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CHAI

16th TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE, October 30 - November 1, 2014, RANCHI

(Venue: Social Development Centre (SDC), Dr. Camil Bulcke Path (Purulia Road), New Barhi Toli,
Ranchi, Jharkhand 834001)

May 31, 2014

To

CHAI Members and other scholars

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the forthcoming 16th CHAI Triennial Conference to be held at Ranchi, capital of Jharkhand, from October 30 to November 1, 2014 on the theme: **PEOPLES' HISTORY: CHRISTIANITY, CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**. The announcement of the Triennial, along with the call for papers, was published earlier in the December 2013 issue of the CHAI journal, the *Indian Church History Review* (ICHR) and we are pleased by the response.

I am happy to announce that the Board of CHAI under the leadership of Dr. Jetty A. Oliver met at Ranchi to finalize the details of the Triennial which is being organized and hosted by the Eastern India Branch of CHAI. I take this opportunity to thank the Eastern India Branch, especially the Local Organizing Committee under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Manmasih Ekka, the President of the Branch, Rev. Dr. Pratap Digal, the Secretary, Dr. S.C. Canton, the Treasurer and member Fr. Dr. Jose Kalapura (Executive Editor of ICHR) for all their efforts. Some essential details about the Triennial are included

in this circular. More definitive information with more details about the academic programme, would be sent to you later. All further communications regarding the logistics, participation, paper presentation, etc., would be sent by the Co-ordinator of the Triennial, Rev. Manmasih Ekka or/and the Academic Coordinator, Dr. Jose Kalapura. Kindly communicate with them in their address as given below. Further update on the Triennial with details would also be posted in the CHAI website (www.churchhistory.in).

1. Conference Programme

The sessions of the Conference will start in the forenoon of October 30, 2014 (Thursday) and will close by the evening of November 1, 2014 (Saturday). On November 2nd (Sunday) morning there will be a special Worship and Mission Festival of one of our partner churches, the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran (GEL) Church, for which the delegates of the Triennial are also invited. The details of the Inaugural Session, the academic sessions, the Valedictory, etc. will be sent to you by the Coordinators by email once you register for participation. You may definitively respond to this invitation by sending the duly filled up **Registration Form** (included) or send a preliminary response expressing your intention to participate/present paper. You may kindly note that the Programme of the Triennial includes the General Body Meeting of CHAI. Kindly consider this circular as the invitation to all the members of CHAI to attend the General Body Meeting, which will be towards the conclusion of the Triennial Conference.

2. Travel Arrangements

Member-delegates and other participants at the Triennial will have to make onward and return travel arrangements on their own. Kindly note that there are direct train connections from Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Jammu Tawi, Kolkata, Allepey (Kerala), Hyderabad, Allahabad, Varanasi, Chandigarh, Jabalpur(weekly), Guwahati(bi-weekly). The venue is just 4 kms from Ranchi Railway station and hardly 8 kms Hatia Railway station. Flights land at the Birsa Munda Airport with connections from most major centres or via Delhi/Kolkata. The venue is hardly 8 kms from Birsa Munda Airport. If arrival details are informed early, arrangements can be made to receive from the railway station/airport. Travel expense is to be met by individual delegates or the institutions which depute them. Travel fare to paper presenters only (three times sleeper class train fare or bus fare) would be reimbursed by the organizers.

3. Reception

Delegates, on arrival, may report at the Reception Counter of the Conference at Social Development Centre (SDC), Opp. St. Aloysius School, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path (Purulia Road), New Barhi Toli, Ranchi, Jharkhand 834001. In case of emergency, the SDC office Ph No. is (0651) 220 1201, Director Fr. Praful Tigga – (0651) 221 3320; 0970 854 7278 (M), Ms. Kumudini (Reception) – 0950 471 0102 (M). For all information regarding travel, registration, accommodation, etc. please contact the **CHAI 16th**

Triennial Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Manmasih Ekka, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Ph. 0943 132 6659 (M); (0651) 235 0005; Email: <gtcranchi@rediffmail.com>

4. Registration

All member-delegates and other participants will have to register in the prescribed **Registration Form** (given below). Please fill up the Form and send it by postal mail or scanned copy by email (preferred) to the **CHAI 16th Triennial Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Manmasih Ekka, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi, Jharkhand**, Ph. 0943 132 6659 (M); (0651) 235 0005; Email: <gtcranchi@rediffmail.com> Kindly mark a copy of the email to <mail.cha.india@gmail.com> The last date for registration is **September 5, 2014**.

5. Registration/Delegate Fee

The **Registration Fee for the Conference is Rs 500/-**. Student participants may register at a reduced rate of Rs **300/-** together with a copy of their student id and sponsoring institution's letter. The Registration Fee will include shared accommodation, food, and conference materials.

Payment of the Registration Fee can be made through DD/cheque. Outstation members may send the amount by Demand Draft or Cheque in favour of "**CHAI Eastern India Branch**" payable at **Ranchi** latest by **September 5, 2014**. Please note that the Registration Fee is non-refundable. You can also electronically transfer the amount in the CHAI EASTERN INDIA BRANCH Account No. 156301000002793 in Indian Overseas Bank at Club Road, Ranchi (Branch code IOBN1563). Please **email Dr. S.C. Canton** at <sujit.canton@yahoo.com> immediately after the money transfer with all the details.

Even if you pay the Registration Fee at a date later than this or latest on arrival by cash (if so, please indicate), you need to send a scanned copy of the **duly filled up Registration Form**, indicating your proposed participation (with or without presenting papers), so that adequate arrangements can be made for your accommodation.

6. Accommodation

Accommodation and hospitality will be arranged for the delegates by the CHAI Eastern India Branch during the period of the Triennial. Further, accommodation will also be arranged for those coming in earlier (from the evening of October 29th) and for those attending the Mission Festival (till the forenoon of November 2nd, 2014): please indicate the timing of your arrival/departure in the Registration Form.

Shared accommodation at the same location as the Conference is available. Members are requested not to bring non-participating delegates (family/travel partners) as the host is not able to provide accommodation to the latter. The weather is generally pleasant during late October but you may require light warm clothes.

7. Papers

The detailed Call for Papers together with the Concept note, sub-themes and deadlines were published in the December 2013 issue of ICHR. This is again published in the June 2014 issue of ICHR.

Since CHAI Triennial is being held in Chotanagpur region for the first time, special focus will be on the Chotanagpur Church.

The Abstract should be thematically focused and must contain the main points of your paper. The abstracts sent within the prescribed time will be included in the Conference folder/Souvenir and would get preference in the presentation which would be around 30 minutes (including discussion). The length of the Paper should be between 4000-6000 words and should be submitted digitally in Microsoft Word format in the Chicago Manual of Style (15th edition). Travel fare to paper presenters (three times sleeper class train fare or bus fare) would be reimbursed by the organizers.

All communication regarding the academic aspects may be directed to the Triennial Academic Coordinator Dr. Jose Kalapura at <executive.editor@churchhistory.in> with a copy marked to <general.secretary@churchhistory.in>

The Final Paper should reach on or before **September 30, 2014**. Please encourage as many of your colleagues as possible to present Papers. As an academic body, CHAI would expect unpublished Papers having certain professional standards, using historical methodologies.

More information on the Conference Programme will be available on our website in due time. Kindly log on to www.churchhistory.in

8. Our Host/Contact Persons

Our Host will be the Eastern India branch of CHAI, presided over by Rev. Manmasih Ekka and assisted by members of CHAI Eastern India, as well as other generous persons under various committees.

- For all information, organization matters and logistics please contact our Host **CHAI 16th Triennial Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Manmasih Ekka** (CHAI Eastern India President) (also Principal, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi), assisted by CHAI Eastern India Treasurer and the Finance Coordinator (Ph. +91 977 118 5003, <sujit.canton@yahoo.com>) Dr. S.C. Canton (of Gossner College), Ranchi.

- For all information on academic matters (sending abstracts, presenting papers, etc), please contact the **CHAI 16th Triennial Academic Coordinator, Fr. Dr. Jose Kalapura, SJ** (also Executive Editor, ICHR), Director, Xavier Institute of Social Research, at Patna.

- Contact Address: Organizational Matters

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Important Dates to Remember

- Last Date to submit Registration Form: **September 5, 2014**
- **Last Date to submit the Revised Abstract: September 5, 2014**
- Last Date to submit the Paper: **September 30, 2014**

Welcome to the 16th Triennial, Welcome to Ranchi.

With warm regards,

Rev. Dr. George Oommen

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Dear colleagues,

This is to invite you to a national conference being organized by the Church History Association of India, an association of scholars on Christianity in India, founded in 1935. The conference will be held from Oct 30-Nov 1, at Ranchi, Jharkhand. As scholars on Christianity you are requested to present papers on the theme, “People’s History: Christianity, Culture and Development”. Kindly find the Invite, Concept Note and Registration Form in the attachment.

With regards,

Jose Kalapura, SJ

July 10, 2014

CHURCH HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

16th TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE on “PEOPLES’ HISTORY”

Oct 30 – Nov 01, 2014, RANCHI

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name with
title:

Address with Ph
No and Email ID:

Name of the Church/Denomination

Institutional Affiliation and Position

Presenting a paper? : **N/Y**

If Yes, the title of the paper:

Sent the **Abstract?** (If Yes:)

Date

Sending later?. Yes by (date)

(Abstracts/papers will be accepted only in digital format: Please send them to the CHAI 16th Triennial Academic Coordinator, Dr. Jose Kalapura, SJ, at executive.editor@churchhistory.in with a copy marked to general.secretary@churchhistory.in)

Registration/Delegate Fee: Rs. 500/- (for students Rs. 300/- attach student ID copy) Details:

a) Paid? Yes/No

If yes, give the details:

Name of the Bank

Cheque/DD No

dated

(in favour of "CHAI Eastern India Branch" Payable at Ranchi).

In case of electronic transfer (to the CHAI EASTERN INDIA BRANCH Account No. 156301000002793 in Indian Overseas Bank at Club Road, Ranchi (Branch code IOBN1563), please furnish the details

b) Will pay on arrival (in cash only)

Arrival Schedule :

Departure Schedule :

Place:

Date:

Signature:

The duly filled up form should be sent to the following address as an attachment (digital mail)

E-mail: gtranchi@rediffmail.com with a copy marked to mail.cha.india@gmail.com

at your earliest but not later than **September 5, 2014**.

If printing the Form, send as postal mail to: Rev. Dr. Manmasih Ekka, Coordinator, CHAI 16th Triennial, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi, Jharkhand.