

FEDERATION OF INDIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS (FIACONA.ORG)

Speaking up for the last 23 years in Washington on behalf of US & Canada based protestant, catholic, orthodox, evangelical, Pentecostal, and independent church groups primarily of Indian origin, on behalf of India's persecuted church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS:

FIACONA is now accepting applications from Indian American Christian students for its 2024 Congressional Internship and Fellowship programs. Interested students can scan the QR code to apply before the November 15, 2023 deadline. Email info@fiacona.org for more information. FIACONA encourages the community to support and pray for this program, which will benefit Indian American Christian students.



CHICAGO CONSULTATIONS



Chicago Consultations: On August 15, FIACONA's President, Chairman, and two Advisory Board members met with Indian Christian leaders in the Chicago area to discuss FIACONA's outreach efforts in the Midwest. FIACONA extends its gratitude to Rev. Chakravarthy and Rev. Sagar for organizing this meeting.

HOST A SPEAKER

FIACONA speakers are available to visit your fellowship, congregation, or church to discuss how you can make a difference in Washington. Our speakers can address various topics, such as violence against Christians in India, internship and fellowship programs in Washington for Indian American Christian students and recent graduates. Your support and participation are crucial to the success of FIACONA's work in Washington. For more information please email us at info@fiacona.org.



The US Commission on International Religious Freedom held a hearing on September 20th in Washington, where Ms. Viswanath of HfHR presented a joint statement on behalf of FIACONA and other organizations. Dr. Fernand de Varennes, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, also made a presentation. Notably, the Commission did not invite any representatives from the victim community to participate in the hearing. [Click here for the video](#)

DONATE

Your prayers and financial support are vital to our advocacy work in Washington. For 23 years, donors like you have helped amplify the voices of victims of religious violence. We invite you to consider becoming a monthly supporter with a gift of \$20, \$50, or \$100.

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You could also mail a check to:
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every 1st Monday at 8 PM ET : Advisory Board Meeting on zoom. (If you would like to participate, please email President@fiacona.org for more info)

Every 3rd Monday at 8:30 PM ET: Webinars open to all.

Prayerline: Join us every day for 10 minutes, to pray for the persecuted church in India. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81715291850>
Time: 9:30-9:40 PM ET

REGIONAL EVENTS

With help from local Indian Christian organizations, FIACONA has successfully organized several prayer vigils for Manipur across different cities. **New York, Boston, Dallas.** [Click here for details of each vigil.](#)

New York Meetings: During the month of August, Pastor Bryan Nerren, representing FIACONA, visited Rehoboth Church of God, New City, NY, and India Christian Assembly, Hackensack, NJ, to share about FIACONA's work in Washington.

Colorado Peace Vigil: Colorado based Indian American Christians held a peace vigil for Manipur victims on September 17 at the Colorado Capital, Denver. It was organized by several Indian Christians including, Mr. Charles Selvaraj, Dr. Edwin, Ragu, Salome, Sam, Sunil and others. Colorado also launched an active FIACONA chapter in Denver area. You can reach them at Colorado@fiacona.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL IRF SUMMIT:

The 4th Annual Summit of International Religious Freedom (IRF) will be held on January 29 thru 31, 2024 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Please email john@fiacona.org if you would like to attend. Registrations are open now.

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS (PoWR)

Mr. Koshy George (President of FIACONA), John Prabhudoss (Chairman of the Board), along with FIACONA Advisory Board Members Dr. Chackravarthy Zada from Wisconsin, Rev. Peter Cook from Albany NY, Rev. Dr. Evangeline Rajkumar from Versailles IN, and Rev. Joseph Varghese from Miami FL, attended and spoke at several panels and side events during the PoWR.

PRAY FOR MANIPUR

Manipur continues to burn even after 4 months of violence against the Christians. Though, the government sponsored violence now is directed against the Kuki-Zomi Christians, Imphal Valley based Meitei Christians are also deeply impacted. While the Kuki-Zomi Christians are now defending their districts because of geographical separation, Meitei Christians are living in fear as they live in the Imphal Valley among the Hindu population with neither the police protecting them nor having any defense mechanism to protect themselves.