

have demonstrated their commitment to combating social ills.

Mr Sunil Kadam and Mr Milind, both experts in street play techniques for the past 16 years, awarded prizes to the winners and critiqued all the performances.

"As social action groups, we need to develop and implement strategies and methodologies

with communities that stimulate our poor and marginalised groups to adopt empowerment as the change agent's tool of choice," said Sharon Rodrigues, CSA Project Coordinator. She also emphasised that CSA's success with using street plays as an effective programme media is because of the commitment and dedication of people within the community.

DIMENSIONS - A New Movement

By Bishop Percival Fernandez

It is indeed heartening to know that so many Christians have taken to independent entrepreneurship in this metropolis of Mumbai. The days when most of our Christians opted for service-oriented jobs must give way to Entrepreneurship and Public Service like the IAS, IPS, IFS, etc, and Professional service like Law, Chartered Accountancy, Architecture, Engineering, etc. What transpired at a meeting of DIMENSIONS, of over 100 entrepreneurs and professionals on November 22, 2008 at Hotel Athiti, Vile Parle (E) was an assurance that this is about to happen.

DIMENSIONS is a movement of Christian Entrepreneurs and Professionals with a dream not only to create wealth for its members and the community, by pooling and harnessing resources and nurturing one another's growth in a spirit of transparency, commitment, excellence and trust, but also bonding together without forgetting their Christian upbringing, ethos and the Gospel Values. When 35 men met at Agnelorajesh Athaide's house in Malad on May 31, 2006, little did they realise that moving on from a private house into a city hotel which provided more space and facilities, within a period of two years, over 400 entrepreneurs and professionals would join them in making the movement strong, healthy and useful to the Christian community!

The brainchild of Freddy Mendonca, the Dimensions Movement does not believe in official membership admission with a fee. One just attends their Breakfast Meetings every month, and after introducing himself/herself and his/her speciality, shares his/her ideas, successes and failures in business and entrepreneurship with others with a similar ethos, and tries to see what can be done by

him/her to assist the other Christian entrepreneurs and professionals in their areas of concern; whereas others present try to see what they can do to strengthen the newcomer's entrepreneurship and development plans. A wonderful Christian give-and-take experience is a bond which unites and strengthens the Christian Community.

The vision of this movement is to gradually create an 'umbrella' under which so many of our Christian men and women involved in Business, Entrepreneurship and Professional Service can network and create a marketing platform in a world which is, thanks to modern technology, just a mouse click away! This, I noticed, is already beginning to happen.

On November 22, 2008, as I sat in the auditorium of Hotel Athiti and watched one of the regular items at the Dimensions Breakfast Meet, I was thrilled to see several Christian entrepreneurs present offering to help out in the plans and growth of other Christian entrepreneurs and professionals present at the meeting.

Diamonds of Dimensions are bound to come across obstacles in their growth, but I have a gut feeling that, with the cooperation of so many like-minded enthusiastic men and women who attend their Breakfast Meetings every month, this movement will overcome the obstacles and steadily grow into a strong but unique organisation, helping to strengthen the Christian Community, and be a beacon of light, strength and guidance to our Christian youngsters to go into independent entrepreneurship, professional services and public services, and make our community outstanding in our beloved country in spite of its small numbers.