



# Pastoral letter from the Moderator

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*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

I am indeed indebted and thankful to God Almighty for His abundant blessings and guidance that we received in the last years in midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. And also thankful for giving us the tremendous opportunity to enter into this New Year that is already we have passed two months of this year by His grace and loving-kindness. As we have entered into a new year let us not forget the experiences that we have had and let us not forget the blessings of God in the midst of distress and sorrows. I personally thank God and all of you for your so sincere love and cooperation to run and to lead the Church of Bangladesh and its mission activities and the finance too.

By the grace of God, the nation and the world have gotten some relief from the turmoil of the pandemic which really has made us helpless, and we have been backward economically, physically, and psychologically. As very recently we have seen that all the high schools, colleges, and universities have reopened we got back the real lives to move and to work hard for the nation and church buildings with much strengths and encouragements. Being the Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh I would like to urge and request all the bishops, clergy, catechist and lay leaders, and other staff to restart the mission works with full swings and enthusiasts. Let us start visiting our church members and families who are living with many immeasurable and helpless economically and physically. Let us take care of the Children, the Youths, the Women and Disabled, and Elders. Let us rebuild them and stand beside them with possible hands and from our end. The migrants may back to the big cities those who left and lost their jobs because of the pandemic, let us take care of them.

I would request the staff and others of the Shalom, CMCY, Hospitals, Nursing Institutes, Schools, and all other programs of the COB to concentrate on their



works and duties. They should work with close collaborations with the mission and donor partners with the transparency, accountability, and with faithfulness as the followers of Jesus Christ and witness Christ in Bangladesh among the other believers. We are so thankful to the Mission and Donor partners for their loving kindness and support and generosity. They are namely, the United Society for the Partnership in Gospel, Anglican Communion Fund, Methodist

Church, UK, Church of Scotland, The Protestant Church of the Netherlands (ICCO/KIA), Episcopal Church of Scotland, The Council for World Mission, The Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Episcopal Church in the USA, the CMS, Switzerland, The CMD, Germany, The Oxford Mission, UK, The Tear Fund, The Bread for the World, The MCC and all our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide.

As we have had the South Asia Forum Meetings recently with our European mission partners let us work and go hand in hand with and with their advice and suggestions to enrich ourselves spiritually and financially. As we have decided to follow the Strategic Development Plan for the CoB and to follow the MSP4 strategies to make our COB a missional and Christ Centric Church let us together take some challenges to achieve the goals within 2021-2030 starting from 2022 no time to sustain our overall development plans. As we would be having our annual spiritual revival meetings (Borosovas...) let us review and renew ourselves with the Spirit and Truth of God. And let us continue to abide by the Government's health advice and stay and live safe under the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"I look to the mountains, where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Ps 121: 1-2).

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