



# The Revd. Dr. D.J. Ajith Kumar

## General Secretary, CNI Synod

The Revd. Dr. D.J. Ajith Kumar has been dedicated to social and spiritual service for approximately 40 years, preaching and teaching both in India and abroad. He is a member of the Terabadi CNI Church of the Diocese of Phulbani, Odisha. Revd. Ajith Kumar is the author of 27 academic as well as devotional books. His work "God: Real and Religion: The Concepts of God in Religions in Christological Perspectives" is widely known and circulated. He initiated the construction of about 30 churches in the CNI Phulbani Diocese which were affected by communal violence that took place during 2008-2010 in Kandhamal District of Odisha. He served as the Stewardship Director in the Diocese of Phulbani from 2014 to 2023, having been ordained to priestly ministry by the Most Revd. Bijaya Kumar Nayak in 2014. He also served as the Programme Director of the CNI Synod during 2023 at the CNI Programme Centre, Nagpur. Eventually, on November 28th, 2023, he was appointed as the General Secretary of the CNI Synod.

Since childhood, Ajith Kumar has harboured a deep interest in Christian ministry. At the age of 12, he delivered his first public sermon in his church on World Sunday School Day, based on Proverbs 1:7 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," with the sermon prepared by his father. His upbringing in a family devoted to regular prayer, active church involvement, and the inspiration provided by his parents encouraged him to dedicate his life to serving God. In his own words: "I do not know how it was illuminated in my mind, but from my childhood, I had only one desire; that is, to serve the Lord." He is married to Mrs. Mini, a homemaker in 1991, and has two sons, Abhishek and Vivek. Abhishek, a medical graduate (MBBS), currently practices as a doctor in Bangalore. Vivek, after completing his Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, Trivandrum, is employed in a private sector construction company in Trivandrum.

After completing his Master's Degree (M.A) and Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Sociology from Annamalai University, he pursued theological studies, obtaining a Bachelor of Christian Studies (B.C.S) from the Senate of Serampore College. He further pursued a Master in Theology (M.Th) from the Wales University (U.K). His doctoral studies (Ph.D) in Sociology focused on 'Education and Tribal Development' at Annamalai University. His expertise in Yoga (M.Sc and P.G.D.C in Yoga) has enabled him to present the Gospel in an indigenous and Indianized approach to thousands of fellow countrymen. He completed his Teacher Training Course in Yoga from the Yoga International Alliance, New Delhi, and a Diploma in Buddhism from the Mahabodhi Academy of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Bangalore. Besides his spiritual activities, he has presented numerous research papers at various national and international seminars and conferences in the field of Sociology. He is a life member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi, and the Indian Academy of Social Sciences (IASS), Allahabad. The Revd. Ajith Kumar also founded Grace Ministries of India, a social and spiritual movement operating across India and abroad. He initiated the Mobile Tent Ministry, a unique approach to Indian missions through which millions have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both rural and urban settings. Additionally, he established four Christian Ashrams in Kerala (1993), Tamil Nadu (2009), Maharashtra (2002), and Madhya Pradesh (2011). Through another innovative program, the Adoption of Suffering Families, launched in 2007, he has adopted more than 2000 struggling families to help them achieve self-reliance. Several of his Christian music compositions are widely sung across different churches.



**The Revd. Dr. D.J Ajith Kumar**  
General Secretary, CNI Synod