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Dear friends of J.D,C.S.I.!

As you know, on 10-11-2022, the Synod of C.S.I elected and consecrated a new bishop for our Diocese. With that inspiration, our Diocese has elected a new administration and started traveling with a new bishop from last 19-12-2022. Our Jaffna Diocese of Church of South India is trying to recover from its current situation. Based on that, we have to make changes from different angles and travel as listed below.

1. Streamlining the administrative structure
2. Enrichment of clergy in education and mission awareness
3. Formulate action plans to restore unity for the clergy
4. Collection and raising of funds for the stipend of the clergy
5. Building a united mind among the congregation
6. Renovation of churches and parsonages
7. Recovery from Brethren Church Schism
8. Administrative Reform of Colleges and Institutions
9. Relief from Court Suits
10. Recovery of lost property.

Thus, one has to travel with many hardships in numerous tasks.

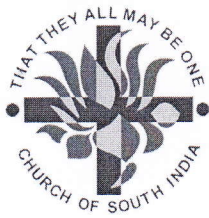
As an effort in this, we have an urgent need to increase the fund that we already had exclusively for the payment of the priest as it is now empty. Because the pastors' monthly stipend is Rs.20,000.00. Out of which, the amount deduction for E.P.F fund and expenses is Rs 18,702.00. (CAN\$ 67.32, US\$ 50.49, GBP 41.14, AU\$ 71.06). This amount has remained unchanged for the last 6 years. They are forced to live on the same income even after the severe economic hardships that have occurred post-Covid-19. Even though the cost of living increased by 40%, there was no change in the stipend of the priest.

We have two reasons for raising this fund

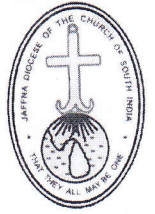
- 1) Funds have to be found to pay the pastors.
- 2) We are in immediate need of increasing the stipend of the pastors.

That is why there is a need to give priority to find and increase the stipend of pastors.

When our new administration deliberated on what to do about this, it was decided that we would seek the help of our friends of C.S.I living abroad and locally to re-grow the empty "pastors' stipend



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fund". We will send them a request letter for the same. It was discussed that they will help themselves. Even if your contribution is small like a small drop is a big flood, it will be considered as a big help.

Dear friends!

We cannot stand alone and restore the Church. Let's all join hands. We will travel with the principle of restoring our mother church. We all know what the Church of South Indian used to be like. Let us bring back the status quo and build up our socially and spiritually deprived Church.

A/C Name : "JDCSI-,PASTORS' STIPEND FUND"

A/C No : 100730305898.

Swift code : NSBALKLX

Bank : National Savings bank,

Branch : Chavakachcheri

Yours in Christ

Bishop

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