



Church of South India

Department of Ecological Concerns

The Church of South India, the largest Protestant Church in India, has 24 Dioceses spread out over five states, one union territory and the northern part of Sri Lanka, and 4.3 million people.

The CSI has a rich legacy as the descendants of Christian missionaries who opened hundreds of primary schools for men and women in the eighteenth century. The Missionaries established the first College in India at Kottayam. The CSI has been managing the Colleges and Schools established more than 100 years ago to educate the poor and marginalized in the rural areas of India.

The Church of South India constituted the Department of Ecological Concerns in 1992. It aims to develop communities with the values of sustainability both in their personal lives and within their community. The Department of Ecological Concerns has been building awareness and knowledge towards a more sustainable paradigm of living.

The Church of South India, which is popularly known as CSI, is the only Church in India that has mentioned Ecological Concerns as a mission in the Constitution and the Mission statement of the Church.

The Church of South India Department of Ecological Concerns empowers congregations to take a prophetic stand against Climate injustice. The CSI support any development that fulfils the current requirement without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The CSI Department of Ecological Concerns focuses on educating various sustainable development goals of UN through Eco-Ministry, campaigns for Climate Justice ministry, Green Protocol and Green School Programme.



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The CSI promotes sustainable agriculture by encouraging churches to set apart a Sunday to honour local farmers, encourage people to make vegetable gardens, and give awareness about farming methods using grow bags and land. Promote organic cultivation and bee-keeping in the farms for facilitating better cross-pollination and livelihood.

The CSI ensures healthy living and promotes the well-being of all at all ages. In collaboration with ReAct, a network headquartered at the University of Uppsala, the Department conscientious people against antibiotic resistance in India. In addition to that, the Department is taking the initiative in Community health education programmes like narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol

The Green School Programme, which the CSI Department of Ecological Concerns initiated in 2015, aims to develop students, schools and communities with the values and the motivation to take action for sustainability – in their personal lives, within their community.

Through the Green School Programme, we are facilitating students to think critically

and provide solutions towards more sustainable living patterns. Students are helped to learn sustainable development issues, such as climate change and biodiversity, into teaching and learning. Green Clergy and Green teachers are working as facilitators in moulding future generations.

Environmental audits of the schools by the students are helping the schools in good environmental management. Green School Programme empowered students to use natural resources responsibly and efficiently and practice

effective and sustainable methods to become a way of life. Schools that use little water optimize energy efficiency, minimize waste generation, catch and recycle water and provide a healthier space for their students than a conventional building are Green Schools. Instead of mugging up the subjects, students enjoy studying and memorizing. The active involvement of students in curricular and extracurricular activities has transformed them a lot.

The Church of South India Department of Ecological concerns promotes harvesting rainwater from the rooftops and making pits on the land for water recharging. The Department is propagating a Vetiver plant to enhance groundwater recharge, avoid soil erosion, reduce Coliform bacteria in water, purification of water, stabilize river banks and roads, and reduce global warming.

The Church of South India Department of Ecological Concerns promotes the use of LED light systems, Solar energy, and biogas. CSI Coimbatore, Madras and Madhya Kerala Dioceses have installed solar plants of 50 KW in their diocesan offices. The Synod office installed 100KW Solar panels and Sewage treatment equipment. Diocesan offices, Parsonages, institutions and houses are now tapping solar energy. CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese took a bold stand to distribute 1000 biogas plants in their Diocese. This will convert Kitchen waste to fuel for cooking.

The Church of South India Department of ecological concerns promotes the use of materials made in a sustainable way and locally-made goods used wherever possible—encouraging people to consider the lifetime costs of materials while repairing, altering or rebuilding premises. The CSI



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is against the construction of substantial luxurious church buildings. Construct simple, environment-friendly churches to accommodate the maximum expected number of people. Use the minimum quantity of non-renewable resources. We have a model eco-friendly camp centre at Othara in Kerala.

The slogan is to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste regarding waste management. The Department discourages the burning of plastic materials which produce carcinogenic material called dioxin.

Instead of giving water in plastic bottles, encourage serving water in glasses or steel tumblers. Lenten Season 2019, the Moderator of CSI issued a pastoral letter. He requested to avoid all disposable plastics, especially flex, plastic bottles, cups and plates.

The CSI does believe that the present development paradigm promoted by the 'developed' countries is responsible for the global ecological crisis and thus 'Climate Injustice'. We demand the 'developed' countries change their present development paradigm, which exploits fossil fuels resulting in Climate change. Those responsible for climate change should change their development paradigm and lifestyle. Rich countries have to compensate for the damage caused to developing countries. As developing nations are struggling on the development ladder, rich countries should write off the debts of developing countries. The developed countries should transfer their technological knowledge to developing countries.

The CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns believes in the proverb 'Think Globally and act locally'. Hence, the CSI requests all its members to do their best to mitigate global warming. Lenten

season 2018 Moderator of CSI issued a pastoral letter. 'Carbon fast' challenges us to look at our daily actions and reflect on how they impact the environment. It challenges us to take some small steps, some of which will reduce our carbon dioxide output while others will help the environment for a more sustainable world.

Further, we shall re-read the Bible and reaffirm our faith from the perspective of Climate Refugees. We can inspire the congregations to discern climate justice as an integral part of churches' public witness today.

The Church of South India Department of Ecological Concerns is encouraging people to plant a sapling on the Church Campus during important functions. Also, planting a sapling commemorating the visit of important personalities. After Wedding Services, the newly wedded couple plant fruit-bearing saplings. Encourage planting fruit-bearing plants in public places that other creatures of that area will use. The CSI has been promoting biodiversity. Our slogan is "Plant fruit-bearing plants outside your boundaries and nurtures it", highlighting our spirituality of caring for all and ensuring that the saplings planted are watered and manured well. Welcome the guests not with bouquets or shawls but with a sapling.

CSI is promoting the values of sustainability in all our development projects. Living sustainably is about doing more and better with less. The well-being of humanity, the environment, and the functioning of the economy ultimately depend upon the responsible management of the planet's natural resources. Christian ethics also goes a long way in cultivating sustainable lifestyles. Our ethical values and principles should help us to make the right choices. The right place to teach the values of



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sustainability is at school. Hence CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns promotes Green School Programme.

A Clergy is an influential person in a village. Every week he/she addresses hundreds of people in different ways. The Church of South India is training Clergy and Teachers and making them Green Clergy and Green Teachers. Green Clergy and Teachers are moulding the future generation with sustainable values. UNDP has honoured the ecological contributions and long-term commitment of CSI and was privileged to receive the award from Mr. Baan Ki Moon, Secretary-General of UN, on 3rd November 2009. UNEP has invited Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu, Honorary Director of CSI Department of Ecological Concerns, to address the Faith for Earth in United Nations fourth Environment Assembly held at Nairobi from 10th to 15th March 2019. Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu addressed the fifth UN environmental assembly online on 3rd March 2022.

The CSI Department of Ecological Concerns works in the community with the support and cooperation of local bodies, government agencies, other faith groups and NGOs. Other Departments of Church of South India, Youth, Seva, Dalit and Adivasi Concerns and Women's fellowship are also involved in the eco-educational work in other areas.

The Church of South India is a people's movement. The Mission of the Church is about the proclamation of the kingdom of God, which has a social, political, ecological and economic dimension. A great responsibility rests on the Church to deepen the awareness of churchgoers to what the Bible says about social injustice. With all the issues raised by Amos regarding the need

for social action, believers need to remember that prayer combined with the proper exegesis of scripture will help them gain a comprehensive knowledge of God's will for personal, social, and governmental reform. The Church has also been called to faithfully speak the truth and to "Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute; Defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8)

We are deeply concerned that the poor and vulnerable in our country and around the world will have little or no voice in this vital discussion. "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). We have to build an economy that will support, not undermine, future generations. It is not only the responsibility of the respective governments but also of the citizens to engage in efforts to establish climate justice.

Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu
Honorary Director, CSI Department of Ecological Concerns



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Activities of the CSI Department of Ecological Concerns - Youtube links

Summary of the Ecological Work of the CSI

<https://youtu.be/OR5Cg637CsY>

A church-led 'eco-ministry' spreads sustainable environmental education in southern India

<https://en.unesco.org/news/church-led-eco-ministry-spreads-sustainable-environmental-education-southern-india>

Green church movement in India hinges on "a new generation with new values" WCC

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/green-church-movement-in-india-hinges-on-a-new-generation-with-new-values>

THE PROPHETIC VOICE OF THE CHURCH –
Testimony of a student

https://vimeo.com/307872982?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=4097310&fbclid=IwAR2e6Vlv0XY2teMBhYWkFB_p8TOBQ49CbJCP8Jot2oYefMLKyjvv0X3GAYS

Testimonies of the Students about the Green School Programme of CSI

https://vimeo.com/527402011?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=4097310&fbclid=IwAR3FBOYnKrtvI21-Q_GL_KGdJSv77n1OuWQ2YzoUKqtI62_FuH_g2MDnMA

Eco-activities of the CSI synod during the Pandemic period. Kindly click the link below

<https://csi-synod.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/s3/1638450471229EcoBulletin-November2021-Final-WEB1638450470396.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0sCaHaK3q>

[KJrJ4mYqqPydZS5nkaJ05_kLkGfRiB6REyEnh9TXx-lj9M5k](https://www.oikoumene.org/news/church-of-south-india-helps-build-climate-resilient-churches-schools-and-communities?fbclid=IwAR0rHjCyu9JcN2UBlwI38nT-bXRAAGNTextzyHa1t1dvWlr-Ej6JtEyjSII)

Church of South India helps build climate-resilient churches, schools and communities

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/church-of-south-india-helps-build-climate-resilient-churches-schools-and-communities?fbclid=IwAR0rHjCyu9JcN2UBlwI38nT-bXRAAGNTextzyHa1t1dvWlr-Ej6JtEyjSII>

Documentary on Water conservation activities of the CSI Schools

1) Noyce Matric Higher Secondary School, Madurai <https://youtu.be/bivbgFlqo90>

2) CMS Higher Secondary School Kottayam <https://youtu.be/OoCkIOE-XU>

3) BH Higher Secondary School Mavelikara <https://youtu.be/ooAoc4mgPMo>

How the CSI Colleges are working for a Green World

Malabar Christian College, Calicut, Kerala <https://youtu.be/TpJSj9emWhg>

Bishop Heber College, Trichy, Tamilnadu India <https://youtu.be/feqOb0xGuNg>

CMS College, Kottayam, Kerala <https://youtu.be/rq1kJsZfiw>



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How the CSI Schools are working for Green World

CMS Lower Primary School, Vechoochira

<https://youtu.be/KmVb0ICGgBc>

CMS High School, Mundakayam

https://youtu.be/5ch_KW9vno

OCPM School, Madurai

<https://youtu.be/ycMZAqDBgg8>

Noyes School Madurai

<https://youtu.be/rvttdSanG10>

CSI girls higher Secondary School, Pasumalai

<https://youtu.be/ABH04yYkVas>

Intellectually Challenged School, Madurai

<https://youtu.be/264yeF2-D0s>

Earth Day Celebration

The department of Ecological Concerns conducted online Earthday celebrations on April 22, 2021 at 10:30 am. Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash, Anglican Communion, inaugurated the seminar. Mr. Jayaraman C presented a paper. There were 120 participants. <https://youtu.be/blEzxYoizTO>

Students Leadership Training Programme

Regular training to the school children.

Valedictory Function of the first batch - YouTube

Link <https://youtu.be/OvIFAudTrbs>

The YouTube link of the concluding address

<https://youtu.be/flmaLxmAJDc>

The YouTube of the scientific explanation of the Eco-Justice Principle:

<https://youtu.be/adhR1xIEh1o>

Eco Sermons

Human life without Nature is impossible.

Rt. Rev. Dr. George Stephen, Chairman of the CSI Synod Ecological Concerns Committee and the Bishop of CSI Madras Diocese

Coronavirus is not the will of God. We know that it is a human blunder. God is never against creation. Goodness is the core of creation. Biodiversity is a paradigm in God's creation. Human life without Nature is impossible. We should change the mission work understanding the terrible situation. Let us sustain responsibilities for biodiversity and equality for justice. Listen to the video on YouTube <https://youtu.be/7QxEJT7RL-8>

Nature is sending us a message.

Rt. Rev. Prasannakumar Samuel, Bishop of Karnataka central diocese

It is time to wake up, raise our voices. Humanity has been placing too many pressures on the natural world. Everyone God created has space. We should not take their space. God is speaking to us through various means. Listen to the speech on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/eyv464EUmYI>

Keep the Earth with Care

Rt. Rev. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop of CSI Vellore Diocese

Earth is our common home, and it is a precious gift from God. We are tenants and not owners. Hence don not exploit this Earth. Let us be life-giving agents on this Earth.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/NfMs9CPL1MQ>



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Women and Nature walk in partnership

Rt. Rev. Dr. Royce Manoj Victor, Bishop of CSI Malabar Diocese

Women take part in the great work of sustaining life in the universe more than anyone. They are the symbol and the representative of life producing and life conserving culture. Listen: <https://youtu.be/48nOQ4FA280>

Biodiversity is not only necessary for survival, but it is also lovely.

Prof. Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad, Honorary Director, CSI Department of Ecological Concerns

God created everything in the universe with an intrinsic value and with a purpose. Nothing in the universe created by God is neither waste nor useless. The extinction of any species will spoil the harmony of life in this universe. Without biodiversity, the health of the Planet is at stake. The higher the number of species that can be supported in an ecosystem, the higher the survival rate for every organism inside that ecosystem. Including the human species. Listen: <https://youtu.be/P9OVEL49MXs>

Sabbath is the crown of the creation

Rev. Dr. Chilkuri Vasanth Rao, Principal, United Theological College, Bengaluru

On the sixth day, we are made along with the animals. God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. What did God create on the seventh day? The seventh-day creation is Sabbath. What was the purpose of God in making Sabbath? Sabbath is the rhythm to safeguard the created order. Listen: <https://youtu.be/Dy2-BTMkum4>

God brings periphery into the centre

Rev. Dr. John Samuel P. Principal, Gurukul Theological College, Chennai

We always read the story of burning bush from human beings' perspectives and not from the perspectives of Nature. All the plants are interconnected and support each other. Listen: <https://youtu.be/nBfvZxzFxA>

Environmental Dimensions of Antibiotic Resistance

Dr. Philip Mathew, Associate Professor, Pushpagiri Medical College, Thiruvalla

Bacteria stop responding to Antibiotics. Indiscriminate use of antibiotic resulted in a precarious situation. The last antibiotic class came out in 1987. No new antibiotics are not coming out. Older antibiotics are ineffective. Listen: <https://youtu.be/xni0VrrDcqY>

Sustainable Use of God's Creation

Dr. R. J. Ranjit Daniels Director, Care Earth

Bible lays down codes of conduct for humans so that they use God's creation sustainably. Sustainable use is defined as the use of any resource in a way that does not deprive future generations of its benefits. Listen: <https://youtu.be/eaJ4cGD-zGQ>

Heal the wounds of the Earth

Rev. Canon Dr. Rachel Mash, South Africa

We are killing the living Earth. Christians are committed to healing the Earth. We need to slow down from our frantic lifestyle. We need to develop a simpler lifestyle. Earth is Lord's. Let us stand up with brothers and sisters for healing this Earth; <https://youtu.be/XtnKgfuxVjQ>



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Repentance in response to Covid 19

Rev. Dr. Praveen Perumalla, Liason officer to EMS, CSI Synod

Repentance has a beginning and an eschatological destination. Repentance is always inspiring to chose life. Let us commit ourselves in solidarity with others in response to humanity and chose life. <https://youtu.be/-NXaLqUpw30>

Do not Contaminate the Earth

Dr. Thomas Bju Mathew, Rtd University Agricultural Professor.

Contamination of soil, air, water began through chemical fertilisers. Rachel Carson explained ecological effects of pesticides in her book Silent Spring. Butterflies, birds and honeybees were affected by the impact of pesticides. Anther impact is residue in food. Pesticides are entering our body also. Some pesticides are hormone disrupters also. We are the stewqards of all creations of God to maintain the serenity and purity of the environment

<https://youtu.be/KOIqkc5TLak>

Pandemic to Panacea

Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey, Professor of New Testament, Marthoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam

Turn to Nature for the issue of sustenance. God has put us at the mercy of Nature. Do we need a better example than Covid? Turning back to God means turning back to Nature. Process Earthly resources in an earthly way. Let us strive for a Green Recovery <https://youtu.be/8cKDmO-0Mzw>

Repent

Rev. Vinod Victor, CSI Presbyter

On three revelations from Revelations Chapter Nine. No life in the environment should be affected. There is a possibility of repent. Lament with God for true repentance.

https://youtu.be/IOpCF8d_p6U

The Beauty of Jesus Teachings are that he used elements to explain the kingdom of God. A Kannada sermon by **Rev. Hemalatha John, CSI Presbyter, Bengaluru**

https://youtu.be/z8i4aFxFI_c

Through the dances, Children of the Church of South India are demanding 'Listen and help' us for a safe future. The children are expressing their passion for a new eco-friendly world. Watch YouTube videos.

1. **Dance against Land degradation:** The town where the rice was produced has now become a graveyard. The town where the sugarcane was grown is now barren. The place with rivers and ponds, where the life of the villagers is now, became a ground. The rest of the space has now become a garbage dump. Air and water are all mixed with poison, destroyed forests, trees and mountains in the name of development. We need to set up associations to protect natural resources. **Children from CSI Christ Church, Kulappuram Kanyakumary Diocese**

<https://youtu.be/vAOcDdZl7es>

2. **Dance against throwaway Plastic bags:** Don't tell any excuses. Carry a cloth bag in your hand. Say goodbye to Plastic bags. We forgot our traditional utensils. Throw away plastics are a



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- poison that kills the Earth. **Sunday Schools Children from St.Marks Church, Christinagram, Thoothikudy-Nazareth Diocese** <https://youtu.be/tQldO-YPAWo>
3. **Dance to save Children's future:** The beauty of creation reminds you of the Goodness of God. Be a part of the solution...not the part of the Pollution. Conserve Nature to save our future. M Thazana (Standard 3), B Keizya Blessy(std.5) and J E Junomebil(std.6) **Noyce Matriculation School, Madurai** <https://youtu.be/6msXnXkUam4>
4. **Dance to think seriously to protect Nature:** We forgot the blessings given by our Mother Nature. Greenish is going to diminish. Do not increase the anger of the sun. We may have to buy air and water in future. Think deeply. **Sunday School students from St.Thomas Church, Vathakottaivilai, Thoothukudy-Nazareth Diocese** <https://youtu.be/-Zd9gbzFeUo>
5. **Dance- prayer to God for help:** What human beings are doing to the trees. Greenhouse gases emitted due to the development of cities cause global warming. It is time to come together. Lord, please help us to overcome from this Climatic Crisis. **Children from CSI Immanuel Church, Perungudi, Chennai** <https://youtu.be/6tufnZojwP4>
6. **Dance for protecting Nature:** Do you need shade, Rain? Cutting these trees shed my blood. You have to grow trees. Nature alone provides all the food we need. **Children from CSI Allenkottai Church, Kanyakumari** <https://youtu.be/RGmdLuWK37M>
7. **Dance for Earth, Water, Air:** Save our Earth, Water, Air... **Children of OCPM Higher Secondary School, Madurai** expressing it through dance <https://youtu.be/NSYt3C3HGfY>
8. **Dance – Understand Nature:** Nature teaches a lesson. **Sunday School students of CSI Whitin Memorial Church, Pasumalai, Madurai-Tanjavur Diocese** <https://youtu.be/rS3srF-cod8>
9. **Dance praising Nature:** With countless praises, I glorify you always. Thanking you for the wondrous work of God. **Betsy Doyle(9years) St. Peter's Church, Bengaluru** <https://youtu.be/DUJrnt0Vx2E>
10. **Dance - Save our Earth: Avanthika (Std 2) and Anamika(Std 3) of CMS LPS Urakam, Kerala** <https://youtu.be/YSuJKi1SZXc>
11. **Dance to Save trees and Nature. Esther William, South Kerala Diocese** <https://youtu.be/TcJ8YC6uetg>
12. **Dance to Save the Planet: Baby R Evelyn, OCPM Girls school, Madurai** <https://youtu.be/x93O-SeH0GE>
13. **Dance to Save the Earth: Students of Noyce Matriculation Hr.Secondary Schools Madurai.** <https://youtu.be/OMI36DI07qw>
14. **Dance to save Earth:** Earth, we are in it together. **Children from CSI St.Pauls Church Myrilaguda, Karimnagar Diocese** <https://youtu.be/dt-CgEf910>
15. **Dance praising Wonderful creation:** God Made the World. Wonderful creation. **Akhil Abrabram, St. Johns Baptist Church, Secunderabad Telengana** <https://youtu.be/ooo2ld1Ljk>
16. **Dance to Save Earth: Evelyn Natalya(Std.5) St. Johns Baptist Church, Secunderabad Telungana** <https://youtu.be/5C-93nTB8m4>
17. **Dance to request all the people to plant trees: N Ujwala (Std 10) St. Mary's Aided**



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- school, Khammam, Diocese of Dornakal, Telungana https://youtu.be/5DEFchr8b_8
18. Dance against Plastic: Plastic is not good for us. **Children from St.mary's Aided School Khammam, Dornakal Diocese** <https://youtu.be/hrOZhxtW-zo>
19. Dance for the rights of children: Stop Pollution, we want to live. **Children from CSI Primary School Ooty** <https://youtu.be/0ZDNbKb4J5o>
20. Dance Interdependence: We are dependent on Each other. **Avani P Pradip CMS P G School, Kunnamkulam** <https://youtu.be/8hksYZbJRfc>
21. Dance to save Planet: **Sunday School students CSI holy Trinity Church, Bolarum Secunderabad** <https://youtu.be/-WcnxCKEYho>

The Children of CSI are singing for a eco-friendly world. The songs are the prayer of the Children to live with the rhythm of nature.

Sunday School of CSI Whitin Memorial Church, Pasumalai Amazing friends are God's creations. Animals, Birds are given by God. <https://youtu.be/qECnHhTzkwv>

Children of Noyce Matriculation School, Madurai Here we go round the mulberry bush. Save the Earth. <https://youtu.be/XMckvRbFB4g>

Children of All saints Church, Subramiyapuram Thoothukudy. Less Plastic waste or No fish in the sea. Something has to be done. <https://youtu.be/jCh1IDhdAcY>

Jerome George Thomas, CSI St. James Church, Muscat. Earth is my home. I promise to keep Earth beautiful <https://youtu.be/eOBeyCWVmE>

Sreeya Srijith studying in Standard 3 CMS LP School Urakam Respect our planet with kindness. Let us

see what we can do to save the planet. <https://youtu.be/STVAabo8emY>

Anna Rose studying in standard 2. CMS LP School Urakam Reduce Reuse Recycle waste <https://youtu.be/HW-qs1ldqc8>

Children of Allenkotai CSI Church Kanyakumary diocese. The flowers of the trees are mesmerising <https://youtu.be/OyGCKWS1nMU>

Akshaya Paul, St. Johns Baptist Church, Secunderabad. Let us see what we can do <https://youtu.be/IGApUOMGIWM>

Children of BEM LP School Payannur. Save the planet for me and you <https://youtu.be/JBGmt2SBT38>

Sunday School Students CSI Church, Secunderabad Planet is a happy place. https://youtu.be/tB3_7P1PSu8

Climate Change. We think Globally and Act Locally. Here are some of Green, innovative activities going on in rural churches and schools.

Thoothukudy Nazareth Diocese: Active ecological work all over the Diocese https://youtu.be/xJ_hfiPoL0Q

CMS High School Pallom, Kerala: The students and teachers are actively working to make the school campus green even in lock down period. <https://youtu.be/9jGo5ChUUIQ>

CSI girls high school, Pasumalai.Tamilnadu. The vegetable garden of the students <https://youtu.be/mUc8Gg6zqL8>

BEM UP School, Thrikkederi, Plagnat, Kerala Shiva and Surya studying in primary school explaining carbon footprint in a simple way. <https://youtu.be/-66SEuQjMs>



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CMS LPS Urakam, Kerala. Observing the growth of plant and harvesting by the primary school children <https://youtu.be/6yHWf2bA5D4>

St.Hyldas School Chengalpetta, Tamilnadu. The beautiful campus <https://youtu.be/s-yvo0I5BnQ>

Sunday School, Secunderabad
<https://youtu.be/6TA0jNz5 YY>

Devarappalli Jemima , Vijayawada
<https://youtu.be/Y ogk66PqxQ>

Children from Secunderabad
<https://youtu.be/ZnjRXR5RGEE>

Agnes, Trichy_ <https://youtu.be/FuMy7Oe3OhY>

CEZMLP School, Trippunithura
<https://youtu.be/LXoTnvEFdyg>

CMS PG High School, Kunnankulam
<https://youtu.be/Wh5AvJ4CTD4>

St. Francis LPS Fort Kochi
<https://youtu.be/5OOSBUhkpQs>

St.Andrews girls HS School, Ramanathapuram
<https://youtu.be/M4YeJYsL3LQ>

Webinar 1 on 4 May 2021

Good news for the Earth.

Rev. Dr. Chilkuri Vasanth Rao

Garden Eden, there was peaceful coexistence. By going to the wilderness, Jesus was reconciling with nature. Jesus ministry was good news to the Earth, said Vasantha Rao in his Bible study on Mark 1:1-15. Rt. Rev. Dr. Reuban Mark, Deputy Moderator, inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiirzUzGLdU>

Webinar 2 on 11 May 2021

The Earth has music for those who listen

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail Please leave behind a healthy environment for all the children yet to be born. For that, you have to manage yourself and then manage others, said Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismayil, famous Indian soil biologist and ecologist. **Rev. Davidson Solanki**, Asia Manager of USPG, London inaugurated the Programme. Dr.Sultan Ahmed Ismayi delivered the keynote address. 320 Teachers attended the Zoom Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/TEzXZoDGo2E>

Webinar 3 on 18 May 2021

Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave

Dr.Sultan Ahmed Ismail

Air, Water and Soil are considered nonliving organisms. Without them, you cannot live in this world. Hence, they are living things. We breathe 550 litres of oxygen per day. When we take the cost of an oxygen cylinder, we breathe oxygen worth Rs.13 lakhs per day. A tree is giving oxygen worth Rs.24 crore per year. People look at a tree, how much money we get when we cut it. Seven hundred students attended the class of Dr.Sultan Ahmed Ismayil. **Mr. Johny Tom Varghese**, IAS Tamilnadu cadre, inaugurated the Programme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXVf-zqoiY>



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Webinar 4 on 25 May 2021

Lord's Prayer emphasizes on our, us, we. Protest against the individualistic cult

Rev. Dr. Daniel Rathanakara Sadananda

Context of teaching the Model prayer. Galilee was under imperial rule. Peasant and fishing communities face pressures from imperial structures and tax systems..... The interpretive background. The wilderness experience of learning to live as an eco just community... A war against the powers that subdue the Earth. Dr Sadananda gave an excellent insight into the Clergy in his dynamic interpretation. **The Rt. Rev Sharma Nithyanandham**, Bishop of CSI Vellore Diocese, inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/q211HL4IKKI>

Webinar 5 on 25 May 2021

Biodiversity and Climate Change.

Dr. Ranjit Daniels

Protect wetlands and rivers, Stop polluting the sea, Reduce burning fossil fuels, Shift to less energy and intensive lifestyles, Reduce intensive farming of livestock, Plant trees wherever appropriate, create awareness in future generations and build capacity for climate resilience in rural areas are some steps mentioned by Dr.Ranjit Daniels, Managing Trustee of care earth, for mitigating the Climate Change. **The Rt. Rev. Dr D. Chandrasekharan**, Bishop of Trichy Diocese inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/o8JOKWHDT3w>

Webinar 6 on 8th June 2021

Energy and Climate Change C. Jayaraman

For ecosystem restoration, we have to understand the energy, environment, climate, water, ecosystem, Ocean, river, rain, humidity and human beings. Mr. C Jayaraman, Chief executive director, Equinoct said during his class. **The Rt Rev. Dr. A. R. Chelliah**, Bishop of Kanyakumari Diocese, inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/PwbhgFssSKo>

Webinar 7 on 15th June 2021

Reconnecting with Waters John 9: 1-11

Rev. Dr. David Joy

In John's Gospel living water is a symbol. In our context it is political symbol. Connect water with the Creation of Earth. Anything related water demonstrate the beauty of Creation. Preserve water for future. **Rev. Dr. David Joy** delivered the keynote address. **The Rt. Rev. Dr. A. C. Solomon Raj**, Bishop CSI Medak Diocese inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/coWkaekbbAg>

Webinar 8 on 22 June 2021

Landslides are nature's safety valve

Mr. C Jayaraman

We should understand the difference between Science and Pseudoscience. No animals other than human beings can convert energy from one form to another to increase their living comfort. Hurricanes help keep the Earth's temperature stable by moving heat energy from the equator to the pole. **The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prasannakumar Samuel**,



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Bishop of CSI Central Karnataka inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/l7ew4ss2CYg>

Webinar 9 on 29 June 2021

Our vulnerability is much higher than any other country

Dr. Madhusoodan C.G

Water resources in India- One of the world's largest human-modified systems. A very small change in monsoon will affect us badly, said Dr. Madhusoodan, chief executive officer of Equinoct. **The Rt. Rev. Isaac Veraprasad**, Bishop of CSI Rayalseema Diocese, inaugurated the Programme.

https://youtu.be/q6_AU2kBZVA

Webinar 10 on 6 July 2021

Eco justice Reading of Groaning of Creation

Rev. Dr. Alfred Stephen

We live in a time where pandemic spread all over the world. People are living in uncertainty. Death is not a distant reality. Ecological hermeneutics is highly relevant to the biblical text on Groaning of Creation. Ecological reading of Paul's letter in a wider context is relevant today. The Ecojustice principle of interconnectedness is applicable here. The passage calls attention to non-human beings. **Rev Dr. Alfred Stephen**, Vice Principal of TTS, Madurai, delivered the keynote address. **The Rt. Rev. Timothy Ravinder**, Bishop of CSI Coimbatore Diocese, inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/pBBwWjzly-w>

Webinar 11. on 13 July 2021

Ocean and Climate Change

Dr. Sreeja K.G.

We always talk about forests and their role in reducing Carbon dioxide. Ocean and Climate change is a serious issue that has to be adequately understood. Dr. Sreeja K.G presented the topic on Ocean and Climate Change. **Dr. Sreeja** has a PhD in Agricultural Systems Management from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore and a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in climate change impact assessment at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India. She is a scientist and actively working with Equinoct. Warming of ocean waters increase the number of occurrences of severe cyclones and increase in their intensity. **Bishop T. George Cornelious**, the Bishop - in - CSI Krishna Godavari Diocese, inaugurated the Programme. The participants appreciated the class.

<https://youtu.be/vg40A68Ohd8>

Webinar 12. on 20 July 2021

Water and Climate Change

Dr. Madhusudan C.G

The whole history of the Earth, humans, came last. Human involvement in the last hundred years made a tremendous change in the temperature of the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases are responsible for the increase in temperature. Dr. Madhusoodhanan C. G, a Scientist, presented a paper on Water and Climate Change. **Rt. Rev. S. E. C Devasahayam**, Bishop of Thoothukudy-Nazareth, inaugurated the Programme.

<https://youtu.be/tw4M9pdX8SU>



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Webinar 13 on 27 July 2021

Earth Story in Genesis

Rev. Dr. John Samuel Ponnuswamy

Human beings cannot exist without Earth. But, Earth can exist without human beings. Human beings are dependent on the Earth. The keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. John Samuel Ponnusamy. The theme of the talk was Earth Story in Genesis. The Webinar was inaugurated by **Rt. Rev. Dr. Royce Manoj** Victor, Bishop of Malabar diocese.

<https://youtu.be/u8g1pKNwBCU>

Webinar 14. on 3 August

Mind setting for ecology education

Dr. Sankaranarayanan Paleeri

The mindset with ecocentrism is the unconditional love to the eco process and nature. Silent Spring comprised a view of nature comprised by synthetic pesticides... Dr.Sankaranarayanan Paleeri, the Educational trainer, delivered the keynote address. **Rt.Rev.Dr.M. Joseph**, Bishop of Madurai diocese, inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/H8Wlzu0Ccc>

Webinar 15. on 10 August

Greenhouse gases end up in Ocean

Dr.Sreeja K.G.

The largest Ocean on the Earth is the Pacific Ocean covering 30% of the Earth's surface. Only 7% of the heat being trapped by Greenhouse gases is sticking on the surface of the planet's atmosphere. The other 93% ends up in the Ocean. Indian Ocean has become increasingly important in modulating global climate variability. Dr.Sreeja K.G presented a paper on Ocean and Climate Change. **Mr Dinesh**

Suna, the Coordinator of the Ecumenical Water Network of World Council of Churches (WCC), Geneva inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3B17ILYdV4>

Webinar 16 on 17 August 2021

An Earth Story in Luke 12: 13-34

Rev. Dr. Packiam Samuel

Jesus words spell out the evil motive behind the man's request: greed. They also suggest that greed, like so many other sins, has a variety of forms, each appealing to a specific segment of men. The rich fool was foolish in failing to recognize from where his wealth had come. Rev.Dr. Packiam Samuel, the Henry Martyn Institute of Islamic Studies director at Hyderabad, delivered the keynote address. **Rt. Rev. Dr Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian**, Bishop CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese, inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/k3B17ILYdV4>

Webinar 17 on 24 August

Climate and Environment

Dr.Ranjit Daniels

Scientists have predicted that catastrophic effects like hurricanes, typhoons and storms are likely to get more frequent and intense due to Global warming. High energy consumption puts further pressure on the environment. The CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns conducted the Seventeenth (altogether) orientation class for the Climate Resilience on 24th August, and it was inaugurated by **Bishop Padmarao Kodireka**, Bishop of Dornakal diocese. The keynote speaker



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was Dr. Ranjit Daniels, Managing Trustee of Care Earth. <https://youtu.be/n3vT6STI7IQ>

Webinar 18 on 31 August

Reading Revelation 21.1- 22.5 on the perspective of Earth

Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey

Reinterpretation of and demythologization of Heaven are important. It is created beyond our understanding. The dissent of New Jerusalem and the reality of new Heaven and new Earth signifies the mutual permeability of Heaven and Earth. Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey, a Clergy of Marthomite Church and teaching the new testament in the Marthoma Theological Seminary delivered the keynote address. **Bishop John Perumbalath**, Bishop in the Church of England, inaugurated the Webinar. <https://youtu.be/lcfzajHaGIw>

Webinar 19 on 7 September

Biodiversity Conservation Challenges

Dr. P. S. Esau

Ecotourism should not be at the cost of the environment. It should be beneficial to the local community. The visitor should return with more knowledge of nature. Should Promote coexistence between Wildlife and human activity with due recognition of the local people's livelihood, developmental, social, and cultural rights. Dr. P. S. Esau, an expert in Wildlife, delivered the lecture. **Rt. Rev. Oommen George**, Bishop of Kollam Kottarakara Diocese, inaugurated the meeting. <https://youtu.be/KWEHn31H0vI>

Webinar 20 on 14 September

The richness and Carbon footprint

Dr. T. V. Sajeev

The planet is not affected by the poor people but by the rich people. When rich people take more than their share from natural resources, they increase their footprint. Only being poor you can understand the whole world. We have to take concrete measures to bring down the carbon footprint. What is the notion of success for our people? When I sell my bicycle and purchase a motorcycle, I will be acclaimed as a successful person. When I purchase a Motor car, I will be a successful person. When I build a big house, I will be looked upon as a successful person. I remain the same, but I increase the carbon emission every time. Dr. T. V. Sajeev, the registrar of Kerala Forest Research Institute, delivered the keynote address.

Rev. Dr. Canon Rachel Mash, Convener of Anglican Communion environmental network inaugurated a Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/coMo38ZQo>

Webinar 21. on 21 September

Earth Story in Jeremiah 12

RevDr. John Samuel Ponnuswamy

Jeremiah complains to God about the prosperity of the wicked. It begins with the suffering of good people and suddenly moves to the suffering of the land and non human beings. Rev. Dr. John Samuel Ponnuswamy delivered the keynote address. **Rt. Rev. V. S. Francis**, Bishop of the east Kerala Diocese inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/VH6d9Irx1tI>



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Webinar 22 on 28 September

An Eco justice Reading of Ecclesiastics 3:16-22

Rev Dr. Chilkuri Vasanth Rao

I also said to myself, "As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath[a]; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust, all return. Human beings are claiming superiority and going to disaster. Rev Dr. Chilkuri Vasanth Rao delivered the keynote address **Rt.Rev Joseph Mar Dionysius Metropolitan**, Bishop of Calcutta Diocese of Orthodox church, inaugurated the Webinar.

https://youtu.be/nbvcO_A3CCo

Webinar 23 on 5th October

India is the 13th most vulnerable country to Climate Change

Dr. A. Bijukumar

Climate Change is no longer some far off problem; it is happening here, it is happening now. Many of the changes due to climate change are irreversible. 60% of India's agriculture is rainfed hosts 33% of world's poor. Dr. A. Bijukumar, Head of the Department of Aquatic Biology of the University of Kerala, delivered the keynote address on IPCC's environmental warning to India. **Bishop Samuel Mar Irenios Kattukallil Metropolitan** of Malankara Catholic Church inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/mGaOuldfC8A>

Webinar 24 on 12 October

Ecology and Eschatology

Rev Dr David Reichardt

How shall we then live at a time in which, regardless of religious and scientific beliefs, we humans are having a greater effect on the planet in which we live than ever before? What does this have to do with Christian faith and Christian theology? To the great, worldwide ecological discussion, Christians can contribute renewed theologies of Creation and of Hope, stimulated by the conviction that a good God never intended this good Creation to be expunged. Rather, it will be transformed into God's New Creation. Rev Dr David Reichardt, eco theologian from Australia, delivered the keynote address on ecology and eschatology. **Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilose**, Bishop of Malankara Catholic Church inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/BqruqHe2OPA>

Webinar 25 on 19 October

Respect- food, nature and the people who make food system a reality

Dr Manoj Kurian WCC

Forty-one million people are currently at risk of starvation, and around half of them are children. One in five deaths is associated with a poor diet. Twelve million hectares of land are lost each year due to desertification. 95% of food comes from the soil, and 25% of all known species live there. Respect food, nature and the people who make the food system a reality. It is a gift of God. Dr Manoj Kurian, WCC, delivered the keynote address. <https://youtu.be/MugdLY-Hc7Y>



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Webinar 26 on 26 October

Ecological Reformation and Peace on Earth

Rev. Dr. D. R. Sadananda

What we can do as a community of faith. Vision and discernment we get through this small parable. For this talk I would like to concentrate on Priestly and Prophetic tasks. Priestly task of the Christianity in bringing together the eco-theology alive in liturgical vision of the church and the world. To see the world in God's eyes. Prophetic task is about discernment. Another world is possible. Another world is already there. It is spoken in different ways. Reformed will say it is only a restoration of the creation. Roman Catholic will say it is an elevation of the creation. Orthodox theology emphasizes on divinization of the creation. Rev. Dr. Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda, New Testament theologian and former General Secretary of CSI Synod delivered an ecological reading of Parable of the rich fool. **The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan** inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/aFMTRvH0VDw>

Webinar 27 on 2 November

Theological Engagements in Ecological Justice

Rev. Dr. Peniel Jesudason Rufus

If you are neutral in of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. If we do not change the direction, we will end up where we are heading. Rev. Dr. Peniel Jesudason Rufus, USPG Global Theologian, UK delivered the keynote address. **Mr. P Prasad.**

Honorable Minister for agriculture in Kerala, inaugurated the meeting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtXiDh_pEbW

Webinar 28. on 9 November

Who can survive Covid 19 with Christ: the fittest or friendliest.

Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey

Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey, New Testament professor of Marthoma Theological Seminary is giving a new interpretation to the parable of sower in Mathew 13: 3-9. How can we blame rock or thorns or road sides? We know th characters of these three. The sower is responsible for this and not rock or thorns. **Bishop Joshua Mar Ignatiose**, Bishop of Malankara Catholic Church inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/SFDMhzmP5Ls>

Webinar 29 on 16 November 2021

Ecological reading of Revelation

M. P. Joseph

Huge majority of the population in the world have no ability to destroy the ecosystem. To destroy one needs tools and power. Therefore, we need a new approach. Present discourse on alternatives is also based on these assumptions proposed by the same dominant logic, thinking that the problem could be fixed by planting trees, changing light bulbs, or finding alternatives to fossil fuels. This fixing approach is to save the present logic of the exploitative economic order. And that is where we need to read the book of Revelation to gain new insights. John, the political prisoner caged in the island of Patmos was not satisfied with this fixing



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approach. He offers instead a clash of kingdoms: The kingdom of the world and the kingdom of the Slaughtered Lamb. This is the choice we have; either the rule of capital or the rule of love and justice. Dr. M. P Joseph, delivered the keynote address. **Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Theethos**, Bishop of Marthoma Church inaugurated the Webinar.

<https://youtu.be/nzwPNJvV12g>