



The Church of Bangladesh

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Moderator ...



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the resurrected and the ascended Jesus Christ bless you all and the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised and sent to the disciples be with you

all ! Neither the time is ahead of us nor the time is waiting for us. But the time is presently running with us. Yes, it is very important to us and really the present time is very important for us!

In midst of the corona during the last two years, my office colleague and I didn't wait to end the corona pandemic and start the Strategy Planning for the Church of Bangladesh but we worked and successfully completed it from our end. We got approval on it from the Synod Executive and received very important feedback from our mission and donor partners for which we are so grateful to them. We didn't wait then to roll out the Strategy Plans to implement it since we have been committed to bringing a result of it in the first phase by June 2025 and finally by June 2030.

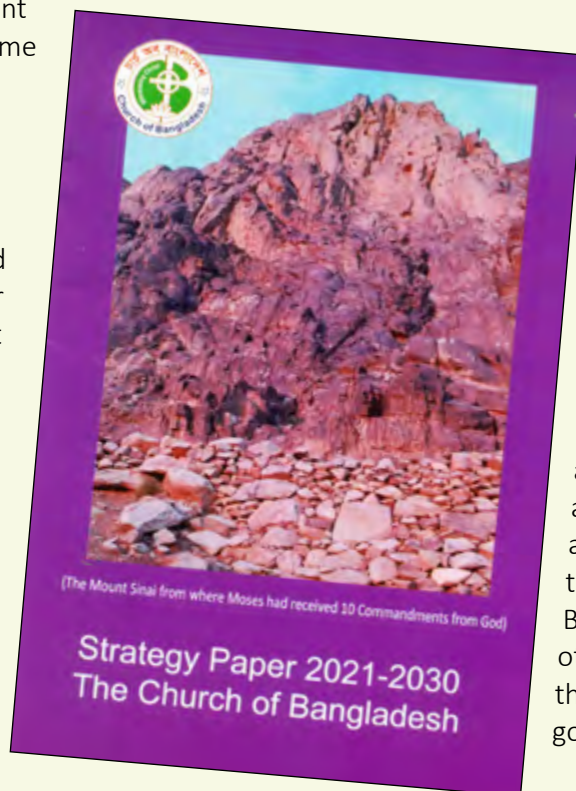
Aiming at the goal, we have started various

workshops for the Head Teachers of the COB-run Schools, Women Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, Bible School programs of the Synod, and Diocesan level committee members and gotten to know them about the SDP of the COB for the next ten years. We have started sharing with the members, Clergy, and Bishops about the SDP and of its ten target ministries and mission, vision, and values that we have adopted for the COB. Some may think that what is the use of it having and what should we do with this SDP ? But in midst of hundred questions, we are patiently determined to make them known to them and make them habituate and practice the SDP. This SDP we have done with the help of our great friends of the USPG and ACF and which the

CWM also had supported.

We have published two publications, one in English and the other in Bengali which we have started to reach those in each and every family of the COB. So that the COB within the ten years of time could achieve the goals of the Spiritual and Financial sustainability and our church is shown as a life-flourishing church and a missional church and can able to serve the members of the COB and witness Christ in Bangladesh. We have many other programs of the COB but the main target is to achieve the goals of the SDP of the COB.

God Almighty may bless us all!



The Most Rev. Samuel S. Mankhin  
Church of Bangladesh

## Message from Barishal Diocese



We have not played our role as caretakers of this earth; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have abused our land, river, forest, and air. We are now receiving the consequences of all our trespasses.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ from the Barishal Diocese. In Bangladesh, we have good news and sad news this month. Our honorable PM Sheikh Hasina inaugurated Bangladesh's longest Padma Setu (Bridge) on 25th June, connecting the Southwest part of Bangladesh with the capital city. This has reduced a significant amount of travel time from Barishal to Bangladesh. We, as Bangladeshis, are proud of it.

On the other hand, we suffer from floods in three divisions. It has caused death, loss of crops, diseases, lack of drinking water, and so on. Local People say that in the last sixty years, they have not seen such a terrible flood in Sylhet and in the previous 20 years in Sunamganj. People have lost their properties, crops, fish, cattle, houses, etc. We may say many causes for this disaster and suffering, but no doubt it has a connection with our injustices toward nature and people. We have not played our role as caretakers of this earth; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have abused our land, river, forest, and air. We are now receiving the consequences of all our trespasses. But unfortunately, the price is given by the hardcore poor and innocent people.

In this context, the Barishal diocese is continuing its ministry and trying to be the light and salt to the world. We also continued our prayer and joined the prayer movement called by His Grace Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. In our journey, we need your prayer and presence.

Shalom

**Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia**  
Bishop, Barishal Diocese.



The poem written by Samuel Taylor is very relevant here, “Water, Water everywhere but not a drop to drink...” The government, NGO’s and many more people have extended their helping hands. However some people are not getting support because the communication is out-of-the-way.

Dear sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with a sense of immense pleasure that when I am writing this newsletter that time our country Bangladesh is experiencing a praiseworthy achievement and that is inauguration of the ‘Padma Bridge’. The inauguration was one of such breath-taking beauty and joy that some people have compared it with our Independence Day. This is the longest bridge in Bangladesh that will significantly reduce the distance between the capital city of Dhaka to the Mongla port (my native place), which is important for regional and international trade. We are proud about it and most thankful to our Prime Minister for her paramount dream which has come true.

It has been said that Bangladesh is a secular country and there was always a peaceful co-existence among all of us. But now this communal harmony is going through an ordeal due to some recent ironic comments towards Islam from India. As a result, the last couple of days especially Friday just after the namaz inflammatory sermons have been delivered from the mosques and thousands of people come out on the road with various threats to the other faiths. One of our church members Mr. Roup Mia (converted) has been arrested because one of his writings about ‘early marriage of Islam’.

Although we have overcome the fear of coronavirus, yet it did not leave us completely. But at present in Bangladesh, one thing that is awfully dreadful than Coronavirus which is flood. Generally speaking it is a regular tragedy in our country. As we know that already 11 districts are under the water. The poem written by Samuel Taylor is very relevant here, “Water, Water everywhere but not a drop to drink...” The government, NGO’s and many more people have extended their helping hands. However some people are not getting support because the communication is out-of-the-way. Consequently they are living in the perpetual fear of death. Undoubtedly this prolonged disaster in our country is destroying everything. Another painful issue is a dramatic price hike in every commodity. All this has made the life of common people miserable and the majority of the people are striving to cope with these realities.

At this juncture, as a Church we are trying our best to be with those who are suffering in abject poverty.

When grief lands on our doorstep we do not always understand God’s will. But whatever we are facing right now it is not the end of our story. God is with us, and always will be.

**Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder**  
Bishop, Kushtia Diocese.

## The First Spiritual Revival Meeting at Kalapanichora, Khagrachari District



On the 17th of June 2022, the first-ever Spiritual Revival meeting was held in the Holy Trinity Church Kalapanichora, Khagrachari District. This church is situated on the top of a beautiful hill. The Chakma ethnic community is the major number of members of this Church. These church members are very new believers. Mr. Suvojit Mondal the Program Secretary of the Church of Bangladesh, Rev. Deacon Ripon Roy, Catechist Ratan Moni Chakma, and Mr. Akash Chakma the honorable local Ward Member of the 5 no Ward

were present there. A total of 55 souls were present in this revival meeting. The main theme of this revival meeting was from Ezekiel 33:32b. Rev. Deacon Ripon Roy deliver his speech on the main theme. Catechist Mr. Raton Moni Chakma spoke on 2 Corinthians 5:17. With a fellowship lunch, the revival meeting ended. The local Church secretary and Catechist Mr. Bhokti Jibon Tripura declared with joy and hope that next year they will try to arrange the spiritual revival meeting with their own funding.

## Celebrating the church's birthday

The church celebrates its birthday and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Sunday afternoon, June 5, 2022, at the Church of Saint Andrew at Mirpur in Dhaka. The focus of the day was: The gift of the Holy Spirit. Parish priest Revd. Adhir Gathia highlighted the significance of the Pentecost day. He said that 10 days after Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit came down when St. Peter was preaching among 3,000 people. They received Holy Spirit together that day. It is believed that the first Church was established on that day. At the end of the worship, members of Bishop Blaire youth Club and Saint Andrew's committee cut cakes and celebrated Church's birthday. Rev'd Adhir Gathia, Rev. John Probhudan Hira, Retired Bishop Paul S. Sarker were present at the occasion.



## Bible School Seminar at Nimghutu Parish



The seminar of the Bible School was held on June 10, 2022 at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nimghutu

Parish, Rajshahi Deanery. The focus of the seminar was- 'Teach the boy according to his destination path, even if he is old he will not leave it.' (Proverbs 22: 6). Speaking on the theme, Mr. Deben Tudu taught in Santali Language to children so that they can understand. He talks to everyone about setting their own goals and advised them to build themselves spiritually. Mr. James Bikash Mondol of Catechist teaches children about rules, discipline, and cleanliness. Mrs. Deepika Simsang happily teaches children various chorus songs. Bible School Convener Mr. Polash Mondol conducted various games for the children and at the end conducted a Bible quiz. The seminar concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners of the Bible Quiz and a vote of thanks and gratitude. The students enjoyed the seminar of the Bible School. The seminar was attended by about 60 students from the Bible School.

## News of Bollobhpur Deanery



### Celebrating the day of Saint Joseph and Labour Day

On the first of May, every parish of Bollobhpur Deanery celebrates the day of Saint Joseph and Labor Day. On this day all the workers are remembered, especially those who organized the justice movement for fair price for fair wages on this day, even died. A special prayer is offered for them.

### Celebrating World Mother's Day

May 08 was World Mother's Day. In almost all parishes of Bollobhpur Deanery, World Woman Day is celebrated in the holy Sunday worship. On this day the mothers conducted worship. All the mothers present at the worship and were given love and respect with flowers on behalf of the Church.



### Church birthdays and ceremonies

In all the parishes of Bollobhpur Deanery, the birthday of the Church is celebrated by cutting cakes for the Pentecost celebration which was part of the Sunday worship. On the Pentecost day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and overcame the fear and preached the word of the Lord Jesus Christ in different useful languages. On this day, the church of Christ was born, St Paul preached holy word among 3,000 people. The Holy Word and accepting Christ Jesus as their Savior. In all the parishes of Bollobhpur Deanery, the Pentecost day and the grain festival are celebrated in the holy Sunday worship. The grain festival is celebrated on the same day. Through the celebration of the harvest season, the first crop of the land is offered to Church and is dedicated to God the Heavenly Father and was expressed gratitude and the self-reliance idea of Church was shared.

## Youth Seminar



The Barishal Diocese organized a Youth Seminar for the Khulna Deanery youth with the partnership of the Life for Bangladesh, from 5th to 7th May at the Christ The King Church, Khalishpur, Khulna. The Diocese is keen to make disciples in the church. So, the Theme of the Seminar was chosen, "Discipleship". The youth were encouraged to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ to share God's love to all. Rt Revd. Shourabh Pholia, Bishop of the Barishal Diocese shared on the theme and encouraged the youth participants to be a committed disciple of Christ. Forty four youth from ten congregations participated in the seminar.

Dean of Khulna Deanery Rev. Monindra Boidya, Mr. Richard Raton Halder, Barishal Diocese Secretary, Mr. Manik Halder, Secretary of Khulna Deanery, Mr. James Roy, Secretary of the local church, Deacons and Catechists of the diocese were present in the seminar.

## Thy Kingdom Come



From 26th May to 5th June in all the Churches of the Barishal Diocese arranged special prayer meetings on the theme of "Thy Kingdom Come". It is a prayer movement called by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury Most Revd. Justin Welby. All over the world this prayer was held and the Barishal Diocese

was blessed to be a part of it. We are thankful to Rt Revd. Bob Key who always motivated and encouraged our Rt Rev Shourabh Pholia and the Barishal Diocese to continue it. The diocese is organizing it for last two years.

Children, teenagers, youth, men and women all lead the prayer meetings in the local churches. They prayed for one another, for peace and justice in this world, to stop war, for the church, to receive the gift of Holy Spirit, for church's mission and ministry, for people whom they love or care. In almost every church and everyday congregation gathered to pray.

It helped and encouraged the church members to devote them to pray and to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. The prayer movement was ended with the celebration of the Pentecost day.

Bishop Pholia has translated the Thy Kingdom Come prayer resource in Bangla and hope next year the churches will be able to use it for the prayer movement.

## Response to the flood affected people



Bangladesh has been affected by flood. A total of 185 upazilas across the country have been affected by the flood, including 29 upazilas in Sylhet division, 16 in Rangpur, 19 in Mymensingh division and one in Chattogram division.

Being the church we had to response to the crisis but unfortunately we could not response as we wanted. The Barishal Diocese shared a very tiny support to the flood affected people who have been affected in Sunamganj areas. We are thankful to Mr. Ananda Kirtonia (Secretary, St. Peter's Church, Koligram) and his team to be kind to distribute the support to the needy families. He and his team also raised fund by their own and distributed, we are proud for them too.

Let us continue our prayer for the flood affected people and areas.

## St. Andrew's Theological College



### SATC Managing Committee Meeting

SATC Managing Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2022 at Retreat & Prayers Garden Saver. Honorable Bishops of Three Dioceses The Most Rev. Samuel S. Mankhin (Chairman, SATC), Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia, Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder, Roman Catholic Father James Shyamal Gomes, Rev. Jonarson Dio and College Staffs and Teachers attended in the meeting. The B.Th. Graduates Convocation and Alumni of the College were highlighted in this meeting. To sustain and upgrading College, the committee particularly discussed how to make this college more self-supportive in terms of its lecturers and faculties.

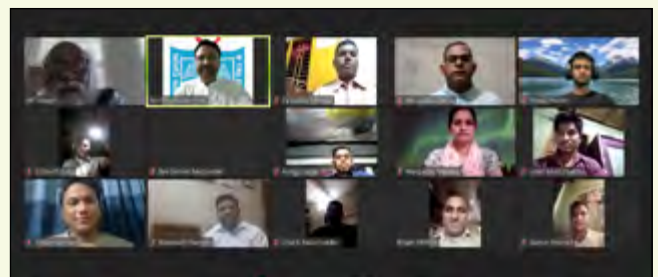
### Filed Work Placement & Lay Peoples Course



Our B.Th. Second Year Students after their Yearly Final Exam were sent for Field Work on 20th

May 2022 to different deaneries of Church of Bangladesh. The name of students and their placement were: Sagor Sarder-Haluaghat Deanery, Dhoni Chiran-Rajshahi Deanery, Soilen Soren-Khulna Deanery, Linkon Mitra-Bollovepur Deanery, and Lemon Chambugong -Jobarpar of different parishes to gain their pastoral knowledge of different ministries and life experience. Other two students during this field work experience Tonima Mankhin and Pingki Mrong took Lay People Course Class at their Mother Church Dharati.

### BCS Online Zoom Class



This class starts May 24, 2022 and ends on 22 June 2022 for all BCS and Diploma students. It was especially for external students. Different lecturers took different subject-based classes, Bishop Shourabh Pholia- Ecological Issues, Rev. Martin Adhikari- Study of the Gospels; Rev. Jonarson Dio- Introduction to Communication; Rev. Lovely M Dazel- Study of Modern Missionary Movement, Rev. John P. Hira- Introduction to Counseling; Prof. Dr. M P Joseph who joined from USA- Understanding Society in South Asia. It was really an exceptional and creative class that all lecturers and students participated from their home as students are busy with the ministries and jobs.

# Brief Report of Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS)

## Mother Susila's 11 th Death Anniversary observed



On May 11, 2011, our beloved Mother Susila left us and went to that Milky Country, Praising the Great God for Mother's life.

On 11 May 2022 was the 11th death anniversary of our beloved Mother Susila. At 11.00 am on that day, in the CSS Chapel, the Holy Worship was held. Father Francis and Father John of Saint Paul's Brotherhood,

all the teachers of Saint Gabriel Primary School, boys and girls of Jobarpar Boys and Girls Hostel, CSS staff and a few others were with us that day. The Holy worship was conducted by our Parish Priest, Rev: Shanti Mondal (Dean) and Father John SPB. After the Holy Worship, everyone goes to the Mother's tomb and offers special prayers for the peace of the Mother's soul. Our invited guests were very happy to participate in the 11th

death anniversary of our beloved mother. Thank God for everyone's life.

**Sister Dorothy CSS**

*Sister Superior*

*Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS)*

*Jobarpar, Barishal.*



### Brief Biography of Mother Susila CSS

In 1945 she came to visit the Sisterhood in the Oxford Mission. She was 21 then. She was attracted to see the works among the orphan children and refugee women in St. Mary's Home, Barisal.

In 1950 she came to Barisal again. Father Golding, Father Cook and the teachers of St. Agnes School, Barisal joined her from Kolkata.

On the 4 October 1950, the day of St. Francis of Assisi, Susila entered into the novitiate of the Sisterhood of Epiphany.

In 1955 she took the charge of St. Agnes School and to run the boarding for the girls. She started a team for the girls-guide in school at this time.

In 1960 she made her final profession and left St. Agnes School to go Jobarpar mission.

In 1969 she planned for a new order, which was later named as Christa Sevika Sangha, the Handmaid of Christ.

The 25 January 1970 Christa Sevika Sangha was founded.

In 1993 Father George Golding consecrated Sister Susila as the Mother of Christa Sevika Sangha.

She continued to encourage many Bengali girls to join Christa Sevika Sangha. She has to struggle a lot in her life and overcome many challenges in the long journey of her ministry. At present there are 10 professed Sisters in the Christa Sevika Sangha (one of them yet to take Life Vows in August this year) who were influenced by the devoted life, encouragement and teachings of Mother Susila.



# Workshop on Strategic Plan

## Women's Fellowship

In May 2022 CoB organized a 4 days workshop based on The Church of Bangladesh Strategic Plan 2021-2030 for the women's fellowship. The workshop started on the 12th of May. Mr. Paul Subrata Malakar the program & communication director did facilitate the workshop. Our respected Moderator and the Bishop of Kushtia Diocese were present in the workshop. They both shared their valuable inspirational speech and thoughts with the women's group. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the newly developed strategic papers to the women's fellowship. This workshop opens the doors for the women of the Church to re-think deeply about their responsibilities to the church in the coming years. The diocesan women's committee members did participate in this workshop. Through this workshop, we tried to find out the ongoing church Women



fellowship's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats by doing the SWOT analysis. We also did prepare the activities of the women's fellowship in the church for the next five years and tried to find out the responsibilities of the Woman's fellowship in the Church.

## Youth Fellowship



From the 1st of June to the 4th of June 2022 CoB organized a 4 days workshop based on The Church of Bangladesh strategic plan 2021-2030 for the youth fellowship. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the newly developed strategic papers to the youth. This workshop opens the doors for the youth of the Church to re-think deeply about their responsibilities to the church in the coming years. The diocesan Youth committee members did participate in this workshop. Through this workshop, we tried to find

out the ongoing church youth fellowship's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats by doing the SWOT analysis. We also did prepare the activities of the youth fellowship in the church for the next five years and tried to find out the responsibilities of the youth fellowship in the Church. In the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic, most schools and colleges were shut down. So the church youth group is in a vulnerable position. When

we did plan for the next five years they gave high importance to increasing the communication between each other. They did plan for exchange visit program in the dioceses. Our respected Moderator and the Bishop of Barishal Diocese were present in the workshop. They both shared their valuable inspirational speech and thoughts with the youth group. Mr. Paul Subrata Malakar the program & communication director, did facilitate the workshop.



## Women's Fellowship News

### Women's Fellowship Seminar at Dhaka Deanery

On 18th June, 2022, a women's seminar of Dhaka Deanery was organized by Synod. The theme of the seminar was: "Let us consider one another to incite to love and fine works." - Hebrews 10:24. Speaking on theme, Mrs. Juliet Koli Pandey said, "We have all come to encourage one another to praise God on the throne." 120 women representatives from different parishes of Dhaka Deanery were present in the seminar. Discussions as well as cultural competitions are organized in the seminar. Every parish women's fellowship in Dhaka hosts their own cultural programs. All the female members and guests in attendance enjoyed their colorful cultural program with joy and applause.

### Women's Fellowship Seminar at Haluaghat Deanery

Seminar through Women's Fellowship at Haluaghat Deanery, Dhaka Diocese was held on June 17, 2022. The theme of the seminar was, "How are you doing?" - Ephesians 5: 15-16.

### Women's Fellowship of Jobarpar Deanery

The seminar of Women's Fellowship of Jobarpar Deanery of Barishal Diocese was held on June 16-18, 2022 at Kaligram. The theme of the seminar was 'The Church of God for the World of God.'

### Women's Fellowship of Bollobhpur Deanery

The women's seminar of Bollobhpur Deanery was held on 18th August, 2022 at Bollobhpur Parish. The theme of the seminar was "Let us get up and build." - Nehemiah 2:16.

There was a cultural event without any discussion in the seminar. During this time, the participants presented various creativity, dance, song, recitation, drama, role play etc. As a result, they are very happy. A significant number of women attended each seminar.

**Mrs. Monita Mankhin**  
*Convenor,  
 Synod Women's Fellowship*

# Education



At present, regular classes are being conducted in all the schools in the city and in the villages, but for long time closure of schools due to the Corona pandemic, the development of children's talents has been hampered. All the schools have completed the 1st periodical examination and are being prepared for the 2nd periodical examination as per the syllabus. Since the schools have been started properly, the school visit activities also have been started. About 19 schools have already been inspected and plans are taken to inspect more 16 schools. The total number of schools is 35.

- National Day has been observed in all those schools.
- Attempts have been made to resolve various minor repairs and problems with the head teachers while inspecting the schools
- Synod office financial condition of the education department is not good, therefore, it has been

directed to stop unnecessary expenses in running the school.

- It has been asked to pay special attention to how to become self-reliant by increasing the standard of education in the school. There are plans for regular teacher training in line with the government's comprehensive plan.

**Monita Mankhin**  
*Education Coordinator, Synod*





# Shalom

... a development organisation of Church of Bangladesh

## 7th Annual General Meeting, Shalom held



The 7th Annual General Meeting was held on May 26, 2022 at the Church of Bangladesh Meditation and Prayer Garden, Anandapur, Savar, Dhaka. Honorable Rt. Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Chairman of Shalom & Moderator of CoB; Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia, Vice Chairman of Shalom & Deputy Moderator of CoB; honorable Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder, Bishop of Kushtia Diocese; Mr. Labio Bala, treasurer of Shalom; Rev. Probhudan Hira, Ms. Juliet Keya Malakar and others members attend the meeting. Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder conducted the opening prayer and he said “We are lucky that our social development program Shalom is spreading the light of God through its small works”. The director of Shalom Mr. Ronan Gomes thanked all the honored members for their time and coming from far away. Honorable Rt. Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin thanked all of the Bishops, treasurer, all of the GB and EC members and staff and their contribution in Shalom. He memorized last two years COVID-19 pandemic situation, affected and recovered persons and one minute silence for the departure soul of CSS Consultant Mr. Gobinda Shaha. Mr. Ronan Gomes presented the annual progress of the organization through a PowerPoint Presentation; Mr. Living Stone Roy presented the financial part and Mr. James Swapan Mallick Babu, MFA Coordinator presented Microfinance program report by a PPT.

## Some implementation going on Shalom...

Two projects are running in Shalom-Haluaghat, Mymensingh; ‘Transformation of Socio-Economic Conditions of the Under Privileged Communities through Adaptive Sustainable Interventions’ funded by Kerk in Actie and ‘Integrated Food Security for Aboriginal

Communities’ funded by MCC, Bangladesh. Under this issues Livelihood development by agro based intervention 4 units training-workshop organized and 91 participants participated there, 3,225 nos fruit tree saplings distributed among 1,050 household, 242 cattle’s were vaccinated in a vaccine camp and 42 households received support for local chicken rearing, fish cultivation and fodder cultivation. Number of 30 young boys and girls participated in a workshop under the issue Youth self employment/Entrepreneurs. Two training-workshops were organized on Women Empowerment and 60 participants participated in the program. 24 awareness sessions organized on health and nutrition and 600 participants participated, two training-workshops organized and 55 participated, 12 health camps organized and 284 participants participated in the program. Two training sessions were held on basic



skill and demonstration sessions with fire services and two school student’s number of 452 participated. A quiz competition was organized and 100 students took part in this competition. After the quiz competition 2,500 tree saplings were distributed among 500 households.

In order to reduce the soil erosion and protect the embankment from heavy cyclone and high tide the CRSLPVP project has distributed number of 9,600 native saplings as two fruit and two wood trees (Chambul, Shirish, Guava and Amloki) among the targeted 2,400 families by the financial support of Tear Fund. This month the project has also completed a campaign on Wash and Waste management with 170 participants. Upazila Agriculture officer, representatives of likeminded NGOs and the Church leaders, pastor were in the program as an honorable guest. Office staff presented a short drama on waste management. Debate and quiz competitions were held with the participants and prizes were distributed to the winners.



# CoB-CMCY

Christian Ministry to Children & Youth



## Annual Workshop held

CoB-CMCY arranged a workshop on 25 and 26 May, 2022, with the active participation of all project managers, accountants, social workers and hostel in charges at the COB Retreat Center, Anandapur, and Savar. The Most Revd. Samuel S. Mankhin, Chairman of CoB-CMCY, other honorable Bishops and five Executive members were kindly present in the workshop. Some development related trainings on good governance, monitoring, Accounting and Child sponsorship were given training to the participants in improving their Knowledge and skills. Both the participants, honorable chair and Bishops urged for arranging at least “A two complete days’ workshop” in future to achieve its’ goal for. In total 45 staff members attended in the workshop.

## Board of Trustees Meeting held

A Board of Trustees Meeting was held on the 24 June, 2022 at Savar Retreat Centre, Anandapur, with the active participation of 16 members. The most Revd. Samuel S. Mankhin chaired and conducted the meeting successfully. Among others, the vice chairman of CoB-CMCY Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder, Rt. Rev. S. Pholia- deputy Moderator, Synod secretary and CEO of Rajshahi Christian Mission Hospital were also present. Its minutes will be sent to all Board members and the Donors in time.

## Executive Committee Meeting held

The executive committee was also held on the same day at 3.30pm with the 12 members, all members participated in time and gave their thoughtful Comments and suggestions, aiming towards self-reliant of CoB-CMCY in the long run.

## Project visit and monitoring

As you know there are 27 projects under CoB-CMCY. All projects have been visited time to time by the central office senior staff members taking prior approval from the Hon. Chairman of CoB-CMCY. During the visits, we monitored all planned activities, checked accounts, whole environment and total management systems of the hostels and the projects. We sometimes visit the houses of the children, talked to them, get to know their sufferings, food and nutrition status, overall health condition, education, spiritual nurture and psychological trend, and make them aware to combat the Covid’19 pandemic crisis with courage and patience.



We also sat with the management committee of the projects to assess the overall activities and other child care related issues that helped to develop the poor and the needy children towards holistic development. All written reports on particular project visit are documented and sent to projects for taking actions.



# The Church of Bangladesh

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE

### Listening-Reading-Writing-Speaking

#### 1. WELCOME TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE

Learn English online and improve your skills through our high-quality courses and resources. The Church of Bangladesh is offering you an English Language Course for all who would like to improve their Basic & General English. This course will give you the opportunity to learn English from home. This course will be held online based. Only the respected member of the Church of Bangladesh will get the opportunity to do this course. No exam no certificate. The zoom link will be given group wise in time. The interested learners must use their own devices and strong internet facilities. If anyone found not attending the course actively they will be terminated from the course.

A highly professional Teacher will teach the English with following modern technics of teaching and learning!

#### 2. COURSE DETAILS

- Course Duration : One Year.
- Total Course Hour : 92 Hours.
- Total Course Session : 92 Sessions
- Session Day : Every Friday and Saturday
- Time of each session : 1 Hours.



#### 3. ENROLLMENT FEE 500 Taka.

This amount should be paid off during the registration process. The enrollment fee is nonrefundable. 25th of July 2022 is the last date of the enrollment.

#### 4. CLASS TIME AND SCHEDULE

Group	Organization	Time	Day 1	Day 2
Group – 1	CMCY	09:00 am to 10:00 am	Friday	Saturday
Group – 2	SHALOM	10:00 am to 11:00 am	Friday	Saturday
Group – 3	School Teachers	11:00 am to 12:00 am	Friday	Saturday
Group – 4	SATC Student	12:00 am to 01:00 pm	Friday	Saturday
Group – 5	CoB Clergy	03:00 pm to 04:00 pm	Friday	Saturday
Group – 6	Catechists and Deacon	04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Friday	Saturday
Group – 7	Women Fellowship	05:00 pm to 06:00 pm	Friday	Saturday
Group – 8	Youth Fellowship	07:00 pm to 08:00 pm	Friday	Saturday

N.B: The Class time and schedule may change if needed in future.  
The honorable Bishops, Priests, head of the institutions are requested to encourage the learners of all categories by recommending them.

#### 5. CONTACT DETAILS

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This Course is only for Church of Bangladesh Members.

**Suvojit Mondal**  
The Program Secretary,  
The Church of Bangladesh.

# CoB-Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi

## Capacity of the CoB-Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi (CMHR) has been being enhanced



### Capacity Enhancement Activities

The Board of Trustees- BOT meeting of the CoB-Christian Mission Hospital started on June 30, 2022 and ended on July 2, 2022. The meeting was attended by three bishops of the Church of Bangladesh. In their spiritual guidance, the Chairman Moderator Bishop Samuel S Mankhin instructed the management on how to run this organization for the next years. We are all proud of the 100 percent success of the 3rd year students of the Nursing Institute in their final examination. One of them is Mohuwa Ritchil who secured the Golden A Plus in her final exam of the Diploma Course.

Now a days, regarding hospital treatment service, the patients' trust has been increased due to improvement of the hospital's infrastructure and the installation of new machine in labs and different diagnosis department and the availability of the required number of doctors.

The decision has been made to reduce the cost keeping in mind that the obstacles and problems ahead would be challenged to run this hospital with local fund. Therefore, the hospital must try to install a lift or construct a ramp for the patient to the upstairs so that it could be safe for the patients as there is no safer ramp or lift to raise the patients from downstairs.

It was decided to appoint a part-time female chaplain for the spiritual service of the patient. The Chief Executive is advised to decide for necessary license and registration renewal of the hospital. It is further to inquire whether any interested doctor in our own community wants to provide efficient medical services through this hospital.

Tests that were referred outside last year for breast ailments, gynecological diseases and cardiovascular diseases, such as echo and complicated USG report to accurately detect the growth of

a baby in the womb of a pregnant mother, gallstones and other issues are now being treated accurately for the use of this modern machine. The trust of the patients is increasing day by day. A skilled sonologist has been recruited for the last two months.

Adding advanced LED lights, the large single OT has been converted into two OTs with the advice of the specialist doctors. Now the specialist surgeons are pleased with the facilities. They are interested in performing operation here. For the above reasons and the emphasis on hospital improvement, the number of patients has been doubled at present. To cope with this number, the number of beds has been increased from 20 to 50 as per the need. Toilets, safety tanks, water, power lines, garages, food, medicine supplies were very urgently repaired and enhanced capacity.

A new ophthalmology microscope has been purchased for this department. A new cell counter for Pathology Lab has been procured and installed for accurate hematology report. A portable X-Ray machine has been set which is very useful during the operation and treatment of dental and orthopedic patients.

This capacity of CoB-CMHR day by day is being enhanced towards self-sustainability. In His precious name Christ, we ask your prayer to continue this good work for the community by utilizing local resources.

## The honorable 3 Bishops and the BOT members visited the Christian Mission Hospital in the first week of July 2022



*The daily health service in Male Ward of Christian Mission Hospital Rajshahi*



*The people from ethnic community are seen as the attendants of patients inside the Children wards: Mission Hospital is trying to ease tension of the patient attendants.*



*Basanti Tudu a dying girl of class 9 has got her life back for correct diagnosis and treatment from CMHR recently. The CEO went her native village to know her health status.*



# CoB-Nursing Institute, Rajshahi



Warm greetings to you all to National and International friends. I would like to express my and CoB-Nursing Institute students joy and happiness. NI 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students has been attended their final year examinations for written and oral, Practical last 30<sup>th</sup> march to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year 40 students have been passed with very good results. Church of Bangladesh Honorable Moderator and 2 Bishops and board of trustee's members has been congratulating to who got golden (one student) and top of 9 students during the NI and CMHR board of trustees meeting.

52 students' final year examination will start on 4<sup>th</sup> august 2022. The NI new students bed capacity is 60. Again these year in June we admitted new 1<sup>st</sup> year 44 students. from 60. Male

students are 12 and female students are 32. CoB-Nursing Institute appointed 4 Nursing Instructors- 2 in May and 2 in July. Now CoB-NI have enough Nursing instructors.

Thank you all and pray for us.

**Sulota Drong,**  
*Principal, CoB-NI, CMHR.*



# CoB-Bollobhpur Hospital



The life of the CoB-Bollobhpur Hospital has continued with its rhythm of prayers and praise in our hospital chapel each morning! Morning and evening and night shifts serving our patients on the wards, routine times in the class room for each group as their training progresses and at the weekly out station clinics in the surrounding villages and caring the patients in the out patients departments.

CoB-Bollobhpur hospital nursing training centre has two intake each year and it is good to be able to report that the new group commencing training in January of this year, completed their three months preliminary training school passed the final examination at the end of the April and on Friday May`10th,during the weekly holy community service in the chapel, our chaplain blessed their new nursing caps, and then newly capped, candles in their hands they stood to repeat the Florence Nightingale oath, promising to lead good lives and to uphold the standard of nursing. Pray God they all successfully complete the three year training together.

Florence Nightingale day was celebrated with enjoyment on may 12th, with a special time of prayer and praise in the chapel, everyone repeating together the oath they had made at their oath capping ceremony and terminating in the cutting and eating of a huge birth day cake. Everyone had a slice, including the patients and their attendance. June brings examinations for most groups, each

eager to move up six month in their training, and the class room lights burn well into the night. Again we are grateful for the solar lighting donated many years ago now by Dorothy of St Paul Church, Chippenham Wiltshire, as our electricity supply is still erratic and goes off at crucial moments.

June 30th saw good bye to 15th girls leaving with their well-earned certificates after completing their three years training course together. Many have secure employment awaiting them. Pray God they remember the Christian standards we tried to teach them during their time with us.

And not to forget Sunday 19th June when we enjoyed a day with the evaluation team sent to evaluate the work of Bollobhpur Hospital and the nurses training centre. We hope the report sent to USPG will be favorable! Their generous grant for our nurses training centre is an enormous help to us, as many of our students have lost their fathers, some are complete orphans. Many from neglected tribal groups and none come from "well off" families.

We remain extremely grateful to our friends at USPG for keeping alongside us.

May god bless you all,

**Sr. G M Rose**

*Director, CoB-Bollobhpur Hospital.*