

The Annual Report (2014 - 2015) of the Director To the Members of the Governing Council of the

Henry Martyn Institute: International Centre for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on 30th July 2015 at 10.30 A.M., at the registered office of the Company to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31.03.2015 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To Consider and if thought fit to pass the following resolution with or without modifications as Ordinary resolution;

“RESOLVED THAT M/s Mahesh, Virender and Sriram Chartered Accountants, be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Company up to the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

*Place: Hyderabad
Date: 26th June 2015*

*Sd/-
Dr.Packiam T.Samuel
Director/Secretary*

Notes: A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself and the proxy need not be a member of the Company. Proxies' in order to be effective must be received by the company not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To The Members,
Henry Martyn Institute:
International Centre for Research,
Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation
Hyderabad

Your directors have pleasure in submitting their 46th Annual report of the company together with the audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015

1 Financial Summary Amount in Rs

Particulars	As at the end of current reporting period	As at the end of previous reporting period
Total revenue	2,28,85,861	1,60,91,144
Total expenses	2,61,54,488	1,83,93,838
Profit or loss before exceptional and extraordinary items and tax	(32,68,627)	(23,02,694)[`]
Less: exceptional items	nil	nil
Less: extraordinary items	nil	nil
Profit or loss before tax	(32,68,627)	(23,02,694)[`]
Less: current tax	nil	nil
Deferred tax	nil	nil
Profit or loss after tax	(32,68,627)	(23,02,694)[`]
Add: balance as per last balance sheet	nil	nil
Less: transfer to reserves	nil	nil
Balance transferred to balance sheet	(32,68,627)	(23,02,694)[`]

2 Dividend

No dividend was declared for the current financial year.

3 Transfer of unclaimed dividend to investor education and protection fund

The provisions of section 125(2) of the companies act, 2013 do not apply as there was no dividend declared and paid last year.

4 Review of business operations and future prospects

Your directors are optimistic about company's business and hopeful of better performance with increased revenue in next year. There was no change in the nature of business of company.

- 5 Material changes and commitment if any affecting the financial position of the company occurred between the end of the financial year to which this financial statements relate and the date of the report**
No material changes and commitments affecting the financial position of the company occurred between the ends of the financial year to which this financial statements relate on the date of this report.
- 6 Conservation of energy, technology absorption, foreign exchange earnings and outgo**
The provisions of section 134(m) of the companies act, 2013 do not apply to our company. There was no foreign exchange inflow or outflow during the year under review.
- 7 Statement concerning development and implementation of risk management policy of the company**
The company does not have any risk management policy as the elements of risk threatening the company's existence are very minimal.
- 8 Details of policy developed and implemented by the company on its corporate social responsibility initiatives**
The company has not developed and implemented any corporate social responsibility initiatives as the said provisions are not applicable.
- 9 Particulars of loans, guarantees or investments made under section 186 of the companies act, 2013**
There were no loans, guarantees or investments made by the company under section 186 of the companies act, 2013 during the year under review and hence the said provision is not applicable.
- 10 Particulars of contracts or arrangements made with related parties**
There were no contract or arrangements made with related parties as defined under section 188 of the companies act, 2013 during the year under review.
- 11 Explanation or comments on qualifications, reservations or adverse remarks or disclaimers made by the auditors and the practicing company secretary in their reports**
There are no qualifications, reservations or adverse remarks made by the auditors in their report. The provisions relating to submission of secretarial audit report is not applicable to the company.
- 12 Company's policy relating to directors appointment, payment of remuneration and discharge of their duties**
The provisions of section 178(1) relating to constitution of nomination and remuneration committee are not applicable to the company
- 13 Annual Return**
The extracts of annual return pursuant to the provisions of section 92 read with rule 12 of the companies (management and administration) rules, 2014 is furnished in annexure and is attached to this report.
- 14 Number of board meetings conducted during the year under review**
The company has conducted four board meetings during the financial year under review.



15 Directors responsibility statement

In accordance with the provisions of section 134(5) of the companies act, 2013 the board hereby submit its responsibility statement:

- a) In the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards had been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures;
- b) The directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period;
- c) The directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of this act for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- d) The directors had prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis;
- e) The company being unlisted, sub clause (e) of section 134(3) of the companies act, 2013 pertaining to laying down internal financial controls is not applicable to the company; and
- f) The directors had devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

16 Subsidiaries, joint ventures and associate companies T

The company does not have any subsidiary, joint venture or associate company during the year under review.

17 Deposits

The company has neither accepted nor renewed any deposits during the year under review.

18 Directors

There was no director who was appointed/ceased/reelected/reappointed during the year under review. Company is not mandatorily required to appoint any whole time key management personnel (kmp).

19 Declaration of independent directors

The provisions of section 149 for appointment of independent directors do not apply to the company.

20 Adequacy of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements

The company has in place adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements. During the year under review, such controls were tested and no reportable material weakness in the design or operation were observed.

21 Statutory auditors

M/s Mahesh Virender & Sriram, chartered accountants, Hyderabad were appointed as statutory auditors for a period of one year in the annual general meeting held in the year 2015 and are eligible for reappointment, subject to ratification of members at ensuing annual general meeting of the company.

22 Disclosure of composition of audit committee and providing vigil mechanism

The provisions of section 177 of the companies act, 2013 read with rule 6 and 7 of the companies (meetings of the board and its powers) rules, 2013 is not applicable to the company.

23 Shares

During the year under review, the company has undertaken following transactions:

Increase in share capital	Buy back of securities	Sweat equity	Bonus shares	Employees stock option plan
nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

24 Details of significant and material orders passed by the regulators, courts and tribunals

No significant and material order has been passed by the regulators, courts, tribunals impacting the going concern status and company's operations in future.

24 Acknowledgements

Your directors place on record their sincere thanks to bankers, business associates, consultants, and various government authorities for their continued support extended to your companies activities during the year under review. Your directors also acknowledges gratefully the shareholders for their support and confidence reposed on your company.

for and on behalf of the board of directors

Date: 26/06/2015
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/-
Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
Director
(din:06659093)

Sd/-
Dr. Wilfred De'Souza
Director
(din:10892816)



Director's Note

It is always with mixed feelings that I sit down to write the introduction to our Annual Report. As the Director, it falls to me to sum up the year. In doing so, I alternate between pride and disappointment, between hope and despair. With pride – and you can read this for yourselves – I can say we are growing. Our efforts are having an impact, and our reach is increasing. We are adapting to a rapidly changing world: we are expanding our work and campaign design to match the changes we see in the world. Looking back at 2014-15, I can say that I am proud of our works and achievements.

Presenting this Annual report from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 to the members of the Governing Council on July 30, 2015 makes me feel proud of the institute that in many ways HMI continues to play a pioneering role in promoting a sympathetic and objective understanding of Islam and other religions, interfaith relations, and the work of reconciliation. I will summarize the highlights of the year focusing on the issues and challenges we faced in reaching our targets. This report covers three main areas of our work: Academics, Praxis and Administration.

You will see how much we have been able to achieve through the year. We have done our best to reach people in various ways. An example of the effectiveness of our programmes was visible recently in cases of getting people trained in various capacities.

Students are now experiencing the past and present of the HMI anew – through the eyes of foreign peers and with renowned professors imparting inside knowledge with an outside perspective. At HMI, students get an excellent education, international experience, and intercultural competence. In addition to the Language and PG Diploma in Islamic studies now we are a fully affiliated Institution under the Senate of Serampore (university). By the time you will have the reports in your hand we will have the full pledged M.Th. programme under Senate of Serampore (university).

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel
Director

ACADEMIC

Our academic programme aims to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for Theological and Interfaith relations, with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful co-existence, to stimulate co-operation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed by all faith communities.

STUDY

Long-Term Study

PG Diploma in Islam and Interfaith Relations

July 2014-March 2015, a nine month PG Diploma course in Islam and Interfaith Relations (PGDIS) was inaugurated on 7th July 2014. Four residential students enrolled for the course (3 from the North-East and 1 from Kerala): Alen Varghese, S. Otoka. Narka and Aorenla Longchar.

Pre-M.Th. Programme:

July 2014-March 2015, eight students (including the 4 PG diploma residential students) enrolled for the nine month Arabic Language for Pre-MTh Programme: Alen Varghese, S. Otoka, Narka Awomi., Aorenla Longchar, Rev. Gnana Manohar, Rev. Wilson, Rev. Winston and Rev. C. V. Vasantha Rao

Short-term Study:

Summer Course

4-17 May 2014, Summer Course on Islam and Interfaith Relations held in Shillong, Meghalaya. This year's summer course recorded an impressive attendance- 46 participants (41 Men/ 5 Women) most of who were seminary students or pastors from South India. We were fortunate to have three students from abroad: two from Singapore and one from Sri Lanka.

The resource persons for the course came from diverse backgrounds: in addition to Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel , Rev. Dr. M. M. Abraham, Mr. Abdul Kareem, Ms. Asma Nuzhat, Mr. Yoginder Sikand, Sr. Philomina and M. Sribala of the HMI. We were fortunate to have with us Mamdooha Majid, a Muslim social worker from New Delhi, Dr. Deepali Bhanot, a scholar of Sanskrit from Delhi University, Dn. Thomas Birla, pastor at a church in Shillong, and Mr. Ghulam Rasool, a graduate of a traditional Islamic madrasa and working with the New Delhi-based New Age Islam Foundation. HMI's Chairperson, Rt. Rev Dr. Surya Prakash led the devotion every morning.

The course was divided into two levels: basic and advanced. The course covered a diverse range of topics, from basic Islamic beliefs to contemporary global politics, with the help of a mix of classroom lectures, informal interactions with resource persons and group discussions.

Few of the highlights of the course were a visit to the Don Bosco Museum, Cherrapunji, visit to the Mosque, and shopping for handicrafts. The cultural programme organized at the end of the course was excellent.



October Course

28th Sep to 5th Oct 2014, October course on Islam and interfaith relations. There were 32 participants (28 males and 4 females) from different parts of India. Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mumbai, Bangalore, Tamil Nadu, New Delhi, Mizoram). Participants included students from six seminaries, three organizations and four dioceses.

The course provided participants time to examine and deepen knowledge of their faith and the meaning of relations between people of different faith backgrounds.

Arabic Language programme

Mr. K. Lalrinzuala from Aizawl Theological College studied Arabic Language for one month in November 2014

Interfaith Practical Work for BD Students

- ◆ 27th Oct – 7th Nov 2014, 8 BD students (4th year) from MBCBC were exposed to practical interfaith work at HMI. They also had classroom sessions and visited the community centre.
- ◆ 4th – 14th Dec 2014, 3rd and 4th year Ten BD Students (8 boys 2 girls) from Bethel Bible Institute, Tamil Nadu, visited Chandrayangutta centre as part of an exposure visit.

	No. of Programmes	No. of Students	W/M
Long-Term programmes	2	8	1/7
Short-Term Programmes	5	97	85/12
Total:	7	105	

Seminars & Talks

- ◆ 6th Aug 2014: Lecture by Vijay Kumari, Professor in Religions, ACTC, Hyderabad, on “Palestinian Women’s Leadership in the Context of Conflict”. 22 (10 W/12M) participants attended the programme.
- ◆ 3rd Sept 2014: Talk by Bruce Lawrence, Professor, Duke University, USA, on “Inter-Religious Cooperation”. Attended by 30 participants (12 W/18M).
- ◆ 31st Oct 2014: Lecture by Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel at St Pious PG college, Nacharam, Secenderabad, on the importance of communal harmony. 46 girls participated.
- ◆ 26th April 2014, Round table discussion on Media & Election at Henry Martyn Institute. Many academicians and journalists along with people from different walks of life actively participated in this discussion, the total number of participants are 63 (23W/40M). Rev. Dr. Paickam T. Samuel, Director, welcomed all the participants. This discussion got more importance as the nation was going through the general elections. In this context the participants focused on the various aspects of the topic.

- ◆ 24th July 2014: Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel inaugurated the meeting of Theologically Trained Women of the CSI. Around 30 women attended from all over India.
- ◆ 1st – 4th Sep 2014: Writers workshop for women theologians jointly organized by BTESSC (Bangalore), ISPCK (Delhi), United Methodist Women (USA) and HMI at HMI's campus, the total number of participants are 22 women from different parts of India.
- ◆ 15th Sep 2014: ICP women's interfaith journey planning meeting hosted at HMI. 10 women from different parts of India attended.

Network and Collaboration

- ◆ May 2014, Rev. Dr. M. M. Abraham, Associate Director and Dr. Yoginder Sikand, Research Faculty, visited the Bahai centre and the Buddha Vihar in Hyderabad to strengthen the network.
- ◆ 24 July 2014: Director and the academic team met Dr. Sandeep Chowdhary, Asst. General Secretary ISPCK regarding circulation of HMI's publications in collaboration with ISPCK.
- ◆ 12 Aug 2014: Director and academic team met Dr. Khwaja Shahid, Pro-VC, MANUU, regarding collaboration between MANUU's Islamic Studies Department and HMI's Academic Department.
- ◆ Sep 2014: Ms. Sribala, Academic Coordinator visited Ramakrishna Muth and Brahmakumari Centre to invite their resource persons to HMI's Interfaith programmes
- ◆ December 2014: Director and Academic Coordinator discussed with Ms. Nalini Raghuram, Economic Political Officer, British High Commission office, Hyderabad regarding collaborative Interfaith programmes to be organized in the north, east, south and west of India.
- ◆ January 5-9, 2015 Director, Associate Director and Fr. Victor Edwin took classes at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur. 24 students attended.
- ◆ February 2-6, 2015 Director and Associate Director took classes at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam. 35 students attended.

No. collaborations:	7
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Visitors

- ◆ 23rd Aug. 2014, HMI organized a farewell for Andreas Gunthar and his family from Germany, who had stayed at HMI for three months.
- ◆ 6th–12th Oct 2014, Interfaith exposure visit for a group of 13 police officers from EKHN, Germany. HMI organized some classroom sessions. Topics covered included: Introduction to the work of HMI (history, work and philosophy), Introduction to Islam, Indian Police system, Dalit and women's issues, violence against women. The group also visited HMI's community development projects, various religious centres and places of tourist interest



- ◆ 22nd- 24th Oct 2014, German group led by Rev. Christoph stayed at HMI during their exposure visit to India.
- ◆ 3rd to 6th January, 2015, Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Ipgrave Bishop of Woolwich visited HMI for Interfaith exposure.
- ◆ 15th & 16th Jan 2015, Larry & Gordon from London visited HMI
- ◆ 20th Jan to 1st Feb 2015, A team of 16 pastors from EKHN led by Rev. Dr. Johny Thonipara visited HMI. HMI organized few class room sessions and visit to various religious centres.
- ◆ 2nd – 6th Feb 2015, Dr. John Hubers, Assistant Professor of Religion, Northwestern College Orange City, Iowa 51041, USA, visited HMI, to organize a collaborative programme for his students on Interfaith dialogue
- ◆ 9th Feb and 2nd Mar 2015, HMI Academic Team met Rev. Dr. Phillip Baker, Regional Representative for ELCA to revive the connection with ELCA, USA

No. of Programmes	No. of visitors:	No. of Countries:
9	66	4

Interfaith Initiatives

- ◆ 30th Sep 2014: Recognition: HMI felicitated Shaik Lateef, Prasad and Hari for their honesty. The trio, who went to collect cash from an ATM, had found the door open and Rs. 24.50 lakh inside the machine. They immediately informed the police, who came and collected the cash.
- ◆ 13 Sep 2014, Interfaith Cultural programmes organized by HMI on the occasion of centenary celebration of NCCI

Internship

- ◆ 3rd Nov 2014 – 16th Mar 2015, Narka Awomi, as part of his study at HMI took an internship with the academic team.
- ◆ On 8th Feb 2015 Ms. Rose from London joined HMI as intern in the academic department.

Publications

- ◆ **JHMI:** Vol. 1 & 2 of the 2014 issue were published in the second week of March 2015.
- ◆ **Interaction:** Vol. 1 & 2 of the 2013 issue were published in the second week of March 2015

Library

- ◆ Henry Martyn Institute has a computerised and well stocked library and collections of reading material.
- ◆ From April 2014 till March 2015, 314 books have been added to the library, covering major and important subjects like religion, philosophy psychology and sociology.
- ◆ In December 2014 access to library has been made online and readers can browse the library from HMI's website.

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Workshops

Workshop on Monograph Writing Skills, Yuksom, 1st to 5th April 2014

The workshop was a follow-up of the Writing workshop held at Shillong during October 2013. The main objective of the workshop was to refine the second drafts of the monographs/articles written by the members and finalize the same for publication. Altogether 6 (2 female and 4 male) participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. G. Aloysius.

Orientation Workshop on Islam and Interfaith Relations, Kuttrallam, Tamil Nadu, 12th to 14th June 2014.

The orientation workshop was organized in collaboration with CORNERSTONE Trust and Uravugal Network. Altogether 32 (9 female and 23 male) participated in the workshop. Kombai Anwar, a journalist and documentary film maker, was the chief resource person along with Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, Director, HMI and Ramesh Prakashvelu, Associate Director, Praxis-HMI.

The participants appreciated the organizers and resource persons for helping them understand a good and well researched film “Yaadhum” on Islam in South India which enabled to clear a lot of misconceptions as well as provide many facts and information related to the history of Islam in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In addition to it the relations between Muslims, Hindus and Christians as well as Muslims contribution in the areas of maritime trade, manufacturing textiles, ship and boat building, resisting colonialism and literature.

Workshop on Monograph & Writing Skills, Paro, Bhutan, 17th to 21st June 2014

The workshop was organized by the CT team for women leaders and members of Naga Women Union (NWU) and Indigenous Women’s Forum of North East India (IWFNEI). Altogether 30 (29 female and 1 male) participated. During the workshop the facilitator G. Aloysius gave feedback and made few suggestions on the first drafts of the monographs/articles written by the members of the NWU. About 16 articles reflecting on the status of women within their tribe will be completed by October 2014. He also helped IWFNEI members to identify issues/topics of the monographs/articles they would like to write on.

People to People Dialogue (P2P): Exposure to Eco-villages and Sustainable Agriculture, 1-8 Aug 2014

People to People Dialogue (P2P Dialogue) was organized from 1st to 8th August 2014 wherein 11 delegates (2 female and 9 male) from Manipur, Assam and Nagaland participated. The dialogue event was organized at Siddharth Eco Village, Kakirigumma, Odisha. The purpose of the exposure visit was for leaders of different communities in Manipur, Nagaland and Karbi Anglong to explore and reflect on the concept of Eco-villages and Sustainable Agriculture. The program provided an opportunity for those engaged in farming and those having interest in promoting sustainable farming practices from the above mentioned states to learn and validate sustainable practices related to agriculture and development. People also learnt practical skills, processes and about resources that are needed to work for sustainable farming/agricultural practices. This helped people to reflect on how rural communities can work on the basics of food security.



E) Workshop on Conflict Transformation and Facilitation Skills, 13-18 Aug 2014

The workshop was organized from 13 to 18th August 2014 for the staff of Ukhrul District Community Resource Management Society (UDCRMS) based in Ukhrul, Manipur which is associated with IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development). Altogether 14 (5 female and 9 male) staff of UDCRMS participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Ramesh, Robinson & Jalaja of the CT team. The workshop helped in exploring knowledge, skills and processes that could help in debates, dialogues, discussions and decision making related to development, agriculture etc. The participants felt that the workshop was very practical as it helped them to explore basic concepts of sustainable agriculture, as well as basics of facilitating meetings and decision making which involves different stakeholders.

F) South Asia Peace Workshop, HMI, Hyderabad, 24 Aug – 4 Sep 2014

This year the SAPW 2014 was organized on the theme “Rights, Arts, Processes and Skills for Peace” from 24th August to 4th September. Altogether 22 (12 female and 10 male) individuals from Manipur, Nagaland, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Gujarat participated.

The first four days of the workshop were on “Emotions and Expressions” facilitated by resource persons from Chindu. This module helped people to become aware of emotions, how they are expressed, how they could be processed. Since the workshop was very participatory in nature it helped participants to learn different ways of seeing and working on emotions and their expressions and how they can help in working with conflicts.

This was followed by a one day workshop on “Strengthening Interfaith Relations” with Mr. Kombai Anwar as the resource person. Participants felt that the film produced by Mr. Anwar helped to see Interfaith Relations in South India from a historical perspective with sufficient well researched information and analysis provided. It also helped in overcoming some of the misconceptions and misunderstandings related to Islam in India, contribution of Indian Muslims to the economy, culture, language, literature etc. Negative portrayals and stereotypes of Muslims in the mainstream media including films were discussed and deconstructed.

The third part of the workshop was “Comics and Peace building” with Mr. Sharad Sharma of World Comics India as the resource person. Participants learnt the fundamentals and grammar of producing grassroots comics and how it can be used for peace, justice and reconciliation work. All participants were able to produce four-frame comics on issues that they are concerned about or working on. Participants were also taught how to evaluate comics based on 6 criteria that were shared which was very useful for the participants. All participants felt that they have one more tool to use for reflection and articulation of issues.

The final 2 days of the workshop was on “Conflict transformation and peace building skills” facilitated by Conflict transformation team of HMI. Participants learnt the fundamentals of conflict transformation, levels of transformation, some of the skills and processes that are useful for transformation work.

g) Workshop on Peace for J.E.L.C Pastors, Kakirigumma, Odisha 17-19 Nov 2014

A Conflict Transformation and Peace building workshop was organized by previous students of HMI and JELC pastors for 35 pastors from different districts of Odisha during November 17-19, 2014. For the pastors this was an event to gain insights on inter-cultural learning and peace building initiatives. This workshop also helped the pastors to gain clarity on issues they need to deal with and the process that could help them in taking initiatives for peace and reconciliation. The workshop was facilitated by Robinson and Jalaja.

H) Interfaith Pilgrimage and Workshop, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, 6-7 Dec 2014

The interfaith peace pilgrimage and workshop was organized in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 6-7 December, 2014. The participants felt that this is a simple method of listening, discerning, finding direction and becoming centered in a group. Moreover the participants could connect in a holistic way and their connectedness is across interfaith boundaries and forms bridges of understanding across diversity of faiths. The journey explored new methods of bringing about peace and created new avenues for inter-personal relationship and dialogues. Altogether 22 participants (12 Male and 10 Female) were involved in the journey cum workshop.

I) Sustainable Peace: A community Response, Tamenglong, Manipur, 19-21 Jan 2015

A three day training program “Sustainable Peace: A community Response” was held in Tamenglong, Manipur from 19-21 January 2015 in collaboration with IWCF, PCTM and PDI. 31 women and 12 men took part in this event. Women leaders from Tamenglong have taken initiative with other NGOs to address a long standing dispute in Tamenglong which has divided a community, the church and led to destruction of a water resource and fields.

j) Consultation on Strategic Gender Interests and Peace building, Manipur, 18-18 Feb 2015

A Consultation with women on Strategic Gender Interests and Peace building was held in Imphal, in collaboration with PCTM, EGERC and NWU Manipur on 18-19 Feb 2015. 21 women and 3 men took part in this event. Women leaders communicated the roles they are playing in addressing development induced conflicts. The consultation helped develop new contacts and identify women leaders for follow-up work on strategic gender interests.

k) Workshop on Structural and Cultural Violence and UNDRIP, KarbiAnglong, 17-18 Mar 2015

A workshop on Structural and Cultural Violence and UNDRIP was held on 17-18 March 2015 in Diphu, Karbi Anglong in collaboration with KHRW. 14 women and 15 men took part in the event. Chingya from NPMHR Manipur was the main resource person for the workshop. He helped the participants understand that two international covenants i.e. ICESCR and ICCPR that contain many of the articles that are part of the UNDRIP and could be used effectively in addressing the issues faced by indigenous/tribal people.

l) Workshop on UNDRIP and FPIC, KarbiAnglong, 19-23 Mar 2015

A workshop on UNDRIP and FPIC was held on March 19-23, 2015 in Umrangsao, KarbiAnglong in collaboration with KHRW. 24 participants took part in the event. The workshop focused on understanding international, national and constitutional mechanisms that are aimed at protecting the rights of the indigenous/tribal people’s life, livelihood, cultures, identity, autonomy, languages, religions etc. Robinson from HMI co-facilitated the program with KHRW facilitators.

m) Internship

Ansari Abdul Salim from Ahmedabad, Gujarat joined as intern in the month of April 2014 and completed his internship in the month of June 2014. During his internship he helped the SMET resource centre in organizing the Time for Value Education classes for the children, engaged in organizing street plays and worked on composing street plays on different issues such as Education, Health, Corruption, Environment, Basic Administration, Basic Needs, Gender Equality, Human Equality.



Sushmita from Chennai, a student of History and International Relations from Stella Marries College, joined the CT team as an intern in the month of May 2014 and completed her internship in the month of June 2014. During her internship she worked on understanding different cultures of the people of the Northeastern states and the issues and conflict they are faced with. She also had the opportunity to learn about some of the basics of conflict transformation and peace building.

Khamjeanliu from Tamenglong, Manipur, working with Indigenous Women and Children Foundation joined the CT team as intern from 15th July to 5th October 2014. She was recommended by Peace Core Team, Manipur.

K. Wungreikhan from Ukhrul, Manipur, and a political science post-graduate from Manipur was identified by All Naga Students Association Manipur (ANSAM). He joined HMI's CT program as an intern for the period 3 Nov 2014 - 15 Feb 2015. During his time, he read a number of books on conflict and peace, and had discussions with Robinson and Ramesh. He also helped organize and categorize some of the materials, articles related to conflict and peace.

N) Peace Initiatives

Interfaith / Inter religious Eid Celebration 2014, Saraspur, Ahmadabad Gujarat , 29 Jul 2014

SMET celebrated Eid on 29 July 2014 including people from different faith backgrounds and riot affected areas. Members who are associated with SMET through different organizations also attended this programme.

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day, 9th August, Diphu, Karbianglong

Karbi Human Rights Watch (KHRW) organized 3rd North East India Indigenous People's consultative meet and observation of International Day of the World's Indigenous People in Diphu from 7th to 9th August 2014. Altogether 129 people (54 female & 75 men) belonging to different tribes/community participated.

Independence Day celebration, Gomtipur, Gujarat, 15 Aug 2014

SMET organized Independence Day celebration on 15th August 2014 by involving members from different communities living in Gomtipur area of Ahmedabad. 60 children and 20 youth (34 female and 46 male) took part in this celebration.

Diwali Celebration with Interfaith Dialogue, Kubernagar, Naroda, Ahmedabad, 26 Oct 2014

SMET organized diwali celebration with interfaith dialogue on 26 October 2014 inviting participants from different religious backgrounds. During this programme a lot of sharing on why Diwali is celebrated and discussions held wherein people from different faiths could gain clarity and importance of the festival.

Support for Cyclone Hudhud, Damage and Needs Appraisal, Oct-Nov 2014

HMI supported Mr. Rajendra of SUJANA (an organization working in East Godavari district) for taking initiative on doing an appraisal of the short, medium and long term needs of people affected by the recent cyclone. HMI supported Rajendra and his team to travel to cyclone affected areas and compile reports on the needs, which can be used to liaison with local, state and central government officials to get appropriate relief and rehabilitation support.

Observation of International Human Rights Day, Diphu, KarbiAnglong, 10 Dec 2014

Karbi Human Rights Watch has observed the International Human Rights Day with the rest of the world at JirsongAsong, Diphu, from 10 am onwards, in conformity with the UN theme of the day “Human Rights 365” with our own theme “Weaving Our Destiny”. The KHRW as part of the celebration has invited individual stake holders of the society for a panel discussion in conformity with the theme ie. “Weaving Our Destiny” to reinstate the very characteristics of the tribal society that is collectiveness in every area.

O) Support for Peace Core Team Manipur

The PCTM members met 8 times during the period in which they discussed resource centre’s plan, activities, resource materials, and budget. Apart from it the members also discussed and assessed emerging scenario of conflicts in Manipur. Decisions were taken for intervention, documentation and monitoring the conflicts relating to inter-tribal identity, resource and land. PCTM members were able to collect a huge pile of newspapers from Nagaland and Manipur. Documentation works are carried out at PRC and some of the members along with few volunteers are engaged in analytical works. Painting competition on the theme “paint for peace” carried out. State level prizes have been distributed; paintings collected from the 6 districts are being studied to understand the children’s perceptions and conceptions on the idea of peace in Manipur.

P) Staff Training and Development

Workshop on Understanding Structural and Cultural Violence, Konark, 11th to 14th May 2014

A two day workshop on structural and cultural violence was organized in Konark, Odisha. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. SubashMahopatra, a human rights activist from Odisha. Robinson and Jalaja participated from HMI. The workshop helped to gain clarity on Human rights and its characteristics; constitutional rights and universal declaration of human rights; identifying articles within Indian constitution which protect economic, social, cultural, and political rights; understanding the four pillars of democracy; understanding structural and cultural violence; identifying cultural violence in the community; how to identify issues and deal according to the context.

Orientation Workshop on Theatre, HMI, Hyderabad, 11th June 2014

CT team members including regional facilitator, Gujarat participated in one day workshop on Theatre for Peace. This helped the team to gain clarity on how theatre as one of the methodology could be used for peace and reconciliation work.

Outcome and Impact Orientation (OIO) Workshop, 1-2 July 2014

A two-day follow-up workshop with K T Suresh and Rosemary (consultants for BftW) was held at HMI. KT Suresh and Rosemary helped the CT team to review, revise and sequence the activities as well as gave inputs on how to set up monitoring tools and establishing baseline data which will help the project.

Online Tutored Course on Working at the Nexus between Human rights and Conflict transformation, Jul-Aug 2014

Ms. Jalaja completed the online course from 21st July to 22nd August 2014. The online course gave her deeper understanding of the human rights and its relation with conflict transformation.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Aman Shanti Project Centres – Shanker Nagar

Vocational Skill Training Programme

- ◆ This year 76 women among whom 46 Muslims and 30 Hindus have attended the Tailoring & Hand Embroidery Course in two batches. Among them total 40 students -25 Muslims & 15 Hindus completed the course.
- ◆ 45 students among whom 30 are Muslims and 15 Hindus completed Mehndi Designing Course in this year.
- ◆ Hair Style Course was attended by 35 young women among whom 23 are Muslims & 12 Hindus.

Education

- ◆ Five women have attended the Dr. Ambedkar Open University Degree entrance exam. Among them two are Hindus and three are Muslims. In the coming years they will be pursuing graduation course.
- ◆ From Open School Education (APOSS), six members attended the Xth (SSC) standard exam and four members have attended the Intermediate level examination.
- ◆ 29 community women who do not have any basic literacy are now learning alphabets in Urdu, Telugu and English.

Health

- ◆ Under Pulse Polio Immunization programme of the Government more than 350 children from the community have been immunized in this period.
- ◆ 410 children have been given Vitamin A Immunization at the centre by the local UHP.
- ◆ For Youth especially young women who come from economically backward communities and are anemic, for them we are providing regular nutritious food through the government programme.
- ◆ In October 2015, General Eye Camp was organized for the community members in collaboration with Lions Club Eye Hospital. 160 members benefitted from this camp.

Health Talks

Health talk on Eye Infection was given by Lions Club Hyderabad. Health talk on sun stroke, anemia, and immunization HIV/AIDS & tuberculosis was given by doctors from Government Area Hospital & ANMs and talk on Nutrition awareness for Youth was given by Anganwadi workers. We are also making regular follow ups with the people who have Tuberculosis infection, in order to ensure that they are taking regular medication for proper treatment.

Aman Shanti Project Centres – Chandrayangutta

Vocational Skill Training Programme

- ◆ 65 women among whom 52 Muslims and 13 Hindus have attended the Tailoring & Hand Embroidery Course in two batches in this year.
- ◆ 70 Members (43 Muslims & 27 Hindus) completed Mehndi Designing Course
- ◆ Beautician Course was attended by 30 Members – 19 Muslims & 11 Hindus

Education

- ◆ 11 women (6 – Muslims, 4 Hindus and 1 – Christian) have written the entrance exam for the Degree course in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.
- ◆ From APOSS (Open School Education), four members have written the for Xth standard and three Members have attended the Intermediate level education.
- ◆ 12 women are learning to read and write their names, do signatures and recognize different alphabets.
- ◆ From the community 34 school going children who come from economically backward communities among whom 26 are Hindus & 8 Muslims and 18 boys & 16 girls are attending the Coaching classes at the centre every day.

Health

- ◆ More than 300 children from the community have been administered with Polio vaccination under Pulse Polio Immunization programme of the government at the centre.
- ◆ 380 children have been given Vitamin A Immunization at the centre by the Nurses (ANMs) from local UHP.
- ◆ General Health Camp was organized for the community members in collaboration with the local UHP. 86 members among whom 49 are Hindus and 37 Muslims benefitted from this camp.

Health Talks

- ◆ Health talks on immunization, cleanliness, body pains, diabetics, and women's health problems were given by Local UHPANMs.
- ◆ Health talks on sun stroke, anemia, immunization, Tuberculosis have been given to the community members in order to sensitize them with the different health awareness issues.

Activities in Aman Shanti Community Centre - Shanker Nagar and Chandrayangutta Interfaith Building Programmes

- ◆ 18 students from Shanker Nagar visited Chow Mahalla Palace in June 2014 after the completion of their Summer Course.
- ◆ In July Iftaar Party was organized in Shanker Nagar & Chandrayangutta centre. Around 150 community members both from Muslim and Hindu faith participated in this event.
- ◆ 15th August 2014 was celebrated in Chandrayangutta centre. Around 175 community members and children attended the event. Few members performed different songs, dance and skits on this occasion.
- ◆ Sankranthri, a Hindu harvest festival & a kite flying festival was celebrated in January 2015. More than 150 community members from Shanker Nagar and in Chandrayangutta 175 members participated in this celebration.
- ◆ 134 Tailoring students and community women from Shanker Nagar & Chandrayangutta centre went for an Outing to Mount Opera in March 2015. The members enjoyed a lot and had a good recreational outing.
- ◆ Women's Day was celebrated in both the centers. Women Project Staff attended the celebration organized by other local NGOs – Cheyutha and PIN located in Hyderabad.



- ◆ Monthly students meetings are organized in both the centres every month in which issues related to domestic violence, elections, religious festival celebrations, peace meetings, tailoring class preparations, issues at home and in the community such as drainage problem, water problem, availability of the different government schemes, women's education, health concerns, cleanliness in the community etc are discussed.
- ◆ Young women acknowledge that through these meetings they are able to gain new experience, strengthen their leadership skills and are able to develop better interfaith relationship with other faith members.
- ◆ Sessions on Listening Skills, Communication skills, cleanliness, health and hygiene were also organized for the Tailoring students.
- ◆ Regular community members meetings are organized to discuss about the different issues concerning the community, discussing about Ganesh Nimarjan / procession, Government schemes related to Voter Card, Aadhar Card, and Ration Card.

Capacity Building Programme

- ◆ First Aid Training Course offered by St. Johns Ambulance Society, Hyderabad was given to 38 members from Shanker Nagar & Chandrayangutta. Community members learnt the basic and immediate first aid services to be given at the time of medical emergencies.
- ◆ Ms. Fatima and Ms. Babitha attended the two day workshop on Women's Rights organized by National Alliance of Women Organisation (NAWO), ASMITA.

Income Generation Programs

From Shanker Nagar 47 women are involved in the bag stitching, papad making, leaf plates making and readymade garments stitching work. 24 women are involved in different IGP programmes such as readymade bag stitching and mehndi designing during the wedding occasions in Chandrayangutta centre.

Self Help Groups

Six Self Help Groups in total from the three centers received an amount of Rs. 2, 80,000/- from HMI on refundable basis. Through this programme we are able to assist seventy women to meet their basic economic needs of starting petty business, clearing debts, undergoing medical treatments or meet the expenses to perform weddings of their children.

Government Programmes

In this term through the CD projects Shanker Nagar and Chandrayangutta we have assisted more than 1000 community members from in procuring the different government facilities by assisting them in processing their application form for availing the facilities such as Ration Cards, Old Age Pensions, Widow Pensions, Disabled Pensions and Kishore Balika Programme for Adolescent Girls to get nutritional benefits from the government.

Capacity Building Programmes

- ◆ Two day workshop for sixty Tailoring students from the three centres was organized on 3rd & 4th April 2014. During this workshop the students gained an understanding on Conflict, types of conflict, conflict analysis, responses to conflict analysis and on peace, peace building skills.
- ◆ Self Help Group & Peer Educators member's workshop on "Understanding Conflict & Peace" was organized from 13th to 14th May 2014. 60 women participated in this workshop and gained an understanding about interfaith relations.

- ◆ Three day workshop on “Women Leadership Programme” was organized for the project staff members and Peer Educators and few community members at HMI from 24th to 26th March 2015. The workshop was facilitated by a team of members from ASMITA. Women’s Rights, Gender Issues and Domestic Violence were some of the issues discussed in the workshop.
- ◆ One day workshop on “Peace Games” was organized in March 2015 for 30 members from the three centers who working as school teachers in the community and the project staff members.

Interfaith & Peace Building Workshop for NGOs from Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Districts

- ◆ Basic Level Workshop on “Understanding Conflict & Peace”, for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana based NGOs was organized from 22nd to 24th April 2014. Twelve NGOs participated in the workshop and gained an understanding on conflict and peace building skills.
- ◆ Advance Level Workshop on “Understanding Conflict & Peace”, was organized for 28 members from 17 NGOs representing 12 Districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from 20th to 22nd June 2014. During the workshop the participants gained better understanding about Conflict, different types of conflict, peace building skills and also discussed about different areas of Networking with each other and also with HMI.

International Workshop

International Workshop on Justpeace Children’s Education was organized at HMI from 10th to 14th June 2014 in collaboration with Interfaith Cooperation Forum (ICF), Cambodia. Fifteen members from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and our CD project staff attended the workshop. Issues related to children justpeace education and resource kit materials were discussed in this workshop.

Exposure Visits

- ◆ EvangelischeKirchengemeindeArnoldshain, part of EKHN-church - Rev. Christoph Wildfang from Germany along with a group of 18 members visited HMI from 20th to 22nd October 2014. During his visit HMI members shared about the different interfaith programmes related to HMIs Academics and Praxis programmes.
- ◆ On 8th October 2014, Police Group from Germany visited Sultan Shahi Centre.
- ◆ Mrs. MutmainahKorona, Director of KPPA (Women and Children care Community of Central Sulawesi) Indonesia visited HMI from 29nd to 30th October 2014 to gain an understanding about HMI’s interfaith work and also the women and children’s program at the grass root level.
- ◆ Students from Bethel Bible Institute, Tamilnadu visited Chandrayanguttacentre on 4th December 2014 as a part of the exposure visit to interfaith community work.
- ◆ In January 2015 a group of 12 members from USA along with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Ipgrave Bishop of Woolwich visited Chandrayangutta centre as a part of the exposure visit to the interfaith work at the community level.

At HMI

- ◆ Rev. Asir facilitated Finance workshop for the Praxis team titled, “Communicating finance to the people who do not know Finance” in June 2014 and February 2015
- ◆ Outcome & Impact Orientation (OIO) Workshop for the Praxis team members was organized on 1st & 2nd July 2014. The workshop was facilitated by the consultants Ms. Rose Mary and Mr. K.T. Suresh from funding partners - Bread for the World.



- ◆ Praxis Review Meeting was organized on 31st October 2014. HMI Board member - Mrs. Christine Lazarus, HMI Director and Praxis team members participated in this review meeting. The team members updated about the programmes and its progress.
- ◆ Ms. Asma Nuzhath and Ms. Jahan Ara attended two day “International conference on Muslims Democracy and Media” at Maulana Azad National Urdu University in Hyderabad from 17th to 18th March 2015
- ◆ Partners visit: On 3rd December, Ms. Corrie Van Der Ven from ICCO, Netherlands interacted with the CD team at HMI.
- ◆ Church of Sweden - Partner Meeting was organized in UELCI, Chennai from 17th to 19th November 2014. The meeting was focused on Gender related issues in our Project activities. Four staff members from HMI attended the meeting. The meeting helped us to know and interact with the other partners of Church of Sweden.

Aman Shanti Centre-Sultanshahi Project

Primary School

- ◆ This academic year (2014-15) we had 76 students at the school, out of which 15 were new admissions. Among them 50 students were from Muslim background and 26 students from Hindu background (17 were from Dalit background). There were 44 girls and 32 boys.
- ◆ Educational scholarships were offered for two girl and three boy students to continue their higher education. One girl student is pursuing B.com second year and the other one is in 6th class. There are three boys pursuing 6th, 7th and 8th classes. Three students were from Muslim background and two of them from Hindu background.
- ◆ ‘Teachers Day’ was celebrated on 5th September 2014 where a few school and tailoring students performed teachers’ role and took classes for the students. The students shared the importance of teachers’ role in their lives. This was followed by cultural programme where students sang songs and delivered speeches related to the occasion.
- ◆ ‘Children’s Day’ was celebrated on 14th November 2014. Children gave speeches on this occasion and participated in different games/ competitions conducted at the school. The winning students were awarded with prizes.
- ◆ Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2015 where school children and community women participated in various cultural activities. Community women who successfully completed Tailoring and Mehndi training courses were awarded with certificates.
- ◆ Parents meeting continues to serve as a platform to discuss the issues related to children and also for developing and strengthening the interfaith relations among the parents who come from both Hindu and Muslim communities.
- ◆ Nutrition programme is continued where school children are provided with mid-morning snacks.
- ◆ A picnic trip was organized for 70 school children and 53 community women in February 2015.

Women’s Unit

- ◆ 25 women from Hindu and Muslim backgrounds are attending different vocational training programmes at the centre. Among them 20 women took up tailoring and embroidery course, 3 of them are engaged in Mehndi Designing course and 2 women are doing typing.
- ◆ A two day special ‘Hair Designing & Beauty Tips’ course was organized on 8th and 9th July 2014.

- ◆ Two Peace meetings were organized in view of Ganesh festival and 6th December with the community women. 154 Hindu and Muslim women participated and shared their understanding and experiences. It was a healthy environment and a safe space for the community women to share their views.
- ◆ A study visit to 'Chowmahalla Palace' was organized on 7th June 2014 for 32 Hindu and Muslim women from the project area.
- ◆ Iftar Party was organized on 16th July 2014 with 92 Hindu and Muslim women participating in the celebration. The women shared about the importance of fasting. Special prayers were also conducted by the community women on this occasion.
- ◆ 'Women's Day' was celebrated in March 2015 by involving more than seventy Hindu and Muslim community women. There were discussions about the role of women in the society.
- ◆ Regular newspaper reading sessions were organized apart from monthly student's meetings for the tailoring students to discuss about the issues of their concern.
- ◆ Once in a week, indoor games like chess and carom board were organized for the community women. They show a lot of interest in playing these indoor games as they don't get a chance to play at their homes or at other places. These games also help the women to develop leadership capacities and build better relationships with women of other faith.

Community Health Clinic

- ◆ 1684 patients from both Hindu and Muslim communities benefited from the health services provided at the clinic.
- ◆ Fever, cold, cough, B.P, diarrhea, acidity, etc, were some of the health issues affecting the community people.
- ◆ 20 home visits for doing the follow-up of the patients were also undertaken.
- ◆ School student's health checkup was organized at the clinic. Height and weight of the students was monitored and the children were screened for other health problems.
- ◆ A visit to 'Health Museum' was organized for 36 Hindu and Muslim tailoring students and community women.
- ◆ World AIDS Day event was organized on 1st December 2014, with 50 Hindu and Muslim women. Competitions like slogan writing, painting and quiz were conducted and gifts distributed to all the participants.

Visitors/Interns

- ◆ Ms. Debbie, a research scholar from US, visited Sultan Shahi project on 14th and 16th April 2014 as part of her research and interacted with the people at the project centre.
- ◆ Interfaith Cooperation Forum (ICF) group members visited the Sultan Shahi project on 13th June 2014 and observed the school programmes being offered there.
- ◆ On 7th August 2014 Andreas Gunter and his family visited the project and interacted with the school students. They also donated few books for the school and medicines for the clinic.
- ◆ A Police group from Germany led by Dr.JohnyThonipara visited the project on 8th October 2014. The group donated books and pens for the school children.
- ◆ EKA group from Germany led by Mr. Christopher visited the Sultan Shahi project on 22nd October 2014. The group donated pens, pencils, etc, for the school children.
- ◆ On 25th November 2014 Rev. Dr. James Grenfell, Director for Mission Engagement, from US, London visited the Sultan Shahi project.

- ◆ A German group led by Dr. Johny Thonipara visited the Sultan Shahi project on 29th January 2015.
- ◆ Dr. John Huberg from the US visited the Sultan Shahi project on 3rd March 2015.

Other Activities

- ◆ The project staff attended 'Children's Just Peace Education' workshop organized by ICF from 11th to 15th June 2014 at HMI campus.
- ◆ Monthly project staff meetings were organized at the Sultan Shahi project where all the project staff presented their monthly reports along with next month's plan.

Young Men's Initiative Programmes

One of the most susceptible groups to communal riots is young men, hence HMI believes that for sustainable peace building it's very essential to attend to their needs and channelize their energies in a constructive way. This project is implemented at Sultan Shahi in the Old City of Hyderabad. Here various activities are being organized based on the interests and needs of the young men. The following is the overview of the project during the past year:

Capacity building training for young men

A training programme on 'Peace Building and Conflict Transformation' was organized for Forty five Hindu and Muslim young men in February 2015. Sessions on 'Conflict', 'Peace' and its related aspects were taken up using participatory methodology. The young men were involved in group work sessions in order to help them learn from each other's perspectives and experiences. They brought in a lot of enthusiasm and shared their understanding through various group presentations.

Personality Development Training

A Personality development training programme was organized for fifty young Hindu and Muslim young men in February 2015. Mr. Abdullah, a Physics lecturer was invited as a resource person for this programme. He inspired all the participants by giving a brilliant heart touching motivational talk. The students benefited a lot from the tips which he shared for improving their educational as well as personal growth and development. Moreover he didn't charge any fee for the programme and instead offered voluntary service.

Career Counseling Programme

A Career Counseling programme was organized for fifty young Hindu and Muslim men in February 2015. Three young professionals who are part of a student's group volunteered as resource people for this programme. They gave a lot of information to the students on the different career choices that they can make and the different growth aspects related to it. They also guided the students on how to prepare oneself for a career in a particular field.

Vocational/Technical training

Twenty five young men passed out the 'A/C & Refrigeration' course and fifteen men successfully completed the 'Computer Hardware' course. These young men were awarded with certificates for the above courses. These technical courses continue to meet the needs of the young men.

'Typing classes' are carried out with twenty five students participating in it.

Peace Meetings

Two peace meetings were conducted in view of ‘Ganesh Festival’ and ‘6th December (Black day)’ in September and December 2014 respectively. Seventy young men from both Hindu and Muslim backgrounds participated in the meetings.

Interfaith Festivals

- ◆ ‘Iftar party’ was celebrated in July 2014 with sixty young men from both Hindu and Muslim backgrounds. The young men from the community organized the celebration by contributing fruits for the Iftar.
- ◆ ‘Independence Day’ was celebrated on 15th August 2014 with twenty five Hindu and Muslim young men. On this occasion the national flag was hoisted and sweets distributed to promote patriotism among the Hindu and Muslim young men.
- ◆ ‘Bakrid’ was celebrated with forty Hindu and Muslim young men in October 2014. The celebration was marked by distribution of sweets and sharing information about the background of the festival.
- ◆ ‘Diwali’ was celebrated with forty five young men in October 2014. Hindu young men shared the background and significance of the celebration.
- ◆ ‘Shivaratri’ was celebrated with forty young men in February 2015. Hindu young men shared the background of the celebration and the significance of fasting staying awake all night on this occasion.

World AIDS Day Programme

‘World AIDS Day’ was observed on 1st December 2014. An interactive quiz session for Forty Hindu and Muslim young men was conducted. Apart from this, Painting and slogan writing competitions on HIV/AIDS were organized for the young men to display their knowledge /message through creative skills.

Outing /Picnic

An Outing /Picnic trip was organized in March 2015 involving fifty young Hindu and Muslim men to a picnic spot in Hyderabad. The young men enjoyed the trip and bonded with the youth from other faith backgrounds.

Mini Library / Reading room

Reading room continues with newspapers, employment magazines and sports magazines. Newspapers in English and local languages (Urdu and Telugu) were provided at the reading room. Thirty young men availed this facility.

Partnering for Peace with Young NGO’s

Under this project HMI is continuing to support three organizations- MSS, SPANDANA and PADMAPANI. The aim is to promote the concepts of peace building, interfaith relations and communal harmony in the riot prone areas of Telangana state.

During the course of the year HMI conducted one training programme on ‘Understanding Conflict & Peace building Skills’ for the above partner NGOs. The following is a brief overview of the activities they organized in their respective project areas from April 2014 to March 2015:

MahilaSahyog Society (MSS)



- ◆ MSS is working in six sensitive neighborhoods of Old City of Hyderabad. It organized basic education program with the support of 'Siasat' Urdu newspaper. Apart from this basic Computer education was also offered for 56 Hindu and Muslim needy women and school drop outs.
- ◆ MSS provided craft training for 40 Hindu and Muslim women in various arts and crafts like tailoring, seashell work, banjara work, fancy ladi making, flower making, etc. These women are also empowered economically by provision of job work by which they are able to earn around Rs 120-150/ per day.
- ◆ Festivals like 'Iftar', 'Diwali', 'Sankranti', 'Sri Ram Navami', etc, were celebrated by involving 150 Hindu and Muslim women, men and children.
- ◆ Monthly community level meetings with women were organized where discussions were held on issues like communal harmony, education, health, legal help, self help group making, self employment & environment.
- ◆ General health camps and monthly health checkups were organized in coordination with the local Government hospitals that benefited around 200 community people. Awareness programmes on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria were conducted through audio visual presentations.

Spandana

- ◆ SPANDANA continues to work with women and youth in the communally sensitive areas of Saidabad Mandal of the Old City of Hyderabad.
- ◆ SPANDANA organized monthly community level meetings with Hindu and Muslim women at the target areas. Some of the topics discussed during these meetings were alternate sources of employment, women's rights, legal issues, health issues, home based remedies for general illnesses, leadership, child rights, savings, sexual abuse, entrepreneurship, etc.
- ◆ Skill development programmes like tailoring courses were organized by SPANDANA in its project area at MoosaramBagh. Apart from this 3 day training programmes in Surf, Phenyl, Vaseline and Candle making were organized for the women at Kishanbagh.
- ◆ With the aim of creating awareness on peace among school children, SPANDANA organized more than twenty programmes in different schools in its target areas. Some of the topics discussed during these programmes were 'Living in Peace amidst conflict situations', 'Environment and global peace', 'Environment and globalization', etc. More than 3000 children participated in the above programmes.

Padmapani

- ◆ PADMAPANI continues to work in the vulnerable localities of Kama Reddy town, a communally sensitive area, in Nizamabad District of Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ PADMAPANI organized a Peace rally in Kama Reddy town in November 2014 to create awareness on peace and communal harmony. Around 300 students from different colleges participated in the Rally. Students performed street plays and exhibited placards and slogans on peace and harmony. An essay writing competition on 'Role of Youth in Peace and Harmony' was also organized for 200 youth from local colleges.
- ◆ A training course in tailoring was organized at Ashok Nagar Colony from July to September 2014. Thirty Hindu and Muslim women and young girls took up the training and were awarded with certificates

on its completion. Some of the trained women have started working at tailoring shops and some of them are planning to work from their homes. A Mehndi designing course was also organized at Devunpally colony in December 2014. Eighteen Hindu & Muslim girls received not just their training certificates, but also a sister, a family and a support system at the training centre.

- ◆ An Iftar Party was organized in July 2014 at Vidyanagar Colony in Kama Reddy town. More than 320 Hindu and Muslim community members along with local politicians, public representatives and civil society members participated in the celebration. The chief guest requested all the participants to celebrate interfaith festivals with unity and peace. A nine day long 'Dandiya(Folk dance)Programme' was organized by PADMAPANI during the Dusserah festival. The programme started during night time from 8:30 pm till midnight. The programme saw women and youth from different religious backgrounds participating in it as a sign of extending friendship with their Hindu Friends. The best Dandiya players were awarded with prizes.

HIV/AIDS Project

- ◆ Thirty Six HIV/AIDS awareness programmes were organized for 560 Hindu and Muslim women at Sultan Shahi, Shanker Nagar and Chandrayangutta project areas. The peer educators continue to facilitate these monthly awareness programmes by creating a friendly space for the community women to learn about HIV/AIDS.
- ◆ Assistance was provided for nine people living with HIV and AIDS (PLHA) from three project areas of HMI to avail ART medication from Government hospitals. The peer educators regularly monitor these positive cases through counseling them and examining their medication usage. Apart from this their nutritional and hygiene habits are also supervised.
- ◆ Monthly review meetings were organized for the peer educators to provide them with space to share about their work and challenges they face in the field and learn from each other's experiences. The peer educators' work is monitored through monthly report cards where they report the number of women they reached in the communities.
- ◆ World AIDS Day event was organized at the project areas on 1st December 2014, with 130 Hindu and Muslim women. Competitions like slogan writing, painting and quiz were conducted and gifts distributed to all the participants.
- ◆ 6683 women in the community were educated through one to one interactive sessions and 1700 of them through group sessions. 2322 IEC booklets were used & distributed in Urdu & Telugu languages. 2559 condom demos were conducted and 730 condoms were distributed in the communities. During the visits 341 STI suspect cases were identified and referred for treatment. The peer educators are doing the follow-up of these cases.
- ◆ The peer educators continue creating awareness among the community women on HIV/AIDS by going door to door in the project areas. The peer educators counsel and motivate the STI/HIV suspect cases and take them for the tests to the nearest ICTCs.

HMI-AWRC Activities at Chennai

HMI had started a new project for a period of one in coordination with Asian Women's Resource Centre at Chennai with help of ICCO Cooperation, Netherlands and the project is executed by Ms. Jessica Richards as a Project consultant. The following activities took place during the period.

Networking activities:

- ◆ **19 July 2014-** Coordinator participated in one-day workshop on "A Comparative Study of the Identity & Social Distinctions among Indian Christians at home & in the Diaspora"(Sponsored by the International Connections Committee, American Academy of Religion) at Inter-Church Services Association (ICSA), Egmore, and Chennai.



- ◆ HMI/AWRC Project Consultant was moderator and facilitator for the session on “Grounds for Identity & Relationality & Repositioning Indian Christian Forms of Life”. 35 participants attended.

Reaching out to Women’s Studies Centers in India

- ◆ In November 2014 HMI/AWRC drew up a list of Women’s Studies Centers in India to network with. This included both secular as well as theological/religious/ecumenical institutions.
- ◆ We then reached out (through mailers/brochures & personal letters/calls) to:
- ◆ # 32 Women’s Studies Centers/Women’s Studies Departments all over India;
- ◆ # 11 Women’s Studies Centers within Tamil Nadu and
- ◆ # 11 Indian Ecumenical organisations in India.

It was introduced our purpose and focus of work and extended invitation and opportunity to all the Centers to collaborate with us on joint programs related to women’s issues, women’s rights, justice issues related to women and law/women and work, women and religious issues, and women’s studies or gender studies in general. Some of these Centers have responded positively and specific plans will be worked out after close discussion with these Centers.

16-18 December 2014: Project Consultant participated in a closed meeting jointly organized by India Peace Centre, Nagpur and Diaconal Concerns of Church of South India (CSI): “Peace Conclave: Called to be Peacemakers” Venue: CSI Centre, Chennai. About 35 people from different NGOs all over India attended.

Website:

We have had various challenges during the transition to sort out the website and domain related matters which took up much of the Coordinator’s time and energies between the months August and September to resolve. We have finally managed to sort it out and the Coordinator is in the process of updating the content of the website as the earlier website had content uploaded only until 2009. This is tedious and time-consuming work and being short-handed on staff, this too has fallen on the Coordinator to complete. The website is now up and running albeit with limited functionalities.

Interns:

Between 15 Dec 2014 and 15 January 2015, centre hosted 2 interns who had applied to work with us. These young were accepted as “Tech interns” as they were both students of BSc. Computer Science at Loyola College, Nungambakkam, and Chennai.

Keerthan Sergius Robert & Karthikeyan were given an orientation to the life and work of AWRC by the Coordinator. They were then put to work on the unpacking, arrangement and streamlining of stocks that had

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not been organized since it was relocated to India. As Tech interns their task was to arrange all the stocks in order, stock taking and logging in stock taking in the computer as well as devise a systems for the AWRC library books to be catalogued and easily searchable in a user-friendly software.

Programs:

Project Consultant continued to have e-discussions with Dr. Lieve Troch of Netherlands, to finalise dates for the India feminist theology workshop scheduled for 2014 which had to be postponed to 2015 both for financial reasons and due to dates unavailability for both the resource persons as well as prospective participants.

The feminist theology workshop for India is schedule from 8th to 11th June 2015 at a venue on East Coast Road in Chennai, India on a the theme “Power & Violence Within Theological Education”.

General Administration:

HMI too is a living and life-giving Institute, it likewise possess a silent and dynamic administrative system. The overall systems and practices are going in a smooth way without any hurdles. Lots of infrastructural activities are ongoing in and around the campus which includes laying of Concrete roads inside the campus, maintenance of garden. Interiors work executed in couple of rooms with adding furniture and fixtures. The External part of the Program building was painted after 8 years. The conference halls are air-conditioned and paintings work done in inside the Halls. Most of the major equipment are under comprehensive annual maintenance contracts which include computers & printers telephones, generator, Transformer, Elevator, UPS, Photocopier and other electrical equipments. Regular maintenances done to our vehicles Innova and Scorpio in order to be in good condition. The institute has acquired original licenses for windows software’s – Operating Systems and MS office systems from Micro Soft Company.

The additions of assets to the buildings are covered under Standard Fire and Special Peril Policy. The Institute has extended the Group Medical Insurance from Staff to its family members with coverage of Rs 2.00 lacs per family with Videocon Liberty Health Insurance covering 99 family members.

Regarding the property tax waiver at Sivarampally site, the present case is pending with The High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad, for the state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Staff Matters:

New Appointments:

Mr. Pranay bin Coymin Tasmin Hiyal

Mr. S. S. Waheed Ullah Hussaini

Ms. Bhargavi Ale

Outgoings:

Ms. Rehmat,

Dr. Qadeer Khawaja

Community News:

This year too HMI celebrated different religious and national events. During this year we had celebrated festivals like Ramadan, Diwali and Christmas in a grand scale with HMI Community and their families. The staff also went an outing to a local resort and some of the staff from hostel and admin went to five day retreat at Delhi.



Hostel (Aman Shanti Nilayam) :

- ◆ HMI's hostel, Aman Shanti Nilayam, is a home for our students and all those visiting HMI for various programmes of HMI as well as Programmes conducted by other GOs and NGOs in our premises. This year had been an year of continuous activities and several organizations availed of the facilities of our hostel, generating considerable revenue for the institute. These included both government as well as non-government organizations such as AMR – Andhra Pradesh Academy of Rural Development (APARD), Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), National Consultation on Disabilities Legislation (NCDL),
- ◆ Non-government organizations such as Prajwala, Helpage India, Action Aid, Edu Bridge, Brook India, Interfaith Coalition for Peace, CSI Pastors from Kerala, T.N., Karnataka & A.P., Chindu group from Assam, Mehalaya, Odisha etc. UAE Exchange, NCCI, Ignies Career, POP (AKSHARA), U.K. Pastors, Pastors from Germany, Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abivridi Sangam, OCFP-HID Bangalore, Indian Missionary Society – Coimbatore, Reliance Foundation, WASSAN, Uravukal from Chennai, Andhra Christian Theological College, Chindu group, Edubridge group and many others.
- ◆ Hostel is hectic with several programs. It is a common space of much interaction. People from different religious, caste, ethnic, linguistic and regional backgrounds stay here together and experience a oneness which is basic to all our humanity.
- ◆ We have made several efforts to upgrade our hostel facilities and take it to a step ahead. These include altering a room as kitchen store and arranging it with few new containers with labels and cooking vessels etc. We also upgraded 4 more rooms with AC & geysers. Procured new bed sheets and towels. Painting rooms in the first floor is on progress. Planting a variety of plants and vegetation in the garden is a constant feature. Our facilities are attracting not only to humans but a variety of birds.

Meetings & Travels:

Over the last several Months, I had visited and attended numerous useful meetings, including with a Chinese Interfaith delegation in Delhi, an Interfaith gathering in Bhubaneswar, an NCCI meet and the North-East Baptist Women's Council workshop at Shilong, the NCCI Sri Lanka Board Meeting in Sri Lanka, BBI Board Meeting at Chennai on 22nd April 2014, NCCI Centenary Meeting at APCC office with Dr. Oliver on 29th May 2014, USPG Meeting at London from 21-24 June 2014, NIFCON Meeting at London on 25th June 2014, 1st time in HMI's History Alumnae Meeting at London was held on 26th & 27th of July 2014, on 28th July 2014 I went to Amsterdam for a meeting with ICCO Cooperation which held for three days. On 1st August I was back after successful Alumni Meet & Meeting with funding partners of UK, Netherlands. Meeting with Norwegian Church Partners at Delhi on 8th July 2014, Serampore Commission Meeting at Calvin Institute of Theology. Meeting with Mrs. Karin Bodin (Programme officer) Church of Sweden at Delhi, CSI Global Ecumenical Partners Meeting at Chennai for two days, ICCO Meeting at Delhi on 24th November 2014, Meeting with Pro. Vice chancellor of MANUU, Meeting with Rev. Dr. Philip Baker (ELCA) on 9th February 2015, CISRS Meeting at Chennai on 23-24th of February 2015.

Visitors and Partners HMI

During the period it was my privilege to receive a number of visitors and partners including: Philip Baker (Regional Representative for Theological Education and Church Relations in Asia) ELCA, USA, Johny Thonipara (Secretary for Development and Partnership, Asia Center for Ecumenical Work Evangelische Kirche in Hesse and Nassau-EKHN, Frankfurt, Germany, Corrie van Der Ven, Program officer- India, ICCO Cooperation, Netherlands, Tim Harford, Director of Fundraising and Communications, and

Revd. James Grenfell, -USPG, UK. , Dr. John Hubers, Assistant Professor of Religion, Northwestern College, USA. Bonnie Price Lofton, Editor-in-Chief Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia, USA, Mr.Prakash Thankachan, Mennonite Central Committee-India, Gordon Nickle, Visiting Professor from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Canada, Mohan Larbeer,Secretary, Board of Theological Educate of the Senate of Serampore College, Santanu K.Patro, Registrar, Senate of Serampore College, Prof. Khwaja M. Shahid, Pro Vice Chancellor,Maulana Azad National Urdu University,