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1. INTRODUCTION

We, the Chairman Bishop of TNLBC-Anpiums, the Secretary and the Regional Service Team, are pleased to share the Anpium activities carried out in the Region towards the promotion of Anpiums, to this august body of TNLBC in its annual meeting to be held in SCAD Engineering College, Cheranmahadevi, Palayamkottai from 20th to 25th of July 2009.

2. WITH GRATITUDE

2.1. We thank TNLBC for its continuous appreciation, encouragement to implement its pastoral plan having Anpium as its Pastoral Priority and for having given the directives to form Parish Pastoral Councils from Anpiums, and for all other Parish activities through Anpiums. We thank all the Bishops especially the Bishops and Secretaries in Deepam Trust for having allotted the available place for Anpium works, sharing and seminars.

2.2. We sincerely thank the Advisor Bishops of all five zones for their valuable support and guidance to promote Anpium activities in those zones

2.3. We thank and appreciate the sacrifices and activities of the lay voluntary animators.

3. CONSOLIDATED DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES:

There are lots of activities being done in the grass- root level in the Anpiums, Parishes and Dioceses. Here is the consolidated report of all those activities.

3.1. Bishops' Visits to Anpiums: According to the reports of the Secretaries, many Bishops are visiting Anpiums as part of their Pastoral visit to the Parishes.

3.2. Clergy Recollections: In Vellore (80 Priests) and Thanjavur (32 Priests) Dioceses recollection meetings were organized in which the Priests were convinced of Anpiums as Pastoral Priority and they were cleared of their apprehensions and doubts about Anpium.

3.3. Participation of the Religious: The Secretaries are trying to induct the Religious in the Diocesan Team. In Trichy they have got the Religious in the Diocesan Team. Groups of Religious were given training to form and renew Anpiums in Trichy, Thanjavur, Pondy, Sivagangai and Madurai Dioceses.

3.4. Seminarians: Seminarians from Good Shepherd (Coimbatore), St.Pauls (Trichy) and Sacred Heart (Chennai) Seminaries received exposures in Anpiums in Thanjavur, Dindigul and Salem Dioceses respectively.

3.5. Laity in Anpium Activities: Laity was given training to conduct Anpium meetings and to bring the Spirit of Anpium in the following Dioceses: Kottar, Palayamkottai, Tuticorin, Madurai, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Trichy, Salem, Dharmapuri, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Ooty, Coimbatore, Pondy and Chennai.

3.6. Diocesan Co-ordinations: Diocesan Co-ordination has been systematically done in Palayamkottai, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Salem, Trichy, Tuticorin, Chennai and Chengalpattu.

3.7. Diocesan Service Team: Diocesan Service Team has been formed and actively working in Chengalpattu, Tuticorin, Salem, Palaymkottai, Kottar, Chennai, Sivagangai, Trichy and Thanjavur Dioceses.

3.8. Vicariate Co-ordinations: Vicariate Seminars and Vicariate team formation had been successfully conducted in Chengalpattu, Vellore, Salem, Dharmapuri, Trichy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Sivagangai, Palayamkottai, Tuticorin, and Kottar Dioceses.

3.9. Parish Renewal Programmes: Parish Anpium renewal had been done in few Parishes of Salem, Chengalpattu, Thanjavur, Ooty, Coimbatore, Vellore, Pondy, Trichy, Kottar, Tuticorin, Madurai and Palayamkottai Dioceses.

3.10. ANPIAM Newsletters / Magazines: ANPIAM Newsletters / Magazines are being circulated in Chennai, Salem, Chengalpattu, Thanjavur, Trichy, Kottar, Tuticorin, and Sivagangai Dioceses.

4. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The Regional Service Team is working to strengthen Zonal Service Teams under Advisor Bishops, Diocesan Teams and Vicariate Teams, to start Anpiums in the parishes where there is no Anpium and to regularly renew the Anpiums in other places.

4.1. Co-ordination of Volunteers: There are lots of lay volunteers, interested to work to form Anpiums and to renew them where needed and when necessary. At present we have gathered and coordinated 42 Volunteers and inducted them into Regional Service Team. Following are their details.

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

| Name | Diocese | Name | Diocese |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|
| S. Gnanaraj Ramar | Trichy | S. Augustinraj | Coimbatore |
| S. Antony Dass | Trichy | Alphonsemary | Salem |
| D. Joseph raj | Sivagangai | M. Mariya | Salem |
| A. Charli | Salem | A. Kalajosephine | Coimbatore |
| S. Lourdu | Trichy | S. Jeyaraj | Trichy |
| V. Robinston | Tuticorin | Sheeba Rajesh | Coimbatore |
| Sr. Lea | Tuticorin | A. Raju | Madurai |
| Mrs. T. Jeyaseeli | Trichy | L. Martin Gracy | Coimbatore |
| Sr. L. Vimala | Coimbatore | Catherin | Coimbatore |
| C. Vincent Caedoze | Trichy | P. Thatheu | Coimbatore |
| John Monoharan | Salem | M. Arther | Coimbatore |
| Joseph Ravikumar | Coimbatore | Titus | Coimbatore |
| I. Fathima | Salem | R. Rosy | Madurai |
| P. Sathianesan | Kottar | S. A. Joe Rex | Trichy |
| Delphin Segar | Madurai | A. Shopiya | Madurai |
| A. Mariya | Madurai | Antonyraj | Salem |
| Chithra | Madurai | M. Arulraj | Madurai |
| S. Pushpamary | Salem | A. Raju | Madurai |
| K. Soosaimanickam | Coimbatore | S. Ambika | Madurai |
| Hepsipa | Coimbatore | Bercmans | Madurai |
| C. Zaccarius | Coimbatore | Kottar | Madurai |
| Victoriyamary | Salem | A. Raja | Madurai |
| Helan | Ooty | M. A. Raj | Madurai |
| Reginamary | Salem | Benjamin | Madurai |
| S. Adhiyanathan | Palaymkkottai | R. Santhiyagu | Dindigul |
| C. Vasanthamary | Salem | | |

4.2. Formation of Volunteers: In order to strengthen the Regional Service Team we had Training Programmes and an empowering meeting on 31.05.09

| Programme | Resource Persons |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1.St.Paul Team Training | Fr.Theoplus ,Thanjavur |
| 2.Moses Leadership Training | Mr.Joe O'Callaghan & Ms.Tresa, Ireland |

These programmes gave them more clarity about Anpnam and helped them to commit themselves to the cause of building the Body of Christ, the Church.

4.3. Zonal Service Teams: To facilitate the Anpnam work effectively, we have initiated the process of forming 5 Zonal Service Teams, each having an Advisor Bishop. Already we had preliminary meetings in all the 5 Zones and a small core team has been formed to continue supporting each diocese in the zone.

ST. THOMAS ZONE

(North Zone)

Dioceses : Madras - Mylapore, Chengalpattu, Pondy-Cuddalore and Vellore

Advisor Bishop : **Most. Rev. Dr. Neethinathan**, Bishop of Chengalpattu

Coordinator Secretary : **Rev. Fr. George Stephen**, Chengalpattu

Regional Helper : **Bro. Gnanaraj Ramar**

Zonal Coordinators : 1. Mr. Raj Kumar
2. Mr. Joseph Selvaraj
3. Mr. Rajarethinam
4. Mr. Samuel

Regional Voluntary Members: 1. Mr. Antony
2. Mrs. Rosy Antony
3. Mrs. Jeyasheeli
4. Sr. Helan
5. Mr. A. Raju

Zonal Team Members (Diocesan Representatives / Volunteers)

1. Mr. Francis Xavier, Chengalpattu
2. Mrs. Jovana Sampath, Vellore
3. Ms. Prema, Chennai
4. Mrs. Sagayamary, Pondy

No. of Meetings : One

Date and Place : 17th Nov. 2008, Bishop's House, Chengalpattu

Plans for the Zone : 1. Volunteers Training
2. Zonal SCC Convention
3. Formation of SCCs in Parishes where SCCs are not started.

ST. ALPHONSA ZONE

(West zone)

Dioceses : Coimbatore, Ooty, Salem and Dharmapuri

Advisor Bishop : **Most Rev. Dr. Amal Raj.** Bishop of Ooty

Coordinator Secretary : **Rev. Fr. Edward Rajan,** Salem

Regional Helper : **Bro. S. Antony Dass**

Zonal Coordinators : 1. Mr. Amalraj
2. Mr. Sekar
3. Mr. Amalraj
4. Fr. Adhiruban, Dharmapuri

Regional Voluntary Members: 1. Mr. Amalraj
2. Mr. Rajesh
3. Mr. Titus
4. Mr. Ruban
5. Mr. Sekar

Zonal Team Members (Diocesan Representatives / Volunteers)

1. Mr. Rajesh, Coimbatore
2. Mr. Kamalanathan, Salem
3. Mr. Raja Sekar, Ooty
4. F. Amalraj Salem

No. of Meetings : One

Date and Place : 27.11.2008, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Coimbatore

Plans for the Zone : 1. Formation of Diocesan Resource Persons for SCC
2. Production of VCD on SCC

ST. JOHN DE BRITTO ZONE
(Central Zone)

- Dioceses** : Madurai, Dindigul and Sivagangai
- Advisor Bishop** : **Most Rev. Dr. S. SoosaiManickam**, Bishop of Sivagangai
- Coordinator Secretary** : **Rev. Fr. Jesuraj**
- Regional Helper** : **Bro. A. Charli**
- Zonal Coordinators** : 1. Mrs. Delphin Segar
2. Mr. R. Santhiyagu
3. Mr. S. Sagayaraj
- Regional Voluntary Members:** 1. Mrs. Delphin Segar
2. Mrs. Mariya
3. Mrs. Kala Josephine
4. Sr. Vimala
5. Mr. Soosaimanickam
6. Mr. Robinston
- Zonal Team Members (Diocesan Representatives / Volunteers)**
1. Mr. Arulraj, Sivagangai
2. Mr. James, Madurai
3. Mr. John, Dindigul
- No. of Meetings** : Two
- Dates and Places** : 10.11.2008, Irai Amaithi Cholai, Madurai and
14, 15.02.2009, Vianni Pastoral Centre, Sivagangai,
- Plans for the Zone** : 1. Basic Introductory Workshop in all Parishes
2. Production of Audio CD on SCC
3. Formation of Diocesan Resource Persons for SCC

ST. XAVIER ZONE

(South zone)

- Dioceses** : Palayamkottai, Tuticorin and Kottar
- Advisor Bishop** : **Most Rev. Dr. Jude Paulraj**, Bishop of Palayamkottai
- Coordinator Secretary** : **Rev. Fr. Jesudass**
- Regional Helper** : **Bro. D. Joseph Raj**
- Zonal Coordinators** : 1. Mr. Navis
2. Mr. Patric Morris
3. Mr. Selvamani
- Regional Voluntary Members:** 1. Sr. Lea
2. Mrs. Fathima
3. Ms. Pushpamary
4. Mr. Athisayanathan
5. Mr. Arther
6. Mr. John Manoharan
7. Mr. Sathyanesan
- Zonal Team Members (Diocesan Representatives / Volunteers)**
1. Mr. John Irudayaraj, Palayamkottai
2. Mrs. Agatha, Tuticorin
3. Mr. Jeysingh, Kottar
- No. of Meetings** : Two
- Dates and Places** : 12.11.2008, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Palayamkottai and
31.01 & 01.02.2009, Thembavani Thottam, Palayamkottai.
- Plans for the Zone** : 1. Zonal SCC Convention
2. Formation of SCCs in Parishes where SCCs are not started.
3. Leadership Training

OUR LADY OF HEALTH ZONE

(East Zone)

- Dioceses** : Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Trichy
- Advisor Bishop** : **Most. Rev. Dr. Anthonisamy**, Bishop of Kumbakonam
- Coordinator Secretary** : **Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu**, Trichy Diocese
- Regional Helper** : **Mr. Lourdhu**
- Zonal Coordinators** : 1.
2.
3.
- Regional Voluntary Members:** 1. Mr. Jayaraj
2. Mr. Zacharias
3. Mrs. Vasantha
4. Miss. Victoria
5. Mrs. Reginamary
6. Mr. Vincent
- Zonal Team Members (Diocesan Representatives / Volunteers)**
1. Mr. S. Xavier, Thanjavur
 2. Mr. Jeevanatham, Kumbakonam
 3. Mr. Eronimus, Trichy
- No. of Meetings** : One
- Date and Place** : 25th Nov. 2008, Pastoral Centre, Kumbakonam
- Plans for the Zone** : Formation of One “Model SCC Parish” in the Diocese
(By the Diocesan & the Regional Team)

4.4. Animating Diocesan Teams: In Salem, Sivagangai and Palayamkottai Dioceses we have Diocesan Animators Teams, having the theological foundations of Anpam and the practical training to form Pastoral Team in each Anpam and a Coordinating team in the Parishes.

4.5. Vicariate Teams: Out of 100 Vicariates in Tamil Nadu we have formed Teams in 66 Vicariates after conducting basic Anpam Seminar. We had given the lists of Team members to the Diocesan Secretaries to have Following.

| | | | |
|--------------|------|---------------|-----|
| Chennai | 0/10 | Trichy | 4/4 |
| Vellore | 8/8 | Kumbakonam | 0/6 |
| Chengalpattu | 7/7 | Madurai | 4/7 |
| Pondy | 0/11 | Sivagangai | 5/5 |
| Salem | 5/5 | Dindugul | 0/3 |
| Dharmapuri | 5/5 | Palayamkottai | 3/3 |
| Coimbatore | 1/7 | Kottar | 4/4 |
| Ooty | 0/5 | Tuticorin | 3/5 |
| Thanjavur | 4/5 | | |

4.6. Renewing Anpiams in Parishes: Regional Service Team went to No of Parishes in the Region on the request of the Parish Priests and after due information to the Diocesan Secretaries. The volunteers stayed in the Anpiams, visited all the houses, formed Pastoral team in the Anpiams and taught them how to conduct Anpam meetings. They conducted basic Anpam Seminar in the parish and formed a team of coordinators for the parish in the presence of the Parish Priests.

| S.No | Parish | Diocese |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Metupalayam Parish | Coimbatore |
| 2 | Chethupat Parish | Chengalpattu |
| 3 | Coonnor Parish | Ooty |
| 4 | Hosur Parish | Dharmapuri |
| 5 | Kothagiri Parish | Ooty |
| 6 | Ramapuram Parish | Chengalpattu |
| 7 | Boys Company Parish | Ooty |
| 8 | Palayamkottai Parish | Palayamkottai |
| 9 | Solinganallur Parish | Chengalpattu |
| 10 | Edapady Parish | Salem |
| 11 | Melapudur Parish | Trichy |
| 12 | Sivakasi Parish | Madurai |
| 13 | Senthamangalam Parish | Salem |
| 14 | Rasipuram Parish | Salem |
| 15 | Namunasamutharam Parish | Thanjavur |
| 16 | OFT Parish | Trichy |
| 17 | Viluppuram Parish | Pondy |
| 18 | Kandal Cross Parish | Ooty |
| 19 | St.Mary's Parish | Ooty |
| 20 | Kalugumalai Parish | Palaykkottai |
| 21 | Manapparai Parish | Trichy |
| 22 | Irudhayapuram Parish | Kottar |

- 4.7. International Team in the Region:** Organized by the national team, the **International Team, Rev. Fr. Joseph Marrine from Brazil and Rev. Fr. Jerry Procter from England**, came for a course on Methodology in Oct 23-25, 2008. They taught new methods of conducting Anpiams from their experiences and the participants were Priests, Religious and Laity. The Regional team as well as the participants benefited from their sharing and sessions.
- 4.8. National Team in the Region:** A Representative, Mr. Joseph from DIIPA National Team visited the Region and has reported in the national SCC newsletter about our activities. They have appreciated our systematic practical trainings and the team of Lay Volunteers. They have also published the success stories from our Region.
- 4.9. Regional Team in the National programmes:** The Regional Team actively Participated and shared the Anpam activities in the following National programmes.
- 4.9.1. DIIPA Core Team Meeting:** DIIPA (Developing Indian Integral Pastoral Approach) Core Team Meeting was held in July 2008, at NBCLC. Two Regional Co-ordinators shared in the Core Team about the Anpam activities and regarding the new methods we follow in Tamilnadu.
- 4.9.2. National Seminar on SCCs and Pious Associations:** On Sept. 23 – 25, 2008 National Service Team for Promotion of Anpiams in India, called for a seminar on ‘SCCs and Pious Associations’. Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas was one of the special invitees for the seminar. TN Secretary presented a paper on the topic. There were 13 participants from our Regional Team among them. Our teaching materials and activities were introduced in this seminar and was well appreciated.
- 4.9.3. Laity Formation for Volunteers in NBCLC:** Six of our Lay Voluntary animators participated in the Laity Formation Programme in NBCLC on May 1-5, 2009. They got benefited from this National Tamil Programme and convinced of the Laity Participation in the Life and Mission of the Church.
- 4.10. Regional Anpam with other Regional Commissions:** There were opportunities to collaborate with Regional Commissions for Laity (13 Dec. 2008), Family (10 May. 2009), Bible (1 July. 2009) and Social Service (5 June. 2009). We are grateful to the Secretaries of these Commissions.
- 4.11 Distribution of Tamil New Testaments:** 10,000 New Testament Copies (BSI Edition) with due permission from the Chairman of the Bible Commission, were distributed to youth and children of our Region.
- 4.12. www.smallchristiancommunities.org/india/:** Now we have got the possibilities of posting our articles and reports in the international SCC networking website. They do appreciate and publish our system of Anpam activities in their website. We are grateful to them in the name of TNLBC.
- 4.13. New Diocesan Secretaries:** We extend a very warm and cordial Welcome to the 8 newly appointed Diocesan Secretaries out of 17 Diocesan Secretaries of our Region.

4.14. Anpnam Sunday: On 13 January 2009 most of the Parishes in Tamil Nadu celebrated the Anpnam Sunday. The liturgical leaflet prepared by the Regional Team was used in the celebration and appreciated.

4.15 GBM and EBM: This year, we had Two General Body Meetings (7, 8 June, 2008, 22 April, 2009) and one Executive Body Meeting (26 July, 2008) where the vision statement of TNLBC had been discussed and action plan evolved.

5. EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES:

- Through the Regional Training Programmes the Regional Team and the Diocesan Teams have learnt the methods of conducting Seminars and field works, so as to bring ANPIAM mentality for the members and to develop the ANPIAMS.
- Formation of Zonal Teams and Vicariate Teams has given the opportunity for many to participate in ANPIAM Activities with clarity and right focus.
- We were able to identify people who would volunteer to work for the Church. With the help of the Booklets and Materials prepared, they are able to explain the need, concept and Methods of ANPIAM. They are empowered to convince persons regarding the urgency and priority of ANPIAMS in the Pastoral Ministry

We are able to identify the areas till needing attention:

- Need of on-going training programmes and workshops and awareness programmes for the Pastoral Teams in Anpnam, Parishes, Vicariates, Dioceses and Zones.
- Need of Anpnam Seminars for Priests, Religious, Catechists, Teachers, Seminarians, Evangelizers, Prayer group leaders.
- Need of preparing quality Anpnam materials such as handouts, pamphlets, CDs, VCDs etc.
- Need of addressing enmity, casteism, gender inequality and lack of participation of men and youth in Anpnam Meetings.
- Need of directions regarding sharing food and collection of money in Anpnam.
- Need of Knowing alternative methods of conducting Anpnam Meetings
- Need of forming qualitative Anpnam
- Need of full time personnel to work for Anpnam.
- Need of co-ordination among all the commissions and their activities in building up of the Body of Christ, the Church.
- Need of formation of Anpnam in all the substations of the Parishes

6. PLAN OF ACTION 2009-2010:

1. Formation Programmes for the Secretaries.
2. Participation in AsIPA (Asian Integral Pastoral Approach) Vth General Assembly at Philippines from 20 – 28 Oct. 2009.
3. Development of Research Centre and Documentation Centre.
4. Distribution of New Testaments copies.
5. Year of Priests 2009 – 2010: To focus on “Priests & Anpnam Ministry”
6. To Organize the National Team Programme: 12 – 19 Sept. 2009
7. Theme for Anpnam Sunday: 10 Jan. 2010, “Youth & Anpnam”
8. All Parish Animators Meet: “Regional Anpnam Animators Convention.”
9. Strengthening of Zonal Teams.
10. Coordination and Dialogue with other Commissions
11. Formation of a Team of Religious for the Zones.

12. Formation of a Team of Priests for the Zones.
13. Preparation of Newsletters, DVDs, Audio CDs and Anpnam Materials.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS TO TNLBC:

1. Since few difficulties come up in Deepam Centre on the basis of membership in the Trust, we humbly request the Bishops to initiate the process of including Anpnam as one of the Members of Deepam Trust as directed by the Bishops at Deepam Trust Meeting on 3 June, 2009.
2. Since all the Diocesan secretaries are having other commitments and responsibilities we request all the Bishops to encourage the secretaries to form Diocesan Service Team, consisting of lay volunteers.
3. CBCI had directed us to start Anpnam in all the Parishes. TNLBC also has targeted to have Anpnam in all the Parishes and sub stations. We request the Bishops to give priority to start Anpnam where it has not been started yet.
4. In order to help the part time Diocesan Secretaries and to have continuity of activities even during their transfer, we request your Graces and Excellencies to appoint a Lay Volunteer Animator as the Assistant to the Diocesan Anpnam Secretaries.
5. The intention of the Donor of the Land is to have a Formation Centre for the Anpnam Animators. We request the TNLBC to direct us on how to use the Land.
6. We look forward to work in collaboration with all the Regional Commissions. We eagerly wait for your valuable suggestions regarding the same.

8. CONCLUSION:

We thank Your Graces, Your Excellencies and Dear Friends for having carefully listened to the Anpnam Activities in the Region for the year 2008-2009. Since Anpnam is the Pastoral Priority, we would like to listen to your valuable suggestions and guidelines in the promotion of Anpnam in Tamil Nadu.

Thanking you all,

Yours in Christ,

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