

CNI Programmes

Church of North India Synod

The CNI Programmes is one of the departments of the Church of North India Synod which looks into various areas of the Church of North India to fulfil the vision and mission of the CNI mainly to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the Lord and Master of the Church, for the salvation and good of all mankind through unity, witness and service, which may include educational, medical, social, agricultural and other services, and also through worship and other activities of the Church which promote spiritual growth, self-reliance, social justice and moral regeneration, irrespective of caste, creed or colour. Geographically, the Church of North India is the largest church in India and the dominant united Protestant church in northern India established on 29th November 1970. The CNI is in the province of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The CNI's jurisdiction covers all States of India with the exception of the five southern States and has approximately 2.2 million people in 4500 congregations led by 2209 ordained ministers including women clergy, with 27 Dioceses which spread across approximately 80% India's territory.

Vision

To be a transformed and transforming community towards the establishment of the reign of God.

Mission

Equipping the primary constituency (Laity, Clergy, Women, Youth and Children) to be effective leaders or enablers in living and communicating "the evangel".

Strategy

- Building up an effective cadre of the laity and clergy to become Salt, Leaven and Light in the society and Church.
- Be in solidarity with people's struggle and movements.
- Influence decisions effecting the creation of God.

Objective

- To conscientize the people of God to transform the life towards its fulness.
- To strategize, plan, develop, initiate, facilitate, monitor and evaluate programmes at different levels to fulfill the mandate of the church.
- To respond in obedience to God's call for restoration of peace, justice, harmony and dignity of life.

Streams of Mission

The CNI is engaged in orienting and reorienting the people of God to protect and promote "life in its fullness" through the following streams of mission. The CNI

Programme is organizing various events in all the Dioceses of the CNI and in the Programme Centre, Nagpur.

1. Mission and Evangelism Concern

This envisions to preach the Gospel of Christ to all the people of India through equipping the clergy, laity and evangelists of the Church through training programmes, seminars, workshops and consultations at all levels. The following programmes have also been arranged.

- Gospel Convention and Christian Sat-Satsanghs
- Spiritual Revival Meeting
- Training of Lay Leaders, Lay Preachers and Evangelists (Short term certificate course)
- Orientation programme for SST
- Initiating Church planting including building churches in the financially backward Dioceses

2. Children's Concern

This envisions a world which will ensure dignity of life and quality living of all children, a world that provides an enabling environment for a child to be born, to develop and to live a full life, a world where a child can dream of a future life and get opportunities to fulfill them. We pursue to protect and promote child rights, to ensure that their basic needs are met, to protect, prevent and rescue them from all forms of exploitations and abuse, to expand their opportunities for holistic development and to give a new meaning to their life. The various programmes are as follows:

- Training for Sunday School Teachers
- Workshop/Seminar on issues of children – adolescence, drug addictions, crime etc
- Workshop/Seminar on formation and updating of curriculum for Sunday School

3. Women and Gender Concern

This envisions to deepen awareness and respond in concrete action to women's concerns, as well as encourage more women participation in the life of the Church and

society that limits women's participation and leadership. The various programmes are as follows:

- Workshop/Seminar on Intercessory Prayer and ministry
- Workshop/Seminars on issues on women – Women Empowerment, Gender Equality etc.
- Short term certificate course on Gender Studies
- Health Awareness programme for rural women and other contextual issues

4. Youth Concern

This envisions the organizing of the youth through spiritual, social, economical, ecological, political awakening, instilling Biblical standard of living, giving and serving the Church and the society they live in. While doing so, they exhibit their potential to the paramount and ascertain a new order of peace and justice based on love and mutual respect. The various programmes are as follows:

- Seminar/Workshop on "History, Faith and Order of the CNI"
- Career Guidance and Counselling
- Talent Search programme
- Rural and Urban exposure
- Leadership Development Programme
- Orientation for Satyaniketan School of Theology (SST)

5. Peace & Interfaith Concern

This envisions to create a society where all religious and spiritual communities will gather towards co-operative action, dialogue and healing of broken relationships. It creates an opportunity for people from all faith to meet to re-establish peace, harmony and dignity.

6. Subaltern Concern

This envisions to sensitize the congregations in socio-economic and political concerns, particularly about the struggles of the oppressed and marginalized such as dalits and indigenous communities in their self-development, dignity and wholesome life. The various programmes are as follows:

- Study on present religious persecution of CNI members
- Workshops on Human rights and Legal responsibilities
- Workshops on Constitutional religious rights
- Rural and Urban Life Exposure
- Dalit and Tribal Empowerment

7. Local Congregation Concern

This envisions a new society and a new world order through the participation of congregations and contributes to the development and promotion of missiology and culture from the experiences and the perspectives of the people at the periphery. The following programmes are arranged in all the Dioceses related to the Local Congregation Concerns.

- Awareness programmes on History, Faith & Order, Liturgy etc of the CNI
- Training in Counselling
- Family Camps
- Workshop on Ecological Concerns
- Workshop on Disaster Management
- Seminar on Worship & Liturgy

8. Human Potential Development Concern

This envisions towards “systematic equipping of the saints” on developing the potential of a person and community to respond creatively to the challenges they face in the ever-changing world today. The Centre for Human Potential Development at Nagpur offers facilitates at nominal rates for short and long-term training programmes, seminars, workshops and consultations. The resource centre can accommodate 120 people, at a time with attached bath and air-cooled rooms. The Conference room can accommodate 150 people, which is equipped with modern conference facilities. Small library, photocopy, telephone, Cyber Cafe facilities are also available. Programmes are arranged in all the Dioceses related to the Human Potential Development Concerns.

- Leadership Training

- Short term training on Management – Human Resource, Finance, Personal, Conflict Resolution, Time etc
- Workshop on Personality Development, Mental health and Wellbeing
- Workshop on Research Methodology (Types of Research, Pilot Study, Data Collection, Tools of Data Collection, Data Analysis etc)

9. Pastoral Care

This envisions to bring the role of Pastors to the forefront of missional praxis of the church; by rejuvenating pastoral ministry towards a holistic approach whereby pastors can involve the entire congregation for effective engagement in mission. The following programmes are arranged in all the Dioceses related to the Pastoral Care Concerns.

- Inter-Diocesan Exposure
- Inter-Church Exposure (Catholic, Orthodox, Mar Thoma, CSI etc)
- Christian Ashram Exposure (Sat-Tal, Christa Panthi (Sihora), Christukula etc)
- Programmes for Women Clergy
- Ecumenical Workshop for Pastors
- Consultation on Church-Land Administration and Management
- Training on Pastoral Care, Counselling, Administration, Human Resource and Finance and Management etc

CNI Programme Centre, Nagpur

The office of the CNI Programmes is situated in Nagpur, the central city of India in the State of Maharashtra. The Centre has enough space and other basic facilities to conduct meetings, training programmes, accommodation etc which is the main source of income of the centre. This centre organizes the following programmes both in the campus and in all the Dioceses of the CNI wherever the possibilities get obtained.

Activities in the Programme Centre

Apart from the occasional programmes related to the above said streams, the following regular programmes are arranged in the Programme Centre.

1. Seminars or Workshops on liturgy, faith and order, origin & history, vision & mission etc of the CNI.
2. Seminar, Conference, Workshop etc on contextual, social and theological concerns like environmental, gender and missiological issues.
3. Ecumenical fellowships, Inter-faith dialogues and Gospel Sat-Sanghs.

4. Observance of significant National and International Days
5. Training programmes on Mission and Evangelism for the youth, untrained Evangelists, Clergy and Laity.
6. The Satyaniketan School of Theology (SST).
7. Gospel & Spiritual revival meetings.
8. Online Chain Prayer by all the Dioceses, 27 days by 27 Dioceses and 28 to 31 by the CNI Programme office.
9. Online Bible Study
10. Other programmes related to the vision and priorities of the CNI Synod.

Mode of Operation

All the programmes both in-campus and diocesan level will be conducted with the prior permission and direction of the Moderator of the Church of North India. After obtaining approval for the programme from the Moderator/General Secretary, the Dioceses will be approached through the Bishops. All the programmes in different Dioceses will be done through the Bishops of the Dioceses concerned. The Bishops will provide a Coordinator for the CNI Programmes in all the Dioceses as per the direction of the Moderator so that these coordinators will arrange the programmes in their Dioceses. All the programmes will be conducted with the help and cooperation of the Bishops. The local expenditure of the programmes will be met by the Dioceses.

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