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ALC Elects the Church's 6th Bishop



The Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC) installed her new Bishop, Rev R. D. Vijayakumar, at a special consecration service on May 24, 2009. He succeeds Rt. Rev. Dr. Gideon Devanesan as the 6th Bishop of the church. The

consecration service of the new Bishop was attended by more than 300 people. He will serve the church for the period 2009-2014.

Rev Vijayakumar was the Vice-President of the church prior being elected as Bishop. He has also served as Treasurer for three terms in the Board of ALC. He has served as pastor in most of the pastorates in ALC since his ordination on June 23, 1978. The new Bishop has resolved to plant more churches in the villages and to empower Dalits youths and women in rural areas.

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New AELC President Elected

The 44th Biennial Convention of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) was held at Schade Girl's High School in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. 'Justice and Righteousness' was the theme of the May 27-28, 2009, convention. The convention



witnessed the election of its new President, Rev. Dr. Suneel Bhanu Busi for the term 2009-2013. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Christopher.

Dr. Bhanu served as the Head of the Department for Dalit Theology and the Department of Religions at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute, Chennai. With his extensive teaching experience in seminaries, deep pastoral commitment for Dalit liberation, wide ecumenical exposure, and passion for mission and ministry of the Church, the delegates at the convention expressed new hope in Dr. Bhanu's leadership.

Dr. Bhanu took over the charge at Guntur on June 1, 2009. In his inaugural address he expressed his desire to shape the church to be more vibrant in all fronts of its mission. He also stressed the necessity to reinvigorate the local congregations' commitment toward the Gospel.

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