



CICIAMS XX WORLD CONGRESS SUMMARY

**Education for Sustainable Health:
Engaging Development, Respecting
Life**



Aim and Objectives of the Congress

The aim of the congress was to provide a forum for CICIAMS members to share experience on issues of education for sustainable health, engaging development and respecting life across the life cycle



Objectives:

- To improve and develop skills and expertise in the nursing profession in the context of the Catholic faith
- To share global, regional and countries evidence for the development of tools to educate, sustain life and promote health for all and enable each person to be fully human
- To equip delegates with strategies to assist individuals and communities to live life with meaning and purpose through the life cycle



Background:

- The theme of the congress ***“Education for sustainable Health: Engaging Development, Respecting Life”*** is apt as it addresses the aspects of holistic care across the life cycle
- **The congress was hosted by the Catholic Nurses Guild of Malaysia**
- **CNG of Malaysia was** elated to welcome more than 281 participants from CICIAMS regions representing 18 countries



Background:

- CICIAMS was honoured by the presence of His Eminence Cardinal K.A Peter Turkson the first Prefect of the new Dicastery for promoting integral Human Development;
- His Excellency Most Reverend Joseph Salvador Marino Papal Nuncio;
- Bishop Cornelius Sim -President of Commission Pastoral Care Catholic Bishops Conference Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei



Background:

- Most Reverend Simon Poh, Archbishop of Kuching
- The congress commenced with a CICIAMS General Council Meeting



Opening Mass and Welcome Reception:

- The congress opened with a Concelebrated Mass on the evening of Tuesday, 3 September 2018. The Chief Celebrant was His Eminence Cardinal K.A Peter Turkson.
- He emphasized that as Catholic Nurses we are Ministers of life
- Sustainable health care was done by Jesus Christ “Catholic Nurses are urged to educate, provide sustainable care and respect life ”we have to render service in the spirit of Christ
- The day ended with delicious dinner and fantastic performance by Malaysia



OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY:

- The Most Reverend Bishop Simon Poh, Archbishop of Kuching ushered the ceremony with a prayer recitation
- The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Modernization of Agriculture Native Land and Regional Development declared the congress officially opened

The Professional Aspect of the Programme

SUB Themes

1.SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Key Note Addresses:

- Integral Human Development and the role of Catholic Nurses-
in Health Promotion by His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson
- Nursing and sustainable development: our future, our choice
by Professor Datu Andrew Kiyu Dawis

Round Table 1

- Welfare Issues of Children and Youth Regional/National
Perspectives; at the UK, Nigeria and Singapore
- Victim or protagonist of Modernity the Mexican experience

The Professional Aspect of the Programme cont.

SUB Themes

2.HOLISTIC CARE

Plenary Addresses:

- The Catholic Tradition: Respecting the Spirit as we heal the body by Father Thomas Nairn CICIAMS International Ecclesiastical Adviser
- Promoting Holistic Health Globally : Dr Theresa Cheong
- Achieving Sustainable Societal Mental Health: Tshidi Morigitlane

Round Table 1

- Welfare Issues of the elderly: the experience of Ireland, the USA, Swaziland and Malaysia
- Framework for positive aging, Insuring the welfare of elderly in Pandemics, Disasters and conflict and issues and challenges of older people's health

The Professional Aspect of the Programme cont.

SUB Themes

3.THE ROLE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Plenary Address:

- Nursing Roles in relation to aging Populations, Fertility and Replacement Migration: A Global Update by Dr Patricia Sayers- delegates were able to share their experiences in the various areas
- Peace Appeal from the Japan Catholic Association of Nurses: Ms Ikuno presenting a very poignant appeal expressed through a mothers prayer and a video clip

Round Table 1

- Role of Nurses & Midwives in ensuring sustainable Public Health Development in the Contemporary World: Global, Regional/National Perspectives the case of Kenya, Mexico and India

The Professional Aspect of the Programme cont.

SUB Themes

3.THE ROLE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

- Session concluded with mesmerizing poetry on An Art of Empathy in Nursing featuring Ms Bridget Eu Member of CICIAMS Ethics Committee Malaysia
- “ If only I could I would”, “At 3 am”, “Why A Scream” and “Fearless”

RECOMMENDATIONS/TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- The church considers service to people who are sick and suffering an integral part of the church mission
- Promote the scientific and pastoral response of the Holy See to the questions related to; Human dignity, migration, health care, charitable works, care of creation
- Promote and encourage catholic nurses to upgrade their nursing development via continuous education and engage with research in evidence-based learning, as well as research on unmet needs of the vulnerable

RECOMMENDATIONS/TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Promote social teachings of the church, reach out to needy, see Christ in every person and may they see Christ in us, "the church does not wait for the wounded to knock on her doors, she looks for them on the streets, she gathers them in, embraces them, she makes them feel loved in the name of God in Mercy"