



## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE

- Pray Regularly
- Contribute Regularly
- Visit the Centre
- Celebrate Special Occasions with the Children
- Serve as Volunteers
- Suggest innovative ways of Addressing their needs
- Be part of our Team



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**Kerala Ecumenical Mission Centre**

a special school with residential care facility  
 for mentally challenged children





## The Kerala Ecumenical Mission Mental Health Centre

Is a joint venture of Churches & Missions namely

- The Syro Malankara Catholic Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram
- Latin Catholic Diocese of Quilon
- South Kerala Diocese of the Church of South India, Tvm
- Christian Mission Service, Coonoor
- Franciscan Missionary Brothers, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram
- Latin Catholic Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram
- Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church
- Latin Catholic Diocese of Neyyatinkara
- Syro Malankara Catholic Diocese of Mavelikara

### OUR VISION

- Strive to assist Mentally Challenged children to transform from dependency to independency
- Sensitization and acceptance of differently abled children who deserve the same Love, Affection and Attention as any other child

### OUR MISSION

- To become a centre of excellence by developing conducive environment for Children with Special Needs
- To provide holistic development so as to enable Children to be part of the society and development of self advocacy
- To be committed to continued enrichment of skills and knowledge by Special Education Personnel



## HISTORY

- "SHALOM" at its inception, was one among the 10 Special School in Kerala.
- It was started in 1974 with three Children in the auditorium of Lourdes Mount English Medium School of Franciscan Missionary Brothers at Vattappara. While the children from the cities were able to attend the day schools, the children in villages and hill areas did not get facilities to attend such schools. It was to cater to the pressing need of addressing the educational and rehabilitation needs of the mentally challenged. The Churches and Mission agencies, joined hands to initiate a Special School with Residential Care.
- Shalom today has infrastructural facilities to cater 200 children.
- It is a Charitable Institution and is registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act (XII of 1955) Reg. No.90/70.



## PRESENT MINISTRY

At present the Kerala Ecumenical Mission takes care of 160 children (boys between 5-15 and girls between 5-25) irrespective of caste, creed or income. The recurring expenditure is met by the Ecumenical Fraternity, Donations from benefactors and Contributions from the Parents of the children who can afford. The Centre meets the expenses of the children from poor families.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Depending on the degree of disability, the children are trained to attend their basic necessities and are equipped with daily life skills.

The Centre provides formal education; helping them to comprehend the concept of reading, writing and arithmetic. Hygiene & environmental training are also incorporated.

Physio-therapy, Speech Therapy are provided for the needy children.

In order to promote the overall development of the children, we include yoga, sports & games, arts & crafts, music & dance in our curriculum.

The Centre also provides Pre-vocational and Vocational training according to the ability and aptitude of the children.

