



Pastoral letter from the Moderator



January-February 2023



*Dear Sisters
and Brothers in
Christ,*

*Greetings in the
precious name
of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.
The first two
months of the
year have passed
so soon with
some pleasure,
anxiety, and loss of
dear ones, and in*

Bangladesh context many more marriage ceremonies and the Spiritual Revival Meetings in the Deaneries.

Some of us have started this new year chanting Jesus' very precious name "Jisu Nam Moha Nam" and "Jisu Name Pabere Shanti, Jisu Name Pabere Mukti" at the beginning of this year. This is some Bhojon we sing in Bangladesh and India. Moreover, we find, and we believe that if we can start with Jesus' name there will be many blessings upon our work and families. Yes, we have started this new year which should be a blessing for us all, despite there must be some misery, anxiety, fear, and unexpected news for the families and the whole Churches. I myself and families we lost my Mother (90+) and eldest sister, Sister Mira (73) within these two months which brought some mental disaster in our families. But thank God and all the Church members and relatives and other friends and well-wishers for their support and condolence Message to all of us. We have been slowly recovering ourselves and the great losses. It had been so shocking that recently Bishop Michael S. Baroi lost his granddaughter who faced a terrific road accident in Canada.

Anyway meantime the whole world has experienced that the war between Russia and Ukraine passed one year since it started but didn't finish! Due to its continuation, the whole world is again in big anxiety, fear, profound financial crisis, and what not. In Bangladesh, we are not free from this bad impact. God knows when it will stop and the people of poor

nations and countries will be survived all sorts of crises and their spiritual and livelihood will be normal and peaceful. In midst of this, we certainly have hope in Christ that he will save us some days but we should walk with Him and obey Him. For this, we the COB, and some other like-minded denominations had spiritual revival meetings countrywide and tried to encourage our own people and others to fully depend on God, Jesus Christ His only Son, and the Holy Spirit and see how it leads us and guides us towards the salvation, peace, and harmony. The COB has started working enthusiastically with others and following the suggestions of our dear mission and development partners and all other wing mission institutions trying their best to bring self-sustainability and a new spirit in Christ to live and work together.

May you just go through the newsletter so that you will get all the other news of pastoral, development, childcare, health ministries, education ministry, and other ongoing ministries for the COB to witness and work for our beautiful country Bangladesh. 21 February is being observed as the Language Martyr's Day when Bangladesh only fought for such as Language movement and had to shade many drops of blood and the nation has observed the day with great reverence and mourning, from which we got now the free and sovereign country Bangladesh from East Pakistan. We thank God for our beautiful country and the Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman whose tremendous leadership and dedication brought victory and independence to this country in 1971. Amar Sonar Bangla Ami Tomai Balobashi (My golden country Bangladesh) I love you so much. Loving God and serving fellow country people should be our Christian lives in Bangladesh. May God bless us all!

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