## **Christian Communication Institute (Dancers)**

Christian Communication Institute (CCI) is a non-profit organisation which aims to encourage moral and social values through the gospel. It was founded in 1980 and is a part of Payap University today. CCI intends to use every art form possible, both modern and traditional, to communicate the gospel in ways easily understood by the local people and to provide models for positive social values. The performers of CCI travel no less than 250 days per year throughout Thailand to different institutions as well as hospitals. The work of the group reaches up to 50,000 people per year.

For their performance outside of Thailand, CCI travels every 2 years to many countries such as England, Germany, Japan, China, Korea, Singapore, Philippines, Israel, Australia, USA, and many more. They have also been invited to perform as part of the special performance for important conferences such as the performance at the White House during the presidency of Mr. Ronald Reagan; the conference "Lausanne II" in Manila, Philippines; the conference of "World Evangelism" in Sydney, Australia; Conference of "Global Consultation on Music Ministry" (GCoMM) in 2013 in Thailand and 2015 in Singapore, "Bethlehem Live Festival 2015" in Bethlehem and in Jerusalem organised by the Municipality of Jerusalem in collaboration with Ministry of Labour and The Royal Thai Embassy in Israel. Their "Likay" performance in Israel was a great moral support for over 500 Thai workers there. Thanks to their work, CCI was awarded with many prizes in recognition of their contribution in promoting positive social values through the means of Thai culture with great creativity, effectiveness, and accessibility.

The group had the opportunity to perform with Nat Yontararak by combining Thai traditional dance with classical music for the first time on the occasion of a charity concert raising funds for "The Elephant Foundation" premiering Nat Yontararak's 2nd piano sonata "Homage to HM King Rama IX" in celebration of HM Rama IX's 72nd birthday. Recently in 2017, They performed together with Nat Yontararak in his "Homage to the great Thai kings" tour, promoting Thailand through dance as well as giving an opportunity to Thais abroad to have a chance to mourn together for the passing of our beloved King Bhumibol (Rama IX). They were a great success in not only giving non-Thais a new cultural perspective of Thailand, but they also succeeded in communicating Thailand's greatest loss that few non-Thais would truly understand. Apart from Thailand, the countries this toured went to were Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, UK, and Bahrain.



