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MESSAGE from the Moderator



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Hope you all are well and preparing for the upcoming Christmas celebrations! No matter how different this Christmas is from the previous Christmas, everyone seems to have an unknown and different experience! There is no life, no exuberance anywhere. It is as if an unknown fear is constantly frustrating us. The earth has changed color to gray.

Many foreign friends have written to me that this time they will celebrate Christmas and New Year on their own with only the children of their family, because of COVID-19 they are not in a position to celebrate the Savior's birthday in the church. Lifeless despair surrounds everyone.

This time the children will see Santa Claus only on television. Joyful Santa Claus will not bring them any real gift. Thousands of people will spend this Christmas without their loved ones, because all these mourners have lost them forever because of COVID-19.

Yet in the midst of this pandemic God says to us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not despair, for I am your God; I will give you strength; I will help you; I will hold you by the right hand of my righteousness." - Isaiah 41:10.

In our country, we will not be able to have a pre-

Christmas courtesy call on our Prime Minister this time. There will be no formality in Christmas. There will be Christmas celebrations only on live stream. This Christmas in the villages will be more lifeless and in pale colors; there will be no special arrangements for the regular Christmas banquet; the happy atmosphere of Pithe-Parvan cannot be found in the homes of ordinary Christians, because thousands of helpless poor people have lost their only source of income in their livelihood due to this corona virus pandemic. Countless children do not have new clothes or warm clothes this Christmas.

Yet in the midst of all these calamities, God is somewhere, who will take care of us in some other way, because He is loving and forgiving, great in mercy. His infinite love is for all, His beloved children are living all over the world. He never throws away widows, the poor, the oppressed, the homeless, the aliens, the hungry, the hopeless and even sinners. He said, "Do not be afraid, look, I am here, there is good news for you." He added: "If my people, upon whom my name is glorified, pray earnestly and seek my face and turn away from evil, I will hear it from heaven, and I will forgive their sins and heal their land." - 2 genealogies 6-14.

I wish you all the best, may Christmas bring good news of new joy in your life, may this beautiful world become loving at the end of all entanglements, may the coming new year be happy.

God says, "For I know not whether death, or life, or angels, or dominion, or things present, or things to come, or might, or glory, or any other thing that is created. You cannot separate us from the love of God in Jesus." – Romans 6:38-39.

**Wishing you all Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 2021**

In Christ

Rt Rev Samuel S. Mankhin

Message from Barishal Diocese



Dear sisters & brothers,

The river flowed, time passed away, the season changed, the world moved, people changed nothing stopped in our lives. Everything went on in its way. In the beginning of this year 2020 (February) the whole world faced a new challenge named COVID 19. We did not know what to do and not to do. Many have lost their lives, lost jobs, lost hopes and lost many other things but the truth is nothing could stop us from moving forward and nothing could stop us to overcome and finish the race of the year 2020.

It is true that in many ways we could not reach our goal or aim, but we also cannot deny that we all have achieved many other things which we have not thought to achieve or gave importance. For example, we have learnt the importance and need of using digital opportunities for worship, for socialization, for education, for business and so on. We have learnt how to stand against the unknown and invisible viruses. We have also learnt that the whole creation continues its work and heal its wounds.

We as Christian have not stopped our journey of Faith. We are marching on and with faith, we will reach the end of this year 2020 and surely we will win the race. Let us see the blessings we have received and achieved despite the COVID 19 challenge. We now know where to go and how to move even when there are many challenges like the Coronavirus around us. There are many like Coronaviruses which are taking our lives, bringing divisions, increasing envy and hatred. Let us try to overcome them and move on with God's love, peace, justice and stay firm in our callings.

Here we are attaching our newsletter for November 2020. Please remember us in your prayer and kindly be a partner of our mission to glorify our God.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and
a blessed New Year.**

Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia

Greetings from Kushtia Diocese



Dear brothers and sisters

On behalf of Kushtia Diocese, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Kushtia Diocese has undertaken a number of important activities in the months of November and December 2020. For example, on November 9, six Bishops, including the Cardinal of the Catholic Church of Bangladesh, received hospitality at the Bishop's House in Kushtia, and the Cardinal stated that they have and will continue to have good relations with the Church of Bangladesh. From 26th to 30th, the Bishop of the Kushtia Diocese visited Bogra, Naogaon, Syedpur and Palashbari. In particular, inaugurated few shops of the Church for increasing local income. From 6 to 9 December, the Bishop visited the Bollobhpur Deanery and handed over 56 persons at the Ratanpur Parish on the 7th and 22 persons at the Karpasdanga Parish on the 7th.

He later repaired the church at Nityanandapur Parish and laid the foundation stone of the new house of the priest at Ratanpur. Other activities continued in the following days. For example, pre-Christmas celebrations of young men and women, women and children and a few organizations in different parishes of Bollobhpur Deanery. Pastoral meeting with all the priests and catechists of Kushtia Diocese in Kushtia Bishops House on 19th and 20th, pre-Christmas and one of the most important and new subject, final competition of Sermon competition will be held. Three winners will be awarded with due dignity. Maintaining social distance, all the parishes and branch parishes of Kushtia Diocese will hold Christmas festival and other activities on December 24 and 25 and New Year's worship will be held on January 1, 2021 in all parishes as usual.

We are grateful to the Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh and his Secretary for the smooth running of all activities. Special thanks to Prodip Chand Mondal.

Thank you to all the friends of Diocese and partners who have helped us with prayers and other support.

May this Christmas and New Year bring a lot of peace, prosperity and a beautiful world free from Corona.

Blessings!

Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder

Editorial News

The Board of Trustees' (BOT) the highest policy-making committee meeting of the Christian Mission Hospital was held on December 20, 2020. A number of agenda items, including strategic changes,



were decided at the meeting. In particular, Mr. Prodiip Chand Mondal has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital alongside with the responsibilities as the Secretary of the Moderator and Synod Office Admin. This appointment has already been made effective to contribute to the speed of the legal issues and its service to the people and self-sustainability of the hospital. He will see all the administrative matters along with the Medical Director Dr. David Khan. The renovation of the hospital, which has been started since last November 2020, is now in full swing, with all the rooms in the male and female wards being repaired and painted, installed tiles, windows, and doors, furniture repaired and painted, as well as equipment that is very old to replace. In order to provide quality service by adapting, we had to do this major renovation work with some loan. It should be noted that it would have been impossible to do this for various reasons if the government had not paid for the COVID-19 treatment from our hospital and their payment for using our infrastructure. The

nearly one-hundred-year-old building, apparatus, and furniture became unsuitable for medical treatment. However, we are glad that this is being done with the unwavering support of most of the church leaders. Its program is coming soon and the service work will start on 1st February 2021. We like to have your prayers in this matter.

A number of buildings at the Nursing Institute were also in poor condition, which is being repaired and painted in an attempt to increase their durability. We are delighted that Miss Sulota Drong has now joined the institute as the new principal after nearly 20 years of service in the nursing profession in Zambia. For Corona, the students were in their respective homes for about six months at a stretch under the direction of the government. But 60 out of 143 students came to the hostel to take the annual exam. By the infinite mercy of God, we have never heard of anyone being affected by corona. In your prayers, they have returned home with a healthy body to celebrate Christmas after appearing their due annual exam.

In Bangladesh, the first blow to

Corona was very unfortunate. We were in lockdown for about three months for fear of being attacked. The situation was with heavy misery. Everything is off. Travel, daily activity, shops, jobs, car wheels were all off just the internet was open. Poor people were suffering due to a lack of work at that time. Somehow when we could not find a way out, about 40% of the people in the country were in dire straits without food, so the Moderator of this Church was forced to appeal for help in the name of Gospel in Action to Respond COVID-19. In this call our friend collaborators, in particular, CWM, Methodist Church, Anglican Communion Fund, USPG, ERD, ICCO-Netherlands, CMS-UK, CMS Switzerland, have helped us financially in an extreme disaster situation. We are eternally grateful to them. Through you, we have been able to share the joy of the gospel with everyone, regardless of color, race, or religion. This Christmas, however, we have been able to preach the ideals of Christ through this work, so we are grateful to everyone for this help. God bless us all.

Best wishes and prayer



A blessed Church building at Shridampara is being constructed with the help of UTO

10th Synod Council of Church of Bangladesh held



10th Synod Council of Church of Bangladesh held on the 13th-14th November at Retreat and Conference Center Savar, Dhaka. About 90 councillors, including honourable bishops of the three dioceses, guests and visitors was attended the council.

The Moderator Bishop Samuel S Mankhin presided over the 10th Synod Council. It is to be noted that due to COVID-19, this 10th council could not be held even after several attempts. For time limitation in Corona situation, audit report and other reports of various organizations and committees have been read and recommended and approved by the House.

The Honourable Moderator read his written pastoral speech. Many present welcomed the speech and had a constructive discussion on it. As per the instructions of the respected moderator, everyone expressed optimism about self-reliance, development and unity. The second day's session began on the morning of November 14 with a meditation and prayer meeting. The meditation and prayer meeting was conducted by Brother Erik of Taize Brothers. The prayer meeting gives spiritual nourishment to all.

The second session of the day started after 10 am. At the beginning of the session, the Synod secretary read out his written report. The House was invited to discuss this, thanking the Secretary.

After the discussion, the secretary of Kushtia, Barisal and Dhaka Dioceses greeted everyone on behalf of their respective Dioceses.

The Election Commission then conducted the election by announcing the dissolution of the previous Executive Committee. Various new committees were

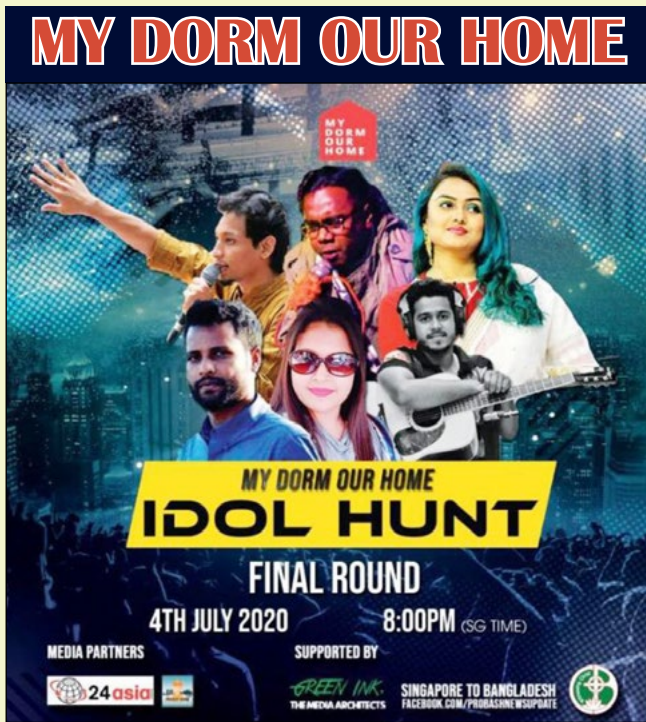
formed for the next three years through selection, nomination and election. The house then elected Rev John Probhudan Hira as the Synod Secretary and Mr. Binimoy Biswas has been elected as the Synod Treasurer

The members of the nominating committee to form different committees were: three honorable Bishops, Diocesan Secretary, Deans and Synod Office Admin who nominated members and conveners of various sub-committees. Afterwards the 10th Council concluded with a heartfelt greeting to the new Executive Committee and all the Conveners.

Sermon Guide Published



The Honorable Moderator, other bishops and the Synod Secretary, unveiled the cover of the book "Palakiya Prachar Sahayak- Sermon Guide" written by the priests of the Church of Bangladesh and published by the Publications Department. In the end, Deputy Moderator Bishop Pholia thanked everyone and expressed his sincere gratitude to God and announced the end of the council.



Historically, Singapore is among one of the major developed countries who is receiving migrant workers from Bangladesh, India and China as they rely on foreign resources for its economic development. With time, the growing importance of overseas employment have become the only anticipation of most poor people living in rural areas of Bangladesh for earning in foreign exchange. Hence, the flow of workers from Bangladesh to Singapore has risen remarkably for over 95% from 2005 which again declined later due to the number of unskilled workers. Since then a lot of local agencies, broker, recruitment agents and many local and international, profit and non-profit organizations along with the help of Government of Bangladesh and Singapore is working in the frontline to improve the skills of the overseas migrant workers by ensuring them with proper guidance and facilities. Despite of earning in foreign exchange, challenges remain in the life of migrant workers in Singapore as they are mostly involved in the local workforce who lacks in job transparency, safety, and security are low paid. However, the pandemic of COVID-19 has affected the lives of many migrant workers in Singapore, almost 90% of COVID 19 cases were found among this community. So, in order to prevent the spreading of COVID 19 virus in Singapore, this community has been quarantined in specific dorms and hostels. Being isolated and the uncertainty of losing their jobs have pushed many migrant workers towards boredom, insecurities, anxiety and mental depression.

In order to meet such humanitarian crisis and to demonstrate love and care for the people in need, a lot of individuals have come forward with several

projects. Among them was Project My Dorm Our Home, which is specially designed by the Diocese of Singapore to address the needs and benefits of all the migrant workers who were quarantined in special dorms and hostels during circuit break or lockdown in Singapore. While many other projects were mainly focused to improve the healthcare and food sources of the migrant workers, My Dorm Our Home project in partnership with Church of Bangladesh (CoB) have felt the need to address social cohesion among the migrant workers, especially the ones who belonged to Bangladeshi community.

Since social distancing was very crucial and frequent contact of people was impossible, Church of Bangladesh in partnership with My Dorm Our Home has influenced the power of social media to intensify connections and care among the migrant workers. In order to keep the Bangladeshi migrant workers sane in their dorms, CoB and My Dorm Our Home has initially designed and introduced several digital programs in the form of talk shows, fitness shows, discussion panels and Facebook lives, which not only connected the Bangladeshi migrant workers culturally but it also helped them to connect virtually with their loved ones. Nevertheless, the purpose to serve the poor Bangladeshi community for development did not only end with virtual programs and shows, a creative way was introduced jointly by CoB and My Dorm Our Home to keep the Bangladeshi migrant workers engaged in social activities. To regain the lost confidence among the Bangladeshi migrant workers, a Facebook based online singing talent show called “Idol Hunt” was organized by CoB in partnership with My Dorm our Home. Throughout this movement, Church of Bangladesh along with My Dorm our Home has unveiled various singing talent within the underprivileged community and also rewarded them with the price they truly deserved. The talent show has touched the heart of more than 31,500 people residing in Singapore and Bangladesh.

Apart from the success gained from the first two phases, Church of Bangladesh is working with My Dorm our Home project in the third phase focusing more on skill development of Bangladeshi migrant workers. Hence the third phase kicked off with “Swapno joy Boot Camp led by Barisal Youth society in partnership with UNDP, My Dorm our Home and CoB. The Boot Camp provided an opportunity for developing the skills of migrant workers and youths from rural parts of Bangladesh. Several interactive digital workshops were held in the presence of national and International professionals from different expertise.

St. Andrew's Theological College, Dhaka



May God protect us from the storm and guide us through the wilderness of Covid-19. Our theological college is running well by His Grace and by the help of our partners, churches, staffs, students and colleagues.

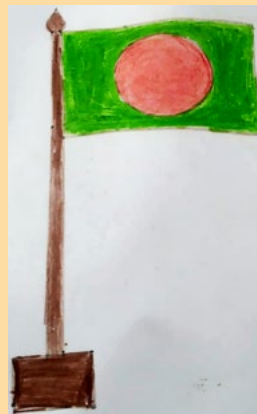
Activities and Result: We are conducting our regular classes every week. This year our B.Th. result was very good in the midst of Coronavirus and online exam. There are about 25 students passed successfully in the B.Th. and B.Th. Diploma. We send them about 12 students to the different churches and organization to serve the Lord. Our Lay People's Course also is going on smoothly through the challenging situations. We thank our deans, clergies and catechists for their cooperation's to run this program in order to prepare future local leaders for the churches.

Planning for Christmas: We are preparing for the upcoming B.Th. and BCS first year exam. We celebrated one of our student's birthday. We are planning and preparing to arrange Pre-Christmas program as simple as it is possible. All of our college students will go for Christmas and New Year vacations.

May our Lord have mercy upon us.

Wishing you all a very Happy Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year 2021.

Education Programme



In the present context, the schools are being run by the Church of Bangladesh which are moving forward by maintaining the Govt. guidelines. The period of school closure was extended by the government from October 3, 2020 to December 19, 2020. Teachers are taking online class based

on the syllabus and continue teaching students accordingly. The annual examinations have been started in the cities' schools from 29/11/2020.

Those schools are situated in the village have been prepared for annual exams. According to the guidelines by the Govt. Students of 6th class will be graded by submitting assignments to their respective teachers to promote in the next level/class. Schools of cities have been started the new admission for the students in 2021 by following the Govt. guidelines. Teachers from village schools are also visiting homes and schools are getting ready for annual examinations. No closing ceremony will be held in this year due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Christa Sevika Sangha



The way that our almighty God designed all souls into the Christa Sevika Sangha be led, we are following that path for the glory of God, and Him alone. Month December had always been a month full of activities when children at our schools, hostels and play centers are celebrating pre-Christmas program and brought heaven down to the earth. But Covid-19 this year has slowed down everything- no activities, no business but silence is prevailing into all our institutions. As mother of Jesus had said, so we join our voices with the Holy Mother and say- God fulfil your wish in me and that I am your servant. Like past years, we are planning to hold (a) Annual Retreat between 16-19 December and (b) Annual Thanksgiving Service at 4 pm on 19th December at Chapel of Christa Sevika Sangha.

Before Christ is born and Christmas is being celebrated, we spend three full days in silence and meditation to receive Christ into our hearts afresh and also prepare ourselves to receive New Year to make a fresh start for His glory.

After Annual Retreat, we celebrate annual

Thanksgiving Service and acknowledge and place all blessings received during this year on the altar and seek for His blessings again. This is observed since the very beginning of CSS started in 1970. Our revered Mother Susila introduced this program. And we remember Mother Susila, Sister Jharna and all Brothers and Sisters of Epiphany.

In this Annual Retreat, all Sisters and Fathers of St. Pauls' Brotherhood attend and Father Subash CSC, the Chaplain conducts this retreat. And in our annual Thanksgiving Service, around 300 people attend but this year would be different. But whatever the number of guest may turn up, Thanksgiving Service be celebrated with our hearts invested as in past. Local priest officiate the holy mass and chapel altar is decorated with holy Christmas symbols.

For Christa Sevika Sangha, we wish you all good health and pray that you celebrate Christmas with Great Spirit and flavor and New Year with great blessings from God to have a fresh new start. God bless and keep you all safe under His great care and love.



Shalom

... a development organisation of Church of Bangladesh

Shalom started to work for isolated People in Netrokona district



Shalom is working totally isolated People at Purbobaromari, Netrokon district. Purbobaromari is a small village in the foothills of the Garo Hills in Durgapur Upazila of Netrokona district. The area is totally isolated from the district. Communication system, sewerage systems, and unfavorable environments due to climate change are regular problem in this area. Safe water is still a big challenge for the local people. The drinking water comes down from the hill which is used by keeping a small hole in the well. Local people suffer from various water borne diseases. Being a border area, the people here are dependent on their livelihoods/incomes by the neighboring country India (Meghalaya).

Child marriage, dowry, trafficking, unemployment often take place due to lack of awareness in the community. Besides, divorces are also happening every time. In hilly areas, people are less interested in crop production. Modern agricultural system is unknown to them. They are deprived of various services of local government due to ignorance and lack of education.

Since December 2019, Shalom has started multipurpose human development activities for the

social development of ethnic Garo, Hajong, and Bengali poor and helpless people in 23 villages in 3 unions of Netrokona district. Shalom is working to follow major three issues; i) Poverty, Lack of Food Security and Nutrition, ii) Climate Change and Vulnerability and, iii) Local Advocacy and Rights Program.

Shalom has already implemented several activities, in particularly, providing awareness training, vocational training and support for livelihood development. Shalom response Covid-19 pandemic situation and also distributed food and health care equipment for 400 affected families.





CMCY

Christian Ministry to Children & Youth

Formation of the Executive and BoT Committee

At the Retreat center of the Church of Bangladesh, Anandapur, Savar, the formation of the new CMCY Executive Committee and Board of Trustees have been formed for the next 3 years by the unanimously consent of the Synod Executive Committee of the Church of Bangladesh.

Interview for the Program Monitoring Officer

Christian Ministry to Children and Youth (CMCY) supervises the eleven CDSPs' projects activities of the Compassion International Bangladesh (CIB) by a program Monitoring office. To appoint a skilled program Monitoring Officer, a written and viva test was conducted at Synod office, Dhaka, among seven applicants on Nov. 18, 2020, by a skilled development team- Rev. David A. Das, Mr. Paul Nisith Das and Mr. Paul S. Malaker. Apart from, Mr. Punardan Madhu, Manager, representative of the CIB was also present as an observer to assess the whole interview process.

Food cash and Christmas gift distribution



While the major volunteer organizations in Bangladesh are sufferings from receiving budgeting fund, CMCY thankfully acknowledges full pledged grant from its 'generous donors of CMD-Germany, CMS-Switzerland

and Operation AGRI- UK to serve the benefited poor children and youth in a befitting manner and joy. For food support on the Covid-19's consequences, CMCY has distributed food cash of BDT two thousands for Nov. & Dec.2020 and Christmas gift of BDT 600-800 according to donor's rate among the enrolled children, aiming to celebrate the Birth Day of Jesus Christ with much joy. CIB- Compassion International Bangladesh has distributed food ration with six items up to November, 2020, among 2375 poor children and it also distributed Christmas cash gift USD \$ 14.50 to each target children.

Academic and update on the Covid-19:



CMCY- children took part at their assessment tests according to the Education Ministry's instructions in December 2020. Still today, by the grace of God, all supported children are well and growing up holistically, receiving on time support services from the CMCY.



Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi



Major renovation works for Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi

Christian Mission Hospital (CMH) at Rajshahi is now in a massive phase of renovation work. Though the hospital was established in the centre of Rajshahi city in north of Bangladesh in 1926, no such major renovation activities were undertaken since then. Only after the corona services were over in this hospital in mid-September 2020, the Church of Bangladesh (COB) authorities thought about these renovation works. Currently almost all the works, as per plan of concerned technical team of COB are almost at the halfway. It is expected that the hospital would run into full swing of clinical operation once again in January 2021.

The renovation work has a greater aim to impact positively and largely on the Mission and Vision of the hospital that has the following priorities:

1. Compassionate care for all people seeking help
2. Hospital services of highest possible quality and range
3. Healthy living being promoted for all levels of hospital beneficiaries and
4. Capacity development for young girls and boys paving their way to become compassionate and trained nurses

The renovation work would further help in proclaiming the Love of Christ through the services of the hospital.

The renovation work this time is rather extensive. It includes not only road construction, tiles work, room decorations and electrification so that it gives the hospital a newer look, but also other aspects like modernization of patient facilities, improved doctor's services, better delivery and OT facilities so that all provisions of clinical care become more professional in the end. Once completed, it is highly expected that it will enhance in-house critical care facilities as well as hospital self-sustainability too. It would further raise the dignity of hospital in national level by raising the governmental compliances.

Bollobhpur Hospital

Bollobhpur Hospital, Kushtia Diocese, Church of Bangladesh. With grateful thanks to friends at USPG for keeping alongside.

Bollobhpur Hospital trains young men and women for Laboratory technician training and Nursing and Midwifery.

Now we have 13 young men in training-mostly from tribal communities in distant under developed areas, and 90 young women from the same disadvantaged areas in the nursing course.

Bollobhpur Hospital trained Nurse/Midwives, and Laboratory technicians can be found working in clinics, hospital and community programme all over Bangladesh, and earn for more than those who trained them. This enables them to support their families and contribute to the development of these back ward areas.

December 16th is a special day for the people of the country-Victory Day, When with the help of Indian troops, they won the battle

against the occupying Pakistani army to win their independence. This day is celebrated at Bollobhpur as all over the country.

Our students also celebrate with a variety show of competitive song and dance and poetry to keep past history in mind. The best part consists of the wellprepared dramas, each set eager to win first prize, and we see wiry Bengali freedom fighters, cooking pots on their heads for helmets, mowing down the Pakistani soldiers with "firewood rifles" !!, All very amusing and enjoyed by our patients and their relatives as well as us.

Afterwards there is the national song, and prizes for all, and their ward is put right for the night.

I wish you could be have to enjoy the evening with us.

God bless you all.

Sister G M Rose



Swarupantor (Umoja)



by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me”(John 15:4).

He says, “If we want to bear fruit, we must connect with the God, It is impossible to get fruits without connecting with the root, so it is time to see our relationship and actions with Jesus Christ that we do in everyday life for us and others”

Mr. Philip Mondol facilitated about the vision sharing meeting

Swarupantor workshop on envisioning the targeted people and Church leaders held at Dharati, Madhupur, Tangail

Workshop on envisioning the targeted people and Church leaders was held on 28th of August, 2020 at All Saint Church, Dharati, Madupur, Tangail. Catechist Mr. Satta Mree , Mr. Philip Mondol, Programme Coordinator, Mr. Jotish Rema, Area Coordinator, Mr. Chandan Chiran , deanery secretary and Jyoti Jetra, Nurse in charge and 45 participants(youths, women and men) who attended the workshop and gave their valuable times with encouragement and cooperation to achieve the purpose of the training.

Catechist Satta Mree shared the Word of God on the main theme which was, “Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit

and tried to overview on the process, vision, purpose/benefits, and steps of Umoja through the group’s works based on the key challenges, local resources and raised questions by bringing out different examples and practical actions for leading Bible study weekly in the Church. Participants (men, women and youth) were motivated and committed themselves to practice the learning from the workshop in their local Church and Umoja group.



Clinic Based Community Health & Nutrition Programme(CBCHNP)



Barishal Diocese

Bishop Shourabh Pholia, Rev. Santi Mondol, Rev. Monindra Baidya & Rev. led the capacity building programme on July & August 2020 with the help of Nurse and health worker at Chourkhuli & Moheshwarpasha, Khulna. The local and Church people were aware about the prevention on Covid-19 pandemic. It was very effective programme to empower the local people as well as the Church also.

Dhaka Diocese

The accounts, stock ledger, inventory list, USPG reporting and Clinics related documentary preparation of 6 clinics (Panihata, Baruajani, Katolmari, Purbabaromari, Dharati & Thanarbaid) are upgraded by Mr. Philip Mondol, Programme Coordinator & Jotish Rema, Area Coordinator from October 26-November 5, 2020. The monitoring and visiting were really helpful for all the staffs of the clinics and learned how to keep accounts and write reports based on the donor' requirements and office in monthly, quarterly, half yearly and yearly.





Sermon competition and pre-Christmas of Kushtia Diocese was arranged at Kushtia Diocese office compound held during 18-20 December 2020. Rt. Revd. Hemen Halder, all presbyter, Catechists, of Kushtia Diocese attended the programme.



56 persons have been received Confirmation by Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder at Ratanpur



34 youths being confirmed

We are blessed to have 34 youths being confirmed at St. John the Baptist Church at Maheswarpasha, of Khulna denary. The Church also celebrated the second anniversary of the new Church building of St. John the Baptist. The youths and the children organized a cultural program which was followed by a fellowship meal. This church is again an example of being self-reliant and full of revival. We are happy to have a young Church Secretary like Mr. Rotan Jokley Halder and young Catechist Mr. Duke Malakar. Many dignitaries participate in the celebration including the local government representative.

New Church



The diocese is extremely grateful to all the Clergies, Catechists who have prepared the field. We thank for the service of Rev. Monindra Boidya (Dean Khulna Denary), Rev. Richard Uttam Biswas (Parish Priest), Mr Sudhir Modhu (Church Secretary), Rev. Daniel Mondol, Rev Ashis Mondol (Former Deans). The Diocese is also remembering Late Mr. Lasar Biswas, the Catechist of the Sundali parish, who has welcomed CoB to serve there and provided a temporary worship place. We lost Mr. Lasar this year due to prolonged kidney problems. Now the challenge to the diocese to buy land and establish a permanent Church building. We seek everyone's cooperation and prayer for this mission.

We are very pleased to share the news that the Barishal Diocese can add a new Church with the Church of Bangladesh. One of the objectives of the Diocese is to share the Good News with everyone for the Glory of God. The Diocese has been doing this work ceaselessly in various parts of its working areas as a result of which on the 27th of November 48 new members took Baptism and accepted Christ as their personal Savior. This Church is now serving people from Sundali & Phullergati village.



Thanks and appreciation to those who stood by us during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to all the poor, oppressed and deprived.