

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF JAFFNA

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020



' That they all may be one'

John 17:21

**YMCA Jaffna,
109, Kandy Road,
Jaffna.**

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Christian Emphasis



Sports



Relief Work



Child Rights Programme



Elders' Work

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 22nd August 2020

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Main Hall of Jaffna YMCA

AGENDA

Prayer

Vote of Condolence:

Excuse of Absence

President's Address

General Secretary:-

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 17.08.2019
- Adoption of the Annual Report for the period 01.04.2019 – 31.03.2020

Treasurer:-

- Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts – 01.04.2019 – 31.03.2020

Election of Directors 2020/ 2021 **(for five retirees)**

Appointment of Auditors & Fees

Any Other Business

Benediction followed by Lunch

Annual Report

We are honoured to present the Annual Report for the period April 2019 – March 2020. We were very much concerned about the standard of our Programmes & Activities, regarding the involvement to attract the public. Especially, we were able to present cash prizes to each and every participant at the Bible Quiz Competition with the financial support of our past President Mr.K.N.Y.Maurice. Our approach to the Parliamentarians gave fruits for our labour, we received an Organ and a Public Address System. The effort to accelerate sports activities too saw in receiving a donation of a Table Tennis Table and Carom Boards.

Due to the tragedy (Blast) in April 2019, we were compelled to change our YMCA calender. The Bible Quiz Competition and Talent Search were to be held in May 2019 but were postponed to the latter part of the year, hence, the participants lost the enthusiasm. However, we have conducted all our annual programmes and activities.

Since the Virus attack all over the World and in Sri Lanka too, a curfew was imposed, resulting in a lockdown for at least a month. This too affected our daily income and restricted the activities, especially the Best Performance Award Ceremony 2020 which got, cancelled by the donor DFFSCanada. The Jaffna YMCA was able to provide dry rations to the families depending on daily wages during these difficult days. We have since restarted our hostel and other activities with the approval of the Public Health Authorities following their hygienic guidelines.

We write to record with our heartfelt condolences that our past President M.C.Francis passed away on 18.11.2019 in Canada. May his soul rest in peace. Francis Master helped the YMCA in many ways, his concern was on encouraging education amongst our children and he spent much financing towards this purpose. We thank God for the life and work of Late.Mr.M.C.Francis.



Sir George Williams

Founder - YMCA Movement
(1844)



Sir William Twynam

Founder President - YMCA Jaffna
(1866-1917)

The Annual Report for the period April 2019 – March 2020 is presented herewith.

1. Christian Emphasis: Chairman – Mr.Dinesh P Gunaratnam

All Island Bible Quiz Competition:

Bible Quiz - Zonal Contest

The Bible Quiz Zonal Competition was held on 7th September 2019, at St. John's College, Chundikuli. 14 teams in the Senior and 10 teams in the Junior age groups participated. St.James' Church won the Championship in the Junior age group and Trumpet Sound Full Gospel Church won the Championship in the Senior age group.



Bible Quiz - Regional Contest



The Bible Quiz Regional Competition was held on 14th September 2019, at the Main Hall, YMCA Jaffna. Three zonal teams from Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mannar in the Senior and 03 zonal teams also from Jaffna, Vavuniya and Mannar in the Junior age groups participated. Trumpet Sound Full Gospel Church won the Championship in the Senior and St.James' Church, Nallur won the Championship in the Junior age groups.

The Quiz Competition conducted in May annually was held in September, due to the Easter tragedy in April.

This year our past President Mr.K.N.Y.Maurice donated Shields in memory of the late E.R.T.Reginald, former Hon. Secretary of YMCA to the Champions and Runners up of each age group. Also, cash prizes to the winners were awarded. Each participant received a sum of rupees.1000/= and the Champion team participants received Rs.3000/= and Runner-up team participants received Rs.2000/= each.

Jaffna YMCA, Churches, Schools and the Children are very much thankful to Mr.K.N.Y.Murice for his encouragement to the children towards study/memories of GODS Words through this competition.

The World YMCA/YWCA Week of prayer

Theme: "Young people transforming power structures for gender equality"

The World YMCA/YWCA Week of prayer was observed from Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th November 2019. Prayer meetings were conducted at the residencies of the Board of Directors, YWCA, and the YMCA. Parish Priests, Board of Directors, Members, Members of the YWCA, and Well-wishers participated at the prayer meetings. 10th November 2019, was observed as the first day with services at the nearby Churches.



Day 01: Transformation: Mind, Soul and Body.	At Churches
Day 02: Equal Rights & Justice.	Rev.S.M.Reginold
Day 03: Transforming Power Imbalances.	Rt.Rev.Dr.S.Jebanesan
Day 04: Earth to Humanity: A Quest for Ecological Justice.	Rev.S.Thevanesan
Day 05: Dehumanized and dismembered: Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Me.	Ven.Fr. Samuel J Ponniah
Day 06: Women and Peace Building	Rev. Nithiyajeevan Jeyakumar
Day 07: Leaving no one behind: Jairus Daughter and the Bleeding Woman.	Rev.J.Antony Suthakar

Christmas Carol Service



The Annual Carol Service was held on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 3.30 pm. Rev.Miss.Jeyakumari Ratnasingam of the Methodist Church, Puttur, delivered the Sermon. The Choirs of Chundikuli Girl's College, YWCA Jaffna, St. John the Baptist Church, Chundikuli (Sunday School), St.James' Church, Nallur Trumpet Sound Full Gospel Church, Nunavil, St.Paul's Church, Sathiyapuram, CACM, Uduvil, One Voice Jaffna and J/Vembady Girls' High School rendered Carols. Certificates to the participants and winners of the Bible Quiz Competitions were distributed, following the service.

Youth Bible Challenge

A team from St.Patrick's College applied, and as we had only one team they participated in the Batticaloa Region.

Chapel Service

The Service has been conducted as usual from Monday to Friday at 8.30 in the mornings.

Christmas Card

Continuing to forward a Christmas Card to the members and well-wishers to share the joy of Christmas and Christ's Blessings.

2. Youth: Chairman – Mr.T.Vimalraj

Though a few were involved in our activities, they were very much active and helped in organizing events like Children's Club Activities, Games and entertainment in Members' Get-together and in Table Tennis Tournament etc..etc...

3. Sports: Chairman – Mr.C.A.Aravinthan

A Table Tennis Table was donated by our Member, Mr.P.Rubendran, and two Carom Boards were donated by a well-wisher, Mr.S.Selvakaran. We thank them for their generous help towards the upliftment of the Sports activities.

Table Tennis Tournament

A Table Tennis Tournament was conducted on 27th July 2019. Seventy male and female activists participated in all age groups. Cups and Certificates were presented.



Chess Tournament

Our President Dr.P. Andrew Praveen was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Ceremony of the Chess Tournament at the YMCA Hall on 06th April 2019. The tournament was conducted by Yarl Sathuranga Muttaram.



4. GYM

The GYM room had been rented out and utilized as a Gymnasium for female participants.

5. Medical Work: Chairman – Mr.S.Paul Arulnayagam

Blood Donation Campaign: Chairman – Mr.A.Donald



Under the funding through Medical work, a Blood Donation Campaign was held at the Main Hall of the YMCA to commemorate the YMCA Flag week on 04th June 2019. About 12 well-wishers including the Board of Directors, participated in this event.

6. Relief Work: Chairman – Mr.A.Donald

COVID 19:



Jaffna YMCA with the financial support of the National Council of the YMCA's of Sri Lanka distributed provisions worth of Rs.300,000/= (each pack worth of Rs.2,000/=) to 150 families dependent on daily wage earnings. The selection of families was done by the Divisional Secretariat Jaffna.

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

Preschool Educational Tour:

An excursion was conducted on 17th February 2020. The children visited the Palaly Airbase under the care of the Security Forces. The Army personnel also provided a bus for the children's transport and provided refreshments. After the visit, the children went to Keerimalai Tank & Temple, KKS Beach, and then to the KKS Railway Station.



Preschool Talent Search:



A Preschool Talent Search was held on 27th July 2019 at the Main Hall, YMCA Jaffna. 60 Children participated in the competition from our following Preschools, St.Jude's Preschool Ariyalai, and Kalaivani Preschool, Navanthurai.

Children's Club:

Children from the Village of Ariyalai, Poompugar actively participated in our programmes.

Children's Day and Teachers' Day 2019:

Teachers and Children celebrated together this day on 09th October 2019. The Teachers and Children of our four Preschools were garlanded and went on a procession to the YMCA from Kachcheri East Lane Junction, along the main A9 highway. Mr.S.Kaneshalingam (Assistant Director of Preschools, Jaffna) Rev.P.Thevamithran (President, YMCA Jaffna) were the Special Guests. Children, Teachers, and Parents performed many activities on this occasion.



Preschool Christmas Programme 2019:



YMCA Preschool Christmas Programme was conducted on 03rd December 2019. Children and Parents of our Preschools participated. Rev.S.Mariyasebastian OMI of Maniyamthoddam was the Chief Guest and each School performed many programmes and activities.

As usual Preschool Teachers meet on every last week of the month and to evaluate the programmes and activities conducted during the month.

8. Elders' Work: Chairman – Mr.R.Nishan Elders' Get together 2019:



The Elders' year-end get-together was held on 09th December 2019. Around 60 Elders participated at the gathering. Gift packets containing of Rice (2Kg), Soap, Sugar (1Kg), Anchor (250g), Tea (100gs), Dhal, Flour, Mosquito coils, Samaposha, and Biscuits were presented to each Elder participant. Entertainment activities like Sing Songs, Musical Chairs, etc... were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners.

9. Education: Chairman – Mr.S.Edward Reginold

Best Performance Award to the Candidates at GCE A/L 2018: Northern Province



The Best Performance Awarding Ceremony was conducted on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 9.30 am sponsored by the Direct Family Financial Support Canada (DFFSC), an NGO headed by Our Past President Mr.M.C.Francis of Toronto, Canada.

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran M.P, State Minister for Education was the Chief Guest and Prof.K.Kandasamy, Competent Authority, University of Jaffna was the Guest of Honour. Mr.S.Muralitharan, Additional Government Agent – Land, District Secretariat Jaffna, Mr.T.Ayavan, Assistant Director of Education – EMIS, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, and Mrs.V.Shanmugaratnam, Retired Principal, Vembady Girls' High School were the Special Guests.

The following awards were presented:

- **First Rank:** Rs. 35,000/= Cash Prize, Shield & Certificate for students at GCE A/L Examination 2017, Northern Province
- **Second Rank:** Rs. 25,000/= Cash Prize, Shield & Certificate for students at GCE A/L Examination 2017, Northern Province
- **YMCA Jaffna Debate Shield** to the winner of Inter School Debate, each Participant received a cash voucher for Rs. 5,000/=
- **Bilingual Excellence Award** of Rs.20,000/= each for a Male and Female winner
- **Trilingual Award** of Rs. 20,000/= each for a Male and Female winner
- **Best All-rounder Award** of Rs. 35,000/= each for a Male and Female winner
- **Best Medical Student Award** of Rs. 35,000/= to a University of Jaffna undergraduate
- **Best Physical Science Student Award** of Rs. 35,000/= to a University of Jaffna undergraduate
- **Best Engineering Student Award** of Rs. 35,000/= to a University of Jaffna undergraduate
- **Best Nursing Student Award** of Rs. 35,000/= to a University of Jaffna undergraduate
- **Best Agriculture Science Student Award** of Rs. 35,000/= to a University of Jaffna undergraduate
- **Two deserving schools** were presented with books worth Rs.50,000/= each.



10. Talent Search 2019: Chairman – Dr.P.Andrew Praveen



The "Talent Search 2019" was conducted with the collaboration of St.John's College on 12th October 2019 without any elaborate fanfare due to the April calamity.

11. Gifts to Orphanages: Chairman – Dr.P.Andrew Praveen

The Christmas gifts presented from Australia were distributed to Uduvil Girls' College, NUFFIELD School for Deaf and Blind, St.John's College, Karunaniliyam, Kilinochchi, and Mullaithivu. We thank the well-wishers in Australia for the continuous help rendered to Orphans, War affected, and Displaced Children.



12. YMCA Founders Day: Chairman – Mr.T.Jutharajah



Theme: “Water Conservation”

The YMCA Founders day falls on 6th June. Since the World Alliance of YMCAs was established in 1855, the YMCAs around the world have been celebrating this historical day with various programmes and activities. YMCA Jaffna celebrated this event from 1st to 6th June 2019. As in the past years, programmes and activities were conducted to commemorate the day. In this context, Stickers were

printed; Schools were approached to celebrate with the YMCA. Especially, visits were made to issue flags to Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah, M.P, Hon. P. Ayngaranesan, Environmentalist, Rev.Dr.K.J.Arulrajah, Vicar St. Peter’s Church, Jaffna, Fr.P.Jebaratnam, Vicar General (at Bishop’s House- RC) The Principal of St.John’s College, The Principal of Chundikuli Girls’ College, Director, Water Board, Jaffna, Dr.Suren Raghavan, Governor Northern Province, Dr.T.Sathyamoorthy, Director of Jaffna Teaching Hospital, Hon. E. Arnold, Mayor of Jaffna, Municipal Council, Vice-Chancellor University of Jaffna, and Mr.N.Vethanayahan, District Secretary of Jaffna. A Thanksgiving Service too was held at the Founder President’s Gravesite on 01.06.2019 at 4.00 pm. A sum of Rupees 28,818/= was collected per till contribution.

13. Membership: Chairman – Mr.A.Donald

Members, Staff & Family Get-together:



The members’ get together was held on 20th December 2019. Around 70 members and their families participated. Several entertainment activities were organized. A Fellowship Dinner followed thereafter. Children who participated in the gathering were provided with gift packets.

We still continue to post the Birthday Cards and Christmas Cards to the members to keep an unbroken relationship with them.

Membership as of 28th February 2019.

Active Membership: Life 76, Full (Adult) 28, Student 01. Total Active Members -105.

Associate Membership: Life Male 16, Female 02, Adult 09, Student 01. Total Associates 28.

Total Membership: 133 Members as of 28th February 2019.

14. Hostel: Chairman – Mr.T.Balasubramaniam

Two common rooms were converted to Rooms with Attached Bath in addition to the existing three attached bathrooms. The Rooms were declared open for the use of our hostelers on 29th June 2019 by our President Dr. P. Andrew Praveen and the Vice President and Hostel Chairman Mr. T.Balasubmaim. Dedication to the Lord & Blessings administered by Rev.P.Thevamithran, Chaplain, YMCA Jaffna. Members, well-wishers and staff participated at the inauguration.

15. Shops: Chairman – Rev.P.Thevamithran

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 educational purposes by Northern Technical Institute.

The Canteen provides a catering service. The shop next to the canteen is also serving the public with telecommunication and photocopying facilities.

16. YMCA Village, Iyakkachchi: Chairman – Mr.A.Donald

Christmas Gifts were presented to the school going children at the Village on 16th December 2019.

17. Editorial: Chairman –Mr.A.J.Kadrigamar, Co-Chairman, Mr.Dinesh P Gunaratnam

Two newsletters were released with articles and information on programs and activities.

18. Visitors:



Seven gentlemen from Madras YMCA came to Jaffna YMCA on an exchange programme organized by the National Council of the YMCAs of Srilanka. They were looked after by the YMCA for three days. They visited our Preschools, YMCA Village, and did some sightseeing. We expect to continue with youth exchanges etc....

19. Proposal:

We submitted proposals to Jaffna District Parliamentarians and Hon. M.A.Sumanthiran gifted an Organ, a Guitar, and Accessories. Hon D.Siddharthan donated an Amplifier and Sound System (Mixer Unit). We are very grateful and thank them for their generous support.

20. Donations:



Our Past President Mr.KNY Maurice donated a sum of Rs.239,006.46 towards the gifts for the Participants and the winner of the Bible Quiz.

Mr.A.J.Kadrigamar, Director of the Board, presented Two Tripods for the use at meetings.

Mr. Walter A Dharmarajah, a wellwisher from Toronto, who lived in Chundikuli donated a sum of Rs.20,000/= during his stay at our hostel.

Mr.S.Edward Reginold, Director of the Board, donated Rs.10,000/= towards the Preschool activities.

A Table Tennis Table was donated by Mr.P.Rubendran for the use of our members.

Mr.S.Selvakaran, a well-wisher donated two Carom Boards to promote the sports activities..

21. Annual General Meeting 2019:



The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna YMCA was held on Friday 17th August 2019 at the YMCA Auditorium, with the President Dr.P.Andrew Praveen in the Chair. Around forty-five Members attended the meeting. A fellowship lunch was served after the AGM. The following Board of Directors were elected as Office Bearers for the year 2019/ 2020, President –

Rev.P.Thevamithran, Vice Presidents - Mr.Dinesh P Gunaratnam and Mr.A.Donald, Treasurer - Mr. G.D.Niles. Mr. Mr.C.A.Aravinthan was elected as an ExCo member.

Eleven Board (11) Meetings were held from July 2019 to July 2020

Chairman of Committees 2019/2020

Number of Meetings Attended

01. Rev.P.Thevamithran	11
President	
Chairman - Human Resources & Human Rights and Shops	
02. Mr.Dinesh.P.Gunaratnam	11
Vice President	
Chairman - Religious Work, HIV/ AIDS Programme & Co- Chairman- Editorial	
03. Mr.A.Donald	04
Vice President	
Chairman - "Y" Village Project, Membership & Relief Work	
04. Mr.G.D.Niles	10
Treasurer	
Chairman - Finance	
05. Mr.C.A.Aravinthan	05
EXCO Member, Chairman - Sports	
06. Rev.J.Antony Suthakar	05
Chaplain, Chairman - Cultural Work	
07. Mr.A.J.Kadigamar	04
Chairman - Editorial	
08. Dr.P.Andrew Praveen	10
Internal Auditor	
09. Mr.T.Balubramaniyam	09
Chairman - Hostel, Co - Chairman - Human Resources & Human Rights	
10. Mr. R.Nishan	03
Chairman - Elders' Project	
11. Mr.T.Jutharajah	06
Chairman - Child Rights Project & Legal Advisory Committee	
12. Mr. T.Vimalraj	04
Chairman - Youth Work	
13. Mr. S.Paul Arulnayagam	10
Chairman - Medical Care	
14. Mr.J.R.W.Jeffrey	07
Chairman - Building Maintenance & Beautification	
15. Mr.S.Edward Reginold	05
Chairman - Education	

Staff:

Mr.S.Jeyarajasingam	- General Secretary / CEO
Mr.S.Gowry Sangar	- Liaison Officer
Ms. C.Thusyanthi	- Accounts Assistant cum Typist
Mr.J.Gobinath	- Receptionist
Mr.C.S.R.Kishokumar	- Receptionist on contract

22. The National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka (NCYSL):



The Annual General Meeting of the National Council of the YMCAs of Srilanka was held on 22nd June 2019 at YMCA Batticaloa. President Dr. Andrew Praveen, Vice President Mr.Dinesh P. Gunaratnam, and Mr.R.Wilson Jeffrey attended the meeting. Mr. Nirmal De Fonseka was elected as the National President.

Jaffna YMCA has been selected as the Second Best YMCA in the island by the National Council of the YMCA's of Srilanka.

23. Our Thanks:

We appreciate and thank our Members and Volunteers for their dedication towards the upliftment of the Jaffna YMCA. Your support made us work with enthusiasm and interest to help the poor and marginalized.

Our Board Members spent their valuable time with the YMCA by participating in the programmes & activities and meeting and contributed, stimulate much to make the programmes inspiring and meaningful.

We thank the National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka for their financial support to conduct the preschools, emergency relief and other activities.

We thank the donors for their kind heartedness in presenting sports equipment, Donations and necessary items.

We also thank those who supported us, to successfully conduct our Competitions, Contests, Seminars, Workshops, and other programmes of the Jaffna YMCA.

*S.Jeyarajasingam,
General Secretary,
YMCA Jaffna.*

30th July 2020

Activities Expenses for the period April 2019 to March 2020

Activities	Funded By	Expenses
Child Rights Programme		
Preschool, Children's Club Activities	NCYSL	97,000.00
	YMCA Jaffna	77,067.00
Prefect Seminar	YMCA Jaffna	19,651.00
		193,718.00
Medical Work		
Blood Donation	YMCA Jaffna	1,675.00
		1,675.00
Relief Work		
COVID 19 Relief Support	NCYSL	300,000.00
		300,000.00
Elders Work		
Get together, Assistance	YMCA Jaffna	64,280.35
		64,280.35
Religious Work		
Bible Quiz	E.R.T.Reginauld	178,000.00
	YMCA Jaffna	21,794.00
World Week of Prayer	YMCA Jaffna	6,865.00
Carol Service	YMCA Jaffna	28,430.00
Postage of Christmas Cards	YMCA Jaffna	6,350.00
		241,439.00
Youth & Sports		
Table Tennis Tournament	YMCA Jaffna	31,366.00
Members Gettogether	DFPSC	23,000.00
- Do -	YMCA Jaffna	22,990.00
YMCA Leaders Exchange Program	YMCA Jaffna	21,920.50
		99,276.50
Cultural Work		
Talent Search	YMCA Jaffna	75,000.00
		75,000.00
Educational Programme		
Donation to Christian Fellowship Education	YMCA Jaffna	5,000.00
Finance to Education	DFPSC	1,487,000.00
Best Performance Award GCE A/L 2018	DFPSC	959,572.83
		2,446,572.83
Total Activities Expenses		3,421,961.68

NCYSL : National Council of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka
DFPSC : Direct Family Financial Support Canada



Education



Gifts for Orphans



Founder's Day



Membership

Hostel



Second Best YMCA



Annual General Meeting



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Visitors



Proposals



Donations

