

FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF INDIA (FCCI) ANNUAL REPORT 2025

A Mission Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

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Vision

“Empowering the Indian diaspora to proclaim Christ and share God’s transforming grace through worship and service.”

FCCI continues to be a living witness of God’s presence among the Asian-Indian and South-Asian communities in St. Louis. In 2025, the church grew not only in numbers but in spiritual depth, unity, and mission engagement in becoming a people’s movement rooted in grace and grounded in justice.

1. Worship & Word

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4:24

Worship is the heartbeat of FCCI. Every Sunday, our congregation gathers in multilingual worship, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, and English, celebrating the diversity of God’s people. Through the Word, prayer, and music, worship

brings renewal and reminds us that our cultural diversity is not a barrier, but a blessing that enriches the Body of Christ. The introduction of bilingual liturgy, lay participation, and thematic sermons has deepened our worship experience.

2. Children & Youth Ministry

*“Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
Matthew 19:14*

Our children’s and youth ministries are growing in joy and faith. Programs like **Kids Story Time, Sunday School, and Youth Fellowship** inspire our young ones to live for Christ with courage and compassion. They actively participated in **Christmas plays, storytelling, praise songs, and prayer sessions**, learning to see faith not as obligation but as joyful relationship. Many youth now serve as volunteers and worship leaders, which is a sign of hope for FCCI’s future.

3. She-AVAL Women’s Empowerment Movement

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.” — Proverbs 31:25
The *She-AVAL*, initiative is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri’s New Ventures Fund, continues to empower Asian Indian women through digital training, life-skills workshops, and community leadership opportunities. This movement uplifts women who often face social and cultural isolation, helping them find their voice, confidence, and purpose. It has become a transformational ministry of hope and healing, demonstrating the love of Christ through empowerment and education.

4. Fellowship & Faith Formation

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17
The Wisemen Fellowship, Wonder Women Fellowship, and Youth Fellowships continue to nurture spiritual maturity and community care. Regular Bible Studies, All-Night Prayers, and House Fellowships provide spaces for Scripture reflection, testimony, and intercession. These gatherings have become spiritual lifelines for many families, strengthening bonds of faith and friendship, and creating a rhythm of prayer and discipleship that sustains our community.

5. Outreach Ministry

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me.”
Matthew 25:40*

FCCI’s outreach expresses God’s compassion through action. This year included food drives for the needy, visitation to hospitals and detention centers, and student support programs for international students facing cultural and financial challenges. Through these ministries, FCCI became a visible sign of Christ’s love in the wider community as a bridge between faith and society.

6. FCCI as a People's Movement

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the oppressed." Luke 4:18

FCCI stands as a People's Movement for the Asian-Indian community in the U.S. It is a prophetic voice for those who are socially invisible, politically overlooked, and spiritually searching. Through this movement, the church becomes a platform for belonging, giving identity and voice to immigrant communities within the Episcopal Church and beyond. It is a testimony that the Gospel of Christ takes root among people on the margins and grows into a vibrant witness of inclusion and transformation.

7. Community Life & Celebrations

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

The FCCI family celebrated many joyful occasions together in 2025 Harvest Festival, Thanksgiving Day Potluck, Melody in Our Hearts Christmas Program, Palm Sunday Procession, Baptisms, and Family Sunday gatherings. Each celebration became a declaration of faith, unity, and gratitude reminding us that joy is the true language of the Kingdom

8. Partnership & Gratitude

"I thank my God every time I remember you." — Philippians 1:3

We express heartfelt thanks to **Bishop Deon K. Johnson** for his vision, encouragement, and personal support, and to the **Episcopal Diocese of Missouri** for standing with FCCI through prayer, partnership, and resources. Our gratitude extends to all **mission supporters, families, volunteers, and leaders** who make this ministry possible. Together, we witness that God's mission is alive, dynamic, and inclusive.

Looking Ahead for 2026

Revds. Dr. Clive Samson+ | Rev. Susanna Clive+
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