



TRACI Internship Programme 2019

TRACI facilitated the 6th Internship programme for seminary students from 23rd April to 22nd May 2019 at TRACI House. The theme for this year was, 'Challenges of Indian Christian Leaders' and the number of participants have gone up to 13 from 10 different seminaries all over India. Mrs Priya Jijo of UESI, Delhi directed the programme by giving proper orientation and guidance to all the participants.

The sessions and reflections mirrored various current trends and realities of the society thereby challenging the students to deliberate and develop an integral view of the church's role in the larger context of the nation. The students were given the privilege to sneak peek into the reality of the challenges faced by the various Christian leaders from different fields by shadowing them. The sessions by these leaders help them to realise how they tackle with challenges with the Word while they engage in the World. The internship also helped the students to understand different denominations better and gave an ecumenical platform beyond dialogues through living and learning together. The students discussed and presented papers on various topics on the question 'How can we bring about transformative engagement as church in the contemporary world?'

Brother L T Jayachandran, Rev. Eappen Varghese and Rev. C. V. Abraham made surprise visit to students and interacted well with all the interns apart from our regular resource persons.

Voice of the Interns:

- ❖ "All the sessions were interconnected, thought provoking and critical ideas that has paved a wider understanding of things happening around."
- ❖ "...It was a brainstorming time and it made us to think in every phase. It was an eye-opener towards many things and it helped me to think about what I want to do in life. I would strongly recommend this to my juniors because TRACI's experience is needed for every theologian I suppose".
- ❖ I feel that I became more mature in experiencing the present reality and also the interaction helped me a lot to learn & unlearn."
- ❖ "Shadowing was a very good and helpful experience. I was exposed to many realities of the society and learned a lot through this. A rich experience with many renowned leaders."

CONFERENCE ON GOD, HUMANS AND EARTH: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

TRACI held its annual conference on 10th September, 2019 on the theme "God, Humans and Earth: Climate Change and Its implication" at TRACI House. The Conference began with an exhortation from the Scripture by Mathew Varghese, Director, TRACI. He underlined that it is imperative for humans to care for the created order as it is God's command. Ms. Florence Joseph, tutor of Chemistry, and N. Thothar, keen student of Environmental Science chaired the morning session and evening session respectively.

The conference saw papers being presented by eight scholars from various academic background, namely, G.Selvi, (JNU, International Law), S. Wungrampha Duomai (JNU, Life Science), Jeremiah Duomai (DU, Philosophy), P. Samzeia (DU, Philosophy), Matheus Yuhlung (DU, Philosophy), Ankit Harry (Allahabad Bible Seminary, New Testament), Remya Ann (DU, Sociology) and Bincy George (JNU, Sociology).

The conference papers will be published in due course of time.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14th January : Workshop on "Media & Story-telling", by Mr. Vishal Arora.
- Every 3rd Saturday : Pandita Ramabai Book Study
- Every 3rd Saturday : Delhi Reflection Group

**“HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES”
[A STUDENTS PERSPECTIVE]**

India is at the cusp of heading towards the **New Education Policy, 2019**. The panel discussion on the pertinent topic **"Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges-A students perspective"** was organized by the Delhi Reflection Group (TRACI) on the 16th of November, 2019.

The panel consisted of an MA student and four research scholars from **five different leading Universities viz. JNU, DU, JMI, IIT-D & AUD**. Panel was moderated by a Scholar from JNU.

Each of them came from various learning environments and from different disciplines. The overall number of participants was twenty-five. The reflection and discussion of the panel was wide-ranging - from the student's experience in the class/campus to politics & policies, from governance to deliberating the purpose of education to the calling to minister to the University. Last but not the least, as a result of an overwhelming response from the TRACI reflection community we have agreed to have one more meeting, on the same theme.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE :

TRACI continues to engage in theological reflections on relevant issues at various levels to facilitate meaningful and transformational engagements. TRACI's **'Theological Students Internship Programme'** for the last 6 years has helped many theological students to think critically and respond to relevant issues from biblical perspectives.



On the one hand, **'Delhi Reflection Group'** is dealing with different issues for the past several months. **Seminars and conferences** were held on various topics. Our desire is that through these initiatives, there should be transformative engagement which would result in transformation of communities at large. Some researchers' are regularly gathering in TRACI for constant interaction. They share their thoughts and findings with one another and it would definitely help them to engage in their respective fields. There are quite a lot to be done to help our people to reflect on all aspects of life from a theological perspective. Reflection groups at different places, TRACI chapters in many centers, scholar's networks in universities and seminaries, and training and consultations for Christian leaders are some initiatives suggested to enhance the reflections.

However, a conscious effort is needed to make our reflections as engagements with specific actions in communities. We envision communities engaging in arresting the decay and engaging in wholistic development of all. Caste, gender, class and racial reconciliation being seen as the visible expression of our reconciliation in Christ. We long for communities continuous engagement in restoration and redemption of everything and everyone around us and constant endeavor in bringing justice to the marginalized and poor.

TRACI's effort in facilitating such reflections at different levels needs resources. We are in need of Rs.4, 00,000/- per month for our programmes and staff support. We praise God for **Dr. Jeremiah Doumai, Dr. Bonnie Miriam Jacob and Mr. Raaj Mondol**, who have offered their services to be part of the TRACI working group. **Mr. Sathish Joseph Simon**, MTh, joined TRACI on **1st November 2019** as the **Director of Operations** after his long years of Christian service among university students. I praise God for his willingness to join TRACI. **Mr Holkhomang Mate** joined us as **Intern** on **1st September 2019** after his M.Div. Studies and we welcome him to TRACI. We welcome all of you to partner with us in all our endeavors.

-Mr. Mathew Varghese , TRACI Director

WELCOME TO TRACI:

Sathish Joseph Simon was part of the TRACI board. He is a Science graduate from Kerala University and later finished his B.D & M.Th. from Union Biblical Seminary, Pune. He comes to TRACI with a rich experience of serving



University world through UESI. His passion is transformation in the university contexts: encouraging dialogue and engagements be at the academic and non-academic environments. His wife Mini is working at Faith Academy and their children Stuthi and Diya are in the University & School. Sathish will take up the responsibility as Director for Operations.

Holkhomang Mate, a bachelor who permanently hails from Manipur, is an Arts graduate from DU. He did his M.A. Public Administration from Annamalai University. He had a handful of experiences in corporate sector with many MNC's based in Gurgaon and Noida for over 7 years before he joined full time ministry. In response to God's calling, he did his M.Div. from Caleb Institute, Farrukh Nagar. He joined TRACI as Intern since September 2019.



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