



TCB Annual Report

2018-19

TCB EC & Board meeting

TCB EC and Board meetings were held on the 9th of March 2019. The details plan for current year was discussed and the TCB EC and Board have approved the plan. The members present there appreciated the work of TCB and the progress made by TCB in developing the modules for the PGDCB.

Bioethics sessions in EHA Hospitals



In Champa, on the 23rd of March Bioethics sessions were held for Doctors, Nurses & Admin staff on Bioethics principles, Ethical issues on end of life care, with case studies. 26 persons participated in the forenoon.

Seva Bhawan Hospital, Jagdeeshpur



- ▶ A repeat of the above-mentioned was done in the afternoon and 16 participated in the same. Following these, two separate Bioethics sessions were held in Jagdeeshpur, one for the doctors on Foundations of Bioethics & Clinical Ethics Committees; and the second one for nurses, allied health professionals and others on the Fundamentals of Bioethics.
- ▶ It was interesting to note that the Government has placed a cradle just inside the Hospital gate, to leave unwanted babies. However, till date no babies have been left there.

Intensive Bioethics Workshop on End of Life issues

This was held on the 12th of April. About 55 persons consisting of CEC members and others participated in the same. End of life issues, Futility of care, Veracity and Laws pertaining to these were discussed with case studies.

Ethi Con at BCMCH, Thiruvalla

At the inaugural session, there was a procession leading on to lighting the candles in front of a banner which stated, “We make a commitment to follow ethical principles & practices in our practice of Medicine & Scientific Research”.



- ▶ A day long Bioethics Conference was held at Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Tiruvalla on 13th April 2019. This was well attended by about 50 doctors from the hospital as well as from the neighboring towns. Dr Satish Thomas was the organizing secretary and did a fabulous job. There was generous support from the administration of the hospital, particularly the Director, Dr George Chandy. The day saw very meaningful and enthusiastic participation from all the delegates in the various sessions covered. Drs Jameela George, Dr. Achamma Chandy, Dr. Satish Thomas, Dr. Roopa Verghese and Dr. Ashita Singh took the various sessions that included the Foundations of bioethics, Ethics in end-of-life care, Ethics at the beginning of life, Limitation of treatment, Clinical Ethics Consultation, Professionalism and Work ethics. The talks and discussions were well appreciated and there were many requests for TCB membership. At the end of the program, time was given for Feedback & Distribution of Certificates to the participants was done.

Apostolic Prophetic Church of Christ: Irish Raih

The following four meetings were
arranged by the Apostolic Prophetic
Church of Christ

Pastors Fellowship



This was conducted on the 25th of April, at Olivala Prarthana Mandiram, Hyderabad. Ms. R.R. Irish Raih of TCB spoke on the “Upward Called” in connection with the issues of Abortion practice inside and outside the Church. Based on the issue of Abortion, she focused on the value of “Life in the Womb.” There were around 45 persons who participated in the meeting. The participants were mainly Pastors, Pastors’ wives, and a few interns. They were encouraged, challenged, and realized the need for dealing with such issues and to preserve and to promote the life of the preborn.

University Students' Meet



This was held for the university students at the same venue on the same day, in the evening. About 30 university students participated in the same. Ms. R.R. Irish Raih spoke on the value of “Life in the Womb” and need to protect and preserve the precious life in the womb.

Youth Festival



Youth Festival was conducted on the 26th of April 2019, at the same place. Ms. R.R. Irish Raih of TCB spoke on the “Passion for Christ and Compassion for Humanity” consisting of compassion for Life in the Womb and compassion for humanity (terminally ill, old age, and vulnerable group). There were around 25 persons who participated in the meeting. The participants' feedback was very encouraging to pursue such efforts.

Biblical University

On the same day in the evening, the Biblical University was inaugurated at Kote Abic in Hyderabad. Even there Ms. R.R. Irish Raih had the opportunity to share about the value of

“Life in the Womb.” The participants were a mixed group of various age groups. The feedback received was very encouraging.

Dehradun Pro-Life Summit



From the 26th to the 28th of April a National Pro-Life Summit was held at Dehradun. There were 40 participants from various Organizations working in this field from all over India. Dr. Jameela George spoke on “The link between C-sections and Abortion” and “Chemical Abortion Stings”

Bioethics Workshop for Theology students

This was conducted on the 6th of May at CMAI. There were only 6 participants, but the group was very engaging and eager to learn.

Workshops in Nagaland

St. Joseph's University, Dimapur:

This was held on the 9th of May, as an introductory Bioethics session on “Fundamentals of Bioethics” for the faculty.

CIHSR

This was held on the 9th of May. About 20 doctors and other healthcare stakeholders participated. Fundamentals / Foundations in BE with principles (Research); Research Ethics and Genetic Engineering in Medical Science (Gene therapy) were discussed

Nagaland Medical Council, Dimapur

There were 127 participants, consisting of Government doctors and others. Fundamentals of BE with principles (Clinical), Professional Ethics and MCI Code of Medical Ethics were discussed. This enabled the participants to obtain two credits.

Nagaland Medical Council, Kohima

This was held on the 11th of May. Fundamentals of BE with principles (Clinical), Professional Ethics, MCI Code of Medical Ethics and Genetic Engineering in Medical Science (Gene therapy) / Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology were discussed. This enabled the participants to obtain two credits.

Bioethics workshop, Herbertpur



This was conducted on the 27th & 28th of June. Thirty final year nursing students participated in this. In addition to TCB-CMAI Nursing Bioethics Modules, Research ethics was also taught.

Partnership meeting at Vellore

- ▶ June – Discussions with Dr. Samuel David, Dr. Anu Rose & Dr. Rebekha
- ▶ July – 17th to 19th – Discussions with Director, Principal Dr. Anu Rose & Dr. Rebekha

CMAI- NABH OD Workshop, Vellore

This was conducted jointly by CMAI and CMC, Vellore. Dr. Jameela George took a session on “Introduction to Clinical Ethics Committee”. 20 Hospitals in different parts of India, participated in this.

Faculty Development Program, Vellore

This was conducted from the 17th to the 20th of July. It was a very informative workshop on the process of conducting the distant education course. Dr. JG participated in the same.

Dr. Achamma Chandy

- ▶ Clinics for final year students were held in batches in March & April on Endometriosis & Ovulation Induction for infertile ladies with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. The ethical issues discussed were on Third party program, transparency in treatment modalities, exploiting the couple's vulnerability, ability to refer when adequate facilities for treatment are not available, ethics of private practice and how to deal with Medical Representatives.
- ▶ On the 29th of March participated in a talk given by Mr. Ravikumar, Staff Nurse in charge of Casualty and Emergency services on the challenges of the staff of emergency department followed by a very interactive discussion on the ethical issues in the same.
- ▶ On the 10th and 11th of April, classes were held for MPH students, by the Department of Community Health. There were 12 students from different parts of the country consisting of dentists, staff nurses and social workers. Dr. Gigi spoke on Clinical Ethics Committee, Beginning of life issues and Ethical issues in clinical medicine
- ▶ Participated in a session on the 26th of April in which Dr. Mathew Joseph, who is in charge of Neuro ICU at CMC, Vellore spoke on the challenges of resource allocation for patients needing Neuro ICU care, mostly due to road traffic accidents

Dr. Sedevi Angami

- ▶ In April Dr. Sedevi spoke at the EMFI Northeast conference at Imphal and took sessions on fundamentals of Bioethics, in which medical students from a number of colleges were present.
- ▶ He coordinated all the workshops held in Nagaland.

Ashita Singh

- ▶ Dr. Ashita completed the modules she was working on and gave valuable suggestions regarding the Bioethics workshops in Nagaland. She was one of the resource persons in all the workshops in Nagaland

Dr. Satish Thomas



There were two Bioethics workshops in Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Thiruvalla on the 12th and 13th of April.

The first was an Intensive Workshop on End of Life Ethical Issues for the doctors and nurses of the concerned departments. It was attended by about 55 participants. The second one was for open to healthcare professionals from all over Kerala. Dr Satish Thomas was the organizing secretary and did a fabulous job.

Dr. Roopa Verghese



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Dr. Roopa Verghese MBBS, MD
Deputy Medical Superintendent,
Muthoot Hospitals Kozhencherry

on

Asianet News
Program : Dr Live
Date : 13th March

Topic: Obstetrics & Gynecology **Time: 2:30pm**

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In this program Dr. Roopa highlighted some of the ethical issues in practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Roopa Verghese



In the Asian News, Dr. Roopa highlighted some of the ethical issues in practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology. Presented about ‘Should childbirth be always perfect’ at the International Women’s Health and Breast Cancer conference, at London and received a certificate of appreciation.

Did a book review on the ‘Alma Ata Declaration & its Implication’ which has been published in CJGH, June 2019 edition. Currently editing a book ‘Love approach training manual’ a training manual for the National Hotline created by Life for All & Heartbeat International. This will equip, empower and encourage women to serve as support teams during pregnancy crisis through a biblical perspective.