



Pastoral letter from the Moderator

September-October 2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Very warm greetings and every good wishes to you all. What today I feel is that today we all are feeling some comfortable to work, to worship, to do physical meetings, to move to places even without masks, to do workshops and seminars, and to visit the parishes and dioceses as clergy after being in locked down and starving with the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, my heart is also full of sorrow and pain for being lost by our former synod secretary Dr. James Tejosh Das, and many of our Church members this year because of the Delta variant and also other diseases. Anyway, now everything is open in Bangladesh except the colleges and the universities. Thank God that many of us have been vaccinated by the kind favor of the Honorable PM of Bangladesh. We are doing now the worship services, children, youth, women, and all other programs physically and without restrictions but with fully aware of the pandemic that it may come at any time again and following the Government's health restrictions. But what we feel that we have and of course all the world has many things, some have lost their jobs, some of them their near and

dear ones and some of us now have been facing the financial crisis to meet up the daily bread, the schools, the hospitals that we have couldn't operate their works, very few students been admitted in the schools and it will be very difficult to meet up the salaries of the teaches of our missionary and private schools.

In midst of this, we have been doing virtual meetings and attending the meetings of our mission partners, and communicating with them. The mission partners have been always taking care of us and praying for us and still they have been supporting us with their generosity from their end, for which we are so grateful to them. The Synod staff has been working and communicating with the mission partners and friends at home and abroad and we have been submitting and trying our best to report to them with the audited report and the documents. In the meantime we have had our Synod Executive meeting where we have discussed and have taken many new decisions, especially we have taken decision to go for the Deacon and Deaconess ordination by the 15th of December and we have selected 15 ordinands for the ordination. We have been dreaming practically to be self-reliant the COB by following the Strategies and to use the properties in the best ways which are lying vacant and would be occupied by the land gravers and trying our best to be self-supported the COB from every side aiming at 2021-2030.

All the other components of the COB special the Shalom and the CMCY have been functioning effectively in midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the donor partners are very generous to us and coming forward to assist us with their end but professionally and according to their criteria and organizational standard. May God bless us all. We look forward and we have every trust in God who will not leave us away from "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

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