



CONFEDERACION INTERNACIONAL DE MOVIMIENTOS FAMILIARES CRISTIANOS Misión San José



The Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of Sri-Lanka Christian family Movement – Archdiocese of Colombo.

A.G.M. was held on the 6th of November 2014 at Paul the sixth Center in Colombo. Prior to the inauguration of the ceremony, the Chaplain of the C.F.M. Rev. Fr. Nilantha Heshan Fernando made an invocation to the Holy Spirit asking for guidance. The President couple of the CFM Mr. Hector and Mrs. Dayani Peiris too made a short prayer in memory of deceased members of the Movement as well as the priests who dedicated their services to the apostolate.

The traditional oil lamp was lit by the Chief guest Rev. Fr. Emard Dalpadado O.M.I. and few other invitees. The welcome speech was made by the President couple Mr. & Mrs. Hector and Dayani Peiris. Mr. Peiris made reference to the past and said that for more than 40 years it was flourishing well, but had many obstacles. Thanks to His Eminence Dr. Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo who could understand both the members as well as the Church's point of view.

The Chaplain Rev. Fr. Nilantha Heshan Fernando addressed the gathering and said today is a very happy day for all of us. After a lapse of 3 ½ years of controversy, we have come to a positive settlement and it has being recognized by the church. Although it was a human achievement, it became a reality because we stood with the Lord. As the saying goes "every dark cloud has a silver line". So let us go forward with strength and courage in the year of the family and consecrated life. We have a strong family Apostolate Director, so let us go forward with confidence to build up the kingdom of God through the family.

The income and expenditure report was tabled by the Treasurer couple Mr. and Mrs. Janaka and Rasika Silva. Our savings account which was defunct was activated. The acting Secretary couple Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and Irangani Anthony tabled the progress report for the past 3 ½ years. The report pointed out an enormous amount of work that had been done during this period. It includes retreats for members which helped them to improve their spirituality and other seminars such as program for widows and unmarried adults, enrichment programs for parents and young married couples, life education programs for students and youths and rectification classes for married couples (who were not received the sacrament of the holy matrimony) etc. Reports pertaining to individual CFM cells in details have also been tabled.

The theme of the 33rd anniversary year was "Let us uplift the family through forgiveness and unity". The Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Emard dalpadado delivered his key note speech on the above theme and said that lots of misdeeds and malpractices are taking place today in our society. He asked why this is so? Though we have many religions in our country, the spiritual values of our people keep deteriorating. The examples given by parents flow down to children. Although we celebrate festivals in a grand scale, it is clear that our religious life has gone down. The religion should give life meaningfulness. It is necessary to engage in apostolic services among the Christian community. Our lives should be centered in Christ.

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Rev. Fr. Nilantha Heshan Fernando stated that in the year of the family and consecrated life, CFM has a great responsibility. It is important to open up new cells and upgrade some of the existing cells.

Finally the office bearers resigned from their positions and Rev. Fr. Heshan (Chaplain, CFM) was appointed as a pro-tem Chairman. He called upon the house to elect the new president couple. Although these three couples did not want to be re-elected once again the house unanimously elected them especially due to the activities which are planned in the year of the family.

Elected office bearers for the New Year are as follows,

Mr. & Mrs. Hector and Dayani Peiris (President Couple)

Mr. & Mrs. Dickson and Irangani Anthony (Secretary Couple)

Mr. & Mrs. Janaka & Rasika Silva (Treasurer Couple)

Mr. & Mrs. Nimal and Chandima Jayamali (Vice President Couple)

Mr. & Mrs. Arosh and Sandaruwani (Asst. Secretary)

Mr. & Mrs. Vijitha and Nilanthi (Asst. Treasurer Couple)

Executive committee member couples were elected from each and every cell.

Newly appointed president Mr. & Mrs. Hector and Dayani Peiris couple addressed the house and explained about our future plans and requested all the members to give their fullest support and co-operation to achieve our future goals.

New Secretary Couple made the vote of Thanks

Finally our Chaplain Rev, Fr. Heshan offered the Holy mass followed by lunch. All members were really happy and were keen about this achievement.

Yours Devotedly in Christ and his Holy Family

Signed

Hector+ Dayani Peiris

President Couple

Signed

Dickson + Irangani Anthony

Secretary Couple

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