

REGIONAL REPORT - EASTERN REGION 2017-2018

DATE: 19th November 2017

VENUE: Don Bosco Provincial House, Pan Bazar, Guwahati



The regional meeting of the SDFI Eastern Region (newly revived) was held on the 19th November 2017 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati. There were 9 Sister Doctors from Northeast and part of West Bengal who attended the meeting. We were privileged to have the presence of Sr. Dr. Liza Ignatius FSLG, National Secretary of SDFI, who took initiative in organising this meeting.

The meeting commenced with a short prayer by Sr. Dr. Rani Rose, invoking the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Sr. Dr. Sherly welcomed Sr. Dr. Liza Ignatius, National Secretary of SDFI, and all the Sister Doctors of the region with a warm welcome address. This was followed by lighting of the lamp by Sr. Dr. Liza, Sr. Dr. Sherly and SDFI members, as a symbol of Christ's light and for the enlivening the Eastern Region and the SDFI activities.

Sr. Liza in her inaugural speech emphasized on the need of coming together and learning from one another. She reminded us of our identity as Sister Doctors and our responsibility to play the role of Martha and Mary in spite of the difficulties and challenges the Sister Doctors may experience from within and without. She reminded us of the need for Continuous Medical Education in union with the will of God, for He has chosen us to be His disciples.

After the inaugural speech, each of the Sister Doctors introduced themselves and shared their works in the

respective places. This was followed by election of the President for the Eastern Region. Dr. Sr. Sherly Mary Abraham was unanimously elected as the President of the Eastern Region. This was followed by a grand coffee break.

Sr. Dr. Liza FSLG, spoke to us on the Project - Prevention and Early Detection of Cancers in Women, especially breast cancer and cervical cancer on screening, diagnosis, management modalities and prevention, with an audio visual aid.

At 12 noon, the participants gathered in CRI Bhawan chapel for the meaningful Eucharistic celebration by Rev. Fr. Joseph Olickal, Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Guwahati. Sr. Dr. Prema, on behalf of the Sister Doctors, thanked Fr. Joseph Olickal for his devout and meaningful liturgy and the inspiring homily.

Sr. Dr. Liza informed the members that FCRA number for SDFI is approved by the government and the group appreciated the efforts made for it. She also briefed about the new projects of SDFI i.e. screening and early detection of the cancers in women and conducting awareness programmes in cancer. A detail about the projects and reporting was explained and the format was given. She informed that this year St. John's Alumini Association contributed some financial support for one Sister Doctor in each region to develop her hospital.



Sr. Dr. Liza requested all to attend the National SDFI meeting as SDFI is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. She also appealed to all, to raise funds towards this celebration. Each one was given appeal forms for donation/advertisements. For CHAI Award, Sr. Dr. Margaret name was suggested from our region. Sr. Dr. Liza requested the need for coming together and not to consider it as a waste of time citing her own experience over the years. She also suggested to have some relaxing programmes at the end of the regional meeting. Sisters also spend some time in discussing the various community health activities carried out at various centres.

At the end of the session Sr. Dr. Jyotsna appreciated and thanked Sr. Dr. Liza for her presence, for the resourceful and

interactive session and Sr. Dr. Sherly presented a small gift as a token of gratitude. She also thanked Sr. Dr. Sherly for coordinating this meeting and making the necessary arrangement. She expressed her gratitude to Sr. Tessa and the Sisters of MSMHC at CRI Bhawan for the preparation of the mass, refreshments and delicious food which was relished by all.

All felt happy to have come for the meeting. We thanked the



Lord and each other for the wonderful day. All returned to their communities with a renewed vigour and zeal.

Sr. Dr. Sherly Mary Abraham MSMHC
President, Eastern Region

