

Environment Program 2017 June

The Environment committee of the Diocese of Kurunagala focused on 3 projects this year 2017.

1. 4th June 2017 – A service was held at St Paul’s Church Kandy at 7.45 am in Praising God for his Creation with special emphasis on creating awareness among the children and adults to where we have gone wrong and how we can be conscious of everything we do to minimize damage and destruction to our environment.

As the day was also with the Pentecost Sunday both celebrations were combined on the following theme

COME HOLY SPIRIT – RENEW OUR CREATION

The service included a special confession, a responsive reading, an offertory procession of gifts of the earth taken by children with an environmental Lord’s Prayer, an act of commitment and a special blessing.

An inspiring sermon was given by Fr Shelton Daniel, representative of the clergy in the Environment Committee.

2. The second Project was a Joint project by NCC, Diocese of Kurunagala and Colombo in cleaning the environment for DENGUE.

Hantana was selected for this project as our Water Springs and the forest were badly polluted with polythene and plastics thrown by visitors, who travel by busses and other vehicles along with some careless residents in Hantana.

As DENGUE was spreading badly though very difficult and unpleasant the committed people joined in cleaning.

School Children from TRINITY COLLEGE SCM and the Children from SRI SIVANANDA TAMIL SCHOOL along with their Masters and Chaplain joined in cleaning the premises of the School in Hantana as this area was the worst affected .

A few girls from Hillwood College with some workers and a few residents from Hantana also joined in this very difficult task.

Others were from the environment committee and from the youth fellowship of St Paul’s Church and the members of the NCC/ BSR and members from the Diocese of Kurunagala joined to make this a success. Annexed are the Photos.

POSTERS to educate the people and STICKERS on the Busses not to throw garbage was also done

3. The third Project was to plant 100 KUMBUK TREES in the catchment area of Hantana to protect drying up of our Water Springs that feed the Mahaveli River due to cutting down many trees by mega projects. This was a request from the Water Board to help them.

The seeds of KUMBUK have been brought and handed over to the water board nursery. Once they grow up to 2 feet the planting will be done by the environment committee again as a joint project with the children.





















