



# LIGHT

OF CHRIST INDIA COVENANT COMMUNITY

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The Light of Christ Covenant Community is a Catholic community, based in Bangalore, India successfully completed 17 years of its existence in the city. The Community consists of lay people who are single or married, working professionals and students. Mr. Christopher Correya the Asia Secretary of the International Association of Deliverance is the founder of this community; which is also recognized by the Archdiocese of Bangalore, India. The Community has been catering to the spiritual needs of the Christian community of India.

The Light of Christ Covenant Community is a member of “The Institute for World Evangelization—ICPE Mission”

## Called to Serve? Join Our Community!

Do you feel God’s call to serve in His Kingdom but aren’t sure where to begin? If you are drawn to be part of this community—whether through prayer, offering support, or becoming a member—we invite you to connect with us.

Let us walk with you on this journey of faith and service. Reach out today,



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# Highlights of the events

## Community Events



*Pics from National Meeting of Covenant Communities*

### March:

#### 17th Anniversary of Light of Christ Community:

Light of Christ Community celebrated completed 17 years on 25th March 2025. We had a thanksgiving mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis on 29th March evening at our usual meeting hall followed by a time of fellowship. We ended the meeting with a high tea.

#### 1st National Meeting of Covenant Communities—CCBI

LOC Founders, Co-ordinators and Rev. Fr. Francis were invited for the 1st National Meeting of Covenant Communities organized by Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) in collaboration with 'People of Praise' Covenant Community held in Vasai, Mumbai between 31st March—2nd April. Various covenant communities from all across India participated in this 3 day conference. Special guest, Bishop of Udaipur His Excellency Devaprasad Ganawa was present for this conference to encourage the communities to spread out and take the good news to the unreached in India. He spoke from his life experiences serving in remote parts of India and shared about the hardships and lessons learnt in the mission field, he also shared do's & don'ts that we need to remember when we launch out on missions in India.

This was a 'Meet & Greet' type of event mainly focusing on networking and various communities collaborating together for the greater glory of God. Each community was given an opportunity to introduce and elaborate on their mission, vision and activities that they have been involved in the past and also future programs where other communities could also participate. The Bishop of Udaipur & Rev. Fr Francis, Rev Fr. Raju & Rev. Fr. Thyagu con-celebrated the daily mass to enrich the participants spiritually .

It was a beautiful time of sharing and networking with each community . The conference ended with a 'Plan of action' meeting where the participants gathered together to brain storm and plan national level programs and events across India in collaboration with locally based communities.



*Pics from the 1st National Meeting of Covenant Communities organized by CCBI*



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### April

The LOC Retreat Team were invited to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Itarsi, Madhya Pradesh, a central Indian state to conduct a 3 day Deliverance Retreat for the parishnors. The audience were a mix of both English and Local language speaking, the parish priest Rev.Fr. William Vincent assisted in Live Translations of the teachings. The church was almost full and the number of people attending was unexpected. We had a beautiful time ministering to the spiritually hungry souls who were deeply involved in the sessions. Many were seeking spiritual guidance and help and approached the team for guidance. Each session was anointed, touching the hearts of the participants. The congregation involved themselves in the anointed praise & worship sessions and the adorations. The anointing session was filled with grace drawing more people closer to the Eucharist. The retreat ended beautifully as we could see the people filled with joy.



### Immaculate Conception Church, Mumbai

Bro. Christopher Correya, Cathy Correya and Rev.Fr.Francis were invited to Immaculate Conception Church, Borivali, Mumbai on 28th & 29th April 2025, to conduct a 2 day retreat on Deliverance & Healing for the parishnors. IC parish is one of the largest parish in Mumbai. There was good attendance of over 500 people attending the retreat on both days. Our Community members in Mumbai (Selwyn & Rachel Pires) along with their parish priest helped organize this retreat. Inspiring teachings and testimonies kept the audience engaged. Many who attended were hearing the teachings on the topic of Deliverance for the very first time in their lives and were very eager to know more. The retreat ended with a powerful anointing session.



### Community Seder Meal

On April 18th 2025, LOC community gathered for our Passover Seder meal at our meeting hall on Maundy Thursday.

This is our once year ceremonial celebration celebrated by all our communities world wide . It is a solemn celebration reminiscing the Passover by the Israelites while leaving from Egypt and down the generations where Jesus the lamb of God paid sacrificed himself on the cross and paid the price for all of us and giving us Salvation in return.



**Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The encounters 5. The merciful father. He was lost and has been found (Lk 15:32)**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

After reflecting on Jesus' encounters with some figures from the Gospel, I would like to pause, starting with this catechesis, on some parables. As we know, they are stories that draw on images and situations from everyday reality. That is why they also touch our lives. They provoke us. And they ask us to take a position: where am I in this story?

Let us begin with the most famous parable, the one that we perhaps all remember from when we were children: the parable of the father and the two sons (Lk 15:1-3, 11-32). In this we find the heart of the Gospel of Jesus, namely God's mercy.



The evangelist Luke says that Jesus tells this parable for the pharisees and the scribes, who lamented that He ate with sinners. This is why it could be said that it is a parable addressed to those who are lost, but do not know it, and judge others.

The Gospel is intended to give us a message of hope, because it tells us that wherever we are lost, and however we are lost, God always comes looking for us! Perhaps we have gone astray like a sheep, which has wandered off the path to graze, or fallen behind due to fatigue (cf. Lk 15:4-7). Or maybe we have been lost like a coin, which has perhaps fallen on the ground and can no longer be found, or someone has put it somewhere and cannot remember where. Or maybe we are lost like the two sons of this father: the youngest because he got tired of being in a relationship that he felt was too demanding; but the eldest is also lost, because it is not enough to stay at home if there is pride and resentment in his heart.

Love is always a commitment, there is always something that we must lose in order to go towards the other. But the younger son in the parable thinks only of himself, as happens in certain phases of childhood and adolescence. In reality, we also see around us many adults who are like this, who are unable to maintain a relationship because they are selfish. They delude themselves that they will find themselves and instead they lose themselves, because only when we live for someone do we truly live.

This younger son, like all of us, hungers for affection, he wants to be loved. But love is a precious gift; it must be treated with care. Instead, he squanders it, he disregards it, he does not respect himself. He realizes this in times of famine, when no-one cares for him. The risk is that in those moments we beg for affection and attach ourselves to the first master we chance upon.

It is these experiences that give rise within us to the distorted belief that we can only be in a relationship as servants, as if we had to atone for a guilt or as if true love could not exist. Indeed, the younger son, when he hits rock bottom, thinks he will go back to his father's house to pick up a few crumbs of affection from the ground.

Only those who truly love us can free us from this false view of love. In the relationship with God, we have precisely this experience. The great painter Rembrandt, in a famous painting, beautifully depicted the return of the prodigal son. Two details in particular strike me: the young man's head is shaven, like that of a penitent, but it also looks like the head of a child, because this son is being born again. And then the father's hands: one male and the other female, to describe the strength and tenderness in the embrace of forgiveness.

But it is the eldest son who represents those for whom the parable is told: he is the son who always stayed at home with his father, yet was distant from him, distant in heart. This son may have wanted to leave too, but out of fear or duty he stayed there, in that relationship. When you adapt unwillingly, however, you begin to harbour anger within you, and sooner or later this anger explodes. Paradoxically, it is precisely the eldest son who in the end risks being left out, because he does not share his father's joy.

The father goes towards him too. He does not reproach him or call him to duty. He wants only that he feels his love. He invites him to enter and to leave the door open. That door remains open for us too. Indeed, this is the reason for hope: we are able to hope because we know that the Father is waiting for us, He sees us from afar, and He always leaves the door open.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves, then, where we are in this wonderful tale. And let us ask God the Father for the grace that we too can find our way back home.



*We miss you papa Francesco*



If you are searching for opportunities and ideas to serve God and work for His Kingdom, Light of Christ Community is the right place for you. We invite you with open arms. Come and See! Let God

### What is it???

We meet twice a month for our **Community meeting**. A time spent with praise and worship, teaching by Br. Christopher and other guest preachers and we close with fellowship meal.

### When ???

Held every **2nd and 4th Saturday** of the month

### Where ???

**St. Patricks' Church (Behind the adoration chapel—Utility Hall) -**

### Time ?

Starting @ **5.00 PM**, we usually close by 7.00 PM.

We have **Daily Intercession** at Bro Christopher's house and General Intercession on alternate days of the week at one of our community members house in Ashoknagar. You are welcome to come and pray with us .Please call or whatsapp +9198451839743

### Professional Counselling (Online therapy sessions available)



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

- ◆ Kindly pray for a permanent place for our Community. A place where we could conduct our meetings and Retreats, counselling, and pray for those in need.
- ◆ Prayer request for the persecuted people of Syria for peace and protection of the innocent suffering people.
- ◆ Prayer request for the people in war torn countries in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria and Congo



Books written by Secretary of the International Association of Deliverance

**Mr. Christopher Correy.** These Books are available at all Catholic Book Stores.

