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The Board of Christian Education
Diocese of Colombo – 32nd Annual Meeting
2020-2021 Annual Report

Introduction

It is a great pleasure to present the **32nd Annual Report** of the church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education, Diocese of Colombo. We are thankful to God Almighty for the guidance and strength that we received during this very challenging year due to the COVID pandemic. We appreciate the cooperation we received from the Executive Committee and the Central Board in the past year. A special thanks to the Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey Bishop Emeritus of Colombo. We warmly welcome the 16th Bishop of the Diocese of Colombo Rt. Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo and appreciate the guidance that we have received from him during the past few months. We remember and appreciate all the Clergy Persons, Sunday school Secretaries and the teachers.

The Board of Christian Education is the body which carries out the responsibilities connected with the Sunday school Education of the Diocese of Colombo. The Board closely works with the Diocese of Kurunagala, other denominations which comes under the National Christian Council and with many Christian Organizations.

Vision: To see a community of mature Christians and share the love of Jesus Christ with all.

Mission: To guide and nourish our community to become mature and whole in Christ.

Objectives: To nurture and nourish children in the Christian faith
To empower children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
To foster the growth of Christian Education
To coordinate and evaluate the work of the Board of Christian Education

Achievements:

We sadly state that we were not able to achieve the set goals for the year 2020/2021 due to the COVID pandemic. The programmes that we carried out throughout the year gathering people were limited to only 09 programmes for teachers, children and Parents and 08 sessions of Premarital Counseling were completed as well. We were able to meet 240 children and 333 adults. 15 Clergy Persons joined the events as well. The following are a few achievements other than the programmes held during the year.

- a) Since we couldn't meet our Sunday school children physically, we were able to prepare video clips for children aged 3-11 years from the 2nd week of May 2020 and circulated them among the Sunday school secretaries, so that they could share the videos with the relevant teachers.

From the last week of November 2020 we prepared video clips for the children aged 12- 18 years, and circulated them as well. All together we have done 210 video clips weekly in all three languages from the 12th of May 2020 to the 31st of March 2021.

- b) As we didn't get an opportunity to meet with the children of the respective Churches, teachers were equipped with online Sunday School Lesson Work Sheets.
- c) We prepared 537 Work Sheets for grades 04 to 09 in all three languages according to the New Sunday School Syllabus of the National Christian Council. 564 Work Sheets for grades 4 to 11 according to the School Christianity Text Books and 156 model question papers in all three languages for the children in the Ordinary Level classes.
- d) We have conducted 04 Webinars for the Ordinary Level Students in all three languages and a total number 257 children participated.
- e) We were able to enrich and equip the resource persons of the Board by conducting 02 Webinars for them. The first session was conducted by Rev. S. Balasundaram on The 5 marks of Anglican Mission and second session was conducted by Rev. Cannon Joshua Ratnam on Spiritual Formation of a Christian worker.
- f) As we plan to identify more Clergy Persons to conduct Pre-marital Counselling Sessions in the regions, we conducted a foundation session on Premarital Counselling for the Clergy of the Diocese of Colombo. 23 Clergy participated at this trainings and we will be organizing Residential Trainings for them in the future.
- g) We initiated on encouraging the children in reading the Bible and shared 4250 Bible reading Charts among the children and requested them to complete the readings and return the charts to us as we wanted to reward them for their efforts. (As we received only 20 charts in return, or the second and third round of bible reading charts, we simply circulated the charts via digital format.)
- h) Most of the Churches organized spiritual uplifting programmes for the Sunday School Teachers of their church. We were not able to have the dedication services at every church this year as the number of participation at church services were limited.
- i) We introduced the New Sunday school curriculum prepared by the National Christian Council in all three languages and gave our fullest support to them to selling their books.
- j) Though that we couldn't meet the Sunday school teachers and train and equip them during the year, we were able to encourage them to pray by sharing WhatsApp messages through the Sunday School Secretaries.
- k) We joined in the work carried out by the Commission for Environment and Medical Ethics and the Prayer Ministry of the Diocese of Colombo during the Locked down Period.
- l) We were able to work closely with the National Christian Council, Scripture Union and Bible Society and other denominations with union in Christ.

Programmes for the Children

Objective

To make them more interested in their Spiritual Journey by attending Sunday school and helping them grow closer to God Almighty and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Programme: 04 One day Programmes for the children

We were able to meet 240 children at different programmes conducted by the Board. We have conducted three day Programme for children and Parents, and one programme for the children at Paynters Home Nuwara Eliya. No residential programmes were conducted for the children of the Diocese this year due to the pandemic.

Assessments

- 1. Learnt new things. A days' programme is not enough. We need at least 3 days*
- 2. Learnt new songs and enjoyed a time of games.*
- 3. I learn how to overcome peer pressure and the challenges I face as a youth.*

Programmes for Parents

Objective: Encourage Parents in sending their Children to Sunday Schools, make them aware of the holistic development of Children and how to make their homes a safe and loving environment.

Programme: 03 One Day Programmes for the Sunday school Children and their Parents.

We have conducted 02 One day Programmes for the Parents of Sunday School children to motivate them on the importance of the Sunday School Ministry. We wanted to meet with the parents during a programme for their children so that we would be able to build up a relationship with them as well.

Assessments

- 1. Very happy to join this day. We learnt new things and thank you for making us aware of parenting.*
- 2. Do not limit these programme just for one day make it at least for two days.*
- 3. Simply explained the importance of parenthood. I felt special empathy for the children.*

Pre-marital Counseling

Objective: To prepare Young Couples to lead faithful and fruitful married lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Programme: Pre Marital counselling sessions

14 young couples participated in Pre-marital counselling sessions and the participants realised the importance of these sessions. As we too have realized the same when we go through the evaluations

written by participants, have decided to train more Clergy Persons to address young couples before marriage. We encourage all Clergy Persons to send couples for the sessions that are conducted by the Board on every 4th Saturdays of the month in all three languages, even though they might be conducting their own sessions for the couples. (The participants should register prior to the date)

Assessments

1. *Have more time for the session and give more practical explanations.*
2. *It is better if a doctor could attend the session on the medical perspective of marriage.*
3. *Helped us to understand the challenges of the married life and how to overcome them with God.*

Resource Persons Training

Objective: To prepare and enhance the facilitators of the Board.

Programme: Training for Trainers

We have conducted 2 Webinars for the Resource Persons of the Board in a mean to keep in touch with them and to better equip them for the future. 39 resource persons participated.

Online Education Tools

Giving all honour and glory to God, we would like to recognize and admire the commitment made by the video presenters. Especially Ms. Thehani Mendis and her daughter Aheli, Ms. Esther Jansen Hathurusinghe and Miss Jeroni Arulrajah who have given their fullest commitment to prepare video clips without fail from the beginning of this project. Each person has done 46 video clips within the year. The presenters who prepared video clips for the older age group too had been giving their fullest cooperation towards this ministry. We appreciate Rashmi Devraj, Salome Vincent, Malika De Mel, Melissa Hoole, Joseph Jeevanantham, Jayanthi Winston, Ashani John, Saranya Samuel, Inakshi De Silva, Michelle Peiris, Keshini Perumal, Rashmi John and Aruni Ferdinando. If we consider the Christian organizations in Sri Lanka or any other country that produces online Sunday school lessons or video clips, it may be difficult to find an organization which has been doing this consistently for over a year according to a syllabus.

Assessments

Here are some feedback from teachers, parents and students regarding the Sunday school videos that have been circulated.

Mrs. Nirubala Vincent (Secretary)

Congratulations to the team of BOCE for the timely and efficient virtual lessons done to enhance the learning of our students. As a teacher and a parent, I found these videos child friendly and relatable

to the current context. A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone involved and good luck for your future projects.

Daphne William (Student)

The videos were very interesting and the aunties who taught us did it so well. I liked the craft activities the most. We did it at home and it was so much fun.

Ms. Niroshala Manuel (Teacher)

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Board of Christian education for the tremendous effort put in order to make these lessons creative and child friendly. After a long time, we have received a systematic lesson structure. It was so easy to teach children in an effective manner. I wish them all the very best!

Mrs. D.N.R. William (Parent)

I have a daughter and a son in different age groups and they both follow the virtual lessons done by the Board of Christian education. They fondly take part in the singing, storytelling and craft activities. I would like to thank each and every one who is tirelessly working hard to prepare these lessons for our children. God bless you all.

Free Bible Story Book

We received 2100 copies of Bible Story Books which were written by Ms. Lakshani Fernando, the former General Secretary of the Bible Society. The target readers are children aged 7 to 13 years. According to her, this project was undertaken by her, so that would be able to share the word of God among the children in a creative manner. These books were printed bilingually, in English, Sinhala and Tamil. We were able to distribute them among the children through the Parish Priests. We appreciate the generosity of Ms. Lakshani Fernando and pray and remember all the donors who contributed towards this ministry.

Our Strengths

We appreciate the guidance and blessing that we received from the Rt. Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo during this very challenging year. We sincerely appreciate the leadership we received from the Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey Bishop Emeritus within the past 09 years. We also thank Ven. Perry Brohier Chairperson of the Board and the members of the Executive Committee and the Central Board for their enormous support. We would like to share our special appreciation with the Mission Secretary Rev. S. Balasundaram who gave his fullest cooperation to the Board. The cooperation received from the Secretary of the Diocese Mr. Arun Gamalathge and the other stakeholders and colleagues of the Diocesan office and Bishop's Office are much appreciated.

We remember the Resource Persons and Volunteers of the Board with great gratitude, who shares their time, skills and knowledge for the benefit of the Board. The commitment that they bring towards the work of the Board is immeasurable. They are always ready to lend a helping hand in difficult times and travel through the Diocese whenever we need their support to spread the word

of God. Even in the midst of the COVID situation they were every ready to travel with us. We thank their families too for releasing their loved ones to serve the Lord with us.

We specially remember the garden staff as they always help us to load and unload our luggage when we travel outstation. And the support that we received from the janitorial staff is highly recognized and appreciated.

Staff

The passion and the commitment of Ms. Dilrukshani Thilakaratne, Miss. Nisansala Sewwandi and Miss. Harshani Mohotti are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Hon. Treasurer Miss. Nuwani Peiris who has given her fullest support in controlling our financial situation. She prepared several budgets according to the backup plans we prepared due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. We appreciate the special support that we received from our volunteers who are always there to help us with our additional mission work such as preparing handwork and crafts for the children. A Big thank you to Ms. Esther Jansen Hathurusinghe, Christmanthi Edirisinghe, Ms. Priyanki and Miss. Niroshini Fernando. The tremendous support we received from our translators and editors is amazing.

Finance

- ✚ We are pleased to say that the total income of Rs. 3,357,621. 00 for the year 2020/2021 has been contributed by the Diocese of Colombo, Local Churches, participants, and Local well-wishers.
- ✚ As the pledge account was implemented for a short period of time, we have now destroyed the balance Pledge forms with the consent of the Executive Committee and the Central Board. Only one donor will be continuing the annual pledge in the future.
- ✚ It should be mentioned that the total cost of mission expenses should be increased by a reasonable amount. We would also like to mention that we receive non-monitory support from the local Churches such as providing us food and discounts from retreat Centers etc.
- ✚ No foreign donors or donation have been contributed towards the work of the Board for this year. It is a great achievement that the Board of Christian Education is totally dependent on local contributions.
- ✚ The Diocesan quota of LKR. 1,350,000/- helped to cover 80% of our administrative expenses. We appreciate the special donation that we received from the Diocese towards the publication of the Confirmation Books and for some events that we carried out just after the first wave of COVID 19.
- ✚ An annual budget was prepared and shared with the Mission Secretary and the Diocese.

Non-Monetary Contributions towards BOCE or for Programmes

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Church/Location</u>	<u>Type of Contribution</u>	<u>Number of Participants/Benefited</u>
Sunday School Teacher Training	St. Luke's Church, Deniyaya	Meals	25
One Day Children & Parents Programme	Christ Church, Ingiriya	Meals	121
One Day Children & Parents Programme -	St. James Church, Chilaw	Meals	105
Sunday School Teacher Training	Up Country Deanery	Transport	117
Children's Book		Bible Story Books	2100

Future Programmes and plans**Immediate**

As we are not in a position to work according to a given schedule or Year Planner due to the pandemic situations. We will need to be flexible and reschedule any work at present. We have to also implement and see that all our future programmes adhere to the health regulations and guideline given by the government.

Short Term

- ✚ We hope to reach our children through the virtual ministry via the video clips for the two age groups (ages 3-10 and 11-18)
- ✚ Introducing and implementing the Green Church concept with the help of the Sunday School Children.
- ✚ We look forward to work more closely with the Religious Education Board of the Diocese of Kurunegala.
- ✚ As we commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Colombo, we have planned to print a Children's Prayer Book in all three languages. We will be sharing it with the Children of our Diocese, the Diocese of Kurunegala and we hope to share some books with the other denominations which come under the National Christian Council as well.

Long Term

This year has been a very challenging year for the whole world and we are living in a rapidly changing world. Therefore we have to equip ourselves to work through virtual resources as well as making new arrangements to adjust with new norms. The Board has to work effectively and efficiently to bridge the gaps between on-sight and online education, and reschedule our programmes for children, teachers and parents for the moment. We have to publicize our virtual resources such as

the Webpage, YouTube channel, Facebook page and the educational links that we have available for the teachers.

Challenges

- Identifying new Resource Persons is a challenge.
- The data costs are high and some of the teachers and children are not equipped with Smart phones.
- To motivate teachers to get familiar with Social Medias and make them more tech friendly.
- We need to find foreign Donors to meet the demand that the Board of Christian Education has.

Auditors

We thank the Chairperson of the Aiyar & Company and Mr. Andrew Alex one of the Central Board members who personally undertook to complete the Accounts on time so that we were able to send it out to all our members two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

Conclusion

We experienced the manifestation and guidance of God Almighty throughout the year. We experienced some unexpected situations such as cancelling the programmes, working from home, using new technology and social media, organizing meetings on Zoom etc. which gave us numerous new experiences. Some gave us additional stress and some experiences enriched us and strengthened and helped us to improve our weaknesses. In the midst of all the challenges, we were able to serve His children and people with grateful and cheerful hearts. We experienced the warm cooperation of the Clergy persons as well as Sunday School Secretaries in a special way. All honour, glory and praise be to God Almighty!

Sudeni Perera

Coordinator BOCE

30th July 2021

The Church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education, Diocese of Colombo
Deanery Reports 2020/2021

Colombo South Deanery Report for the Year 2020/2021

01. Total no of Churches: **17**

02. Total no of Sunday Schools: **17**

03. No of Clusters: **None**

04. Name of the Archdeacon: **Ven. Perry Brohier**

05. Name of the Area Dean: **Rev. Christie Joseph**

06. Name of the Clergy Coordinators for the Sunday School/Education work: **Rev. Nesita Chandrasiri & Rev. Asiri Fernando Jayasuriya.** (Presbyter: **Rev. Upul Fernando.** Teachers: **Ms. Nayana Hettiarachchi & Ms. Ashani John**)

07. Sunday School Ministry during the Covid 19 Pandemic:

- Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Travel restriction, Sunday school classes were not held from December 2020 onwards. Therefore teachers took their efforts to send study materials to the children online and some Sunday Schools had their classes on Zoom to keep the children occupied on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately some of the churches were unable to do this due to lack of facilities such as Electronic devices and knowledge.

08. The idea about Virtual Resources and Online lessons received from the Board.

- Our Deanery is very grateful to the CCBCE for their hard work on making videos of the lessons and sharing it online with us. These are very good material and attractive to the children. We really appreciate their timely effort.

09. Problems encountered:

- Covid – 19 has been a big obstacle and a challenge to resume Sunday School Activities on sight.
- Looking for methods to reach the Sunday Schools that have no sufficient facilities.

10. Other Matters: Suggested to the Board to find and create more practical methods to facilitate Sunday Schools to function that have no sufficient facilities (other than online method).

Rev. Christie Joseph – Area Dean

Up Country Deanery Report for the year 2020/2021

OUR ACTIVITIES

- **2020**

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we were unable to do take any other step. But we circulated the video clips sent by the Board of Christian Education to all the Sunday school children through the Sunday school teachers. Specially, in Kotagala the syllabus was sent to every child and was monitored by Sunday School Teachers.

- **January 2021**

In the year 2021, we gathered St Paul's Talankande, St John's Lindula, All Saints' Agarapatana, All Saints' Maskeliya and St Margaret's Kotagala, for a retreat, to refresh the Sunday school with new mission.

- **March 2021**

Lenten devotion for Sunday School Teachers was organized by the Board of Christian Education. Many teachers from the Up-country deanery participated.

- **May 2021**

We conducted a one day program for the Sunday school teachers via Zoom, and we decided to conduct VBS for Sunday School Children through our deanery teachers. It was very successful. Most of the children participated. Teachers united via Zoom and organized it. We are still conducting the Sunday school lessons via Zoom.

SUGGESTIONS

Due to the current situation, we must be concerned about the children. I feel that we have unfortunately failed to look after our Sunday school children. When conducting the Sunday school through zoom, more than 40% of children are unable to participate. Some reasons are; they don't have the necessary technological facilities, network issues, due to these reasons they are unable to attend the online classes. It would be better if there was some other alternative solution in future.

Rev. S. Johnson - Area Dean

Galle Deanery Report for the Year 2020/2021

Sunday School Ministry is happening in every church of the Galle Deanery. Due to the Pandemic situation of the country, the Sunday school ministry has presently stopped functioning. We circulate the video clips among the children which is sent by the Church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education.

Christ Church Hambanthota had conducted two programmes for the children of the Sunday school on “How to prevent Corona Virus” and another programme for the senior children of the Sunday school on “How important it is to live spiritual lives” They had to postpone one programme which was planned for the Sunday school Teachers.

Teacher training for the Sunday School Teachers of Church of the Divine Love Urubokka was conducted on Zoom. They had donated two crutches to two needy people on the 30th of May with the money collected by the Sunday school.

There was a Teacher Training Programme conducted by the Board of Christian Education for the Sunday School Teachers of the St. Luke’s Church Deniyaya, Church of the divine Love Urubokka and Christ Church Beverly.

A separate training Programme for the Sunday School Teachers of the other churches of the Galle Deanery was held at Bournevista. This was organized by the Church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education. The opening session was conducted by the Ven. John Marshall Archdeacon of the Galle.

A one day Programme was held for the children of All Saints Church Galle, St. Anne’s Church Kithulampitiya and Church of the Transfiguration Bournevista on the 27th of March 2021.

It is our pleasure to share that 4 Sunday school teachers from the Galle church sat for the NCRK examination held by the National Christian Council and got through the examination.

We appreciate all the commitment of the Priests and Sunday School Teachers and those who contribute tirelessly towards the Sunday School Ministry. We pray and ask God to give us blessings to start the Sunday Schools again.

Rev. Suren Fernando - Chapter Clerk, Galle Deanery.

Moratuwa Deanery Report for the year 2020/2021

I thank God for all the guidance given to our churches, Sunday school teachers and the students to have Sunday school with so much of limitations. Due to COVID 19 pandemic, parishes within our deanery could not conduct Sunday school classes. Most of our parishes had to rely on online classes, however for a few months we were able to conduct classes physically for higher grades.

As a deanery, we sincerely thank the Church of Ceylon board of Christian Education headed by Ms. Sudeni Perera for sharing the video lessons with our Sunday school children.

I pray that the situation may improve in the coming months and we will be able to have our usual Sunday Schools in our parishes.

Rev. Nihal Fernando - Area Dean

Colombo North Deanery Report for the year 2020/2021

The Board of Christian Education was very active during the lockdown when the churches and institutions were closed, the Board of Christian Education was effective in the life of the children. The Colombo North deanery is an urban rural area. Here we have children from different backgrounds, the Sunday school teachers shared the study materials with their respective children through WhatsApp. Many children learnt from these study material during lockdown. It was very well prepared in all 3 languages, very creatively and precisely to the Sunday readings. Most of the children got the best use of these studies, but unfortunately many children couldn't participate because they don't have smart devices and mobile data. This was a basic issue we faced during the lockdown. We had many plans as a deanery for the Sunday school children but we had to postpone them due to the pandemic.

Rev. Ruban Pradeep

Sabaragamuwa Deanery Report for the year 2020/2021

Churches

1. Holy Emmanuel Church Balangoda
2. St. John's Church Rakwana
3. Christ Church Nivitigala
4. St. Luke's Church Ratnapura
5. St. Mark's Church Karapincha
6. St. Paul's Church Hapugasthane
7. St. Barnabas Church Avissawella
8. St. Mark's Church Yatiyanthota

We are pleased to inform you that all the churches mentioned above are sharing the online resources which is shared by the Board of Christian Education with the children very actively. On behalf of the Clergy Persons, Lay workers, Teachers and children I take this opportunity to appreciate the hard work done by the Church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education. There are some children that do not have any facilities to follow online education. This was one of the main concerns that all the Clergy and Lay workers had.

We would like to suggest the followings to the Board.

1. Though the Sunday school will reopen in the future do continue video ministry without ceasing.
2. To evaluate the online education system, organize survey procedures.
3. Please unitize different resource persons from different areas

Rev. Fredson Mirando – Area Dean

Uva Deanery Report for the Year 2020/2021

Sunday school is the best place in which we can give Christian Education to the Children. We can help them to know God through various activities and through the environment. But due to the COVID pandemic we missed this opportunity from March 2020 to up to now. We were unable to provide our usual Sunday school education for the children. With the help of the Board of Christian Education we were able to provide some service. The following are the some of the services that we provided for the children.

1. Circulated video clips among the children
2. Made space for children to present their creative work such as drawings, writing poems etc.,
3. We encouraged our children to do some online activities using Google facilities.

Some challenges identify during the locked down situation

- Not enough devices for the children in the estate areas.
- Poor Signal issues
- Unbearable costs for data
- Lack of knowledge using new technology

At present the children are getting used to the new norms and they are getting adjusted with the educational opportunities. We will use this opportunity and increase the connection of the children with the church.

Rev. Joel Jackson - Area dean

Jaffna Deanery Report for the Year 2020/2021

01. Total no of Churches: **13**

02. Total no of Sunday Schools: **13**

03. No of Clusters: **None**

04. Name of the Archdeacon: **Ven. Sam Ponniah**

05. Name of the Area Dean: **Rev. S. S. Jebachelvan**

06. Problem Encounters: COVID pandemic situation

07. Future Programmes: Teacher Seminars, Teenage Camps, Sunday school children's Rally

08. Suggestions and ideas to enrich the work of the Board

- Organize Bible quiz
- Teachers should be encouraged to do NCRK examination
- Make awareness of how to keep faith during this pandemic situation.

Rev. S.S. Jebachelvan - Area Dean

Eastern Deanery Report for the Year 2020/2021

The Eastern Deanery consists of three districts namely the Trincomalee District, the Batticaloa District and the Ampara District.

There are two Churches in the Trincomalee district, five Churches and an Aims Center in the Batticaloa district, and there are two Churches and five Aims Centers in the Ampara district.

There are Tamil and Sinhala speaking students and teachers.

Even though classes have been held in recent years in the Churches, Classes could not be held properly due to the bomb blast in 2019 and the extraordinary situation of Covid19 beginning in 2020.

Though the Sunday school classes were not held properly for a few months in the year 2020, we were able to have a few classes according to the health guideline during the time when the Day Schools operated.

Christmas events took place.

Classes were held in the month of February 2021 with the Dedication Service of the teachers. However, since April classes have not been held due to the unavoidable situation.

But through the dedication of the teachers through the video clips released by the Board of Christian Education there were some activities carried among the children.

In October 2020, in the midst of a smooth situation in the country an event for children were held at the Batticaloa Kiran Ashram.

Problems encountered:

1. Most of the children and teachers do not have smart phone facilities.
2. As day School and Sunday school are not happening some children are abused and misused in various ways.
3. Family violence incidents have increased.

Future Programmes

1. Organizing awareness programs for Parents and children.
2. Increasing VBS events so that the children will be able to grow up in the Lord.
3. Enhancing training as a way to develop online teaching methods for teachers.
4. Conducting more drug prevention seminars for parents & children.
5. Conducting social and environmental awareness programs.

Rev. T.O. Thirukumar - Area Dean

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Ministry Report from 01st of July 2020 to 31st March 2021

Date	Event	Church / Deanery	Venue	No. of Participations							Theme
				Children	Teachers	Elders	Young Adults	Resource Person	Clergy	Youth	
2020 Year											
16 th July	Pre-Marital Counseling		Cathedral				02	01			
18 th July	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Michael’s & All Angle’s Church, Polwatte				02	01			
25 th July	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Luke’s Church Borella & Cathedral				08	02			
20 th September	One Day Programme for Children and Parents	Moratuwa	Christ Church Ingiriya	69		40		10	02		Overcoming Fear
24 th September	Workshop for the Facilitators of Pre-Marital Counseling		Cathedral			04		05			
26 th September	Pre-Marital Counseling		Cathedral				02	01			
27 th September	One Day Programme for Children and Parents	Colombo North	St. Jame’s Church Chilaw	47		30		11	01	16	Overcoming Fear
03 rd October	One Day Programme for Children	Eastern	Kiraan Ashram	86	27			09	04		World Children’s Day
24 th October	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Luke’s Church, Borella				04	01			
18 th November	Pre-Marital Counseling		Cathedral				02	01			

Date	Event	Church / Deanery	Venue	Children	Teachers	Elders	Young Adults	Resource Person	Clergy	Youth	Theme
2021 Year											
27 th February	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Luke's Church, Borella & Cathedral				04	01			
07 th March	Teacher Training	Galle	St. Luke's Church, Deniyaya		18			05	02		
12 th March	Children's Programme	Up Country	Paynter Home, Nuwara Eliya	38				04			
13 th March	Teacher Training	Up Country	Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya		70			06	03		
20 th March	Teacher Training	Galle	Sudarshana Center Bourne vista		32			09	03		
26 th March	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Michael's & All Angle's Church, Polwatte				02	01			
27 th March	Pre-Marital Counseling		St. Luke's Church, Borella				02	01			
			Total	240	147	74	28	69	15	16	

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VIRTUAL MINISTRY REPORT- 12th May 2020 to 31st March 2021

No	Date	Description	No of Lessons	Total number of lessons / Videos in all three languages
01	12.05.2020 to 15.07.2020	Sunday School online Work sheets according to the syllabus of the National Christian Council. (From grade 4 to grade 9)	Grade 4 – 30 Grade 5 - 29 Grade 6 – 30 Grade 7 – 30 Grade 8 – 30 Grade 9 - 30	179 X 3= 537
02	15.07.2020 to 31.01.2021	Day School Online Work Sheets according to the Day School Christianity Text Books (From grade 4 to O/L's)	Grade 4 – 25 Grade 5 - 24 Grade 6 – 22 Grade 7 – 21 Grade 8 – 23 Grade 9 - 21 Grade 10 – 27 Grade 11 - 25 Grade 10 Question papers – 27 Grade 11 Question papers - 25	188 X 3 = 564 52 X 3 = 156
03	12.05.2020 to 28.03.2021	Video clips for age 3 - 10 years	43 Lessons	43 X 3 = 129
04	29.11.2020 to 28.03.2021	Video clips for age 11 - 18 years	17 Lessons	17 X 3 = 51
05	31.01.2021 06.02.2021 13.02.2021 14.02.2021	4 Christianity Webinars For Ordinary Level Examinations.	Sinhala 1 Tamil 1 English 1 Sinhala 2 nd Seminar	97 participants 56 participants 67 Participants 37 participants 257 Total
06	19.12.2020 27.03.2021	2 Webinars for Resource Persons in English	The 5 Marks of Anglican Mission. Spiritual Formation	26 participants 13 Participants
07	19.02.2021 18.03.2021	2 Webinars for the Clergy Persons on Introduction to Pre-Marital Counseling / Marriage Preparation	English English 2 nd Webinar	21 Clergy Persons 05 Clergy Persons
08	September to November 2020	Bible Reading Cards	In all three Languages	Sinhala 2000 Tamil 1500 English 750
09	January to March 2021	1 Sets of Bible Reading Cards	In all three Languages	Shared with the Clergy Persons and Sunday School Secretaries through WhatsApp.

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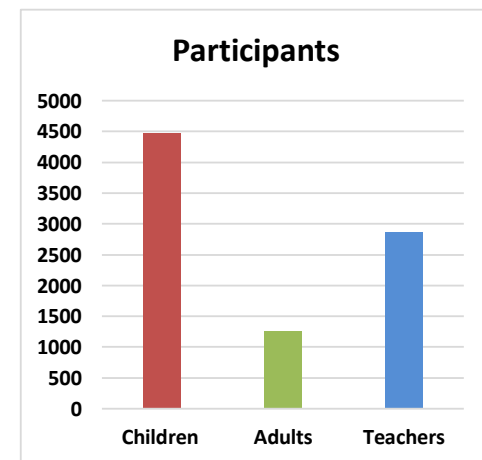
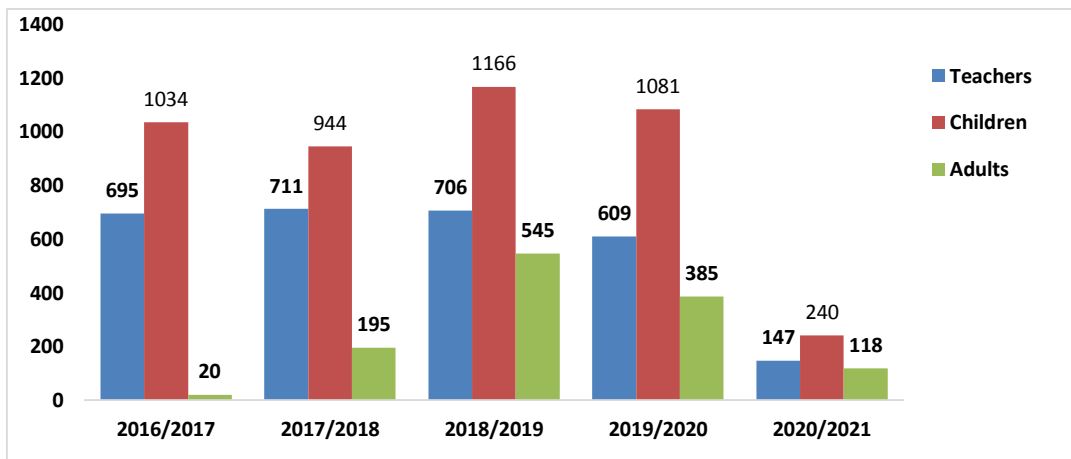
Year	Colombo North	Colombo South	Eastern	Galle	Jafna	Moratuwa	Up Country	Sabaragamuwa	Uva	Total
2016/2017	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
2017/2018	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
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2019/2020	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
2020/2021	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			5

Total Number of Participants

Year	Teachers	Children	Adults	Total
2016/2017	695	1034	20	1749
2017/2018	711	944	195	1850
2018/2019	706	1166	545	2417
2019/2020	609	1081	385	2075
2020/2021	147	240	118	505

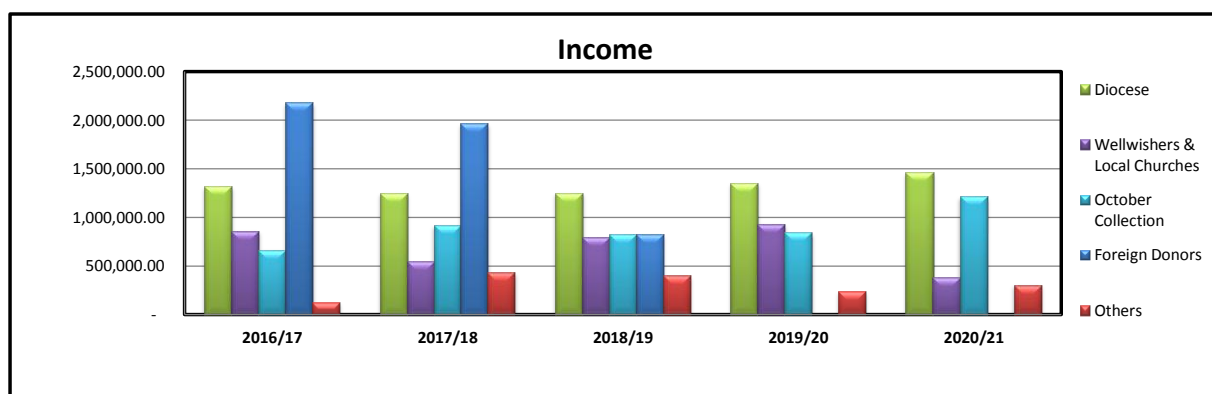
Grand Total of Participants

	Participants
Children	4465
Adults	1263
Teachers	2868
Grand Total	8596

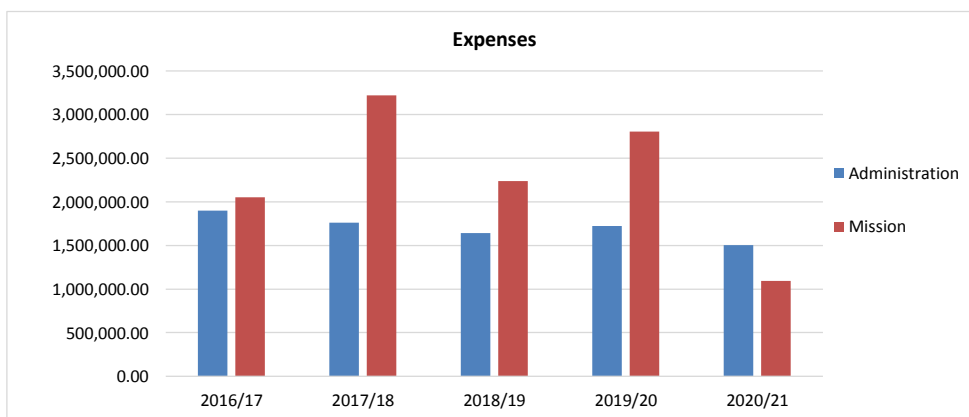


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Summarized Income & Expenditure Report for the last 5 Years

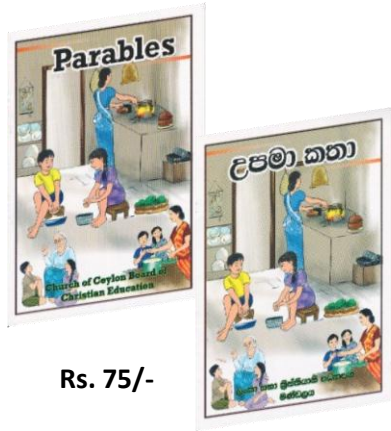
Year	Diocese	Wellwishers & Local Churches	October Collection	Foreign Donors	Others	Total
2016/17	1,318,500.00	855,903.90	664,852.00	2,179,067.00	122,726.00	5,141,048.90
2017/18	1,250,000.00	546,607.50	918,966.00	1,963,567.03	429,126.82	5,108,267.35
2018/19	1,250,000.00	791,202.00	826,417.00	820,061.28	395,594.00	4,083,274.28
2019/20	1,350,000.00	928,498.00	841,521.00	-	241,003.29	3,361,022.29
2020/21	1,463,106.00	375,573.00	1,213,633.55	-	303,715.85	3,356,028.40
Total	6,631,606.00	3,497,784.40	4,465,389.55	4,962,695.31	1,492,165.96	21,049,641.22



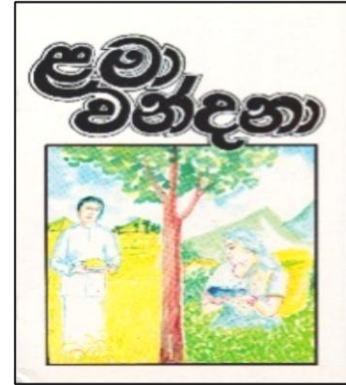
	Administration	Mission	Total
2016/17	1,899,633.00	2,052,705.00	3,952,338.00
2017/18	1,760,237.39	3,219,467.39	4,979,704.78
2018/19	1,643,378.02	2,237,362.00	3,880,740.02
2019/20	1,722,463.86	2,806,179.45	4,528,643.31
2020/21	1,502,431.36	1,093,162.50	2,595,593.86
Total	8,528,143.63	11,408,876.34	19,937,019.97



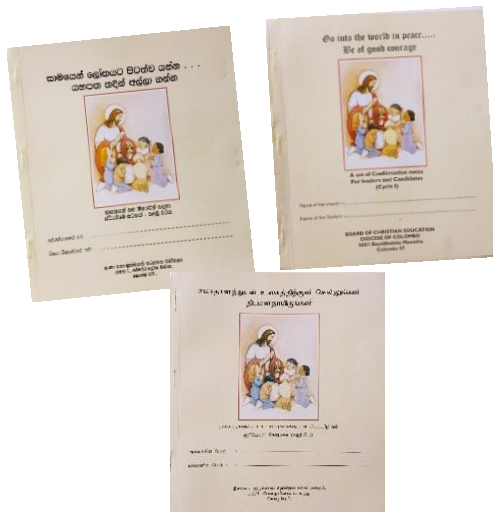
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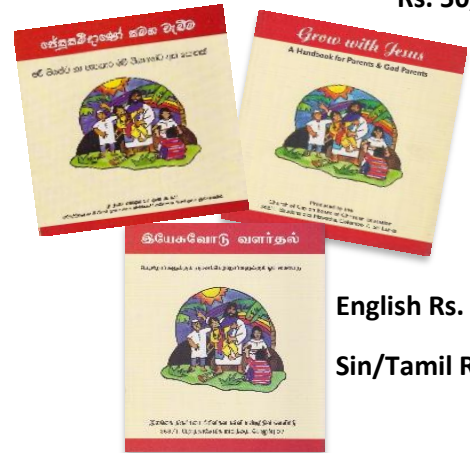
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Rs. 50/-

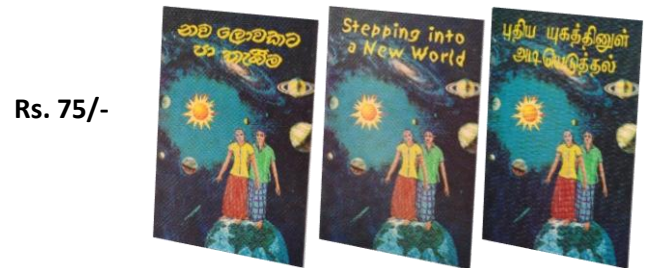


Confirmation Cycle 1
Rs. 150/-



English Rs. 125/-

Sin/Tamil Rs. 100/-



Rs. 75/-



Baptism Certificate Rs. 70/-



Confirmation Certificates Rs. 70/-

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28th August 2021