

Welcome to a Panel Discussion on Faith, Culture and Identity



First lesson farmers teach you is
that

Faith has to be a lived
experience

**Faith
Sparks
with
Immersion
(Jn 1.14)**





A life time engagement in Rural Ministry Sparks Through

- ▶ Prolific Bible Studies on Poverty, HIV, Dalits, Gender Equity, Ecological Crisis
- ▶ Extensive exposure to Rural Church
- ▶ Engaged in Dalit Issues & Farmer's Distress
- ▶ As Director of DIACONIA CSI Synod
- ▶ Visits to Rural Churches in 24 Dioceses in S. India, Sri Lanka, Korea, Myanmar, US– Ohio
- ▶ Friends at IRCA

- Rural Church is poor because Farmers are Poor

- Unless agricultural distress is addressed the Rural Church will remain poor.



Mat 11. 4.

"Go and report to John says Jesus- what you hear and see: ⁵ the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

**With the coming of Christ the Messianic age has begun.
Preaching of the Gospel among the rural congregations has to
accompany with Acts of Messianic Age.**

Agrarian' Distress is Global

- ▶ INDIA
- ▶ SRI LANKA
- ▶ MYANMAR
- ▶ S Korea
- ▶ Ohio in North America

Life Giving Agriculture

- ▶ Exposure to LGA at Korea
- ▶ LGA in India as an expression of **Church's Faith Response**



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Thanks to PROK– PCK Churches

LGA comes to India



Lived Faith Journey Continues ..

- ▶ Study of BIBLE
Breaks New
Ground

New Genre' of
Biblical Lit.





LGA – India creates **Bhumika** **Collective**

CHEMICAL- FREE food IS an Universal Concern



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IRCA DESERVES PRAISE



***IRCA* Can Re – Position herself**

**To Campaign in Member Churches on Sustainable
Agricultural Practices**

**Church that does not seriously
respond to the faith, Culture and
identity of Gen Z is at peril!**

**Natural Farming
ecological restoration real world
experience nature brings healing
standing with farmers community
action caring for nature**



Earth Friendly Farming

Gen Z

Climate & El Nino Anxiety

Authentic Living

Mental health issues

Justice issues

Meaning in life

Culture of organic Living



GEN Z Sparks with



- Environmental Concerns
- ▶ Re-reading of Scriptures
- ▶ Net-Working
- ▶ Ai- savvy
- ▶ Carbon Credits
- ▶ Organic Living & Lifestyle

Take Aways from LGA Center, Malapalle Village

1. Reading the Living Word to the Plants
 2. Interfaith Coalition
 3. Training Rural Pastors as Community Leaders
 4. Food Forest
 5. Farmers Bible School
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THANK YOU!

**Let's honor the hands that
feed the world.**

