

Report of ACRCI Regional gathering

The regional gathering of ACRCI (Association of the Catholic Rehabilitation Center I India) Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha was held on 15th September 2014 at CMI provincial house Bhopal. All together 13 participants present for the gathering. The meeting started with prayer song “HERE I AM LORD”

Fr.Kurian CMI the provincial superior of St Paul province welcomed the participants . In his inaugural welcome speech, he appreciated and encouraged the group for accepting the invitation and taken extra mile to come for this meeting. He stated every rowdy in the class waits to be listened, to be understood and to be loved. Quoting the Gospel of Lk: 4:18 he said the role of ACRCI is to carry out the manifestal agenda to follow the new mathematics, new economy and new ethics of law. In new mathematics he gave the example of lost the sheep, looking for the lost, one is greater than “99”. In new economics he gave the example of lost coin and in new ethics of law is to follow the law of love. we are called for love and compassion. In order to follow this, at times we may have to choose the less travelled path to reach out to the needy.

Thereafter the coordinator Fr. Tom Thanked fr. Kurrian and called upon Fr. Thomas CT MST, the general councilor and vice president of ACRCI. He gave short description about the history of ACRCI. He also gave the valuable information about the legal matters regarding rehabilitation centre specially for those who were not present in Nagpur for annual conference. After which followed the general discussion. The participants were asked to express their doubts and queries such as registration of the society under different headings. He also stressed upon the need to update oneself and know the fast changing rules, regulation and policies at the state and in national levels. He informed the members about the regional gathering of Kerala and Punjab. During his session it was discussed that how to make our region more vibrant and participatory under the umbrella of ACRCI. For the detail information about the institutions, forms were distributed area wise.

After the lunch break we had the resource person Mr. Shyam Singh from CRC Bhopal. He gave the history and places of their functioning in different States. He explained the group how to approach the centre for various help for the person

with disability. They also provide different training programme for the persons engaged in rehabilitation centre.

In the last session Fr. Tom the coordinator put forward some proposals for the regional gathering. The main concern was to raise the fund and venue for the next regional gathering. To meet the needs of the regional gathering, some of the members suggested to contribute Rs.500 per institution. Every body agreed upon this proposal as an annual subscription, which will be used for the next regional gathering. The members proposed the name of Fr. Thomas CMI as a treasurer and Sr.Ranjna as assistant treasurer of the ACRCI M.P. region.

End of the meeting Fr.Tom thanked the group for their active participation. After the high tea all were dispersed