## A short write up Bi-annual gathering of Mission Partners of SWI Province On 6-7 December, 2024 at Good Shepherd Convent, Bangalore

The Commission for Mission Partnership in South West India Province has well formulated Vision, Mission, Objectives and activities for the development of Partnership in Mission. One of the objectives is 'Capacity Building and Formation of Mission Partners in GS Spirituality and Values for Improved Engagement and Co-Responsibility for Mission'

To realize this objective, the Commission organized its bi-annual meeting of the year, for Mission Partners on 6-7 December, 2024 at Good Shepherd Convent, Bangalore. There were 34 participants including six Sisters. The theme for these two days was: 'Listening and Appreciation Promote Understanding, Relationship, Personal Growth and Mission Effectiveness!'

The PLT Link for Mission Partnership, Sr. Shalini Podimattam facilitated these two days' sessions. She followed an interactive and participatory process in her presentation. Training sessions on practice in 'Listening to Understand', purposeful conversation, and unconditional acceptance of each other were to help self discovery, desire to improve one-self and enhance relationship. 'Visio Divina', Appreciative Inquiry in Context, Leaders Regain their Greatness by Resolving their 'Leadership Gap', were topics appreciated by the participants.

Every participant played a significant role during their training program such as small presentations, writing concise reports, Panel discussion and group activities. Various symbols, rituals and creative arts were used for personal discovery. Drawing colourful 'Mandala' enhanced creativity, reflection and integration. The participants took the responsibility to spread the fragrance of GS values in their life and ministry as they were anointed with perfume at the ritual of sending out.

Another highlight was the Ceremony of Promise! Twelve participants made their promise to be committed Partners in Mission, using the Format of Promise developed by the Commission! The assessments of the participants spoke loud and clear of their appreciation, sense of belonging and growth experience at this interactive gathering.

(Sr. Shalini Podimattam) Bangalore 10 December, 2024



















