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## A Message from the President of the World Council of Churches

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"

In the afterglow of Easter we are renewed in our confidence in the eternal love of God through the death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. With St. Paul we too have longed to know the "Fellowship of his sufferings" so that we may share in "the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3.10). Galvanized by the miracle of the resurrection, we are born anew in our faith and go forward to live with undaunted hope. We are now called to proclaim the Good News and to "spread the honour of Jesus' name".

At Christmas we celebrated the coming of our Sovereign God to be with us; at Easter we

rejoiced in the hope of glory promised in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; now at Pentecost we celebrate the coming of God the Holy Spirit to abide in us.

It is significant that the descent of the Spirit at the first Pentecost happened when "they were all of one accord in one place" (Acts 2.1). Even today, in order to be open to the life-giving descent of the Spirit, we need to be in prayer with one accord for the healing of our tormented world, offering to it a visible sign as Christians of the unity that God intends for all

Our world has become a vastly different place since we sent our last Pentecost message to you. There have been changes of far-reaching implications. The Church is obliged by its very calling to provide the spiritual resources and models of excellence for human conduct in a world so intensely in search of life affirming values. Our source of power to do this lies in the Pentecost experience. "When the Spirit comes" Jesus promised. "He will lead you into all truth" (John 16.13.)

This year has been designated as the Year of the family. It is good to reflect on the family during the seasons of Pentecost, for family has to do with relationships. The Spirit scripture says, is the One who binds us into a relationship of love with God and one another. Can it be, we ask ourselves

at this Pentecost, that we have failed to witness to God's invitation that we live in concord with one another, weave patterns of caring love and propagate values that nurture the family in the midst of society? Over the past thirty years there has been a clarion call to "save the family." The two World Wars and the resultant industrial developments have so impacted our traditional roles in so many of our societies that family, as we have known it, has become a threatened entity. Now, in 1994, the family is still threatened by changing values, economic pressures and undefined life styles.

The concept of the family today is changing, but it remains necessary because human beings are not made to be alone. It is important, then, that churches also focus on the family in this International Year of the Family

We must not miss the opportunity to make our contribution to the search for the model and meaning of the family in our times. We are called not only to stress the significance of the family as that which sustains, nurtures and supports units in society, but we also need to discover and hold up its biblical foundation and the role and meaning it has for our time.

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FIELD DIRECTOR  
VISITS JAFFNA

Ms Leslie Collins Field Director of Christian Children's Fund of Canada arrived in Jaffna on 3rd May 1994 and visited some of the Projects supported by the above organization.

She conducted a workshop for J. D. C. S. I.-C.C. F.C. officers on 6th May 1994 and for Anglican Church officers on 7th May 1994.

She stayed at Vaddukoddai, Udumal and Jaffna town and left on 9th May 1994.

## BOOK RELEASE

Two books were released by the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India in the Bishop Kulandran Memorial Hall, Jaffna college, Jaffna on 5th May 1994 at 3.30 p.m.

The first copy of the book "Yaripanathu Christava Kayingharkalum Keerthanakalum" written by the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan was handed over to The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanan former Bishop. This deals with a few Jaffna Tamil Poets, who composed Christian lyrics.

Other book to be released was "Mary Magdalene" written by Naventhiran. The copy was given to Mr. G. Rajanayagam Principal Jaffna College.

The Rev. D. R. Ambalavanan chaired the function.

The following spoke at the function.

1) The Rev. J. Jebamohan

2) Prof. S. Chandras

3) Dr. S. Sivalingarajah

University of Jaffna & Evelyn Ratnam Institute

19th and 20th centuries.

4) Dr. Subramanya Iyer,

University of Jaffna

5) Poet Dominic Jeeva

The Rev. A. Jayakumaran, Secretary, J.D. C. S. I., proposed the vote of thanks.

## SPECIAL COUNCIL OF J D C S I

A Special Session of The Jaffna Diocesan Council of the Church of South India was held on 7th May 1994 to confirm the Constitutional Amendments since 1974.

The Council meeting was presided by the Bishop of the Diocese The Rt Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan. The sessions started

with devotions led by the Bishop. The Constitutional amendments were presented by the former Bishop the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanan after the roll was called by the Secretary The Rev. A. Jayakumaran. The amendments were accepted unanimously.

## FIRST CONFIRMATION AT THOLPURAM

Tholpuram Parish in the Vaddukoddai circuit is a recently formed congregation which is growing fast. The first confirmation service was held here on 1st May 1994 when 18 people were confirmed by the Bishop of the J. D. C. S. I., the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan.

The candidates were presented by the Rev. A. A. Paul, Circuit Pastor. Mr. D. S. Mathiapanam, worker-in-charge of the church read the scripture lesson.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted

by Revds. P. R. Navendranugoolan of Kilinochchi Church and A. A. Paul.

After the service a public meeting was held to welcome the Bishop. The following spoke,

1) Mr. M. Paramalingam, Treasurer of the Church

2) Mrs. Naguleswary on behalf of those confirmed.

3) Mr. D. S. Mathiapanam Worker

4) Mr. K. Ranjan on behalf of the youth

The meeting came to an end with benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

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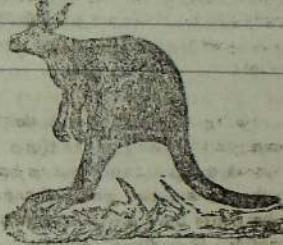
**பிரிவுபசாரம்: மெதடிஸ்த திருச்சபை**  
**முகாமைக்குரு**

பேரிலிருந்து கிடைத்துவது விரும்புகிறது. மூலம் கிடைத்துவது விரும்புகிறது. மூலம் கிடைத்துவது விரும்புகிறது.

பாராம்பரியத்திற் காரம் நடைபெற்றது. திருமதி மலிம்ராசா என்னைச் சந்திப்பு பத்ரகாப் பல வேலைகளையும் ஒதுக்கிட்டுக் காத்திருந்தனர். வண. 4. என் தியாகராசாவுடு பெய்தாயார். திருமதி செ. தியாகராசா அவர்களும் நோய் வாய்ப்பட்ட நிலையிடும், தமது மருத்துவமனையிலிருக்கு வந்து அங்கு ஏன்னை எதிராபாத்திற்கு வருமாறாக வரும் என்னை அனைத்துச் சென்ற சென்டர்மார்ட் என்னுடன் உரையாடினர். இவர்களது அராபும், பரிமுகம் என்னைப் பெறிடும் கவனந்தன. திசைன்டர் ஹில், கென்டப்பார் கிளிக் போன்ற ஆசியார் தமிழர் ஞாட்டுப்பட்டியல் என்னை அனைத்துச் சென்ற சென்டர்மார்ட் என்னுடன் உரையாடினர். இவர்களது அராபும், பரிமுகம் என்னைப் பெறிடும் கவனந்தன. திசைன்டர் ஹில், கென்டப்பார் கிளிக் போன்ற ஆசியார் தமிழர் ஞாட்டுப்பட்டியல் என்னை அனைத்துச் சென்ற சென்டர்மார்ட் என்னுடன் உரையாடினர்.

தாரா நெட்டாந்தா பானா அதியல்லாதா தீவு வைப்பறந்தி  
மும், அவர்களது ஏற்றவிஷயங்களைப்  
பற்றியும் பேசிக்கொண்டிருந்து  
திடு கருப்பாகும். திரு. மகிழ்ராசா  
வும் நெறங்கிய நஷ்பர்களாக  
விளங்கினர். திரு. மகிழ்ராசா  
மாந். புனித மோவான் சுவாஜா  
மின் முன்வான் அதிபர் திரு. ஏ.  
டபிஸ்ட். இராசசேகரம் அவர்  
களின் புதல்வராவார்.

நல்லவர்கள் உடனின் பல பாகுங்களிலுமிருந்தார். "யாதும் ஊரே, பாவரும் கேளோ" என்ற கணியன் சூழ்நிற்றனாளின் வாசக்கள் என்னதில் வந்தன. அன்று மதியம் "கெப்பராரம்ள்" என்ற பத்தி விரிக்க, அலுவலகத்துக்கு என்னள் ஏன் முத்துச் சென்றனர்.



தட்டம் பிடிப்பவரைக் கூப்பிட்டு என்னைப் படம் பிடிக்குமாறு கூறினார். பின்னால் என்னைப் பேட்டி கண்டனர். எழுதிய செய்திக் கற்றப்பை எனக்கு வாசித்துக் காட்டினார். இதனை பிரகாரிப்பதில் உங்களுக்கு ஆட்டபோன்றையொன்று கேட்டு என்று ஒப்புதலைப் பெற்றுக்கொண்டனர். நான் அவள் கிரேவியாவிலிருந்து புறப்படு முன்னர் இக்கெய்திக்குறிப்பு பிரகார மாயியது.

“இவ்வகை அத்தியட்சர் அவள் கேயில்யாலின் தலையிட்டுக்கொருகின்றார்” என்ற தலைப்பு என்று செவ்வியைப் பிரசுரித்தனர். அன்றிவர் திரு. பாடவெட்டிராஜிசுகம் அவர்களது வீட்டிலே எனக்கு இராப்போசன் விருந்து நடைபெற்றது. இவரது மனவியின் பெயர் மாலதி. அன்றாண்பெராவில் உள்ள முக்கியமான லெ தமிழ் பிரமுகர்கள் விருந்துக்கு வந்திருந்தனர். பாராளுஷ்ரத் திலை திறம் பிரதமராக இருந்த வரும், வேறு சில சென்ட்டர் மாரும் வந்திருந்தனர்” என்னோரும் இவ்வகையைப் பற்றி கூறுகின்றனர். யாழ்ப்பாணத்தைப் பற்றிக் கூறுகின்றன, சமாதான முயற்சி பற்றிக் கூறுகின்றன. என்ற கேட்ட வளவை மிருந்துள்ளனர்.

அதித்த நான் திரு குமார் சினிவிலிருந்து அன்பெரவுக்கு வந்துசேந்தார். கூப்பொலின் முக்கிமான இடங்களைச் சுற்றிப் பார்க்கும், புதைப்பாட்டுக்களை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளும் வியப்பு ஏற்பட்டது. பல இடங்களிலே நன் பர்சன் சத்திக்க வந்தனர். அன்ற ரச வணி டி எஸ். தியாராசா சினமும் இங்கேயே வழிபட்டு, வந்திருந்தார். திருமதி மு. கிரு. வா. திவிலகன் போட்டுக்கூடுதல் திருத்தார். திரு. கிருதுக்குதிலக முக்கு இந்தியாவின் தலைநாடார் மிய புதுமலையில் வேண்டும் கூறனார். குதேவாயை வழிபா முத்தித் தின்னர் மோட்டார் வாக எத்திலீ திரு. சுகுமாருடன் உழுவுப்பட்டேன்.



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## EDITORIAL

### NELSON MANDELA THE PRESIDENT

Nelson Mandela is the man who moved from the prison house to the Presidential Palace. It was a historic event when Nelson Mandela took oaths as the first Non-White President of South Africa on 10th May 1994.

Nelson Mandela is a great South African leader and a freedom fighter. Because he loved his people and country he braved all hardships in the prison and even enjoyed life there. The prison authorities tried to stifle the joy of Mandela and fellow prisoners by preventing them from singing. But that did not deter his zeal for freedom.

Born in July 1918, he was sent out of the University in 1940 because of his colour. He formed the Youth League of African National Congress in 1944. He passed his law degree through postal tuition and was actively involved in the freedom struggle. This led into his arrest in 1964. He was in the prison for 27 years. Because of world pressure, he was released in February 1991 and was made the President of African National Congress. The last White President of South Africa, De Clark signed to an agreement with African National Congress which led to the first non-racial elections. The Non-Whites in South Africa have achieved what they struggled for - the freedom. They were oppressed, like the Hebrews in Egypt. Their Egyptian bondage is over and now they are free; free to choose their own government; can live where they want to; jobs are open to them and can have their own education.

We in Jaffna congratulate Nelson Mandela and all in South Africa on his election as first Non-White President. There was hope - they believed that God would raise up Moses from among them and they found Moses in Nelson Mandela. God has seen their affliction; God has heard their cry and so he delivered them from their 350 years of bondage.

'Do not oppress the alien when you dwell in the land God has given you, because you yourselves were aliens in Egypt' said Moses. The people of South Africa were alienated in their own country till recently. So we believe that they will not oppress the aliens in their land. Nelson Mandela himself knew what it is to be alienated, and oppressed. So he decided to embrace all people into one fold as Moses did. There is place for Whites as well as Blacks in his cabinet and has chosen De Clark - a White - as one of his deputies.

The great challenge the South African faces is keeping together all tribes. The future of South Africa will be bright, if everyone, irrespective of one's colour, language or religion is given one's due place. But if they try to deny the rights of the minorities and start fighting among themselves the country will disintegrate.

As we rejoice with the people of Africa in their God given freedom, we pray, that they will remain united by recognizing the God given freedom and integrity of each and every tribe.

God bless Mandela; God bless South Africa.

### J.D.C.S.I. PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAMME Annual Leadership Development Camp and Graduation Ceremony

The Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India held its Annual Leadership Development Camp at Ottley Hall, Jaffna College on 24th and 25th April 1994. Miss S. P. Gulasingham functioned as Camp Chief and Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham as Camp Director. The Camp Organizers were Mr. N.S. P. Thambes and Mrs. V. Paul.

The first day's programme started with meditations by the Rev. A. Jeyakumaran and hoisting of the Camp Flag. The second day's Programme started with meditations by the Rev. A. A. Paul.

The camp Programme included Bible/Moral Studies' Emergency First Aid' Art & Crafts' Group Discussions' Keep

Fit' Singing' Kim's Game, Speech Training, Novel Games Quiz, Drama and Road Safety.

The Camp came to an end with Graduation Ceremony. The Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan and Mrs. V. Jebanesan were Chief Guests. The following guests of honour were also present. Lion Dr. T. Paheerathan, Mr. S. Kugarajah President, SLRC Vaddukoddai Branch, Mr. Cedrick Pivelal - Chief Delegate, ICRC and Miss Fabiana - Medical Coordinator, ICRC Mrs. V. Jebanesan distributed the certificates.

### Supplementary list University admission

The UGC has released a supplementary list of students admitted to the Arts Faculty of Jaffna University. According to this list another 33 students will be admitted.

Two more students from Jaffna College will enter the arts faculty now. They are Mr. P. Thevarajah, Miss. N. Naithini.

### In Memoriam

Mr. T. Gunanayagam who passed away under tragic circumstances in Jaffna on the 23rd of February, 1994 was the son of late Mr. T. Thuraisappah, the first Head Master of the American Mission Tamil School, Valalai. His brother and sister are the late Dr. T. Arumainayagam, Mr. T. Tissa Nayagam, late Mrs. E. H. Ariyadurai, Mrs. P. Atputharajah, Mrs. E. P. Rajaratnam and Mrs. K. D. Arasuratnam, all Devoted Members of the C. S. I. Church.

Mr. T. Gunanayagam who had his Secondary Education at St. John's College, Jaffna, joined the Fisheries Department and retired as the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries, Jaffna. He was an outstanding Sportsman in his younger days and played Tennis up to the age of 65 and won many trophies in Trincomalee, Colombo and Jaffna Tennis Clubs. He was also at one time an All Ceylon Volley Ball player.

He was a man of exemplary character and well known for his honesty, generosity and sociability. He was married to Thembu Arulampalam who conducted the Finishing School at Trimmer Hall, Jaffna an outstanding Social Worker and presently residing in the States with her children.

His children are: Regulan Gunanayagam, Consultant Engineer, Mrs. Gunasundari Loganathan, Dr. Christian Priyadarshini.

May his Soul Rest in Peace.

### A Message from.....

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Let us then be vigilant and courageous as members of the body of Christ as we rebuild our faith in the family in the context of the search for a new world order. And may the Spirit of unity that fell on the gathered community also fall on us and build us into a community of faith. 'In union with him' writes St. Paul, "You, too, are being built together with all others into a place where God lives through his Spirit" (Eph. 2.22).

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all"

The Presidents of the World Council of Churches

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