



Pastoral letter from the Moderator



September-October 2022



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Heartfelt greetings from the Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh! Hope and pray that all are keeping well in midst of many daily challenges by the grace of God. Soon after the Lambeth Conference held where three of us Revd. Probhudan Hira, Mrs. Monita Mankhin, and I had an opportunity to attend and represent the Church of Bangladesh at the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Karlsruhe, Germany. It had been an ever-great Christian Ecumenical gathering where all the denominations represented them under the theme of Christ's Love moves us to Unity and Reconciliation. Many contemporary issues including the war between Ukraine and Russia have been discussed and consensus to respond to the problems unitedly towards peace and prosperity of the world. Climate justice and caring for the creation have been widely discussed and consensus to move forward the opportunities. We had an opportunity to meet the CEO of the USPG Revd. Dr. Duncan Dormor, Mr. Martin Teunissen- Programmamedewerker of Kerk In Actie, the Netherlands, and the GS of CWM Revd. Dr. Jooseop Keum during the Assembly, and had very good conversations with them. We are really grateful for their love and support for COB and the institutions from their hearts.

Soon after the WCC General Assembly, we had an opportunity to visit the KNH Head office in Duisburg, Germany. As we know that through this office and the ministry for the children many of us been much benefitted. There we met the concerned persons and conveyed our thanks and gratitude. They welcomed us warmly and have taken the initiative to put our visit on the website and press release in their present work circle. Through this visit, we have re-established our broken relationship and friendship with the KNH.

Then we had an opportunity to visit the CMD, Germany office situated in Meierndorf, Germany where the Chairwoman Mrs. Sabine Eller, the Treasurer Mr. Willi Foell, and the CEO Mr. Markus Romeis warmly welcomed us. We had an opportunity to attend the Sunday Service where we shared the COB's vision and work and the work of the CMCY has been continuing to do the ministry for the poor and needy children in Bangladesh. We then had opportunities to sit with the Board members and later on the Foundation members where we shared some of our official sharing and thoughts and the present ministry of the CMCY.

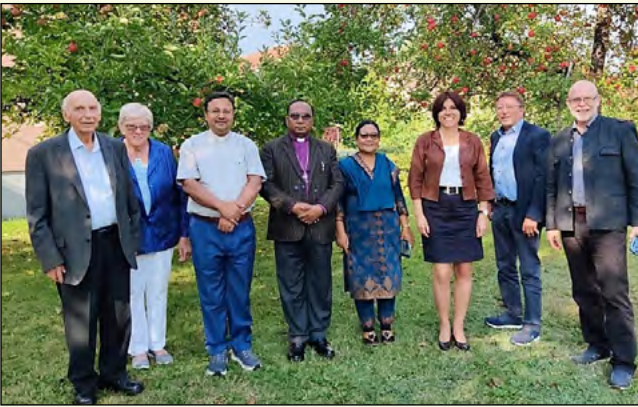
We met Dr. Horst Kowski and Dr. Markus Vogel and had a day-long fellowship and discussion and fun. We enjoyed visiting the families and places and having had fellowship meals and piloting the Aeroplan with Mr. Thomas, driving the very big

Tractor with Mr. Kurt, visiting some historical places, and making pizza for ourselves at Mr. Rudis' House and wonderful and amazing fellowship and the ever-great hospitality of our friends.

We were so moved by their spiritual lives and unity and Christian witness in and abroad indeed. Not only that we had an opportunity to meet the honorable Mayor of the Area City Hall, Dinkelsbuhl, Burk, Mayor George, who welcomed us so warmly and friendly that we can't forget such as wonderful mayor who has been serving the community with his servant leadership in Christ. We thank God and thank the German Government for choosing such as excellent loving and friendly Mayor.



Visiting KNH Office, Germany



Visiting CMD Office, Germany



After Sunday Service.



Riding Aeroplane



Visiting Mayor Office, Germany



Fellowship Dinner at Mr. Rudis' House

At present in midst of the profound crisis of the world and in the country, we have been surviving by the grace of God and your prayers. In the Dioceses, we have had Diocesan councils and formed Diocesan Executive committees. We have had a revival meeting in Chittagong recently for the city pastorate and for the new mission area inviting some of them. We have been doing our rollout programs mostly every week in the deaneries, the Dioceses, and the Synod level which is the strategy of the Church of Bangladesh. Mr. Paul S. Malakar has been assigned to this very important ministry. We have been working with the CWM and the MSP 4 program and some other mission initiative programs. We have been keeping a good relationship with the OM, UK and have sent our report to them for the magazine and we are grateful to them for their love and concern for us. We have been also keeping a good relationship with other valued mission partners and friends and praying for their mission and ministry. The Christian Mission Hospital Rajshahi and Bollovepur Hospital have been running well and trying their best to be self-supported. Our dear Dr. Leslie Y Morgan has sent his greetings and love for all after a long time and wished us all the best. He has been reading the Bangla Bible regularly so that he doesn't forget us and Bangla which is great! We too wish you and Dr. Cynthia Morgan and the children all the best and always should be in good health. When you get time to travel, please both of you come to COB where you have spent your golden time of your lives and love most though there are many beautiful countries in the world to go and work.

COB are going to ordain 15 ordinands, out of these two are women Deaconess Suchitra Behera and Deaconess Mridula Boidya on the 8th of January 2023 in Oxford Mission, Barishal. May I heartily welcome and cordially invite you to join us on this auspicious occasion and bless us all. Please just let me know. All are most welcome! I look forward to greeting you with Christmas Greetings in the month of December in our next issue till then goodbye and God bless.