

CCBI

Commission For Bible *Biennial Report*

January 2017 – January 2019



CCBI COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE BODY OF CCBI COMMISSION FOR BIBLE



MEETINGS OF NATIONAL BODIES

1. National Consultative Body

- i. Consultative Body Meeting
(June 14, 2017)
- ii. Consultative Body meeting
(25 September, 2017)
- iii. Consultative Body meeting
(27 September, 2018)

MEETINGS OF NATIONAL BODIES

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2. Chairmen of Regional Commissions for Bible

The meeting of the office bearers of the CCBI Commission for Bible with Regional Chairmen was held on February 1, 2017 at the Pastoral Centre, Ashaniketan Campus, Bhopal, during the CCBI XXIX Plenary Assembly. The meeting began with a prayer by Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, sfx, at 8.30 pm. Bishop Susaimanickam welcomed the Bishops and introduced the agenda for the meeting.

1. Release of ESV



NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Release of ESV- CE

The Catholic version of the English Standard Version (ESV-CE) was released at Pope Paul VI Auditorium, St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, on 4 February 2018 during the 30th Plenary Assembly of the CCBI.

2. NATIONAL CONSULTATION CUM SEMINAR



NATIONAL LEVEL

2. National Consultation cum Seminar

The All India Biblical Consultation cum Seminar for Regional Chairmen, Regional Secretaries, Diocesan Directors and Promoters of Biblical Pastoral Ministry commenced at Seva Kendra Kolkata on 21st November 2018, with the theme: Word of God, Foundation of Evangelization. Nearly 150 Participants took part in the Seminar.

Regional Secretaries' Meet

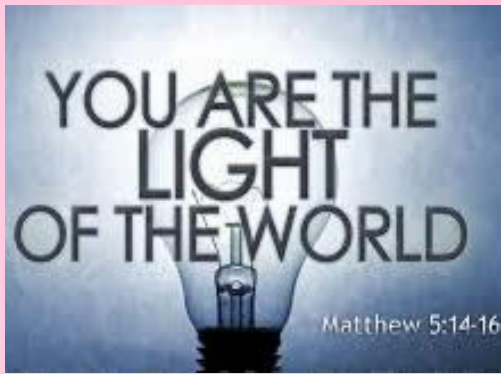


NATIONAL LEVEL

3. The Regional Secretaries' Consultation (27-28 October, 2017)

There was a two day consultation of the Regional Secretaries of the CCBI Commission for Bible at NBCCLC, on the
**Theme: To be Ministers of the
Word of God.**

Of the fourteen regional secretaries ten of them participated.



4. All India Seminar for the Regional Secretaries of Bible and Catechetics Commissions



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4. All India Seminar for the Regional Secretaries of Bible and Catechetics Commissions

The CCBI Commissions for Bible and Catechetics jointly organized a national seminar for the regional secretaries of these two commissions, on the theme, “To Proclaim and to Teach”. This event took place at Prerana Sadan, Indore, M.P, from 05 June to 08 June 2018. Totally thirty persons, including three bishops, three national executive secretaries of CCBI Commissions, resource persons, regional secretaries of the two commissions, priests and sisters of the region participated and benefited.

Training of Animators for Youth Biblical Pastoral Ministry



Training of Animators for Youth Biblical Pastoral Ministry 2018

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE, CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA

6-8 MARCH 2018 | NBCLC, Bengaluru

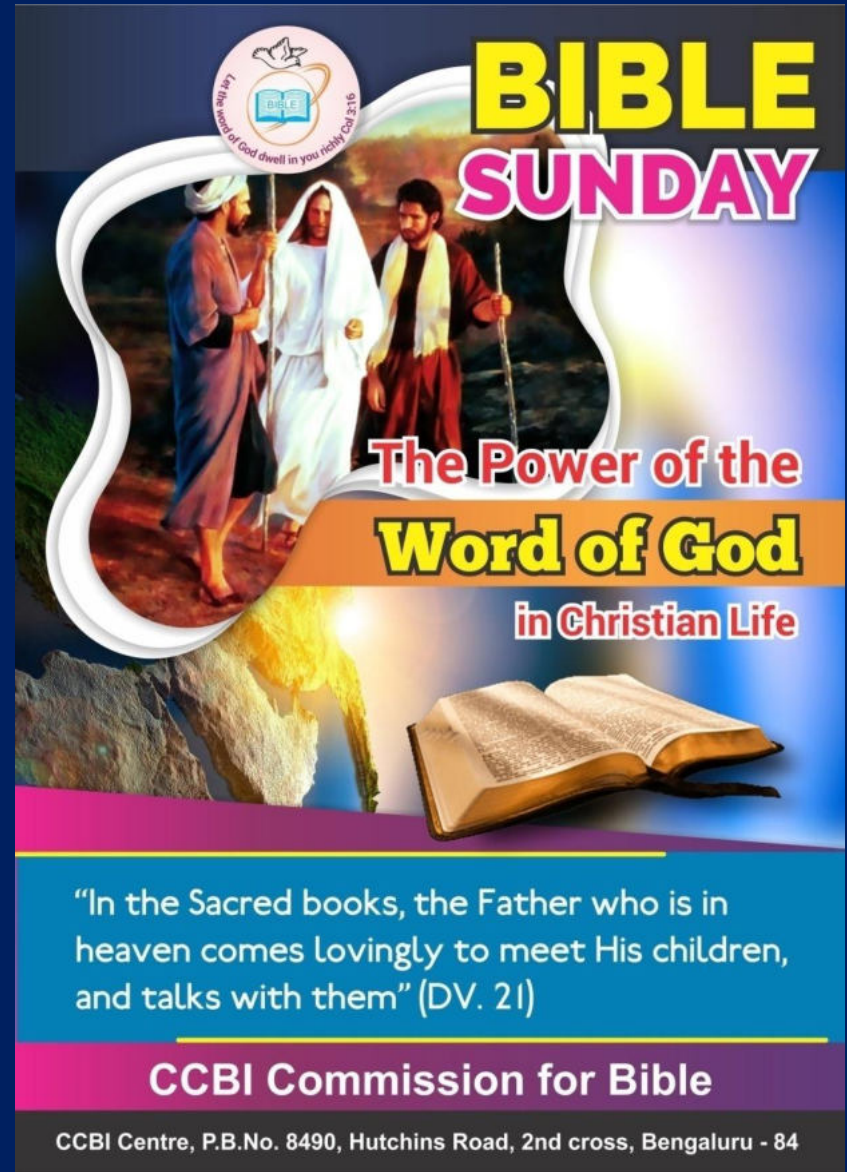
NATIONAL LEVEL

5. Training of Animators for Youth Biblical Pastoral Ministry

The CCBI Commission for Bible, in collaboration with the CCBI Commission for Youth, organised a three day seminar cum training program at NBCLC, Bengaluru, from 6-8 March 2018 on the theme “Word of God, Source of Faith and Vocational Discernment for Young People Today.

6. NATIONWIDE BIBLE SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEVEL



**BIBLE
SUNDAY**

The Power of the
Word of God
in Christian Life

“In the Sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet His children, and talks with them” (DV. 21)

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NATIONAL LEVEL

6. Nationwide Bible Sunday

Creative initiatives can help make this initiative as an opportunity for the faithful to become living vessels for the transmission of God's word.

Theme for 2019

**The Power of the Word of God in
Christian Life.**

REGIONAL LEVEL

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1. Agra Regional Bible Commission Meeting

Agra Regional Bible Institute had a one day seminar at Yusuf Sadan New Delhi on 6th March 2017 on the theme: Word of God in the Family. The regional chairman Bishop Ignatius D'Souza, member Bishop Devprasad Ganawa and Bishop Raphy Manjaly were present on the occasion besides the CCBI Secretary for Bible Fr. Govindu Rayanna.

REGIONAL LEVEL

2. Northeast Regional Bible Animation Program

The Bible Commission for North East Region organized the animation program for the diocesan directors and promoters of Biblical Pastoral Ministry on 22-23 March 2017 at the Diocesan Social Forum, Guwahati. There were 36 participants from 11 dioceses consisting of priests, religious men and women and the laity.

North-East Regional Seminar



REGIONAL LEVEL

3. Northeast Regional Animation Program

There was a two day animation program conducted for the diocesan secretaries of Bible Commission and the persons involved and interested in the Biblical Pastoral Ministry in the region of Northeast at Siloam, Shillong on 12 and 13 June 2018.

Theme

**“Word of God: Source of Faith
for the Youth.”**



4. Western Regional Seminar on Biblical Pastoral Ministry



REGIONAL LEVEL

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4. Western Regional Seminar on Biblical Pastoral Ministry

The CCBI Commission for Bible organized a regional seminar in the Western Region at Pune. The participants included Bishop Thomas Dabre, Chairman of the Regional Bible Commission, Fr. A. John Baptist, national executive secretary, Fr. Lui Heredia, the regional secretary, the diocesan secretaries, religious and laity involved in Biblical Apostolate as well as those aspiring to be part of the Biblical ministry. There were approximately 45 participants.

REGIONAL LEVEL

5. Visit to Tamilnadu Regional Programs

On 4th November 2017, the Executive Secretary went to Poondi, Tamilnadu to address the laity who had gathered for a two day seminar on Biblical Perspective of Family.

REGIONAL LEVEL

6. Core Group Meeting, Karnataka Region

The Regional Commission for Catechetics of Karnataka Region is preparing Sunday Catechism Books for the region. The Executive Secretary of CCBI Bible Commission is one of the members of the core group. On 30th November 2017 and on 26th February, 2018, he attended the meetings of the Diocesan Secretaries of Catechetical Commission of this region and offered his suggestions.

REGIONAL LEVEL

7. Karnataka Regional Seminar on Bible Sunday

At the initiative and support of the National Commission, a two day regional seminar was organized for Secretaries of the Diocesan Bible Commission and laity of Karnataka region, on 8th and 9th August 2018, by the Karnataka Regional Commission for Bible. The theme of the seminar was “Bible Sunday”.

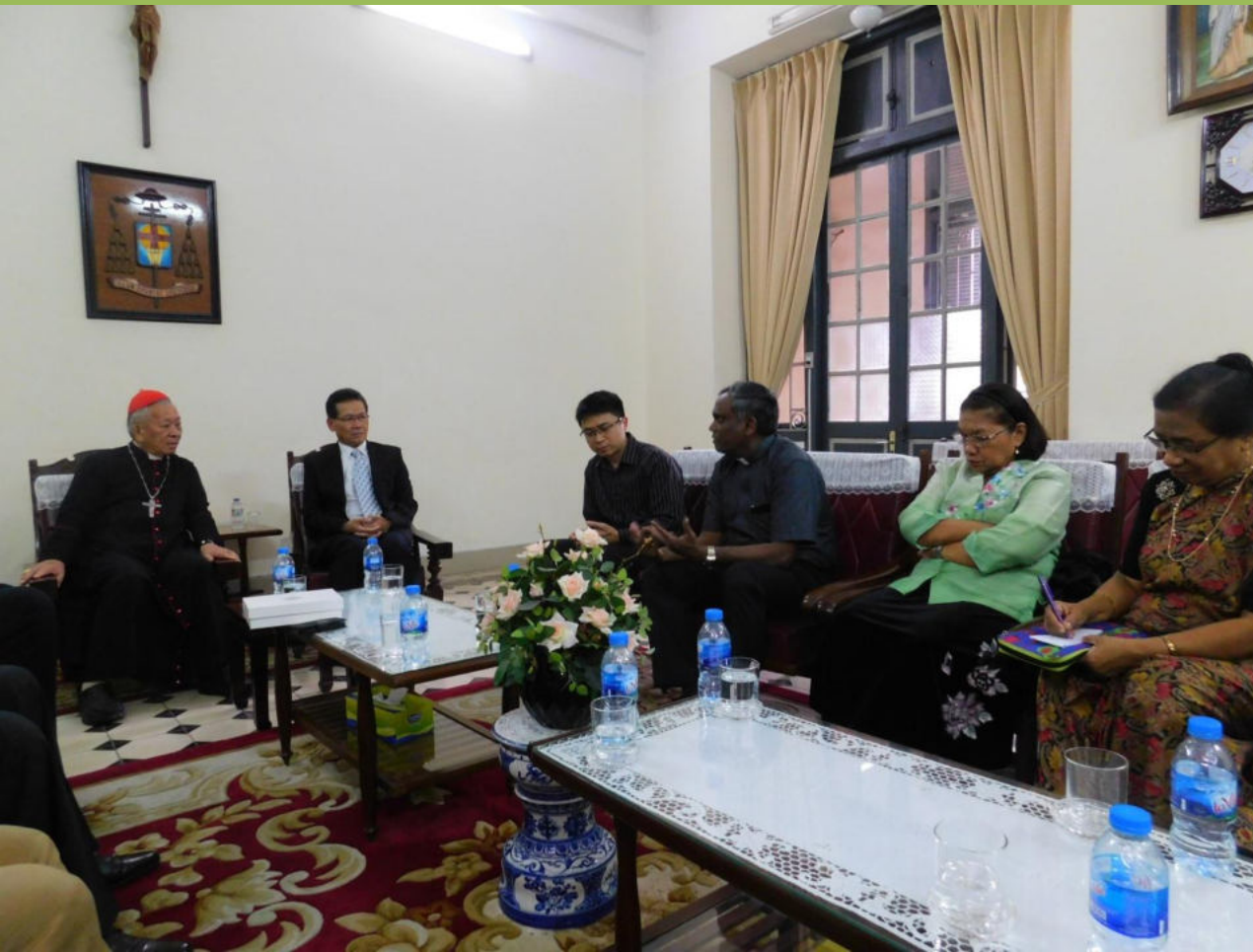
INTER- NATIONAL LEVEL

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1.Full Membership in Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF)

The Executive Body meeting of Catholic Biblical Federation held on 10-12 November, 2017 in Warsaw, Poland, has decided to grant full membership to the Bible Commission of CCBI. We thank for all those who worked for it, especially Fr. Stephen Alathara, and Fr. Rayanna Govindu.

Catholic Affinity Meeting at Vietnam



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2. Asia Pacific Catholic Affinity Meeting, Hanoi, Vietnam

A meeting of 20 delegates from 11 Bible Societies and UBS–Partnerships and the Catholic Church was held at Mercure Hotels, Hanoi, Vietnam on 17-18 July 2018. The Executive Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Bible was invited to this meeting as a participant and as resource person. The day before the actual meeting (on 16th July 2018), a team of 11 APCA (Asia Pacific Catholic Affinity) members met with Cardinal Peter Nguyen Van Nhon, Hanoi, in his residence. There the Executive Secretary narrated the Biblical Pastoral Ministry that is carried out in India. The Cardinal was very much appreciative of it.

ECUMENICAL COLLABORATIONS



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NEW INITIATIVES

1. Ecumenical Collaborations

- Meeting with the Office Bearers of the Bible Society of India (BSI)
- Ecumenical Service at BSI (23.1.2018)
- Follow up of Catholic Affinity

NEW INITIATIVES



NEW WEBSITE

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2. A New Website for the Commission

A new website was launched during the All India Consultation cum Seminar, held at Seva Kendra, Kolkata. The member bishop of the Commission Bishop Antonysamy Peter Abir, inaugurated it on 23rd November, 2018. This site can be accessed under www.ccbibible.in

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