

The 18th Annual assembly of KRCC was held at Sevalaya, Pastoral centre, Dharwad, this was attended by over 80 major superiors and president and secretaries of CRI units. The theme was "Evangelization through Ecumenism and Dialogue." The Key note address was delivered by Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, OCD. The president of KRCC in his key note address emphasized the internal and external challenges for evangelization and our response to these challenges. Bishop Peter Machado inaugurated the Assembly. Other themes like RTE and saffronization were also dealt. Fr. Rony Prabhu speaking on the theme said, Evangelization or the communication of the Gospel is at the very heart of the church's mission. The Holy Spirit pushes us to it. The Mandate to Evangelize is given in the gospel of Mathew – Go to all the people everywhere and make them disciples. Baptize them..... What is evangelization? It is the church's mission in its totality, by which the church lives and communicates the Gospel of Jesus. It is done by word and deed explicitly in proclamation and in the catechesis. The church communicates the Gospel to those who have no knowledge of Christ and continue to communicate the message to who have accepted Christ and have entered the church.

Mr. A.S. Dasan spoke on **Forms of Inter religious dialogue:**

Dialogue of life: This is the most common form which practically every Christian is called to engage oneself in one's contact with people of other faiths. The proclamation of Jesus Christ in Asia means, first of all, the witness of Christians and of Christian communities to the values of the Kingdom of God, a proclamation through Christ like deeds.

Dialogue of Action: This is the cooperation of people of different faiths for human promotion and liberation in all its forms

Dialogue of Discourse: This is the meeting of experts of various faiths coming together to share and listen to one another for a deeper level of mutual understanding. Dialogue seminars, interfaith meetings are examples of it.

Dialogue of religious experience: This is a dialogue at the level of interiority when people share experiences of prayer, meditation and contemplation as expressed in interfaith prayer meetings, participation in monastic life etc.

The panel session was held. The topic for this session was :- **Relevance of Inter Religious Dialogue in Today's Indian Context.**

Rev. Prabakar Shadrack – district Superintendent of Methodist church Belgaum

Dialogue – it is not only with the people of Christian faith but with the people of other faith also. The results that emerge from this dialogue are unity- unity with different faith.

We can achieve the unity and dialogue through the various means such as:-

Prayer :- The power of prayer is the greatest strength of the Christian community

Presence in the society: - though we are a minority yet we can make a difference.

Participation in the struggles of the people of the society.

Partnership with other community people to bring peace and goodwill among people.

The next resource person of the session was Dr. Anand Kurahatti - Department of Philosophy Karnataka Collage Dharwad.

India is a country with diverse religion, culture and tradition. Every person has different kinds of thoughts and therefore certainly we have difference of opinion. Where there is love and peace, the religions too bring with them these concepts. Religion means making our minds and thinking broader and not making it narrow. The one who is ignorant has jealousy and other kinds of evil thoughts. But the enlightened one withstands all. If a finger of our hand, how can we cut it off? Whoever understands the religion and its concepts try to go beyond that. Truth has only one face and it is love.

We need to adopt or live the values of love, kindness, appreciation and forgiveness

The third resource person of the session was **Prof. Abdul Bijapur AB** – Department of English JSS College, Dharwad.

Inter -Religious dialogue :-

Mathew Arnold – Paradise lost and Paradise Regained - human mind is a mysterious thing ;it can make heaven of hell and hell out of heaven.

Id, ego and super ego are working together making a gap through religions. But religions should never divide us but they have to unite us. The perverting powers are trying to divide us. But they are like water bubbles, which die down soon.

There is so much in common in the holy Bible and the Holy Quran. Religion never divides the people but it only unites the people of different faith. We delight in someone who brings laurels to the country without minding which religion she/he belongs to.

What make us broad minded? Education – education makes us cultured individuals. We need to become people of large heart. All of us have same blood and hence we need to co-exist as brothers and sisters in peace.

Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, OCD was re-elected President of KRCR for a second term. Thereafter another three executive members were elected.

Fr. Praveen Pinto was appreciated for his organizational skills as the Executive Secretary of KRCR.