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School teachers, a retired principal of a college, government functionaries, IT professionals, engineers, law enforcement professionals, stay at home mothers, elders and other church workers, evangelists, lay preachers, pastors from independent churches, catechists, Sunday school teachers, and a few who have retired from secular and church jobs, and even a few daily wage earners – these are the profiles of the majority of those who have completed certificate courses at the Laity Institute for Transformation Education (LITE Centre) of the Board for Lay Training, a programme of the Madras Diocese of the Church of South India.

A school leaving certificate is the only required qualification, though many have completed higher levels of education. 3300 members from congregations have successfully participated in the courses over the years; and of which roughly 40 persons have completed all 7 courses from the outset right up to the present, one which was recently inaugurated on the topic “Christianity and Patriarchy.”

LITE Centre was dedicated in 2006 for the very purpose to give opportunities for the lay people of the Diocese for reflection and study – designed and given vision and form by the recently retired bishop of the Diocese, Bishop V. Devasahayam. While the centre includes an auditorium (which is let out for wedding receptions and other functions of people of all faiths), a chapel with a full time chaplain (a pastor of the Diocese) and a guesthouse – its central intention and activity is the lay training programme very ably coordinated and organised by a dynamic pastor of the Diocese Rev. Manova Santhosham, who is Director of the Board for Lay Training of the Diocese.

While the focal point for the training continues to be the Lite Centre where the office of the Board for Lay Training is also located, some of the courses are simultaneously held in 5 other centres of the diocese which spreads beyond the sprawling city of Chennai to the surrounding districts in the state of Tamilnadu all of which are part of the Madras Diocese.

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