

## **SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS**

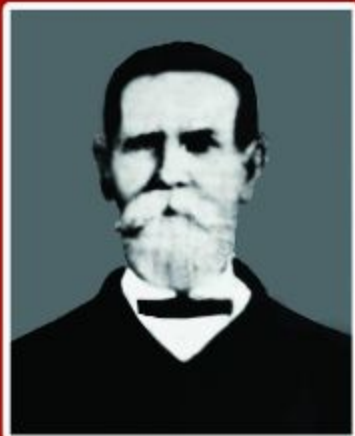
FOUNDER - YMCA MOVEMENT

(1844)

## **SIR WILLIAM TWYNAM**

FOUNDER PRESIDENT - YMCA JAFFNA

(1890 - 1911)





## Annual Report

We are privileged to present the Annual Report for the period April 2020 – March 2021. Though we were able to conduct significant programmes and activities, we are not happy that we were compelled to postpone, cancel our annual programmes due to the COVID 19 restriction. However, we have conducted notable programmes following the health regulations.

Due to COVID 19 pandemic all over the World and in Sri Lanka since 2020, as a safety measure health authorities imposed, lockdown, isolation, quarantine and travel restrictions to protect the public. These regulations affected our routine programmes and activities.

We conducted the world YMCA/YWCA Week of prayer, Service of Dedication, Devotions & special services, Shramadhana activity, Medical Care, Relief Work, Educational activities, a training for preschool teachers, elders' get together following the hygienic measures of health authorities.

We write to record with heartfelt condolences that the past President A.J.Kadrigamar passed away in December 2020. We are deeply perturbed over the demise of our Past President and a Director of the Board. We are sorry, it is indeed an untimely loss. We also extend our sincere sympathy to his family and colleagues.

His departure is an irreparable loss to the YMCA and the community at large. We remember his support through Jaffna YMCA to the community and his dedication to uplift the reading habit among youth. May his departed soul rest in peace. Our prayers are with the family to withstand this shock with a brave heart.

Another Past President Mr.K.N.Y. Maurice passed away in Canada in June 2021. We recollect his commitment to encourage religious based (Christianity) activities. He was also very much concerned on the welfare of the staff members. May his departed soul rest in peace.

At last, we request all our members to participate in all the activities, encourage young people to join the YMCA and make use of the facilities available & help the deprived and dedicate yourself to care the destitute people

The Annual Report for the period April 2020 – March 2021 is presented herewith.

- I. Christian Emphasis** : Chairman, Mr.Dinesh P Gunaratnam – until August 2020  
Rev.J.Antony Suthakar – since August 2020 onwards....

**a. The World YMCA/YWCA Week of prayer**

**Theme: “Rays of hope: creating resilient communities through practical spirituality”**

The World YMCA/YWCA Week of prayer was observed from Sunday 08th to Saturday 14th November 2020. This year, we could not hold the Prayer meetings at our members residences, due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, first day meeting was held at the residence of our President, Mr.R.Vinoth.

The rest of the 05 prayer meetings were held at YMCA Jaffna. At this prayer meetings Emeritus Rt.Rev.Dr.S.Jebanesan, Rev.P.Thevamiathan, Rev. M.Jeyanatharajah, Rev.(Mrs)Grace Robin Ratnapalan, Rev.S.S.Jebachchelvan and Pastor Selvavarajah Jenö delivered the sermons.

The subheadings are:

Day 01 : Breathing Together in Solidarity

Day 02 : Spiritual and Economic Empowerment Thought Crises

Day 03 : Addressing Social Injustices in Our Communities: A Call to Action

Day 04 : Keeping Hope Alive: Finding Peace and Sharing Kindness

Day 05 : Weaving Fabrics of Support

Day 06 : Transforming Fear into Strong: Vulnerability and Loving Trust

**b. Service of Induction**

An induction service to honour and appreciate our Board of Directors for their dedications to YMCA was held at St.James’s Church, Nallur on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 2.30 pm. At this service Rev.Dr.K.J.Arulrajah (Chairman, Methodist Church, North and East District) delivered the Serman. Rev.S.S. Jebachchelvan, Vicar, gave blessings of God’s covenant to our Board of Directors. The Vicar presented the President’s badge to our new President. Members, well-wishers and staff members congratulated the new Board of Directors.

**c. William Memorial Bible Essay Competition 2019**

The second place in English language was won by a student of Angel International School, Manipay in Lilian Memorial Bible Essay Competition 2019 with a prize of Rs.1500/=. Another six participants were awarded with Certificates.

**d. Christmas Card**

Christmas Card to the members and well-wishers were sent to share the joy of Christmas and Christ’s Blessings.

**e. Cancellations:**

All Island Bible Quiz Competition, Youth Bible challenge and Christmas carol service were not conducted due to the restrictions of COVID 19 pandemic in the country.

**1.1 Chapel : Chaplain Rev.J.Antony Suthakar – until August 2020**

**Rev.P.Thevamithran – since August 2020 onwards....**

**a. Holy Communion Service**

The Office work and other activities commenced on 04<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with a Holy Communion Service at the Chapel of the Jaffna YMCA, with the Blessings of the God our saviour.

**b. Mr.Ronnie Lyan, the General Secretary of the Haka YMCA of Myanmar**

A Prayer Meeting was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for the safety and release of Mr.Ronnie Lyan, the General Secretary of the Haka YMCA of Myanmar who was arrested during the time of military revolution.

**c. Lent Service**

Services to observe the lent season was conducted by the Chaplain every Wednesday at the YMCA Chapel.

**d. Devotion**

A devotion was conducted before every board meeting. The chapel is opened for everyone and the service was conducted as usual.

**2. Youth : Chairman, Mr.T.Vimalraj**

**a. Shramadhana Work**

Two rooms used as storeroom were cleaned and arranged properly by our members on “Shramadhana basis”, in order to rent out those rooms. Youth Chairman along with his youth team carried-out this work.

**b.** The youth members helped us to package the provision of COVID - 19 Relief Work.

**3. Sports : Chairman, Mr.C.A.Aravinthan**

Arrangements were made to conduct tournaments and later cancelled due to the restrictions of COVID 19 pandemic.

**4. Medical Work : Chairman – Mr.S.Paul Arulnayagam – until August 2020**

**Chairman – Mr.S.Vaseekaran – since August 2020 onwards....**

**a.** A sum of Rs.17,895/= was given for the COVID 19 relief project to purchase Face Masks and Sanitizers.

b. Arranged to give presents to the children at the children's ward, Jaffna Teaching Hospital but the JTH administration not agreed to approach children due to COVID 19 regulations. A sum of Rs.5,000/= was donated by CCN Trust to utilize it for the above purpose.

**5. Relief Work : Chairman – Mr.A.Donald – until August 2020  
Mr.M.Nishangan – since August 2020....**

a. Jaffna YMCA with the financial support of Past. Kumar Reginald, Senior Pastor The Tamil Church of God UK distributed provisions worth of Rs.118,500/= among 55 families at our YMCA Village, Iyakkachchi during the COVID - 19 lockdown.

b. Due to the outbreak of COVID -19, Many families were quarantined at Kayts, Velanai, Delft, and Kopay. In order to support these affected families, YMCA Jaffna distributed commodity packages worth of Rs.140,790/= including Face Masks and Sanitizer, through Divisional Secretariats. Mr.N.Sooriyarajah, Assistant Director for Disaster Management, District Secretariat Jaffna, provided the data of affected families and visited with us to the identified places. We thank Mr.Sooriyarajah for his cooperation and support. Our members assisted to package the provisions. Rs.100,000/= was sponsored by the Direct Family Financial Support Canada and Rs.5,000/= from our past president Mr.K.N.Y.Maurice to this Relief Work.

**c. BUREVI cyclone**

BUREVI cyclone affected many areas in the Northern Province in December 2020, YMCA Jaffna provided bread and vegetable Soup (Saambar) for Rs.16,985/= at Poompugar and Navaladi Villages for two days as an immediate relief.

d. A sum of Rs.800/= was reimbursed to Mr.J.Gopinath, Receptionist for lunch expenses as his house was fully flooded due to BUREVI cyclone.

e. A some of Rs.5,450/= worth of provisions presented to Mr.T.Jutharajah during the COVID 19 quarantine days.

**6. Child Rights Programme (CRP) : Chairman – Mr.T.Jutharajah**

**a. An Appreciation**

An appreciation "Paaraatti Valthuthal" to the students who left the YMCA Preschool in 2020 to join in the Grade one was conducted at the Y Main hall presided by Mr.T.Balasubramaniam. Mr.S.Sutharsan, Divisional Secretary (DS), Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna was the Chief Guest. Mr.R.Vinoth (President), Mr.J.R.W.Jeffrey (Treasurer) and Mrs.V.Kadigamar were the Special Guests. Mr.S.Sutharsan gave away the

awards to the Children. The following honesty award and appreciation occasions too were conducted along with the Child Right Programmes.

#### **i. Honesty Award**

Mr.S.Sutharsan, Divisional Secretary (DS), Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna was honoured by the YMCA Jaffna for receiving the "Crown of Honesty Award". The Jaffna YMCA congratulated and wished him for winning the award for corruption free administration in the year 2020.

#### **ii. Appreciation**

Mr.A.J.Kadrigamar passed away in December 2020. He served as President from 2013-2014 and a Director of the Board since 2010. As a remembrance of his services to the Jaffna YMCA, a Memoir in Cristal Frame with his photographs was handed over to Mrs.V.Kadrigamar.

#### **b. A Training for Preschool Teachers**

A Training for preschool teachers conducted on 27.02.2021 at our auditorium. The training was conducted on working with COVID 19 pandemic, method of teaching and maintaining records. Hon. V.Manivannan, Mayor, Jaffna MC was the Chief Guest and President YMCA Jaffna Mr.R.Vinoth, as the special guest participated at the closing ceremony.

- c.** During the closure of the Preschools, homework exercises were given through the Parents and corrected every week. Vegetable plants were distributed to the Preschool / Children Club Members, especially Chilly, Brinjal, and Tomato. Teachers visited the house and supervised the Gardening.

#### **d. Cancellations:**

Preschool Educational Tour, Talent Search, Children's Day and Teachers' Day and Christmas Programmes were cancelled.

#### **7. Elders' Work : Chairman – Mr.R.Nishan – until August 2020**

**Mr.S.Paul Arulnayagam – since August 2020 onwards....**

#### **Elders' Get together**

The Elders' year end get-together was held on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020. At this gathering 50 Elder beneficiaries participated. Gift packets containing rice, flour, sugar, anchor milk packet, tea packet, lux soap, dhal, mosquito coil, and biscuit were presented to each elder participant. According to the instructions of health authorities, we provided stipulated time to each beneficiary to maintain the COVID-19 social distance. The total cost was Rs.66,834/=.

**8. Cultural Work : Chairman Rev.J.Antony Suthakar – until August 2020**  
**Mr.Andrew Praveen – until February 2021**

The COVID 19 regulations forbade us to conduct cultural activities which involved with the public.

**9. Education : Chairman – Mr.S.Edward Reginold – until March 2021**

- a. Coordinated the education project of the Direct Family Financial Support Canada (DFFSC). Around 25 University Students were supported for their studies with the funding of the DFFSC.
- b. The Best Performance Award to the Candidates at GCE A/L 2020 was not performed due to the COVID pandemic financial struggle.

**10. YMCA Founders Day : Chairman – Mr.T.Jutharajah**

**Theme: “Be a Sensible Road User”**

On account of the outbreak of COVID-19, we did not hoist our flag during the Annual Flag Week. Instead of our Flag Day activities we paid our respect at the grave of our Founder President, at St. John’s graveyard, on 6th June 2020.

**11. Membership : Chairman - Mr.A.Donald – until August 2020**

**Mr.T.Balasubramaniam – since August 2020 onwards...**

Annual Members, Staff & Family Get-together was cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

**Membership as of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

Active Membership: Life 101, Full (Adult) 39. Total Active Members -140.

Associate Membership: Life Male 17, Female 02, Adult 11, Student 01. Total Associates 31.

Total Membership: 171 Members as of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**12. Hostel : Chairman- Mr.T.Balasubramaniam – until August 2020**

**Mr.J.Jesuthasan – since August 2020 onwards...**

We restarted our hostel accommodation with the approval of the Public Health Authorities following their hygienic guidelines. The occupation was very less and the income too was very poor due the travel restrictions among provinces and isolations imposed from time to time.

The Security service was terminated and two receptionists were appointed to reduce the expenses.

**13. Shops : Chairman – Rev.P.Thevamithran – until August 2020**

**Mr.G.D.Niles – since August 2020 onwards...**

The Shopping Complex - Ground Floor had been rented out for the use of a grocery shop. The first floor is used by Nelson Learners and the second floor used for repairing electronic scales. The shop next to the canteen is serving the public with learning school. The Canteen provides catering service as usual.



## Relief



BUREVI Cyclone Relief



Covid 19 Relief



## Annual General Meeting



## Youth



Shramadhana



## Flag Week



## Christian Emphasis



Chapel Service



Induction Service





World Week of Prayer



## Elders



## Child Rights Programme



Best Wishes







Home Gardening



Teachers' Training



YMCA Village



**14. YMCA Village, Iyakkachchi : Chairman – Mr.A.Donald – until August 2020**

**Mr.R.Vinoth – since August 2020 onwards....**

- a. Distributed provisions worth of Rs.118,500/= at the YMCA Village, Iyakkachchi during the COVID 19 lockdown through Relief Committee.
- b. Arrangements to be made to provide land permit to the beneficiaries.
- c. Attended a meeting with the Chief of Agriculture Department, Pallai to discuss on an issue of paddy land.

**15. Editorial : Chairman, Mr.A.J.Kadirgamar – until December 2020**

**Mr.R.Vinoth – since December 2020 onwards...**

Two newsletters were released, January to December 2020 and January to March 2021 with articles and information on our programs and activities.

**16. Annual General Meeting 2020**

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna YMCA was held on Saturday 22nd August 2020, at the YMCA Auditorium, with the President Rev.P.Thevamithran in the Chair. Forty-two Members attended at this meeting. As per the constitution five Board of Directors who have served three years, consecutively their terms will be expired. To fill up these vacancies, an election was held. At this election Mr.R.Vinoth, Mr.M.Nishangan and Mr.J.Jesuthasan were newly elected. Mr.T.Balasubramaniam and Mr.P.Andrew Praveen were re-elected and remained as Directors.

Mr.A.Donald, Mr.R.Nishan and Mr.Dinesh P.Gunaratnam were not elected. On behalf of the YMCA, we thank these three Directors for their dedicated service to our YMCA during their office.

**Office Bearers for the year 2020/ 2021:**

President – Mr.R.Vinoth,

Vice Presidents - Mr.T.Jutharajah and Mr.T.Vimalraj,

Treasurer - Mr.J.R.W.Jeffrey.

**Executive Committee Member:**

Mr. Mr.M.Nishangan was elected as an EXCO member.

**Eleven (11) Board Meetings and One (02) Special Meeting were held from 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Chairman of Committees 2020/2021**

	<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Eligible Meetings</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>INF</b>	<b>%</b>
01	Mr.R.Vinoth President Chairman – Human Resources & Human Rights and “Y” Village	13	13	--	--	100 %
02	Mr.T.Jutharajah Vice President Chairman – Child Rights Project & Legal Advisory Committee	13	12	--	01	92%
03	Mr.T.Vimalraj Vice President Chairman – Youth Work	13	06	05	02	46%
04	Mr.J.R.W.Jeffrey Treasurer Chairman – Finance	13	13	--	--	100 %
05	Mr.M.Nishangan EXCO Member, Chairman – Relief Work	13	11	01	01	85%
06	Rev.P.Thevamithran Chaplain	13	10	01	02	77%
07	Rev.J.Antony Suthakar Chairman – Religious Work	13	05	07	01	38%
08	Mr.A.J.Kadirgamar Chairman – Editorial	05	02	01	02	40%
09	Mr.P.Andrew Praveen - until February 2021 Chairman – Cultural Work	08	05	03	--	62.5 %
10	Mr.T.Balaubramaniyam Chairman – Membership	13	05	03	05	38%
11	Mr.G.D.Niles Chairman – Shops, Building Maintenance & Beautification	13	11	--	02	85%
12	Mr.S.Edward Reginold - until March 2021 Chairman – Education	09	01	05	03	11%
13	Mr. S.Paul Arulnayagam Chairman – Elders’ Project	13	11	--	02	85%
14	Mr.C.A.Aravinthan Chairman – Sports	13	07	05	01	54%
15	Mr.J.Jesuthasan Chairman – Hostel & Hall Accommodation	13	06	02	05	46%
16	Mr.L.Ramramanan - Co-opted 11.09.2020, Filled the vacancy of Mr.P.Andrew Praveen in April 2021 Internal Auditor	11	03	05	03	27%
17	Mr.S.Vaseekaran - Co-opted 11.09.2020, Filled the vacancy of Mr.S.Edward Reginold in April 2021 Chairman – Medical Care	11	08	02	01	73%
18	Mr. R.Nishan - 19.04.2021 Filled the vacancy of late A.J.Kadirgamar	03	02	01	--	67%

✓ - Attended

X - Absent without notification

INF - Excused

Mr.P.Andrew Praveen and Mr.S.Edward Reginold were discontinued to be a member of the Board as per the constitution Article III of Section 5.

**17. Human Resource : Chairman Rev.P.Thevamithran – until August 2020  
Mr.R.Vinoth since August 2020 onwards..**

**a. Staff:**

Mr.S.Jeyarajasingam	–	General Secretary / CEO
Mr.S.Gowryshangar	–	Liaison Officer
Ms. C.Thusyanthi	–	Accounts Assistant cum Typist
Mr.J.Gobinath	–	Receptionist
Mr.V.Vithusan	–	Receptionist (Under probation period)
MR.V.Vijiyatharsan	–	Receptionist (Under probation period)
Mr.C.S.R.Kishokumar	–	Receptionist - terminated the contract

- b. A reasonable salary increase was provided from April 2021 to all staff members.
- c. The Staff Medical Scheme was changed to accumulate each year.
- d. Staff members are eligible to obtain Rs.12,000/= as dress code loan.
- e. Loan facilities provided to the staff who worked over five years, five times of the consolidated salary which is to be settled in 12 months with bank F/D interes

**18. The National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka (NCYSL)**

The Annual General Meeting of the National Council of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka was not held in 2020. The Office Bearers of NCYSL elected in 2019 is continuing their office. The NCYSL supported (Rs.300,000/=) towards the staff salaries considering the low income due to COVID - 19. We thank the NCYSL for all its support and encouragements.

The NCYSL has proposed many amendments to its constitution, the YMCA Jaffna has not accepted many clauses which we perceive are against the autonomy of the member YMCAs.

**19. Our Thanks:**

We express our sincere thanks to our Members and Well-wishers for giving their valuable time for the YMCA and providing service to the community. They have made us proud and inspired to do more to the community.

In spite of various difficulties our Board Members took up chairmanship of Committees and carried out programmes and activities. We appreciate their dedication towards the community-oriented services.

We also thank those who supported in all the programmes & activities of the Jaffna YMCA.

**S.Jeyarajasingam,**  
**General Secretary,**  
**YMCA Jaffna.**  
**30<sup>th</sup> July**



**Activities for the Period of April 2020 to March 2021**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Funded By</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>Child Rights Programme</b>		
Preschool, Children's Club Activities	NCYSL	97,000.00
	YMCA Jaffna	34,873.00
Teachers Training Programme	YMCA Jaffna	29,900.00
		<b>161,773.00</b>
<b>Medical Work</b>		
Covid 19 Relief Support	YMCA Jaffna	17,895.00
		<b>17,895.00</b>
<b>Relief Work</b>		
Covid 19 Relief Support	Past.Kumar Reginald	118,500.00
	DFFSC	100,000.00
	Mr.K.N.Y.Maurice	5,000.00
	YMCA Jaffna	38,240.00
		<b>261,740.00</b>
<b>Elders Work</b>		
Get together, Assistance	YMCA Jaffna	66,834.50
		<b>66,834.50</b>
<b>Religious Work</b>		
Bible Essay Competition	NCYSL	1,500.00
World Week of Prayer	YMCA Jaffna	10,974.00
Decoration	YMCA Jaffna	15,000.00
Printing Christmas Card & Postage	YMCA Jaffna	12,525.00
Chapel Service	YMCA Jaffna	2,135.00
		<b>42,134.00</b>
<b>Educational Programme</b>		
Finance to Education	DFFSC	836,000.00
		<b>836,000.00</b>
		<b>1,386,376.50</b>

NCYSL : National Council of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka

DFFSC : Direct Family Financial Support - Canada

## ACCOMMODATION ROOMS AVAILABLE WITH NECESSARY FACILITIES

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THE CHAPEL WAS REDEDICATED BY  
**VEN.S.P.NESAKUMAR**  
FORMER ARCHDEACON OF JAFFNA  
ON 18.10.2014



**THE GENERAL SECRETARY MR.S.JEYARAJASINGAM HAS COMPLETED  
25 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AT THE JAFFNA YMCA  
AS OF 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021.  
CONGRATULATION!  
WE WISH HIM ALL SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE ENDEAVOURS**

*With Best wishes  
President, Board of Directors & Staff*



**THE NEW OFFICE WAS DECLARED  
OPEN BY THE PRESIDENT MR.R.VINOTH  
ON 19.08.2015 TO MARK THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY.**