

# Life for All



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## DEVOTION

### Hearing God's Music

Let's imagine that you want to learn to dance. Being the rational, cerebral person you are, you go to a bookstore and buy a book on dancing. You take the book home and get to work.

Finally, you think you've got it, and you invite your wife to come in and watch. You hold the book open and follow the instructions step by step. You even read the words aloud so she'll know that you've done your homework. "Lean with your right shoulder," and so you lean. "Now step with your right foot," and so you step. "Turn slowly to the left," and so you do. You continue to read, then dance, read, then dance, until the dance is completed. You plop exhausted on the couch, look at your wife, and proclaim, "I executed it perfectly."

"You executed it, all right," she sighs. "You killed it."

"What?"

"You forgot the most important part. Where is the music?"

Music?

You never thought about music. You remembered the book. You learned the rules. You laid out the pattern. But you forgot the music. "Do it again," she says, putting in a CD. "This time don't worry about the steps; just follow the music." She extends her hand and the music begins. The next thing you know, you are dancing — and you don't even have the book.

We Christians are prone to follow the book while ignoring the music. We master the doctrine, outline the chapters, memorise the dispensations, debate the rules, and stiffly step down the dance floor of life with no music in our hearts. We measure each step, calibrate each turn, and flop into bed each night exhausted from another day of dancing by the book.

Dancing with no music is tough stuff.

*Daily devotions by Max Lucado*

## From the General Secretary...

When the Cannanite woman came to Jesus wanting her daughter to be healed, the interaction was one that would normally have been seen as an insult. First, Jesus ignored her. Then His disciples expressed their irritation at her persistent requests. Next, He said that He had come only for the Jews. Finally He insulted her, in effect comparing her to a dog. Yet the woman persisted ("even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table") and Jesus commended her "great faith" (Mathew 15:21-28).

I have often wondered whether Jesus was really being insulting, and whether the woman's faith was great because of her meekness in accepting these "insults".

The interpretation of this episode by William Barclay has interesting insights for us. According to him, Jesus spoke with a smile and in a tone of love and affection, conveying that He loved her in spite of the social realities of the day and removing any sense of insult. The woman's reply was not an acceptance of an insult, but rather a witty rejoinder. She was responding not to the words, but to Jesus' love.


The woman had every right to be bitter with her fate. She was troubled by her daughter's illness, hearing harsh words from the disciples and Jesus. She could easily have scolded the disciples and left. She could have told Jesus, "I love you.. you are OK... but not your disciples...why should they talk like this?" (and many of us would have!) She could have taken offence at Jesus' words.

But she had an inherent cheerfulness that helped her to see the love that lay behind Jesus' words. It helped her to respond to the love that Jesus showed. It cushioned her from falling into bitterness when she was rebuffed.

In our daily lives, we often face this trap of bitterness. When we do, we see negative intentions in the actions of others even where there are none. It saps our energy. It affects those around us. A willing cheerfulness cushions us from this danger. We see things in a much more positive light. Hurtful words do not pierce as deeply. We are able to see the opportunities in setbacks.

God has gifted us a cheerfulness that is independent of the circumstances in which we find ourselves in. Let us claim this gift and practise it in our lives. And when better to do this than during Christmas!

**Merry Christmas!**

  
**Dr Vijay Aruldas**  
General Secretary

*"Let God have you, and let God love you — and don't be surprised if your heart begins to hear music you've never heard and your feet learn to dance as never before."*



# CMAI National Conferences

From the sections...

## Doctors

A few weeks ago, the membership desk sent me a list of doctors who joined CMAI but not as life members. I wrote to all of them and I am very pleased that there was a good response. I would like to mention here that Dr S Christaff, 85 yrs old from Nagercoil, Kanyakumari Dist., wanted to be a life member, so friends, all that matters is your commitment to be in fellowship with Christian healthcare professionals of CMAI.

There were requests from the medical students of NSCB, Jabalpur and GMC, Bhopal for exposure of working in a mission hospital. CMAI arranged for one-week programme at Christian Hospital, Bissamcuttack, Rayagada Dist., Orissa. They were posted for a day each in Surgery, Medicine, OBG & Paediatrics and Community Health department. In the evening they had teaching sessions by the doctors of Christian Hospital, Bissamcuttack. I am thankful to Dr Padmashree Sahu, Medical Superintendent and her team for having the students at the hospital.

On November 12, 2006, I went to Allahabad and attended a meeting arranged by Dr Premila Singh, Sectional Secretary, Doctors Section, UP & Uttranchal region. A local doctors' meet was organised after the Church service. I gave a brief overview of CMAI during the service. On November 18-19, 2006, the interns from CMC Ludhiana had a Mission Orientation programme. These are fresh graduates and before they embark for their assignment in different mission hospital/post graduate courses, were briefed about working in the Mission Hospitals, how to cope with loneliness and management skills.

Dr Helen Hemalatha Simon and I visited CMC Ludhiana on November 20-22, 2006 and met the doctors of CMC Hospital and nearby hospitals.

Come December, there will be Christmas bells ringing heralding the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let goodwill rule our hearts and let us welcome Christ to stay in our hearts. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes,

**Dr Susan Passah**  
Secretary

## VI National Conference of Chaplains Section & 20<sup>th</sup> Year celebrations

The VI National Conference of the chaplains section was a special event because of the 20<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. The conference was held at KJP Synod Hospital, Shillong from September 27-29, 2006. The conference was well-attended with more than 140 members which include pastors, chaplains, theological teachers and students. The presence of 65 students from seven theological colleges added life to the entire session of the conference.



### Preparations

Since we had the one-month course going on from September 4 at Shillong, participants wholeheartedly involved themselves in organising the National Conference. It was a unique experience to see our young members own our programme and worked towards its success. On the pre-conference eve, we had a wonderful time of knowing each other and had a time of intercession praying for the success of the conference.

### Inaugural Service

The inaugural ceremony began with devotion by Rev Dr Taka Temjen Ao, Principal, Clarks' Theological College, Mokokchung, Nagaland. Rev Fr Alex Daniel, an Old Testament scholar from St Thomas Orthodox Theology Seminary gave the keynote address on the theme 'You are Precious in God's Sight' and the conference was formally inaugurated by Rev Dr CL Rema, former District Collector of Tezpur who joined pastoral ministry as Baptist Missionary and worked towards the growth of Tezpur Christian Hospital. The history of the Chaplains Section and its achievements were presented by senior most Guru, Rev A C Oommen. Dr Vijay Aruldas, General Secretary, CMAI; Dr David, Medical Superintendent, KJP Synod Hospital and Rev Lawphniaw, Senior Executive Secretary, KJP Synod felicitated the gathering. Rev Dr Santosh George welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates and Ms Intila Jamir proposed the vote of thanks.

### Sessions

The first session was by Rev A C Oommen on "the importance of Healing Ministry in today's context." During the session, the participants raised various issues they face in their ministry and it was a good time of interaction and learning. Rev Paul Prakasam and Rev Job Jayaraj gave a presentation on 'Trauma care and counselling'. Pastors realised the need for equipping themselves in this area of counselling because of the emerging needs. The first day ended with Bible study, feedback and prayer. The second day also began with the Devotion led by Rev Dr Taka Temjen Ao. The session "Pastoral Intervention for Recovery of an Addict" was led by Fr Thomas Ninan, Programme Coordinator, PCSA, CMAI. Since the issue of addiction is a growing problem in NorthEast India, the session stimulated a lot of response. This was followed by a session on equipping congregation in 'Facing AIDS' led by Rev A I David, Chaplain, Arogyavaram Medical Centre and Ms Zohmangaihi, Presbyterian Church. They presented many case studies from their experiences. That helped the pastors to understand their role in taking the issue of HIV/AIDS in their congregation. Dr Anna Oommen, Professor, NIMHANS, Bangalore took a session on "Stress Management" which helped the participants to acquire knowledge to extend support and counselling to people who undergo stress.

There was a special session "Me and CMAI". Dr Vijay Aruldas gave a special presentation on what is CMAI and invited all the members to actively participate in all the programmes of CMAI. Rev Santosh explained various areas where pastors, chaplains and theological

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students can utilise our various services. Theological students thanked CMAI for the practical exposure we provide through our various member institutions.

## Annual General Body Meeting

On September 28, 2006, the sectional Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held. A total of fifty members participated in the meeting. Among various points that are discussed, the General Body directed the Executive Committee to start the process of revising the constitution of Chaplains Section. Members also expressed the need for a Youth Chaplain. Members also appreciated the theme, poster, Bible study materials of the 2006 Healing Ministry Week celebration. They took a collective decision to give their best to make 2007 Healing Ministry celebration, a memorable event.

## Celebrating 20 Years & Thanksgiving Service

The third day programme of the National Conference was held at CNI All Saints Cathedral, Shillong. Thanksgiving service began with devotion by Rev Dr Taka Temjen Ao. Rev A C Oommen presented a paper on Community of Medical Missionary, an order for people involved in healing ministry. The formal celebration began with the opening prayer by Mr Austin Jone, Former Principal, United Christian College, Barapani. Rev M T Tharian, Chairperson welcomed the gathering and Rev A C Oommen gave introduction to the Souvenir and Dr Vijay Aruldas released the Souvenir. This was followed by the valedictory function of the 20<sup>th</sup> course on Pastoral Care for the Sick and Suffering. Rev Santosh presented the report of the course and introduced the candidates who have successfully completed the course. Rev Kharkrang, executive member and local coordinator for the National Conference proposed the vote of thanks. This was followed by dedication, Holy Communion service led by Rev P B Lyngdoh, Vicar, All Saints' Cathedral.

## One Month Course on Pastoral Care

The 20<sup>th</sup> course on 'Pastoral Care for the Sick and Suffering' was conducted from September 4-26, 2006 at KJP Assembly Conference Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya. It was heartening to



find more Church leaders recommending their pastors to be trained by CMAI. This year, we raised the number of seats for this course from 20 to 29.

The contents of the course was rated high by the participants. After the curriculum revision in 2005, this was the second course and the faculty has decided to bring out the booklet that would serve as a resource book for the course on pastoral care. The course was inaugurated by Bishop Lyngdoh. A good team of eight resource persons shared their experiences and knowledge with the participants.

As part of the intense practical experience and learning, the participants regularly visited the KJP Synod Hospital, Bethany Hospital and Sanker — a centre for mentally challenged people. They participated in the worship services of all the denominational services in Shillong and shared about CMAI ministry and their experience in attending pastoral care training. The mid-term evaluation helped the resource team to find the areas of interest and need expected by the participants. After offering this course for the past 20 years, it is time for us to see the possibility of conducting this course at the regional level in regional languages, in addition to the ongoing programme in English.

All the participants became life members of the section. Various sessions were held to make the participants understand how they can effectively contribute to the healing ministry through their respective churches locally and participate with CMAI nationally.

From the sections...

## Nurses

### Nurses League



Dear friends,

May I wish a season of joy, peace and hope to you and your families and may you experience the abundance of God's presence for the coming year.

I am grateful to God for enabling me to serve you as the Secretary NL and be able to celebrate the Platinum Year Celebration together with you at the National Conference of NL, Secunderabad.

I am reminded that we are called to the ministry of healing and we are "A part of something bigger." God told Moses "I am the God of your father Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Similarly, He gave promise to Moses to continue the great work of fulfilling God's covenant of redemption.

The heritage of NL includes medical missionaries and progressed through Kuruvillas, Jeyachandrans, Alice Zachariahs and has guided several others over the decades in establishing committed nurses leaders in India. The same God who led the pioneers is inviting you to be involved in His work of building. Your life is a part of God's eternal purpose for the nation.

Platinum year Souvenir is available with useful information and the pictures of several nurses who belong to the great family of Nurses League. Write to your regional secretary for the souvenir.

At the 64<sup>th</sup> National Conference and Platinum Jubilee Celebration at Secunderabad, Alice Zachariah Awards for caring and compassionate nurse were presented to life members. We are proud of them.

Following are the concerns of the Nurses League that we need to take up in the near future:

- ♦ Develop and empower regional secretaries and enlarge NL fellowship to nurses in private and Govt. hospitals
- ♦ Actively support the work of mission hospitals and that we are relevant to the needy population
- ♦ Strategically influence value-based practice and education, and introduce quality care with compassion
- ♦ Network with like-minded NGOs and professional bodies in strengthening NGO nursing manpower of all categories, GNM, ANM, BSc Nursing.

With best wishes,

**Ms Grace Matilda**  
Secretary



From the sections...

## Administrators

I participated at the NABH Assessor Training course held in Delhi from September 23-27, 2006 organised by Quality Council of India (QCI). The five-day training programme was very intensive, focusing on more than one hundred standards in ten specific areas such as Hospital Infection Control; Access; Patient safety; Human resources, and Information Management System etc. Healthcare providers are getting more and more quality conscious. Hence developing standards and getting accreditations will be important benchmarks in healthcare service organisations. At CMAI, we are in the process of dialoging with NABH to introduce accreditation in some of our member hospitals. National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Health Service Providers (NABH) is a constituent board of Quality Council of India (QCI), set up to establish and operate accreditation programme for healthcare organisation. NABH have been organising Assessor Training Programme in various regions. Kindly visit their website: [www.qcin.org](http://www.qcin.org) and register yourself or your staff in any of the forthcoming training programmes. You will find it extremely useful.

The X National Conference of the Administrators Section held from October 12-14, 2006 at the Himalayan Torchbearers, Dehradun was a successful and memorable one. A total of 53 delegates participated at this conference. The devotions, the beautiful venue and the papers presented by members were all highly appreciated by the delegates. The detailed report of this conference is published under CMAI national conferences page.

I am glad that most of our sectional members are taking more ownership in sectional activities. Many workshops and training programmes will be coordinated by our members in various regions. The details are published under workshop and announcements page. Kindly let me know if you are planning to organise any meetings for the administrators in your region.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

With best wishes,

**Mr Justin Jebakumar**  
Associate Secretary

## X National Conference of the Administrators Section

The X National conference of the Administrators Section was held at Himalayan Torchbearers, Dehradun from October 12-14, 2006. A total of fifty-three delegates participated at this conference. The theme of the conference was "You are the Salt of the Earth" taken from Matthew 5:13. Dr Simon Samuel, Principal, New Theological College inaugurated the conference. Mr Satish John, Director, Himalayan Torchbearers enabled the delegates to reflect on the conference theme during his devotion. Rev (Ms) Anita Tempelton, Presbyterian, Diocese of Agra delivered the keynote address. She pointed out "We as Christian leaders cannot and must not simply be persons who have well informed opinions about the burning issues around us, but must be rooted in the permanent intimate relationship with Jesus; a leader needs to overcome the temptation of individual heroism in order to be the salt of the earth. We need to serve rather than being served."

More than seven papers were presented at the conference. Some of the papers presented were:

- ✦ You are the Salt of the Earth — A *Management perspective* by Dr PLN Raju, Assistant Director, HRM, The Leprosy Mission - India
- ✦ *Disaster preparedness and mitigation in hospitals* by Mr Roy Alex, Manager Emmanuel Hospital Association, New Delhi
- ✦ *Laws applicable in hospitals* — A laymen view by Mr Samuel Abraham, Legal Officer CMCH, Vellore
- ✦ *Leadership* by Mr MM Kamble, Business Manager, Jalna Mission Hospital, Maharashtra
- ✦ *Hospital administration* by Sr Aqiuas, Director, Holy Family hospital, Mumbai
- ✦ Annual maintenance contract for hospitals (AMC) by Mr Stephen Victor, Chief Maintenance Officer, CMCH, Ludhiana
- ✦ *Changing expectation of healthcare providers and health seekers* by Mr Justin Jebakumar, CMAI
- ✦ *Management fundamentals and personal effectiveness* by Mr Stephen Cinnaswamy

The General body meeting of the Administrators Section was also held during the conference. During the meeting, the sectional activities were reviewed and future activities were discussed.

The delegates also had an opportunity to experience the cul-



tural programme organised by the Uttaranchal Tourism. A group of twenty members presented excellent folk dance to the delegates. The participants had a good fellowship dinner along with the eminent church leaders and friends of CMAI. Rev JP Singh, CNI Presbyterian, Dehradun gave a brief message on the theme and conducted Holy Communion service at the end of the conference. The delegates also had an opportunity to visit the famous hill station Mussoorie.

# CMAI National Conferences

## XI National Conference of Allied Health Professionals Section



The XI national conference of the AHP was held at Ashirbhavan, Kochi, Kerala from October 27-29, 2006. A total of 200 delegates from different institutions attended the conference. Bishop Rt Rev Dr George Isaac gave the inaugural address and encouraged the Allied health Professionals as being stalwarts of healing ministry. He also highlighted that the healing process may take place at any time and at any part of the hospital, and stressed that the healing can occur even when patients are in the hands of Allied Health Professionals without one's knowledge.

Dr Samuel Joseph, Med. Superintendent, Muthoot Hospital, Kozhencherry delivered an enlightening and thought-provoking keynote address on the theme 'You are precious in God's sight'. He highlighted the role of Allied Health Professionals which is growing with the pace of science and technology and its preciousness in God's sight. Dr Vijay Aruldas, General Secretary, CMAI welcomed the dignitaries and also presented the current issues which are taken up by CMAI. He congratulated all the Allied Health professionals and thanked all the tutors who were present, for attending the conference.

Mr AP Berry, Secretary, AHP while addressing the gathering, described the difficulties faced in obtaining Government recognition to AHP courses run by CMAI. He called all tutors and the regional sectional secretaries of AHP section to the stage and were honoured for the sacrifices they undertake for training budding professionals in various training centres. The Bishop, Rt Rev Dr George Isaac offered a special prayer seeking God's guidance for their future. Fr Johnny George, Regional Secretary, Kerala; Dr JC Vijayan, Editor, CMAI; Rev MT Tharien, Chairperson, Chaplains section and Fr Dr Johnson Vadakkamchery felicitated the occasion. Scientific sessions were held on topics ranging from Laboratory Management, Radiation Protection, Invasive Studies in Radiology, Emerging Issues in Hospital Waste Management, AIDS Awareness and Modern Technology and Skills. The scientific sessions were conducted by Dr Sunil K Thomas and Dr Shaloo Ipe. Mr Durai Jasper, CMC Vellore; Dr Roshan, CMC Vellore and Mr Melwin from Shoranur Diocese led the congregation in praise and worship. An alter call was also given to which people responded.

The enthusiastic participation of our network institutions in the cultural programmes spoke volumes about the involvement and ownership of members for CMAI. General Body Meeting was held on the third day which was chaired by our AHP Chairperson, Rev Ramu Ranadive.

The conference came to a close with the valedictory function. Valedictory addresses were delivered by Dr Vijayan, Fr Johny George and Rev Ramu Ranadive. The closing prayer was by Fr Johnny George. CMAI would like to acknowledge the contribution of everyone who participated and also thank the authorities of all institutions for sending their professionals to make this conference a success.

From the sections...

### Allied Health Professionals

*"I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvellous works". (Psalm 9:1)*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am just back to Delhi after organising the XI National Conference of our section conducted at Kochi from October 27-29, 2006. We had a great time of fellowship and I want to express my gratitude to all the delegates and our tutors from Kerala. The students performed cultural programme exhibiting the culture of Kerala, the God's own country.

I am glad we also got the opportunity to honour the tutors to recognise their great contribution towards CMAI training programmes at the conference and Bishop Rt Rev Dr George Isaac offered a special prayer for them.

I thank the authorities of all institutions who sponsored the participants to attend the conference and making it a great success.

The general body met on October 29 which was chaired by Rev Ramu Ranadive, our Chairperson. The Allan Crammer award was discussed and it was resolved to frame clear criteria to choose the awardees. This will once again be reviewed by the forthcoming executive committee. We had good scientific sessions with lots of presentations. We thank all those who presented papers in various current topics. Please be ready to send your scientific articles as we are planning to bring out a scientific supplementary publication of *CMJI* just for the benefit of Allied Health Professionals. Very soon an editorial committee will be formed in order to set standards for the materials to be selected. If you think you would like to be one amongst the committee members, please do write to me.

Though only a few executive members could come for the conference this time, it was encouraging to see them standing behind every task and working together with a good team spirit. More youngsters should come forward to shoulder the responsibilities of our section in future.

I wish each and every one of you a peaceful, blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Yours in Him,

**Mr AP Berry**  
Secretary



From the sections...

## Chaplains

I have no words to express my sincere gratitude for your support and prayers. By God's grace, both the one-month course and the National Conference went on very well. This Conference was a very special event marking the 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration. We released the Souvenir "Recapturing the Vision" with meaningful articles, and milestones of Chaplain's section. Among the 140 participants from 18 states (including Andaman & Nicobar Islands), theological students were well represented. As a celebration resolution, we all rededicated ourselves for the healing ministry of the Church and decided to provide a missionary fellowship for dedicated professionals from our network.

After the curriculum revision, we already had the One-month Pastoral Care Course twice and it is time we publish a booklet of resource materials for the pastoral care course. The executive committee met in Shillong and has decided to bring it out before the next course. Kindly continue to pray for all these efforts.

It is once again Christmas season, with full of joyous celebrations. It is also time for us to thank God for all the blessings we received throughout 2006 and look forward for a more dedicated service in the New Year. May God help us to experience God's blessing in a special way during this season.

As far as our section is concern, it is time for us to prepare for the 2007 healing ministry celebration. Kindly plan ahead to make this a great event in your institution and Church. The theme for 2007 Healing Ministry celebration is "Healing the Broken and Wounded". Bible study and other materials are in the process of preparations. Last time we distributed the materials in nine different languages and this time we are planning to add six more regional languages.

All these efforts are possible only because of the support I receive from you all and, I thank God for this great fellowship. May God help you understand God's Blessings in your life.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

With peace and love,

**Rev Dr G Santosh George**  
Assistant Secretary

## Workshop on Bio-medical Hazards and Hospital Borne Infections, Orissa

A two-day workshop on "Bio-medical hazards and hospital borne infections" organised by the AHP section was held at Christian Hospital, Khariar, Orissa from September 16-17, 2006. This was a joint workshop comprising all sections of staff and mission hospitals of Orissa. Around forty participants attended the workshop. Mr Sasanka Sekhar Dev, Director, Disha, Calcutta and Ms Chiranthana Kar, Programme Officer, Toxic Links, Chennai were the resource persons. The programme started with a devotion by Dr RP Singh followed by a welcome address by Dr AG Singh. Rt Rev Das, Bishop, Diocese Sambalpur inaugurated the workshop. Ms Chirantana took the first session on the topic 'Biomedical waste disposals'. Mr Sasanka also gave a brief introduction on 'Hospital borne infections'. The second day started with a devotion lead by Rev AS Tandy followed by a session on 'Hospital borne infections and control method' by Mr Sasanka.



The workshop made all the participants aware about bio-medical hazards and hospital borne infections. Certificates were given to all the participants and a memento to the resource persons and guests. The programme also included quiz competitions and cultural programmes which was enjoyed by all.

## Workshop on "Christian Leadership and Management of School of Nursing, Ranipet

BNESIB (Board of Nursing Education, South India Branch, Nurses League, CMAI) organised a workshop on "Christian Leadership and Management of School of Nursing" at School of Nursing, SMH Ranipet from August 22-24, 2006. Around thirty-four participants from 17 institutions representing the School of Nursing from Andhrapradesh, Tamil Nadu & Karnataka, participated in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr Samuel David, Personnel Manager, CMC Vellore in the presence of Vice President and Pastors of Vellore Dioceses, other veteran leaders, dignitaries, staff and students of SMH Ranipet and Dr Vijay Aruldas, General Secretary, CMAI. The keynote address was delivered by Ms Vathsala Sadan, Chairman BNESIB following which the theme exposition was conducted by Ms Lalitha Varghese, Secretary BNESIB. Rev Dr Arul Dhas, Head of Chaplaincy Department, CMC Vellore led the devotion on all three days reflecting on the qualities of a Christian Leader, i.e. a leader must be merciful, pure at heart and be a peace maker. Scientific sessions were conducted by Ms Jeyarani Premkumar, Professor, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore; Ms Bharathy Jacob, Dean, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore; and Ms Lalitha Varghese on Management of Schools of Nursing, Selection of learning experiences and on Christian nurse leader respectively.

The hard work and team spirit of the faculty - School of Nursing, students, staff under the guidance and leadership of Dr KGR Chitra, Medical Superintendent was highly appreciated. Variety entertainment by the student brought lighter moments. The workshop was well organised, theme was aptly chosen. Participants felt theoretical classes and practical experiences were very useful. The workshop gave an opportunity to build friendship, exchange ideas and develop strategic plans and above all, strengthen the fellowship. Introduction about CMAI & BNESIB, its rich heritage, objectives and activities was very useful to all, especially to the newcomers. Delegates appreciated the BNESIB for regularly conducting workshop and orienting all those in leadership. The participants felt that the workshop was truly inspiring and enlightening.



## SLR & TC changes its name to SIH-R & LC

The Schieffelin Leprosy Research and Training Centre (SLR & TC) has undergone a change of name as on September 1, 2006. It is now known as the "Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre (SIH-R & LC). The institution conducts postgraduate, diploma and certificate courses in various subjects. It continues to be an internationally recognised "referral centre" for medical, surgical and rehabilitation work in leprosy as well as for research. The institution from being a pure "leprosy research and training centre" is changed to an "Institute of Health" which, while continuing to give high priority to leprosy, also emphasises other priority health conditions and needs such as Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes and Community-Based Rehabilitation.

## Anniversary celebrations of SIH-R & LC

On July 8, 2006, SIH-R & LC celebrated its 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary as well as the first anniversary of Paul Brand Integrated Health Centre (PBIHC). In connection with it, the institution held a health mela and exhibition. Along with the children of staff, educational assistance was given to children with leprosy, children from families affected by leprosy and poor children from the surrounding villages. Mr Dhanapal, President of the Katpadi Panchayat Union was the chief guest on the occasion. Seven hundred people benefited from the health mela.

About 500 children from surrounding schools visited the exhibition. A counter for rehab products with actual demonstration of pottery and weaving was an added attraction. The health mela made public aware of the services provided at PBIHC.

## First Alumni reunion of the nurses of School of Nursing, CSI Rainy hospital

The first alumni reunion of CSI Rainy Hospital, School of Nursing was held on September 16, 2006 at Gloria ward auditorium in CSI Rainy Multispeciality hospital. The CSI Rainy hospital was started in the year 1888 by the Church of Scotland and the School of Nursing was established in the year 1927. It is worthwhile mentioning that this was the second school of nursing which was started in Tamil Nadu. Twenty-seven members registered and forty members participated. The programme started with a word of prayer by Ms Annamma Manoharan, Nursing superintendent. Ms Olive William, Principal, School of Nursing & President for alumni association welcomed the gathering. Dr Jessie Nirmala, Patron & Director, CSI Rainy hospital, gave an inspiring and encouraging message on the theme "You are God's chosen people." Bible reading was by Ms Lynn Ann, Vice Principal of School of Nursing. Rev James Christian, Presbyterian-in-charge delivered a thought-provoking message to the young nurses on the topic "You are called to serve." The batches of 2003, 2004 and 2005 were also honoured during the meeting. Scientific sessions and interactive discussions were held during the fellowship. The fellowship ended with vote of thanks and prayer.

## National Health Engineers Conference 2006, Vellore

The first ever National Health Engineers Conference was held at CMC, Vellore from October 27-28, 2006. The programme started with a prayer by Rev Dr Arul Dhas. Mr JP Peter, organising Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr Pushparaj Singh, Dy Medical Superintendent, CMC Vellore and Ms Sundari Edwin gave felicitations. Dr George Chandy, Director, CMC Vellore extolled the contribution of health engineers in Christian Medical College, Vellore. He highlighted the invention of the artificial hand by the bio-engineering department, the provision of uninterrupted power supply by the electrical department and the improvement of waste management, recycling of waste water and rain water harvesting by the civil engineering department. He also highlighted the value of the PACS and the proposed pneumatic system of transferring samples from the collection areas to the labs without any labour, initiated by the General Superintendent. Mr DP Yadav, Collector, Vellore district released a souvenir and gave the clarion call for increased role of health engineers in the healthcare industry.

The conference was well attended by about hundred delegates of engineers, administrators, doctors and students from all over India. All the participants actively participated and interacted with the experts. At the valedictory function, Dr George Chandy gave away the Best paper award to Mr Job Mc Arthur from EHA, New Delhi. The conference ended with the closing prayer by Rev Dr Arul Dhas.

### Sponsorship update — CMC Vellore

The CMC Vellore Council, at its meeting on November 14, 2006 resolved that the system of admissions including sponsorship that was practised till 2005, should be continued. Please continue to uphold this in your prayer as there is much work to be done before this can be implemented.





## Workshop on Substance Abuse & Healing Ministry for Pastors at Ranchi

A two-day workshop on 'substance abuse and healing ministry' for pastors was organised at YMCA, Ranchi, from September 13-14, 2006 with the initiative of Dr Suranjeen Prasad, Regional Secretary of CMAI for Bihar & Jharkhand region. The workshop brought together twenty-two pastors belonging to seven different Christian denominations from in and around Ranchi. Mr Paul Siromani, an advocate for social issues, and Fr Thomas Ninan, CMAI invited the pastors to get involved more meaningfully in Christian ministry of healing, while Mr Bappa Mukherjee, Addiction Counsellor, Kailash Hospital, Delhi effectively taught them concepts of alcoholism, its causes, and recovery, and exposed them to different areas of pastoral intervention. The participants brought forth a follow-up plan to continue their learning process through further meetings and plan follow-up activities.

## Workshop on Substance Abuse & Healing Ministry for Theological Students at Ranchi

A two-day workshop on 'substance abuse and healing ministry' for theological students was organised at YMCA, Ranchi from September 15-16, 2006 with the initiative of Dr Suranjeen Prasad. The workshop brought together fifty-eight students from six theological colleges from in and around Ranchi. Mr Paul Siromani and Fr Thomas Ninan challenged the students to identify their calling and purpose in Christian ministry, to respond meaningfully to social challenges existing beyond the Church and understand the issue of alcoholism in such a context. Mr Bappa Mukherjee asked the students, who are aspiring to be future pastors, to address the issue of alcoholism in a more humane way. Further follow-up plans with the respective colleges will be discussed with the college principals in the form of further training and exposure in the subject.

## Workshop on "Implementation of Psychiatric Nursing Aspect of GNM Curriculum, "Bangalore

A workshop on "Implementation of Psychiatric Nursing Aspect of GNM Curriculum" was held at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore from September 26-28, 2006. A total of forty-one participants from thirty institutions participated in the workshop. The inauguration started with devotion by Mr Philip Cherian who gave an inspiring message followed by a brief introduction by Ms Sheeba Susan Chandy, workshop Coordinator. The keynote address was given by Dr Joel K Nesaraj, Director, Bethesda Hospital, Ambur. He gave introduction on mental health, history and revolution of Psychiatry Nursing, nurse-patient relationship and primary domains of psychiatry nursing. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Lalitha Varghese, Secretary, BNESIB. She also introduced CMAI to the participants and shared the rich heritage of BNESIB.



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Scientific sessions on topics ranging from "History of psychiatry nursing and development of psychiatry care" by Ms Sheeba Susan Chandy; "Classification of psychiatry conditions" by Ms Dorothy Deena Theodore, Principal of Narayana Hrudayalaya School of Nursing; "Symptomatology" by Ms Sheeba Susan Chandy; "Legal and ethical issues" by Ms Dorothy; "Psychopharmacology" by Dr Sujith Chandy were taken. Dr Sujith Chandy made the participants alert and enthusiastic by teaching songs. During the scientific sessions, participants were also briefed about mental status examination and the role play took them to clinical scenario performing mental status examination on a patient in a clinical setup. Participants were divided into five groups and the quiz was conducted by Ms Sheeba where all actively participated.

Second day started with a meaningful devotion by Dr Sujith Chandy followed by review of nursing process for psychiatric patients in which steps of nursing process and framing of nursing diagnosis for psychiatry problems were identified. In the next session, Ms Dorothy briefly discussed the overview of the various psychiatry disorders. The noon session began with the group activity where the participants were divided into five groups and were given different case studies and asked to find out the diagnosis and write the nursing process. A brief discussion on methods of process of recording for different purposes was held followed by a role play on process recording by Ms Sheeba and Ms Dorothy.

The 3rd day began with singing and devotion by Dr Sujith Chandy followed by scientific session on 'Legal and ethical issues' presented by Ms Dorothy. Next scientific session was on 'Psychopharmacology' by Dr Sujith Chandy. Being one of the toughest subject, pharmacology was made very easy in a practical way so as to benefit the participants. Certificates were also distributed to all the participants. Valedictory function was chaired by Ms Dorothy Theodore. Ms Lalitha Varghese offered vote of thanks. The workshop came to an end with the closing prayer by Ms Agnes.



### Reduction of prices of medicines; rhetoric and reality

Medicines are perhaps the only consumable item where the decision to buy a particular one is taken by a third party, i.e. the doctors who prescribe the medicine. Patients are not able to shop around for cheaper ones and he/she will buy the ones prescribed by the doctor. Therefore, the market competition as a mechanism to control the prices does not work in the case of medicines (this may be true in the case of other consumables like food items, cosmetics, electronic goods etc).

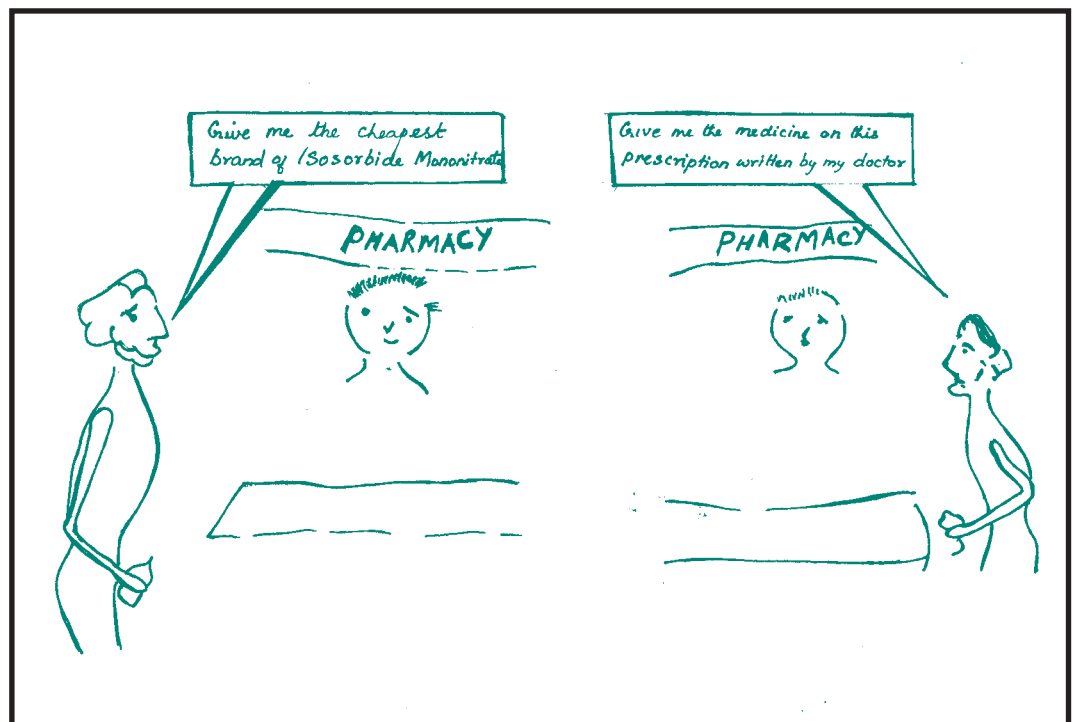
It is not the cost of the medicines but the aggressive marketing by pharmaceutical companies which target the doctors who determine the sales of medicines. To avoid this exploitation by these companies, and to control and monitor the prices of medicines, the Central Government brought in the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO) in 1978. Pharmaceutical companies have been pressuring the government to prevent any sort of price control mechanism right from the beginning of DPCO. There has been a progressive decline in the number of drugs under price control—from 347 in 1977 to only 74 in 1995. Over the last 12 years, no drug has been placed under price control, although many new ones have been introduced. So we have antibiotics that cost a few thousands of rupees for a day of treatment, cardiovascular drugs that cost thousands per vial, and cancer drugs that can cost hundreds of thousands a year. Moreover, the pharmaceutical policy has deviated significantly from public health priorities. The present list of drugs under price control does not include any vaccines or any drug for anaemia or cancer, or even a life-saving medicine like oral rehydration salts. It also excludes most drugs for hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease, tuberculosis, malaria, and all the higher antibiotics.

Now, the Ministry of Chemicals announced on October 2, 2006, a new measure is introduced to reduce prices of certain categories of drugs by curbing trade margins. However this regulation is applicable only to a particular category of generic medicines which comprise less than five percent of the market. This completely ignores the issue of regulation of the inflated retail prices of branded drugs, which comprise the majority of drugs prescribed and sold in the market. The anarchic retail prices of drugs outside price control provide the clearest evidence of the need for price regulation. Two reputed companies manufacture the same medicine, in the same strength, with a retail price difference of more than 1000 per cent. Aventis charges Rs 95 for a 500 mg tablet of the antibiotic Levofloxacin, while

CIPLA charges only Rs 6.80 for the same tablet. Drug companies charge six times in the case of anti-hypertensive and anti-diabetic drugs, 15 times for psychiatric drugs, and 18 times for anti-cancer drugs.

Price regulation implies that the retail price of a drug should bear some logical relation to its manufacturing cost. The real manufacturing cost is often a very small fraction of the retail price. Profit margins for the company and trade margins in pharmaceuticals are often astronomical, and both need to be controlled by regulating the maximum retail price in relation to cost of manufacture. An antibiotic injection like Amikacin made by a reputed company has a retail price of Rs 64, while the retailer can buy it at Rs 13.50. Two years ago, the Ministry of Chemicals investigated trade margins in three commonly used drugs - Cetrizine, Nimesulide, and Omeprazole, and found trade margins of over 1000 per cent. According to *The Economic Times* intelligence group, in 2004 the top 50 pharmaceutical companies alone spent Rs 5340 crore on drug marketing.

Recently, the ministry has also been saying that they are requesting medicine companies to voluntarily reduce the prices of medicines.



However without any intervention by the government, companies are unlikely to reduce the prices voluntarily. We should understand the hollowness of such promises and should demand for legal mechanisms for price control. If the sectors like telecommunication, electricity, insurance etc., are regulated including the cost of these services, why can't we do the same to medicines? After all, for many, medicines are such a critical and essential commodity that determines the fine line between life and death.

For further details on Policy & Advocacy, contact Dr Joe Varghese at [jvarghese@cmai.org](mailto:jvarghese@cmai.org)



## Anaesthesiology Technology Training Committee (ATTC)

### About the course

The aim of Anaesthesia Technology Course is to train personnel to ably assist the anaesthesiologist in the operation rooms, intensive care units, labour suites etc. Unlike before, prolonged and advanced surgeries are undertaken on sick patients — the age group ranging from premature newborn to the really sick and old. Reanimatology (Resuscitative Procedures), Intensive Care Unit Management, especially of those patients on ventilators has become the responsibility of the anaesthesiologists. In this situation, experienced technicians are a great help.

It is a relatively new course, offered by the CMAI (started in 1996). The course is of two-years duration and after successful completion of the course, diploma is offered.

### Conducting the Programme

Intensive coaching is given to the candidates in the form of lectures, in-service training with practical classes and demonstrations. The students are sent on rotatory posting to various speciality theatres, the recovery room and the various intensive care units—Medicine, Cardiology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, General Intensive Care Units, Labour Room and Casualty. There are short-term postings in the Physiotherapy unit, ECG room, Pain clinic etc.

In the first year, there are eight papers. Basics of computer and communication skills in English are taught. Basic sciences — Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology are taught in the first year with an introduction to Clinical Medicine and Pharmacology in the second year. More emphasis is given to clinical topics and also to equipment maintenance.

The students assist the staff technicians in day-to-day chores in patients' care, in sterilising the equipments, maintaining machines, monitors etc. From second year onwards, students are put on night duty with the staff technicians.

### Eligibility for Admission to the Course

Candidate should have passed PUC or XII standard or its equivalent examination with science subject including Biology.

### Prospects

So far, those who have passed out have got good placement in India as well as abroad. The effort is mutually beneficial — the institution gets their services and the candidates get employment. There are more institutions coming forward to take up the course.

### List of Training Centres

- St Stephen's Hospital, Delhi
- Baptist Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka
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- MOSC Medical College Hospital, Kolenchery, Kerala
- Jubilee Mission Medical College Hospital, Trichur, Kerala
- Century Hospital, Chengannur, Kerala
- George Mathew Medical Mission, Mallappally, Kerala

- Lisie Hospital, Kochi, Kerala
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### Workshops/Training Programmes on Hospital Administration

- Workshop I:** Laws on Hospital Administration  
January 12-13, 2007, CMCH - Vellore
- Workshop II:** Laws on Hospital Administration  
February 2007, Cochin, Kerala
- Workshop III:** Financial Management  
February 2007, Bissamcuttack, Orissa
- Workshop IV:** XX Workshop on Hospital and Health Services Management, March 5-16, 2007, Bangalore
- Training of Trainers (TOT)** on Hospital Bio-medical Waste Management, April 2007, New Delhi

#### Registration:

Each workshop will enroll 25-30 members only. Registration will be first-cum-first-serve basis. For more details and registration, please write to: justin.jebakumar@cmai.org



## One day workshop for Radiographers on Quality Assurance

**Date:** December 12, 2006

**Time:** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Mennonite Brethren Medical Centre, Jadcherla, Mehboobnagar District, Andhra Pradesh 509302

The Radiographers from nearby institutions are invited to attend this workshop. Apart from gaining knowledge about different aspects of Quality Assurance, hands-on practice will be given to the participants. The certificate of participation will be issued to the participants.

**Workshop Registration:** Rs 100/-

Radiographers from Mission Hospitals, Government, Private, Semi government all are welcome. Only 20 persons will be registered. So register your names with:

**Dr Samuel Rao**

Radiologist, Mennonite Brethren Medical Centre  
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or, **Mr AP Berry**

Secretary, AHP Section, CMAI, Plot No 2, A-3 Local  
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## Congratulations!



Dr Sudhir Joseph took over as the Director of St Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi on November 1, 2006 from Dr Mathew Varghese who completed his tenure as the Director.

Dr Sudhir, after his postgraduation from Christian Medical College, Vellore worked as a Medical Superintendent in the Leprosy Mission hospitals of Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Calcutta. In 1990, he joined St Stephen's hospital and spearheaded the Department of Surgery. He became the Deputy Director of the hospital in 1999.

Dr Grace Cherian was also appointed as the Deputy Director of St Stephen's Hospital on the same day. A short ceremony in this regard was held at St Stephen's by the Bishop of Delhi, Rt Rev Karam Masih.

We at CMAI would like to congratulate Dr Sudhir Joseph and Dr Grace Cherian and wish them all the very best.

## Congratulations!

Alice Zachariah Award 2006 for caring and compassionate nurse was presented to professional nurses who are life members of CMAI. They have contributed value-based healthcare services and are known for their compassionate care. Ms Aley Kuruvilla, former President of CMAI and former Secretary of Nurses League presented the awards. The following were recipients of the Alice Zachariah Award 2006:

- 1 Ms Gnana Lazarus, Retd. sister from CMC &H, Vellore, TamilNadu
- 2 Ms K V Annamma, Principal, Bethany Medical Centre, Anaikatty, Tamil Nadu
- 3 Dr (Ms) Pauline Brown, Director, Community Health, Jobat Christian Hospital, Madhya Pradesh
- 4 Ms Nancy Henry, Retd. Nursing Superintendent, Christian Hospital, Bissamcuttack, Orissa
- 5 Mr Suresh S Saler, Nursing Consultant, Wanless Hospital, Miraj Medical Centre, Maharashtra

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Dr Biangtung Langkham, the winner of this year's "Dignity and Right to Health Award," an activity of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) HIV Initiative. ICMDA has initiated this award from this year, to be given on December 1 every year — the World AIDS Day; to an individual who is powerfully and compassionately engaged with the challenges of the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

Dr Biangtung Langkham has been involved in early responses to the twin epidemics of drug use and HIV in his hometown of Churachandpur, Manipur, India since the early 1990s. He was In-charge of the SHALOM project in Manipur facilitating local community-based responses to HIV and substance misuse. Dr Langkham was subsequently involved in facilitating other responses across the Northern India as part of Emmanuel Hospital Association's response to HIV/AIDS in India.

Since 2001, Dr Langkham has been based in New Delhi, as Regional Director EHA North East and Coordinator for HIV/AIDS services of EHA. In the last two years he has also served as the Project Director of Project ORCHID, EHA on behalf of the India AIDS Initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he has overseen a response to HIV prevention among drug users on a scale not previously seen in Asia. He has also been involved in providing support to the National AIDS Control Plan (NACP) and other international faith-based organisations in developing their plans for India and neighbouring countries.

Dr Langkham is a CMAI member and we at CMAI are very proud of his achievement and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.



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## Alumni Association

### College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore Alumni Award 2006

The alumni award is instituted by the Alumni Association, College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore. It is awarded to a senior-most alumnus (Basic BSc/Diploma Nursing; seniority based on the years of service in the profession) who has served within India and given his/her lifetime service in any mission hospital or rural area with significant outstanding contribution to the nursing profession. It is awarded every year. Kindly send the names of the suitable candidate along with the detailed write-up of their curriculum vitae including their achievements and contributions to: *The Secretary, Alumni Association, College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore - 4, Tamil Nadu, India before **December 30, 2006.***

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## BNESIB Workshop on Application of Nursing Process, Vellore

The College of Nursing, CMC Vellore hosted a two-day workshop from October 17-18, 2006 for nurse educators working in schools or nursing. This was conducted by the Board of Nursing Education, South India Branch, Nurses League of CMAI on "Application of Nursing Process" in various clinical settings. A total of 37 participants from six institutions attended the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated with a meaningful devotion by Rev Dr Malhia Joshua. Ms Bharathy Jacob, Dean, College of Nursing welcomed the gathering. Ms Lalitha Varghese, Secretary, BNESIB gave a brief introduction about the workshop. The chief guest Dr George M Chandy, Director, CMC Vellore appreciated the quality of nursing education being delivered to nursing students and emphasised the need for quality nursing care to the unreached and downtrodden people.



The first day of the workshop included two scientific sessions on application of nursing process in medical, surgical and paediatric nursing. The log book for diploma nursing students was introduced. The first day's sessions were taken by Ms Selva Titus Chacko, Professor in Medical Surgical Nursing, the workshop coordinator of the BNESIB and Ms Ruma Nayak, Professor in Paediatric Nursing. The second day of the workshop began with a thought-provoking devotion by Rev Dr T Arul Dhas. It was followed by scientific session and group work on "Application of the nursing process in community health nursing and maternity nursing" by Ms Vatsala Sadan, Professor in Community Nursing & Chairman, BNESIB and Ms Alice Sony, Professor in Maternity Nursing respectively.

The workshop was very fruitful with the audience participating actively in the group discussions followed by each scientific session. The workshop ended with the valedictory function by Ms Violet Jeyachandran, former Prof & Head of Surgical Nursing of CON where she invited nurses to expand their knowledge base and take the lead in providing quality nursing care. Certificates were also given to the participants and the resource persons.

## All Orissa Seminar on Healing Ministry, Orissa

A state-level programme was organised on behalf of the Chaplains section of CMAI by Rev Dr I N Senapati, Executive Member of the chaplains Section from September 8-10, 2006 at Prem Marg Church (CNI), Khariar, Orissa. Forty pastors from all over Orissa including the local pastors and evangelists participated. In the inauguration ceremony, the Bishop, Rt Rev Dr CK Das gave a thought-provoking message on the theme 'Shalom & Wholeness'. *Christian Endeavour* Youth group presented songs and dances. Short plays on *Naman - the leper* and *the Prodigal son* were very enriching. The Bible studies based on healing ministry of the Church were conducted by the Hon. Bishop. The mission possibilities classes were taken by Rev Dr I N Senapati. Dr Shyam Prasad Satpathy, Govt. Medical Officer of the Khariar Government Hospital took a session on 'The health problems in Orissa'. It was very practical and useful.

## Seminar on Healing Ministry, Darjeeling

A seminar on Healing Ministry was organised jointly by DISHA (Diocesan Integrated Society for Holistic Action), Action Ministry, Kalimpong & CMAI on September 16, 2006 at DISHA, Darjeeling. The workshop was coordinated by Mr N R Pradhan, Secretary, DISHA. Thirty pastors and lay leaders of the Churches from seven different denominations in and around Kalimpong attended. Rev Dr Santosh George took two sessions on "What is CMAI and Healing Ministry of the Church". Rev Robin P Lepcha took sessions on the "Role of Pastors as Chaplains in the Broken World" and importance of Chaplains' presence in the healing team. Many pastors commended that the healing ministry thoughts have helped them re-read the Bible and make their ministry more relevant and meaningful for congregation and others who live in the community.

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