is. It was about how he was motivated at the end of the day to continue his studies and the process of transformation that took place in his heart. She then played a video clipping on the recent Olympics that brought achievement to several of them to say that 'yesterday's motivation is today's achievement'. There was a group activity conducted to make the participants understand the

ways to create motivation in one's life. Then she went on to explain some of the Educational statistics of India and our role in motivating the present generation to be someone in life.



She then displayed a story on “Harton hatches the egg”. After every slide we were asked to repeat the sentence “I mean what I say, I say what I mean an elephant faithful one hundred percentage”. This story gave the participants motivation not to give up their commitment when they

face difficulties and challenges in their ministry in spite of their faithfulness and commitment. This story taught us a lesson to be faithful till the end.

Mrs. Sashi asked us to reflect on a tree with different people in different positions to find out where they are in this tree. They all shared their reflections after which they were asked to draw of a person whom they like or want to follow or to draw themselves. The drawing was done in three parts. First till the neck, then till the waist and finally the legs.

We were asked to assemble the drawings. Each one of us got not our own but somebody else drawings. This picture spoke to each one a lot.

In the afternoon the members discussed about the action plan for the next two years. The two days session came to a close at 5pm with a short evaluation and vote of thanks by Sr. Pushpa Luis.

