



"The Parliament visit broadens my mind."  
Mr. Tenzuklong Pongener (UBS, Pune) with TRACI Interns

**W**ith the theme 'Challenges of the Urban Pastor,' TRACI Internship Program 2016 was conducted from 23rd April to 24th May, 2016, at TRACI House, New Delhi. With lots of brain storming and vigorous planning, this year's internship saw a new light of perspective and achievements. Previous years' experiences added up to our strength to precisely arrive at our goal. So, at the outset, lots of gratitude goes to all those who have worked hard and constantly stood by our side during the season of internship.

We had nine students (2 ladies and 7 gentlemen) from eight seminaries across India, belonging to five traditional backgrounds. Five Pastors from different churches in the Delhi city involved and there were six other resource persons.

The first week prepares the students on the socio-political, economic, gender and the educational context of urban India. Dr. Nalini, Fr. John Chathanatt, and Dr. Evangeline, from their respective fields of expertise, gave lectures and interacted with students. The second week was on

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Church in the Urban Context. Mr. Raaj Mondol and Mr. Mathew Varghese were the resource persons. Students presented paper on the last two days of the week on the topic: 'What Church Ought to be.' The resource persons moderated the presentations. The third week focused on urban pastors' challenges. Pastor Sanjiv Ailawadi, Pastor Chandra Prasad and Rev. Prasad Mathew George shared their experiences and taught on the urban realities and the pastor's role. Students also visited the Parliament House of India, Parliament Library and the Parliament Museum on educational tour. A documentary movie on female feticide called 'It's a Girl' was screened.

In the fourth and final week, students presented the ultimate paper from the overall learning of the internship. The topic was: "Urban Pastor and I:

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## ABOUT TRACI

TRACI was established in 1972, with the primary objective of research and in turn diffuse Christian knowledge and literature for the benefit and welfare of the society.

The world is full of events, news, happenings, and issues. We view the world through multiple lenses like the media, politics, history, technology and personal experiences. We at TRACI add a theological perspective to the world.

We believe that ongoing theological reflection on relevant issues is essential to meaningfully respond to them. It is made effective through communication and transformative engagement. At TRACI, we are from different fields with special interests, and we make a conscious effort to come together to review, reaffirm and redefine the praxis of essentials. Theological Research And Communication Institute (TRACI) provides us a

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Participating the Great Urban Missio Dei in India."The purpose of this paper was to help students develop critical understanding of urban India and the crucial role of the urban Indian Pastors for the generation that is fast moving. And discover for one how each of them fit into the Great Urban Missio Dei and participate in the noble task of transforming the great cities of the country. Internship directors Mr. Jenkins Kongkongho and Mrs. Priya Jijo supervised the papers. Mr. Jeremiah Duomai and Mathew

Varghese moderated and mentored the week long presentations. This change in the perspective of the paper and the approach to achieve the goal is a welcoming development worth a mention here.

Interns also wrote reading reports on selected books. Journaling and reports on various activities held during the program were also submitted by students.

May the risen Lord be glorified!

**Jenkins Kongkongho**  
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platform to constantly update and integrate our theological reflections and motivates us to make a difference in our respective disciplines.

Our mission is "Facilitating integrated response and transformative engagements through theological reflections on contemporary and relevant issues, by communities of followers of Jesus Christ".

**INVITATION TO TRACI**

"We need TRACI in all our churches" a theological student shared while he reflected on the challenges of the urban pastor during the internship programme organized by TRACI for theological students.

We encourage reflection groups to be formed to interact with relevant issues. We welcome friends to TRACI house to engage in formulating biblical response to various issues. This in turn can help in our responses and engagements in our respective fields. A transformed perspective can

bring transformation to our society provided share a vision to transform. Therefore let's come together, interact with one another and expand our thinking by connecting the Word with the world.

The rich heritage of TRACI in envisioning biblical and theological reflections impacted many lives in their engagements. There are many who cherish the good memories of TRACI community fellowships, seminars, publications, workshops etc. We may get the opportunity to hear such stories from all those associated with TRACI.

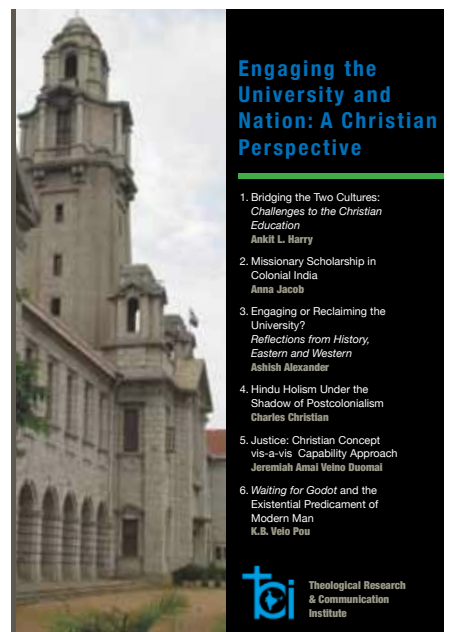
The three initiatives we are presently involved in are: Theological students Internship programme, Inter Church Sunday School Fest, Seminars on various topics. We welcome you to reflect on issues, participate in our discussions, communicate effectively and initiate to bring changes in lives and society.

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**Sunday School Fest**  
**TRACI Inter-Church Sunday School Fest 2016**  
**Theme: "i Connect with Jesus"**  
**Date: 26 November 2016**  
**Venue: St. Mary's School, Safdarjung Enclave**  
**Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Website: <http://icssf.org/> Email: [info@icssf.org](mailto:info@icssf.org)**  
Down load the Syllabus and registration form the website or contact TRACI  
It will be done both in English and Hindi  
Students of the age group 6 to 16 can participate in the fest

