



UELCI 80th ENLARGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 80th Enlarged Executive Committee Meeting of the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI) was held in ICSA, Chennai during September 29-30, 2009. The President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Committee members, Bishops, Secretaries and Treasurers of the twelve member churches of UELCI, Chairpersons and Secretaries of each Desk attended the meeting. Discussions that arose from the previous meeting were discussed which was followed by the Executive Secretary's Report. Salient features and activities of UELCI and LMCI were highlighted. "Indian Lutheran churches' involvement in the concerns related to the LGBT community" was the topic discussed during the opening session of the meeting. The session underlined the need for the Lutheran churches in India to give heed to the voices of the LGBT community.

The open floor discussions brought about strategic suggestions on the 'Way Forward' plan from the dignitaries. "We thank and praise God for giving us the opportunity, through the support of our partners and cooperation of the heads and members of our member churches, to be involved with the poor and the needy in our country. We consider each programme, not just as a



programme or as a project but as a part of God's ministry. More such ministries have to be fathomed and put into action" said Rev. Dr. A. G.

Augustine Jeyakumar,

Executive Secretary, UELCI in his concluding remarks.

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VELLIPALAYAM JUBILEE VILLAGE HOUSING DEDICATION



A portion of the newly built houses to be dedicated © ELCA/Richard Sarker

The dedication of 92 houses, the last phase, for the Tsunami affected victims of the Vellipalayam village will be held on Dec. 1, 2009. The village situated in the banks of Tranquebar, India was affected severely by the December 2004 cataclysmic waves. With the aid of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA),

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