

March-April 2022

## Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We have just celebrated
Easter worldwide and in our
country the Muslims have
celebrated their Eid-Ul Fitr with
the mostly covid tension free
and for this we thank God for
His abundant blessings upon
us. All the denominations in
Bangladesh have been trying
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post covid economic crisis but it will take a long time to recover the illness of their own denomination and the families too. The Church of Bangladesh have started to walk towards the financial self-sustainability from this year and mainly from the month of April following the Strategy that the COB has adopted and approved by the Synod Executive and aiming at the goal of the strategy firstly by 2026 June and finally by June 2031 along with the ten ministries. Once again, we are grateful to the USPG and the ACF for their support to make the Strategy for the COB and the persons that have been involved behind this strategy to make it happen and to roll out for the implementation.

Besides, many challenges and obstacles, the COB has been moving forward with hope and aspiration in the resurrected Christ Jesus. All the programmes and the Institution have been

running not badly but rather slowly and steadily by the support of our mission and development partners across the world. We have started doing various workshops and training to implement the newly adopted strategy and the other ongoing programmes of which you will get the detailed news in their reporting and sharing from their parts of the works for the Church and nation building.

The General Secretary of the USPG Revd. Dr. Duncan Dormor and the Asia and the Middle East Regional Manager Revd. Davidson Solanki visited the Church of Bangladesh in the month of March. We also have started visiting and attending various meetings nationally and internationally physically. We have been remembering in our prayers the migrants and victims who are in a big crisis due to the war in Ukraine of Russian invasion for three

months long and sent some support to the USPG for the suffering and struggling people with whom the USPG has stood beside with their end.

May God bless us all in the midst of economic, political and social crisis and always look after our brethren and sisters in the community through our programmes and prayers. Hope we all be very careful from the fourth variant of the covid and always maintain the required cautionary for our safety. I fervently wish you all the best.

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The Most Revd. Samuel S. Mankhin Moderator & the Bishop of Dhaka Diocese, Church of Bangladesh.