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Message from the Moderator ...

A true witness of the Gospel.

I don't know who else did and opened the homes for the only Hindu community children in Bangladesh except for the late Bishop B D Mondal and set an example to love the neighbor as himself! Bishop Mondal had been always a pioneer and philanthropic doing some extraordinary love and concern for the children and other faith. He not only brought first the KNH, Germany, and the CMD, Germany in this country to serve and love the poor and the disadvantaged children in Bangladesh but also he opened and brought two projects through CMS, Switzerland for the Hindu community by the help of Late Shri Sunil Gupta MP in the village called "Oicharmath", Agoiljhara, Barishal. Although it is not breaking news that I have been sharing with you for the first time I visited the two

projects recently which are "Shapla" for the boy's hostel and "Doel" for the girl's hostel and where around 110 community children have been getting all the facilities for the holistic development/education and having all the rights according to the SDG. I was so moved and encouraged to see the two projects for the other faith children and the result-oriented ministry going on through the COB, CMCY (Christian Ministry to the Children and Youth). By doing that ministry for the other faith conversely the COB never converted into Christianity some of the Christian families also have been surviving their existence in the village and living peaceful lives among the other faiths. This is obviously a small effort but a beautiful Christian witness for Jesus that the late Bishop B D Mondal pioneered. Meantime





many hundreds of children have been educated and enlightened and serving the community and the country. Among those Mr. Sottyeen Halder has become a BCS VAT and Customs officer from that home and village and it was possible only he got the opportunity to educate himself through the project! Isn't that a true and successful story of the Gospel/Merry Christmas that the late Bishop B D Mondal had made in his life setting an example of loving the other faith children and starting to bring them into the light of Jesus Christ out of darkness? He not only opened two hostels for the Hindu poor children but bought lands and distributed some of those and made flood shelters in disaster-prone areas like Bhola Chor Fashion and Banskhali, Chittagong. Mr. Francis Bala a well-known artist and song composer of COB said in his hymn that " *E jogote chilo joto lanchito, nipirito, bonchito, ashahoto, onadrito jon; tader jibon dete, chalate neyer pothe mukti datar holo agomon. Timirpunje chilo koto shoto jon, jishur jonome tara pelo jibon; alor moshal hate dete alo, tini sobar majhe achen amoron.* (Translation: As many disgraced, oppressed, deprived, hopeless, insulted people were in this world, to give them lives and lead them on the path of justice, the savior came.)

What is the Gospel or the message of Jesus' born as humanity on this earth? Was it only for the followers of Jesus Christ? Was it only for the Christians? Obviously not. The true Gospel and the message of Jesus' born are for all who are the poor, disadvantaged, suffering-struggling people of communities and were waiting for their freedom from the earthly sins, bondage, and challenges. We are so grateful that the CMS, Switzerland, and CMD, Germany have been supporting the COB through the CMCY to follow in the footsteps of the Late Bishop B D Mondal in Bangladesh as one of the ministries of the COB. *Je Jati ondhokare bhromon*

korito, thahara moha alo dekhite pelo' / " The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows but now is shining on them "(Isaiah 9:2).

We the COB have received enormous support and many blessings from mission and donor partners and friends for which we are so grateful. I am also so thankful to the Bishops, clergy colleagues, and staff, all for their tremendous efforts, support, and contribution to the journey of the COB.

**May I heartily convey to you all
"A Merry Christmas and A Blessed New
Year 2023 "!**





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Advent greetings to you all.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing ourselves for our Lord Jesus Christ. It calls us to renew ourselves. We need to restore and transform ourselves by leaving the way we now live, which is not the Godly way. We need to repent to transform; if failing life is in vain. Advent is an opportunity for us to be a new creation in Christ and to hope to live with Him.

We are living in a transforming world. In today's world, everything like the world economy, political phenomena, world relationships, climate, nature, communication and technology is changing rapidly. Due to this change, the whole creation is in crisis. In this reality, we all are planning or renewing ourselves to survive. As the second coming of Jesus is near so, we need to prepare and be ready to meet Him and live with Him eternally. Jesus showed us through the parables of ten virgins (Mt 5: 25ff) how to be prepared and what to do. Therefore, let us take the opportunity in this Advent to repent and renew ourselves to live in God's world here and in heaven. In the Barishal diocese, we have started to pray in every house and light candles to prepare ourselves to live with hope, to receive God's love and peace.

May the gifts of love, peace and happiness be yours at this Christmas, also wishing you a very prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia





Dear sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let us praise the Lord for His loving acceptance of us. Paul the Apostle taught in Ephesians 1:6, *“to the praise and glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”* Here we are at the end of another year. This year we have been blessed with abundant blessings of the Lord which cannot be summed up in a few words. Yet I can recollect some of them like—freed from the curse of Corona, we regained our lives. A longtime dream was to attend the Lambeth conference and lastly that dream has come true. Most important thing is again we can do all the activities normally. Moreover, there are many other blessings, which have enriched our life and for this we must thank the Lord with a grateful heart.

Unlike the last couple years, this year we are trying to make this Christmas with a lot of splendor. Because a king’s birthday should be celebrated like a king. Matthew’s Gospel introduced us that Jesus is the King. It stands out in this text. Jesus is born the King in Bethlehem. However, we notice that Jesus dies with these words over his cross, *“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”* It is true, Jesus is the King! But his kingdom is not of this world. His kingly rule is now in people’s hearts. Here He now rules as King and Savior.

We can only worship Jesus as King if we have a personal relationship with Him. We accept His rule in our lives, and follow Him. Then the Bible says a person becomes a “new creation” in Christ Jesus. We are spiritually alive. Then and only then, we worship Jesus in our praise and in our prayers. We understand Jesus is the Son of the living God and the King of Kings.

So how do we react to Jesus the King of Kings? Let us worship Him as our personal King. Let us bow down in our hearts to worship this King who loves us laying down His life to save us. None of us would be wise to ignore King Jesus. He is King, and no one will change that fact. He is the King of Kings, and He alone is worthy of our worship. To think that He would accept us and our worship should amaze us.

Who are we but creatures of dust! None of us would be wise to oppose King Jesus like Herod did. Jesus wins all battles as the King over all kings. So let us accept Jesus as our own personal King and ruler of our life. He will accept us, and we will be on the winning side of life!

May this Christmas be the brightest, most beautiful Christmas of your life. May you find the peace and joy you have been looking for!

Rt. Rev. Hemen Halder

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FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear readers and well-wishers,

Thank you so much for going through the Newsletter from the Church of Bangladesh.

We try once in two months to share the news, happiness, and sorrows of this favorite Church on 10th of the following month. We know that in your selfless love, you think about this church, you wish to know how everything is going.

Dear all, please pray for this institution. We realize this newsletter needs further improvement taking your comments; we are trying to improve it day by day. We are not efficient, we know that we are often late in sending out newsletters, not all news is well checked, errors remain and embarrass you. Please forgive us for our unintended low quality of the work for newsletter publication. However, I would not have been able to continue this work without my dear senior brother Jones Loton Roy and without his love for this work and responsibility. Pray for us so that we may find joy and peace in doing this difficult job. The Moderator Bishop Samuel S Mankhin kindly assigned us to continue this noble work. We are grateful for his kind.

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This year was quite relaxed and full of the excitement of a dreamy student life.

May the revival trend continue, and all people will happily accept Jesus Christ as the savior in our lives and we also wish prosperous New Year 2023 to you all.

Pilgrimage held at Haluaghat Deanery



On 29th and 30th November 2022, Church of Bangladesh Haluaghat Deanery arranged a pilgrimage to Saint Andrew's Mission Panihata. All most 375 Christians from Haluaghat and Madhupur deaneries participated.

On November 29 at 5 pm, the Way of the Cross began with the prayers of Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin, the Moderator of Church of Bangladesh. All the participants followed the Way of the Cross from the 1st place to the 14th place with devotion by candlelight. Prayers are offered in the name of those who have established churches and preached the gospel in the Haluaghat region. Reverend Jonarson Dio, Parish Priest of St. George's Church,

Mymensingh led the meditation after the Way of the Holy Cross.

30th November 2022 AD: Saint Andrew's Day is observed on Wednesday at 09:00 am with the worship of the Holy Lord. The worship was conducted by the Moderator Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin and priests from Haluaghat and Madhupur Deaneries.



Seminar on Prevention of Human Trafficking and a Session on Interfaith Dialogue Held



On 30th November 2022 AD, Barishal Diocese held a seminar on “What to do against Human Trafficking” at All Saints Church, Buruabari, of Barishal Diocese. The theme of the seminar was: ‘Deliver the needy and the poor, deliver them from the hand of the wicked’ (Psalm 82:4). All priests, catechists, and deanery leaders of Jobarpar deanery of Barishal Diocese attended the seminar. Its objective was to raise awareness of human trafficking among all priests, catechists and leaders and they actively participated in the event to work for prevention of human trafficking. At the same time, we should work for those who are poor and unemployed so that they may not fall into danger in any way.

An interfaith dialogue also held at Buruabari. The topic of discussion was ‘Contemporary problems and responses to them in the light of different religious perspectives. Religious leaders of different religions communities discussed the context of different religions. Md. Masum Billah, Imam, Buruabari Jame Masjid presented about Islam. Babu Rabindranath Baroi, Former Headmaster, Buruabari Primary School delivered a speech in the light of Hinduism. The Bishop of Barisal Diocese, Right Rev. Shourabh Pholia, presented the matter in the light of Christianity.

World Disability and Bible Day Observation in Barishal Diocese

On Sunday 4th December 2022, International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed in all parishes of Barishal Diocese. The focus of the event was- the disabled brothers and sisters were welcomed with flowers. On this day, those with disabilities who cannot attend the worship, after the worship, their respective parish priests went to their homes and prayed for them and greeted them with flowers on behalf of the congregation.

On the Bible Day and World Day of Persons with Disabilities St. Peter’s Church, Barishal highlighted William Carey’s contribution to the translation and printing of the Holy Bible in Bengali language. The parish also mentioned and prayed for all who work in Bible societies in the world. After that, the priest focused on how our ideas and attitudes should be towards those who are differently abled. He said, disabled people are also God’s creations, and they are created with physical disabilities for the glory and majesty of God to be revealed. Then prayers and small gifts were offered to the two senior Citizens were present in the service. The worship ends with the offering of the Lord’s Supper.

Chapter Meeting of Christa Sevika Sangha (CSS) held



On November 23, 2022, Honorable Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin, Moderator of the COB visited Christo Sevika Sangha at Jobarpar, Barishal. During this visit Moderator conducted the chapter meeting of Christa Sevika Sangha as Visitor.

A total of 12 sisters including Sister Superior Dorothy were present in the meeting. Father John attended the Chapter meeting as a delegate on behalf of Father Francis (Warden) was sick. In the chapter meeting, the Honorable Moderator discussed the spiritual affairs and future of the CSS. Bishop Mankhin placed flowers on the burial place of late Mother Sushila CSC and Sister Jharna CSC. During the visit of Christa Sevika Sangha Bishop Offered prayers near their graves.



After that the Honorable Moderator visited some houses of Jobarpar and offer prayers at some graves of Malakar family.

Chapter Meeting of St. Paul's Brotherhood

November 24, 2022, the Chapter Meeting of St. Paul's Brotherhood held at Oxford Mission, Barishal. Honorable Moderator conducted the chapter meeting of St. Paul's Brotherhood, as Visitor. Father Francis SPB, Father John SPB, Rev. Monorama Mitra, Rev. Albert Halder were present at the Chapter Meeting.

Moderator visit to Oicharmath Doel Girls and Shapla Boys Hostel



On November 23, the Honorable Moderator visited Doel Girls Hostel first and later Shapla Boy's Hostel. During this time, he spent some time with the hostel children and inquired about them.



The Moderator visited Shalom Office, Jobarpar, Barishal and meet with all staffs. At this time, he expressed satisfaction knowing about the ongoing program. Later he listens to all the staffs attentively and advises them to perform their duties with sincerity.



He also visited the birthplace and home of the late first Bengali Bishop Barnabas Dwijen Mondal of the Church of Bangladesh and visited some houses nearby.

The documentation officer of the Synod office, Mr Jones Loton Roy and Microfinance Coordinator Mr. James Swapan Mallick were with him to cover the event.



225 years of Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha



On November 24-27, 2022, the 225th anniversary celebration of Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha was held at Baptist Mission, Barishal. The theme of the festival was, 'Hold Firmly Until I Come' - Revelation 2:25. The 25th November 2022 was the main phase of the anniversary celebration. In this session of the grand event, the heads of various Churches in Bangladesh were invited as special guests. The honorable Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, Right Reverend Samuel S. Mankhin attended the event as a special guest and delivered his speech. He said, Bangladesh Baptist Church and Church of Bangladesh are almost contemporary. In this country, two Churches are like brothers. The bishop also said, what is our promise on the eve of the Jubilee? Have we come here after forgiving our brothers? Are we willing to return the mortgaged land to the poor? Are we willing to withdraw or settle down all the cases against whom we have anger, agony, and jealousy?



He concluded his speech by remembering all the heavenly and living peoples who have worked their best in Christ for this traditional and old churches in Bangladesh.

Asian Theological Academy (ATA)

'Climate Justice: Churches Listening to the Voice of the Victims' workshop held



“Climate Justice: Churches Listening to the Voice of the Victims” workshop held at Retreat & Prayer Garden (RPG CoB), Savar Dhaka on 7-13 November 2023. This workshop is organized by Asian Theological Academy (ATA), collaboration with USPG, Hosted by the Church of Bangladesh (CoB). There are about 55 participants attended actively and wholeheartedly of the program (ATA Board Members: 5 persons; Delegates: from Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, New Zealand 10 persons; Bangladesh Participants: 30 persons, and Others 10).

The main speakers were the Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Atiur Rahman who spoke on the present socio-economic and political scenario of the world due to the Climate Change, Pandemic and War in Ukraine, and urged people to listen to the cry of creation and to do something to bring back our ecological and cultural values for the world and in the history of the next generations. Dr. Harold S Baroi- Prof. of Rajshahi University, Dr. Philip Gain- Director SEHD and Prof. Dr. Mostafizur Rahman- Jahangirnagar University were spok on the theme. Prof. Dr. George Zacharia from New Zeland Theological College and Seminary spoke radically Towards a theological understanding of Climate Justice on the issue of Noah’s Ark. He suggested we need to “Break the Ship” (like the ship breaking industry of Bangladesh) because in this story we find all tees, creations are also destroyed. Sinners also cried but no body listened to their cries that is happening at present time the victims are crying but nobody listening. He referred to the story of Jesus that we need to be like Jesus to be channel of Climate Justice to save all human and creations.

Ms. Rebecca Boardman from USPG- London UK sent us a video on how Church is Responding to mitigate this Ecological Crisis in different countries and continents of this World.

Chairperson of ATA & Board Members

The Most Revd. Samuel S Mankhin Moderator was nominated as Chairperson by the ATA Board Members during this Conference and Convocation. ATA Chairman was received and welcomed with flowers by the ATA Director, Dean, Board Members and All Delegates of the Consultation and Convocation.

Convocation

Prof. Sunshine preached on Friday at 11 November morning at the Local Congregation’s Worship Service. Then convocation worship service and ceremony of “ATA Certificate Program on Contextual Theologies” was organized by the Prof. Dr. MP Joseph and ATA Board Members. Certificates were granting through the CoB Moderator The Most Revd Samuel S Mankhin along with Director Dr. Perera, Dr. MP Joseph and ATA Board Members to the ATA Students who did one year course on Contextual Theology through Zoom Class. Certificates were also given to all participants who attended this Conference on Climate Justice at RPG Savar Dhaka.

As the main purpose of the consultation was “Listening to the Cries of Victims” so the victims of Climate Change people came from the area of Parma River Erosion by the help of Director of CCDB where they are working with these suffering people. Next day we not only listening by visited that place of the Padma River Erosion (Harirampur-Manikgonj) and these victims’ people along with All ATA Delegates and all Participants.

This program is anchoring by Rev John P Hira, Mr. Suvojit Mondal and other board members of ATA. At the beginning Dr. Rienze Perera-Director ATA and Prof. Dr. MP Joseph -Dean ATA talked about the rationale and objectives of this program in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

An orientation was held on the 'Strategy Paper 2021-30' of the Church of Bangladesh



On December 5th, an orientation was held for the senior staff of the Church of Bangladesh Central Office, Shalom, CMCY and Synod, on the topic of 'Strategy Paper 2021-2030'. The orientation program was conducted by Mr. Paul Subrata Malakar. Honorable Moderator Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin was present.

Mr. Malakar provided ideas on the church's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and he discussed how to deal with them. After that he focused the philosophy, mission, values of the church for the next ten years.

Meeting on Anti-Human Trafficking



Last 25 to 27 November COB held a discussion and sharing meeting about Anti-Human Trafficking in collaboration with the Church of North India funded by USPG at Savar RPG. The Respected Bishop of Durgapur Diocese of CNI The Rt. Revd. Sameer Isaac Khimla and Program officer Mr. Raja Moses Joined this meeting. Three of the Bishops of the COB, the Deans, Clergies, and lay leaders also joined this meeting. The CNI Bishop shared how CNI is working on Anti-Human Trafficking

as a Diocese and as a Christian Church. Mr. Raja Moses showed us their activities and how they work at the field level to prevent AHT and inform people about AHT. Human Trafficking is an unavoidable issue in Bangladesh. As a Church, we have responsibilities to work on it. This meeting was so courageous and helpful for both the Church.

Human Rights ToT held in Colombo



From 4 to 11 December Christian Conference for Asia CCA organized a Training of Trainers on affirming Human Dignity for upholding Human Rights in Asia in Colombo, Sri Lanka. On behalf of the COB I (Suvojit Mondal) joined the TOT. This ToT discussed on Human Rights and Human Dignity in Tradition and Modernity: Concepts and

Principles, Philosophical Bases, Historical Perspective. Human Dignity and Human Rights in Biblical and theological Perspectives. It also introduced us about the International Bill of Human Rights, the UDHR, the ICCPR,

and the ICESCR and The Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The Rule of Law and Human Rights in Asia was also described. The Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, and Stateless People was elaborated. This ToT ended with a great discussion on As a Church and Christian what we can do to protect the Human Dignity. I was very blessed to attend such a great training program. I thank God and the Respected Moderator of the COB for giving me such a tremendous opportunity. This TOT helps me a lot to broaden my level of thinking and stands more active to protect Human Rights. I gathered a lot of information and knowledge regarding Human Rights . This broaden my understanding of human rights to include the right to peace, the right to protection of the environment, the right to development and the right to know one's right and to struggle for them. May God give us peace and justice for all Human being.

St. Andrew's Theological College

Christmas greeting



John 3:16 says that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, those who believe in him will not perish but have eternal life. "Jesus is the Reason for This Season". Therefore, Christmas is for all irrespective of Caste, Class, Color, Creed, Culture, Language, Gender, Age and Religion. The Birth of Jesus Christ is the message eradicate the discrimination, inhumanity, and inequality. He came to this world as human is the greatest grace, blessings and rewards to the World. He came to world as human being and living with us to save us, to transform and redeem to have wholeness and fulness of life and life in abundance in this world. So, let the Christmas message of hope, love, peace, freedom, redemption and healing will prevail in His Kingdom.

BTH and BCS Final Exam held



BTh third year and second year first semester and BCS year final exam held this year in 31 October to 13 November 2022 under the rules and regulations of the Senate of Serampore College and University. There were 12 students' sits for BCS exam and 7 BTh students appeared for first semester exam.

Egyptian Missionary Visit



Fr. Augustine, Dr. Abanoub and alosng with another Doctor visited SATC. They showed through Power Point Presentation the visit of Holy Family to Egypt in her childhood: Jesus, Joseph and Mary. Then they shared their Ancient Church, Monastery, Martyrdom, Mission and Ministry. Then they share their future plan to work in Bangladesh. It was really great learning and it seems we were some time in Egypt with Jesus.

ATA Program



This year ATA Program held in RPG Savar Dhaka in the theme "Climate Justice: Churches Listening to the Voices of the Victims". SATC helped to organized this program on behalf of the Church of Bangladesh. Staffs also did volunteer work to do registration, cultural program, corresponding with facilitators and delegates etc.



Shalom

... a development organisation of Church of Bangladesh

Shalom executive meeting held



December 3, 2022, Shalom held its executive meeting. Chairman of Shalom, Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin presided over the meeting. Bishop Shourabh Pholia of Barishal Diocese and Bishop Hemen Halder of Kushtia Diocese were present in the meeting. Director of Shalom Mr. Ronan Gomes presents Shalom's update accordingly.

The Director mentioned in his report that Shalom is implementing various development programs in 16 districts of Bangladesh, which are planned to meet

the needs of 21,000 poor, neglected and vulnerable families in remote areas for underprivileged 1,15,000 people.

Shalom is also conducting microfinance programs among 10,000 members in 14 districts. Executive members discussed the report and made various suggestions. At the end of the meeting, Honorable Chairman Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin expressed his thanks and gratitude to all the members present for their good advice and exchange of their experiences.

At this time, honorable Chairman, Rt. Rev. Samuel S Mankhin expressed gratitude to all donors/partners, church partners, affiliates; and thanked to those who have been with Shalom for a long time, providing financial, moral, strategic support and advice. The Chairman said, you have been loving Shalom even though our many weaknesses, ignorance, negligence, you have not abandoned Shalom. Besides, he expressed hope that the partners will be by our side in the future as well, giving support and advice in various ways. At this time, the Chairman announced the end of Shalom's executive meeting by wishing everyone the best for the birthday of Jesus Christ and the coming New Year 2023.

High-spirited teenagers

Now in families, schools and villages, eve teasing, child marriage has been reduced, dowry, violence against women has been reduced a lot.



They are members of 'Durant Kishori Dal' of Shalom-Haluaghat, West Samnia Para, village. Total 25 members in the team. This teenage group meets every Thursday. They received a lot of training from Haluaghat Shalom, Prevention of child marriage, drugs, dowry, evictions, reproductive health, violence against women, trafficking in women. Now they talk about awareness in different ways

in family, society, village, school.

Sonia Akhtar, vice chairperson of Class nine student group, said, "Now we can speak, there is no shame in speaking." Earlier I used to face everything in the village, now I do have the courage. Now in families, schools and villages, eve teasing, child marriage has been reduced, dowry, violence against women has been reduced a lot. If there is no remedy by their request, then they will ask help from the local government body member, chairman, inform the police station to stop early marriages and others offence with the teenagers.





CoB-CMCY

Christian Ministry to Children & Youth



Christian Ministry to Children and Youth (CMCY) is a child-friendly organization that runs its noble ministry for the poor and destitute children, aiming to make them educated and self-reliant. For these works, CMCY receives generous donations, supports and prayers from the very much distinguished donors of CMD-Germany and CMS-Switzerland.

Holistic development



In Bangladesh, CMD and CMS-supported children are well and grow up holistically. Although the unusually rocketed high price hikes provide troubles a lot to fulfill the children's basic needs comfortably, they are happy in the hostels. Hostel life gives them happiness and makes them qualified to survive with the fittest. Major children are now busy with their annual examinations and waiting eagerly for the Christmas leave to celebrate CHRISTMAS along with their families.

EC- Meeting

An executive Committee Meeting of CMCY is held on 2nd. December, 22, successfully, with all respected board members at RPG- center, Savar. Respected Chairman of CMCY kindly chaired the meeting.

Challenges

The new present challenges are- Soaring essential commodities and impact of war at in Europe.

Acknowledgement and Gratitude's



All kind donors, Hon. Chairman, respected Bishops, Board members, Hostel committee members and above all the loving God who blessed us abundantly this year.

Tarun Mondol.
Director- CMCY.

CoB-Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi



Last 12 November 2022 a half day orientation session was held at the conference hall of Christian Mission Hospital Rajshahi (CMHR). Moderator Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin presided over the workshop and Mr. Paul Subrata Malakar facilitated the event. He focused on the role of health workers and committees outlined in the strategy paper to achieve the targeted goals of the COB Strategy Paper 2021-30.

Excluding non-COB doctors, 26 participants from different levels of health staff of both hospitals participated in the workshop.

During teatime, in a special session of the workshop 40 out of 49 doctors along with

experts and consultants from CMHR met the Chairman and shared their views on how to upgrade this hospital for quality healthcare as a tertiary level of improvement. The specific objective of the workshop is to engage hospitals in achieving the goals of the Church of Bangladesh by 2030.

The gist of the workshop was as follows:

1. Resource development, Resource Mobilization, Staff capacity development
2. Working as a team with a common mission
3. Professionalism with transparency and dedication considering Jesus' teachings.

CoB-Nursing Institute, Rajshahi



Advance Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings to you all. It will bring joy and happy in our life. The NI academic activities are running normally. We are waiting to hear our 2nd year student's year final results. Our three year's students' will go home for 7/10 days holiday for Christmas and New year alternately. The

on 13th November 2022. We observed World Aids Day on 1st December. World AIDs Day 2022 is being marked under the theme Equalize. Talked about these awareness is a chance for the people all over the world to come together in the battle against HIV, to support those who are living with HIV, and remember those who have passed away from an AIDS-related illness, to ensure that everyone is well-served, Increase the availability quality, acceptability of services for HIV treatment, testing and prevention.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and Happy New year 2023

SulotaDrong,

NursingInstitute, Christian Mission hospital.



Church of Bangladesh honorable Moderator arranged COB two hospital officer's one-day strategy planning orientation meeting, which one was useful for all participants. The NI and hospital received three visitors from Kristiansand Rajshahi Friendship Committee (KRFC) Norway



CoB-Bollobhpur Hospital



Another year rolling to its end as we send our Christmas greetings from Bollobhpur Hospital.

Although Christmas is still only on the horizon, festivity is in the air, Coloured paper to be bought, and many hours enjoyed cutting and pasting and making decorations for the wards and departments.

Tiny seedlings have arrived from the nearby nursery to line the paths, and already are bursting into gay yellow and orange blooms.

High above the Male ward, as on every home in the village, Advent brought a Christmas star, bright with coloured lights, ready to guide the wise men to the stable that the students will create under the mango tree in the middle of the grounds.

And to add to the enjoyment, Babu has decorated the flowering tree by the hospital gate, transforming it into a little Christmas tree gay with coloured lights.

In the wards some empty beds announce the beginning of the main harvest season, and everyone with two capable hands are in the fields cutting the paddy plants, binding them into bundles to be brought home, and then the threshing out of the rice, drying the harvest in the sun, boiling and preparing for cooking & for storage. A busy time for a farming community, and so few have time for hospital visits or admission.

In the baby ward the tiny occupants of the incubators are giving our students good experiences in special baby care, and many will go on to this sort of work. 17 senior students are into their last weeks of training, and will leave us at the end of December for employment elsewhere.

For our students do not remain idle, all find work, and are able to help the parents who have struggled to give them the opportunity of training here.

In the class room we are into the examination season, with end of the year examinations for most groups final examinations for the group in their last six months of training.

All are studing hard and eager to move up a year in their training.

And in Principal Nilsury's Office applications are be vetted to select the new group who will begin training in January`23.

Please keep our village hospital, our students and staff as we enjoy Christmas together, and may you all have wonderful joyous Christmas too.

Sr. G M Rose
Director, Bollobhpur Hospital.



Suchitra Behera



Mridula Baidya



Stalin Pallab Sarkar



Duke Malakar



John Mondol



Mridul
Chambugang



Ajoy Ritchil



Satta Mree



Dibaronjon Sarkar



Ripon Roy



Philip Mondol



Richard Sarkar



Samuel Hembrom



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Call for prayers for Priest Ordination

It is with great joy and a matter of great honor for the Church of Bangladesh that by God's grace on Sunday, 8th January 2023, at Epiphany Cathedral, Bogra Road, Barishal, at 9.00 a.m., 13 of our beloved ones will be worshiped in a holy Lord's Supper. A total of 15 brothers including 2 sisters will be ordained as priests. They are; *Deacon Suchitra Behera, Deacon Mridula Baidya, Deacon Stalin Pallab Sarkar, Deacon Stalin Pallab Sarkar, Deacon Duke Malakar, Deacon John Mondol, Deacon Mridul Chambugang, Deacon Satta Mree, Deacon Dibaronjon Sarkar, Deacon Ripon Roy, Deacon Philip Mondol, Deacon Richard Sarkar, Deacon Samuel Hembrom, Deacon Tapon Mondol, Deacon Shorbanondo Rotno.*

This is the first time that so many priests are going to be ordained together in the Church of Bangladesh.

The importance of this ordination event in Church's life is immense. Therefore, I earnestly request all of you to continue to pray for God's grace

Praise be to God.

Rt. Revd Samuel S. Mankhin

The Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh