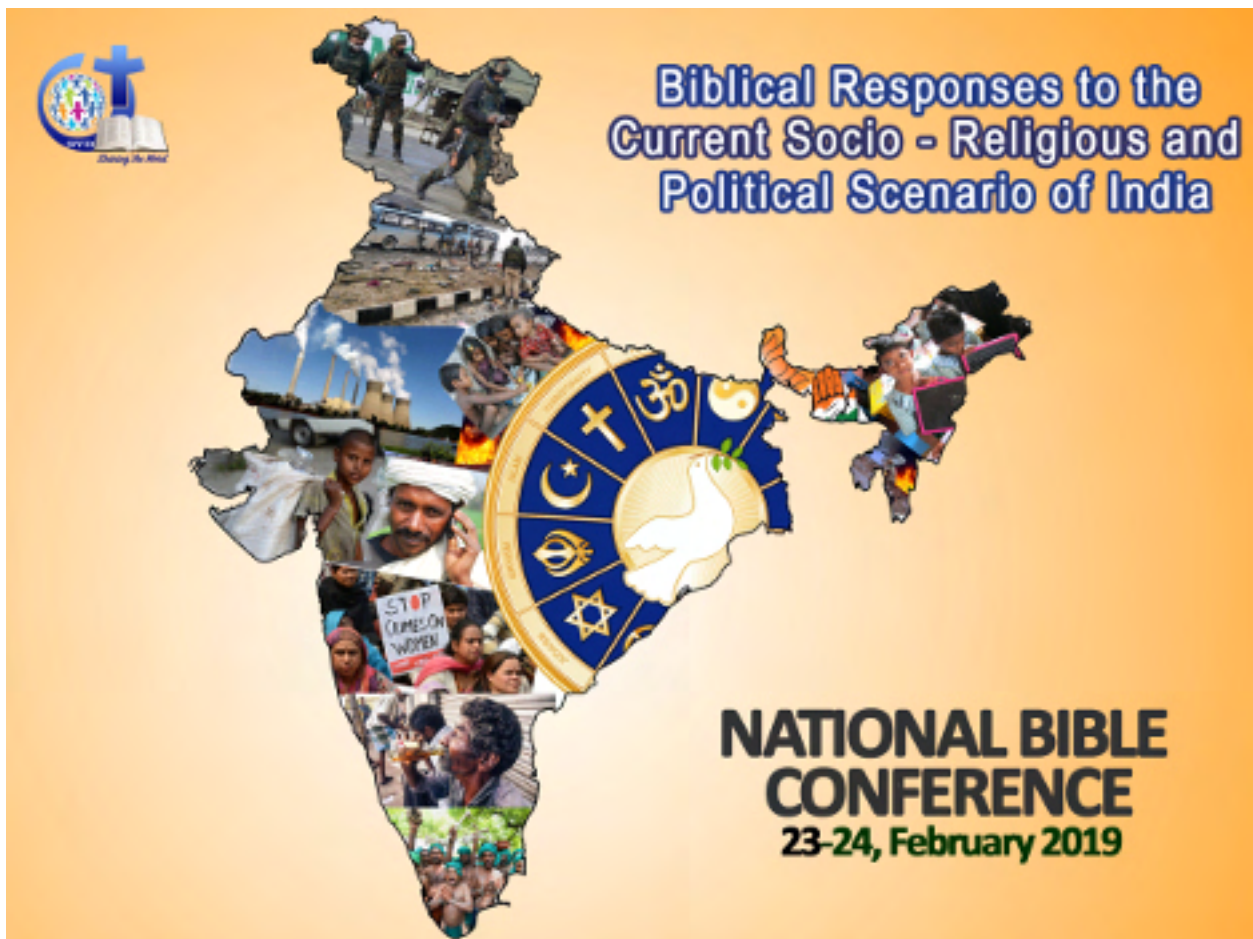


## National Bible Seminar

We, the Divine Word Missionaries, considering the signs of our times and the pressing need of being proactive in the present socio-religious and political situations of our country, under the initiative of Fr. A. Wilson Sagayaraj SVD, the India Subzone Biblical Apostolate Coordinator organized two days National Biblical Seminar on the theme: “Biblical Responses to the Current Socio-Religious and Political Scenario of India.” The conference was held at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti, Tamilnadu on February 23 and 24, 2019.

The conference was an attempt to search together for an adequate biblical response to the growing phenomenon threatening the harmony and integrity of India. The God of the bible lives and relates with us through his Word. There is an urgent need for all of us to discuss and debate on our way of living and doing mission in the light of the Bible; to closely understand what the bible tells us to do today; and how great men and women in the bible responded to their life situations.



In this search, along with some SVD scholars, some renowned theologians and bible professors presented the papers—Frs. Felix Wilfred, Ubald, Yesu K., Jacob Parapally and the SVD confreres A. Wilson Sagayaraj, Z. Victor Sagayam and G. Lazar. The conference began with a prayer dance followed by the message from Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, INH Provincial Superior and Chairman of Biblical Apostolate India Subzone. Fr. Jose Kollemkunnel, SVD presented the keynote address and motivated the participants for a in-depth personal response. There were 135 religious men and women participants. About 40 of our confreres from all the Indian provinces and religion participated in this seminar.

This national biblical conference served as a platform to understand, discuss and debate our way of life amidst the changing socio-religious and political scenario of our country.

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