

Easter greetings

"May you feel the Bright and Joyful Blessings God has to offer you during this Easter Holiday."



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Heartiest Greetings from the Church of Bangladesh.

May I share with you what had been shared by the Moderator of the CWM very recently in the special Members Meeting held on 31 March. The Moderator took the Bible verse from 2 Cor.6:4-10(8-10) where she invited us to move us forward even.....and at the end of ...We shall overcome like the wedding dance(African wedding dance) and discussed briefly on the 9 Paradoxes of God's Servants in Mission :

- + *glory and dishonour*
- + *bad report and good report*
- + *genuine, yet regarded as impostors*
- + *known, yet regarded as unknown*
- + *beaten, and yet not killed*
- + *sorrowful, yet always rejoicing*
- + *poor, yet making many rich*
- + *having nothing, and yet possessing everything!*

As we the Christians would be reflecting and meditating during the Holy Week and Easter Season on "God of Hope" and "Hope in Jesus" let us keep in mind that :

Jesus Christ was crucified and then resurrected again to articulate that He is the sovereign Lord but still sacrifice His life to liberate us from our sins because He loves us. So we should also try to restrain us from our sins, trespasses and negativism from our life through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and resurrect with Him to evolve as a new person; full of love, compassion and humbleness.

Currently the world is going through an immense anxiety and the tension is rising because of the pandemic caused by the lethal virus. Every country is confronting this and most badly, The Pandemic is making the suffering of vulnerable people-migrants and refugees, the elderly, the sick, the poor and unemployed-even deeper. This adversity is effortlessly threatening the normal life and harmonic dwelling of humankind. But it's our responsibility to stand and act together to emancipate from this dreadfulness with cautiousness and take the proper safety measures and be careful always.

The Holy Bible says;" Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."(1 Peter 1:3) It's time for us to have contemplation and to pursue His humbleness and also to emerge through our life.

We wish you all a very sacred Good Friday and also a very joyful and amusing Easter Sunday. May this happy day bring a lot of joy and joviality to our life.

Truly in-Christ,

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