

Combined Monthly Meeting

Gathering Together Unto Him!



On August 15th, IPC Seminary hosted the combined gathering of IPC churches from the Kottayam North and South Centres. The event served as a celebration of unity in faith and fellowship, drawing together believers from across the surroundings. The main address was delivered by Pr. Daniel Konnanilkkunnathil, who spoke from 2 Chronicles 16:9, reminding the congregation of God's watchful eyes that seek to strengthen those fully committed to Him. Pr. Joy Philip also shared a brief reflection from 2 Timothy 1:3-4, further enriching the gathering. Bro. Joy Thanavelil took the opportunity to introduce the seminary's courses and mission, highlighting the institution's role in theological education. He also unveiled the Seminary's new Malayalam translation of the New Testament, an initiative warmly received by the

community. The event saw significant participation from local churches and proved to be a time of spiritual enrichment and fellowship for all involved.



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Editorial

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Transformation in Christian Life



Christian life is a life that demands change. God has chosen us in Christ Jesus. The purpose of God’s work in us is to restore the lost glory in humanity. The ultimate purpose of transformation in Christian life is for us to conform to the image of Christ.

Humans were created in the image of God. All of God’s creation was glorious, but we fall short of His glory because of sin. As Romans 3:23 states, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Christ came into the world and died for us in order to restore the glory that was lost. The spiritual relationship with God was lost, and the human spirit became dead, as the life-giving relationship with God was severed. Restoration of our relationship with God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ demands a transformation of life.

This transformation requires deep commitment on our part, as outlined in Romans 12:2. We must avoid conforming to the pattern of this world, which is rooted in sin. Satan has established a worldly order that opposes God. Christians must commit themselves to the perfect will of God, which requires effort, like swimming against the current of this world.

Transformation requires the renewing of our minds. Our

minds, shaped by the world’s order, are filled with evil thoughts and desires. We must not retain these evil desires, instead be filled with God’s Word. A strong and daily relationship with the Lord is essential for the renewal of our minds. A regular prayer life is also necessary for this renewal.

Life in the Spirit is regained through a relationship with Jesus and faith in His atonement. The life we receive from the Lord Jesus enables us to be renewed in mind. The Spirit of the Lord empowers us to walk in the knowledge of the Lord. We are called to walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16).

The Apostle Paul instructs the Colossians (3:5) to put to death whatever belongs to the earthly nature. Jesus died for our sins, and we must consider ourselves dead to sin. We receive life from the Lord Jesus Christ, and in doing so, we are clothed with the divine nature. “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:24). As the Spirit helps us crucify the flesh, we experience transformation in our lives and begin to bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).

Let us once again commit ourselves to be transformed according to the image of Jesus Christ.

New Library Facility & Faculty Wing

New Faculty Wing and Library Facility Inaugurated

On July 4th, the IPCTSK inaugurated its new faculty wing and library facility. The expansion was necessitated by the growing demands of the seminary, as the existing infrastructure could no longer accommodate its increasing needs. Dr. Idicheria Ninan led the proceedings by officially opening the new faculty hall. Pr. Joy Philip prayed and blessed the facility. This was followed by the inauguration of the library facility, which was prayerfully dedicated by Dr. Joy T. Samuel. The occasion was graced by the presence of Pr. Moni Chennithala, and Bro. Mathew. K. The new facilities are expected to enhance the academic environment, offering greater resources and space for both faculty and students.



Sports Season

Sports Season Kicks Off with Camaraderie and Competition

On September 19, 2024, IPC Seminary Kottayam inaugurated its annual sports season with a spirited ceremony led by Dr. Idicherian Ninan. Four teams—Canaan Knight Riders, Bethel Blasters, Jerusalem Strikers, and Ephesian Eagles—lined up in their distinct jerseys, ready for the competition ahead. Dr. Ninan, in his

opening remarks, highlighted the importance of sportsmanship and camaraderie, setting an enthusiastic tone for the season. The teams, embodying different values and strengths, pledged their commitment to showcase their abilities, promoting unity and healthy competition within the seminary.



Independence Day 2024

Recalling India's Rise to Life and Freedom

On August 15, IPC Seminary Kottayam joined the nation in actively celebrating the national Independence Day. The event began with the ceremonial hoisting of the national flag by the chief guest, Mr. E.K. Raju, the Secretary of Puthupally Panchayat. Following the flag hoisting, the programme commenced with a solemn prayer by Rev. P.P. Thomaskutty, invoking God's blessing on the nation and the seminary community. Sis. Sujana Limbu then delivered the welcome speech. In his inspirational address,

the chief guest encouraged the seminary to continue its commitment to shaping future leaders who would serve the nation and the church with integrity and dedication. Rev. Augustin.T led the assembly in prayer for the country, asking for God's guidance and protection over the nation's leaders and citizens. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Muthu Kumar, who expressed gratitude to all the participants and organizers for their contributions to the meaningful event.



Teachers' Day

Honouring the Formators

On September 5, 2024, the IPC Theological Seminary Kottayam marked Teachers' Day with a warm celebration, honouring the profound influence of educators on students' lives. The ceremony, imbued with gratitude and respect, featured moving tributes to the seminary's faculty. The event commenced with a reflective prayer led by Brother Elisa S. and a warm welcome from Sister Asharani Mahipal, who expressed the community's deep appreciation for their teachers. In a symbolic gesture of gratitude, students presented a gift to the faculty. Sister Precilla Grace, speaking on behalf of the student body, highlighted the significance of the day and the enduring impact of teachers on their students. A musical performance by the sisters added a

festive note to the proceedings, followed by further tributes from Brother Prathap A. and Sister Katta Anuhya, who praised the unwavering dedication and commitment of the educators. Brother Navneet Gamit led a prayer for the faculty, invoking blessings for their continued guidance and support. Reverend Manuel T.D. conveyed the faculty's joy in nurturing and mentoring the students, thanking the organizers for orchestrating such a thoughtful celebration. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Brother Prem Kumar and a closing prayer by Brother Vivek Kumar, leaving the community with a deep sense of appreciation for the teachers who shape both the academic and spiritual lives of the students.

