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To,

Mrs. Sonia Gandhi
President, A.I.C.C.
New Delhi.

Respected Madam,

I wish to state that Mr. Kishore Ekka will be the right Candidate of the Congress Party for the nearing Bihar Assombly Election for the 312 Simdega (Reserved seat).

The Congress will certainly lead in the contest. Mr. Kishore Ekka is given an opportunity for the people in general have high opinion about him. He is a prominent leader. he is an enthusiastic social worker also. The people of all faith and caste will vote for him it seems.

Hence we, the G.E.L. Church, recommend Mr. Kishore Ekka for a candidate of the Congress Party for the 312 Simdega (Reserved) seat for the coming Assembly Election.

Yours sincerely,

14/01/2007
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Madhya Diocese

Khuntitoli - Simdega

MEMORANDUM OF THE G.E.L.CHURCH PASTORS FORUM

Ranchi, 7th May, 2001

To

The General Secretary
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam
Central Council Office
Ranchi-834001.

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Respected Sir,

During the G.E.L.Church Pastors Refresher Course, about twenty(20) pastors/candidates met for an informal consultation on the 1st of April 2001 at 10.00 A.M. in Gossner Middle School premises, Ranchi. Inspired by the talks given by the teachers during the Refresher Course, the matter of exploring ways to make mission and multidimensional ministry more effective was taken up. After short deliberations it was felt that a suggestion be proposed before the ministerium meeting. Accordingly five issues were selected on priority basis and it was submitted to the Secretary of G.E.L.Church ministerim. The ministerium resolved to endorse the matter and forward it to the Central Council for consideration. But since the matters were not sufficiently discussed, it seems necessary to explain the main points through this memorandum.

We the ministers of G.E.L.Church, working in different areas and at different capacities acknowledge the fact that G.E.L.Church has made significant contributions while working among the downtrodden people. But with the change of situation new challenges have come up. Since the Head Office of the G.E.L.Church is situated in the Capital City of the newly formed Jharkhand State, along with new challenges, there are ample opportunities of ministry and mission. For example, growing fundamentalism of Hindus seems to threat the management and growth of the Church. The poverty, illiteracy, ethnic/racial conflicts seem to weaken human bond/relationships. Under such circumstances it is more crucial to preserve and promote the unity and integrity of G.E.L.Church and at the same time co-operate with other Churches of this region for more effective ministry. In view of such challenges we propose to give more attention on the following issues with planning, training and execution of the programmes in which more pastors as well as lay persons may be involved effectively:

1. Worship and Music: We believe that spiritual revival is the key of all successful activities and effective ministry. Taken thus, worship of the Triune God should get first preference. Liturgy and music, that are part and parcel of God's worship and of community life, require more attention for making them live. The need for modification and indigenization of Church Liturgy have been proposed now and then. More recently, the need for expanding the collection of hymns of SAXIBANI and printing it with TONIC SOLFA has been felt more vigorously. Some persons of Jamshedpur have already initiated it. This should

to be rather patronized by the Church. We already have people who are interested and competent in doing the work if trained properly.

2. Counselling: Families, communities/society, churches at various levels are disintegrating for various reasons. This calls for the urgency of giving importance to the ministry of reconciliation through proper method of counselling. Apart from this, the breaking of marriages, ill effect of alcoholism, drug addiction, AIDS are the matters of concern for the time. Enforcement of laws, however effective, seem to be wanting and insufficient. Here, the preservation and promotion of the unity and integrity of the G.E.L.Church is more crucial from the point of mission and ministry. To constitute a Counselling Cell at the central level seems essential.

3. Education of Management: For the success of any organisation, company or institution, the managerial efficiency has got top priority in these few years. In the light of this development, the education of financial, office, and personnel management could be arranged for pastors who are incharge of parishes and institutions/organisations. The training programmes organised by the Christian Institute of Management, Chennai could be availed.

4. Planning & Encouragement for Higher Education:

Only few pastors/candidates seem to venture for higher theological education, maybe due to lack of information or due to various problems that cannot be solved on personal level. This results in scarcity of future teachers/leaders. To identify the interested and competent persons for higher theological and secular education and encourage them needs special attention.

5. Development of Communication Facilities: Telephone, Fax, E-mail, News papers, magazines and other communication media are powerful tools not only for spreading information, but also for ministry. But the sorry state is that most of us are deprived of these facilities. It is sad to hear that even the printing of the only Church Magazine GHARBANDHU and other religious books at G.E.L. Church Press is badly hampered due to lack of proper management and lack of modernization. If we lose this it will be a shame for the Church.

While raising the above issues, we felt the need of a forum, which, at the initial stage was constituted of the following pastors:

1. Rev. Sushil Jojo-Vice President, South West Diocese, Rajgangpur, Orissa
2. Rev. Nelson Lakra- Vice President, North-East Diocese, Assam
3. Rev. John Dang- Headmaster, Gossner Bible & Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Govindpur
4. Rev. Jorong Surin- G.E.L.Church, Mango, Jamshedpur
5. Rev. Manmasih Ekka- Vice Principal, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi.

The above five pastors were named considering their experience and competence in various fields. All of them have consented to contribute their service in whatever way they can. At this initial stage Rev. Manmasih Ekka was made convener of this unnamed forum. The forum may be expanded, reshaped as per need and approval and suggestion of the Central Council, the highest decision making body of the Church. At the same time we propose that a Board/Committee in the line of Synodical/Diocesan Board of Social Service (S/D.B.S.S.) of the Church of North India be formed for planning and execution of emergency relief works.

All the above proposals have been made in view of the Renewal of the Church for mission and ministry ; in the present changing situation. We request that the matter be discussed in the Central Council meetings and we anticipate for further guidance and suggestions.

MEKKA

(Rev. Manmasih Ekka)

Convener

On behalf of the Pastors
Forum, G.E.L. Church

Encl:

A copy of the memorandum submitted to the Secretary,
G.E.L.Church ministerium on 1st April, 2001

CC: The Secretary, G.E.L.Church Ministerium
The Moderator, G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam
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Dear & Respected Moderator,

Warm greetings from UCC.

You will be happy to know that the 25th Biennial Assembly meetings of the UCC will be held alongwith Church Leaders Conference from 7th to 9th December 2K at the Carey Retreat Centre,Gopalpur-on Sea.

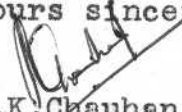
We take this opportunity to request you to keep the above dates free and make it convenient to attend the above meetings. Your presence and participation would strengthen our commitment as Disciples of Christ in the fold of UCC and enable us to spell out Ecumenical Agenda for the years to come.

We have already sent notices to Rev.Horo to send the list of delegates for the above meetings and am yet to receive reply.

Looking forward to receiving your reply and to meeting you in the meetings.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


P.K. Chauhan
Secretary-UCC

CC : Bishop Ch.P.H.Prokash, President, UCC

Christians to raise Rs.10 cr. for rehabilitation project in Orissa

By Our Special Correspondent

CHENNAI, JAN. 3. The All India Christian Council is raising nearly Rs. 10 crores for a rehabilitation project in the cyclone-devastated Orissa.

The council president, Dr. Joseph De Souza, and the spokesman, Mr. John Dayal, told reporters today that four model villages were proposed to be built in two blocks of Cuttack district. Each village would have 250 houses. The rehabilitation would provide basic infrastructure in the blocks.

The council, an umbrella organisation of Churches and Christian NGOs, would bear the entire cost from its funds without seeking any matching grant from the State administration. It would bring in state-of-the-art technology in setting up adequate early warning systems and cyclone shelters in the coastal belt.

The emphasis would be on the sustainability of the project by providing avenues for local employment, health and education centres, besides roads, communication systems and drinking water facilities, would be set up, they said. The council would be willing to participate in long-term comprehensive plans for ensuring maximum benefit to the maximum number of people.

The rehabilitations would be accompanied by a literacy and medicare campaign, they added.

In a separate statement, the council, along with the All India Catholic Union, the Muslim Coordination Committee of Tamil Nadu and the Makkal Sewak Sangh, condemned "attempts by vested interests" to divide India's minority communities.

It called for peace in Bangalore, where the members of the Muslim community had demonstrated against a newspaper for carrying an "offensive" article. "Any continuation of violence will be playing into the hands of the vested interests," the council said.

It appealed to the Press Council of India, the Editors Guild and other media organisations to ensure that "freedom of expression was not jeopardised by a small section of people who were making political capital out of their attacks on Christians, Muslims and Dalits."

Mr. John Dayal, while objecting to Mr. Arun Shourie's continuance in the Union Ministry, wanted the Prime Minister to clarify whether he endorsed Mr. Shourie's writings that defamed Muslims, Christians and Dalits.

He also urged the Chief Minister, Mr. M. Karunanidhi, to take up this issue with the Prime Minister.

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To,

The Moderator

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Sir,

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Congress Party (Sangma Group) to fight
Election from Torpa Constituency.

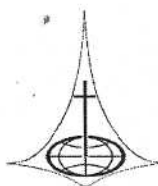
Kindly allow me for the same.

Thanking You,

S. Tano.

Sincerely Yours

S. Tano
23.1.2000



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TO: LWF MEMBER CHURCHES AND
NATIONAL COMMITTEES

December 1999

THE TENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

Dear Friends,

While it may seem rather early to be writing to you already now concerning the Tenth Assembly three years will have passed in July 2000 since the Ninth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) took place in Hong Kong. The LWF Constitution stipulates that "*The Assembly shall normally be held every six years with the time, place and program to be determined by the Council*" (Article VII, paragraph 2). In the light of this constitutional requirement, the LWF Council will consider at its meeting next year whether the Tenth Assembly should be held in 2003 or later. With this letter I intend to expedite the specific responsibility of the Council.

LWF member churches wishing to host the Tenth Assembly are asked to extend their invitations. The following overview of where previous Assemblies were held may assist you in your planning: Lund, Sweden (1947), Hanover, Germany (1952), Minneapolis, USA (1957), Helsinki, Finland (1963), Evian, France (1970), Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania (1977), Budapest, Hungary (1984), Curitiba, Brazil (1990), Hong Kong, China (1997).

Please send your invitation letter to my office **no later than 15 March 2000**. Invitations will be placed before the Council at its next meeting from 14 to 21 June 2000 in Turku, Finland for consideration and decision. Please bear the following factors in mind when you discuss this invitation in your church:

1. Adequate and reasonably priced conference facilities and accommodation for more than one thousand participants;
2. financial commitments for specific internal preparatory work, e.g. local committees and assigned local Assembly Coordinator;
3. assurance that delegates will not be denied entry into your country for political reasons;
4. printed or visual material may be included in your invitation to facilitate the Council's decision-making.

In order to close the chapter on the Ninth Assembly in Hong Kong, it may be helpful to draw attention to the fact that an evaluation process was initiated two years ago.

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The Council appointed an Assembly Review Committee with the purpose of looking back at the Ninth Assembly and evaluating the parliamentary working style, the significance of the resolutions for the member churches and the effectiveness of the present model. It also discussed the financial implications of holding assemblies. The Committee met again during this year's Council meeting in Bratislava and examined observations made by delegates and other participants at the close of the Ninth Assembly. The evaluation and comments are part of a report that will be given careful attention by the Assembly Committee which is to be appointed by the Council in Turku.

When talking about assemblies, it is of the utmost importance to examine the financial implications for the member churches, especially in view of the fact that the assemblies of the World Council of Churches (WCC), and of other organizations belonging to the Christian World Communions as well as some of the regional ecumenical assemblies normally follow one another closely. For example, both CEC and LWF held their assemblies in 1997 and the WCC in 1998. Since most of the LWF member churches also hold membership in the WCC and regional and national ecumenical councils a reasonable spacing of the assemblies is essential.

Concerning the above, the Council passed a resolution at its meeting in Bratislava, of which an excerpt reads as follows:

"to ask the General Secretary to prepare a preliminary discussion for the Council meeting 2000 for possible coordination in the future of LWF assemblies with those of the WCC and regional ecumenical councils in view of better stewardship of resources as well as increased cooperation."

This resolution was shared with Dr Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, who informed the Central Committee at its recent meeting. The Central Committee accordingly adopted a resolution confirming the WCC's willingness to work with the LWF and other Christian World Communions as well as regional ecumenical organizations on the coordination of future assemblies. It goes without saying that this process needs considerable creativity and careful planning. Discussions between the WCC and LWF secretariats have begun in follow-up of these resolutions. When these meetings have been completed, I will report to the Council in Turku so that it can take appropriate decisions about when, where and in which form the Tenth Assembly will be held.

I very much look forward to your invitations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ishmael Noko', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Ishmael Noko
General Secretary

Cc: Council Members
LWF President Christian Krause

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Moderator's personal file.

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**AN OPEN LETTER OF THEOLOGICAL TEACHERS TO
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA
CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND
ITS MEMBER CHURCHES**

We, theological teachers from various South Indian seminaries under the Senate of Serampore College, belonging to CNI, CSI, Baptists, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Mar Thoma, Pentecostal and other traditions would like to place before you our grave concern, apprehension and protest at the way ecumenism is promoted and practiced in various fora of the national and international ecumenical bodies.

The NCCI which is the National Ecumenical Forum of India (consisting of 29 member churches, 14 regional Christian Councils, 13 All India Christian Organizations and 7 related agencies) along with the CCA, WCC and other ecumenical bodies are looked up to as real models of ecumenism where churches and organization come together to share their faith and commitment to Christ and are challenged to go out to share the fruits of the faith with others.

In this context, we are deeply disappointed to note that, time and time again very little of the ecumenism that has been propagated, is practiced at various levels. Ecumenism as we have observed and experienced reflects the 'survival of the fittest' which is the law of the jungle, rather than being the sign of the aspiration of Christ, "That all may be one".

Any ecumenical organization that systematically and repeatedly denies full participation of all its members in ideological, policy and administrative matters can never claim itself to be a representative ecumenical body. Such negation calls into question the claim made by organizations like the NCCI, CCA and the WCC to be the carriers of the ecumenical vision.

The recent appointment to commissions and committees by the Central Committee of WCC is a classic example to prove the case in point. Among the 14 members recently appointed, 10 out of the 15 members representing India are people belonging to one state, Kerala, and 9 out of those belong to Syrian community (either to the Mar Thoma or Orthodox churches). Also information has been shared with us regarding the way a person from Kerala and from the Syrian community was propelled into an executive position at the WCC, Geneva.

We in India have been independent for over 52 years. However an examination of those who have been either commission members or staff members of the WCC and CCA indicate that those have been overwhelming from particular communities, such as the Syrian or Nadar caste or race. We ask:

How was it possible that favoritism has been shown to a few and discrimination against many? Where are the true signs of the vision of Christ for justice and integrity? What does ecumenism mean today? We would like to be informed whether there is a paradigm-shift in the notion of ecumenism today?

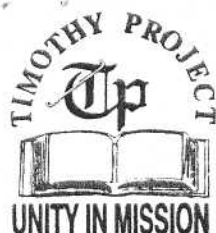
The WCC, CCA and NCCI and other ecumenical institutions cannot shirk their responsibility by giving an excuse that the Churches have failed in their responsibility to nominate people. Such excuses provide convenient grounds to overlook the claims of some churches. How is it that a mechanism has been developed to get names from certain groups and not from others? How does the power of patronage operate? We demand transparency at all levels of such transactions, which directly impact on the life, and witness of the Church in India.

We write this letter with prayer, concern and a deep sense of commitment to ecumenism in the true sense of the word to remind the ecumenical bodies to show practical signs of ecumenism which embraces Christ's vision for the least and the lost the voiceless and marginalized, especially for Dalits, the tribals and women.

We urge the organizations to reexamine the mechanisms and policies. Kindly note that this open letter is to express our concern and not to draw attention to the flaw in the administration. We await responses from the general secretaries of the NCCI, CCA, and WCC. Let us strengthen ecumenism in the new millennium and not kill it.

Yours in the name of the Crucified and Risen One.

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

The National Advisory Council of Timothy Project - Unity in Mission - is scheduled to meet on January 25, 2001 when the sponsors from U.S.A. (Bible Literature International) will be with us.

We are in the seventh year of the Project as we enter into the third millenium. We have our books printed in 15 Indian languages with about 80,000 copies in all. We plan to add three more languages:

Santhali	-	for Jarkhand
Chattisgarhi	-	for Chattisgarh
Savara	-	for South Orissa.

We invite you to this meeting which will be a one-day meeting. You can make your reservations both ways from your place. Your travel expenses will be met by the Council. Please fill in the attached form and return to us. Your accommodation has been arranged.

Kindly respond in the attached form. Please remember us in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

S.K. Parmar

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To

**Member Churches, Regional Councils,
Related Agencies, Christian Organizations and Partners**

Dear Friends,

We are at the threshold of the New Millennium. Much has been said and written about the New Millennium and a lot of hype about it in the media. The rich and the powerful plan to observe their New Millennium with pomp and glory. Its time we, the members of the NCCI sit back, reflect on the past, give thanks to God for all God's blessings and to look forward to a time of Peace and Justice prayerfully. The New Millennium has to be seen as the *Kairotic* moment, the most opportune time to announce the Jubilee or the liberation of Human Kind. Total Human Liberation is intrinsically linked with the *Kairos*. The Jubilee time demands us to set people free. This should be the centrality of our celebrations.

In response to the Executive Committee's recommendation, the New Ecumenical Millennium Liturgy is being enclosed here. You are encouraged to translate it into vernaculars and also print it for your congregations, as it would be almost impossible for us to do it all here at Nagpur. May be you can get in touch with me if you need more assistance. We encourage you to ask your churches to observe this liturgy on the 31st December or the 1st January 2000.

You are aware that the XXIV Quadrennial Assembly of NCCI on the theme "*LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS*" will take place at Ranchi, Bihar from 2-6 March 2000. The NCCI is requesting its member churches to observe the first Sunday in March i.e. the 5th March 2000 as the **NCCI Sunday** and this liturgy may be used again for the occasion. Related Agencies and Christian Organizations are also encouraged to observe this liturgy in their own worships and devotions. This liturgy may also be adapted if you can't follow the whole thing.

We look forward to your solidarity in being united in Worship as we enter the New Millennium. I am also enclosing a copy of the New Millennium Pledge of the NCCI. You will soon receive posters, sticker and stamps. For now kindly display a copy of the pledge on your notice boards and announce it in your congregations.

In anticipation of your kind cooperation

Sincerely yours

Rev. Dr. Ipe Joseph
General Secretary

Encl.: a/a

The New Millennium Ecumenical Liturgy

Theme: Life in all its fullness

(The Church may be decorated with flowers, lights, diya, kolam/ rangoli and other forms of cultural expressions symbolizing celebrations according to local cultures)

1. Opening words:

We are at the dawn of the New Millennium. We have come to this worship for thanksgiving, celebration and hope. We have come to thank God. Through God's abundant grace our lives have been illumined and our hearts enlightened, that we may abound in hope, hope in life for all in the New Millennium. We thank God for the Church, for the vision and creativity of our representatives to bring new life and hope that we may set people free, free to new life and hope. We thank God for women and men of faith throughout history who have responded to God's call to freedom and life. Today, as we remember God's abundant blessings on humanity, we also ask God to break down the barriers that enslave and divide people and to set humanity free to a life in abundance. May this worship be one of reflection, reflecting on the past, with a focus on the present and hope for the future. May this worship be a blessing to each one of us and also a challenge. May we celebrate life.

(Joyful and rhythmic instrumental music accompanied with singing may follow here to set the celebrative mood. Children and the youth may come in a procession to distribute flowers to the members of the congregation and these flowers may be exchanged at the time of the act of celebration with your neighbour.)

2. Litany to invoke God's blessings

Leader : Pray for the raising of river waters this millennium.
That Christ, our Lord,
May bless it and raise it to its measure.
Grant a cheerful touch
Unto the lands.
Support the human beings,
Save the cattle
And forgive us our sins.

Response : *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader : Pray for the trees, vegetations
And land plantations this millennium.
That Christ, our Lord, may bless them
To grow and bring forth
Plentiful fruit, have compassion upon his creation
And forgive us our sins.

Response : *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader : Accord, O Lord, a cheerful touch unto the earth, water it,
And dispose our life as deemed fit.
Crown the new millennium with your goodness.
For the sake of the poor of your people,
The widow, the orphan, the stranger and for our sake.
For our eyes are focussed upon you, our hope,
and seek your holy name.

Response : *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader : You provide us our food in due course.
Deal with us, O Lord, according to your goodness.
You, the feeder of everybody.
Fill our hearts with joy and grace,
That, as we always have sufficiently of all things.
We grow in every good deed.

All : *Amen*

3. Opening Hymn: O God our Help in Ages Past

4. Responsive Reading

Leader : Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you
Response : *You are gentle with us a mother with her children*

Leader : Often you weep over our sins and our pride
Response : *Tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement*

Leader : You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds
Response : *In sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.*

Leader : Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life.
Response : *By your anguish and labour we come forth in joy*

Leader : Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness
Response : *Through your gentleness we find comfort in fear*

Leader : Your warmth gives life to the dead
Response : *Your touch makes sinners righteous*

Leader : Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us
Response : *In your love and tenderness remake us*

Leader : In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness
Response : *For the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us*

A Traditional song of St. Anselm

5. Litany of thanksgiving

Leader : We acknowledge God that you are the author and source of all life in this universe. We thank you for sustaining life in this universe and providing us, your undeserving servants all the support we need. We thank you for the sun, the moon, the stars and the air that we breathe and all that supports life on this earth.

Response : *Hallelujah, we thank you, Parent God*

Leader : We thank you for the trees, the vegetation, the plants, the denizen of the deep and the flora and fauna which enables us to be fed and to live a healthy life. We thank you for the agriculturists and the workers who provide us with food even at the cost of their own living. We thank you for the proteins, the vitamins and the other essential minerals we receive through our food that sustains our lives.

Response : *Hallelujah, we thank you, Provider God*

Leader : We thank you for the Church, which provides the vision of a united humanity to reach out to everyone through our sharing, caring and the proclamation of Good News of Your Liberative Redemption, which is a sign of the Kingdom and of servanthood. We give thanks to you for the ecumenical movement, a journey together of all your people in the pursuit of peace and justice, in the midst of confusion, war and hatred. We thank you for the servants of your church who through their vision and creativity have called your church to new life and hope and for those who have worked for the people of God on the way together to strive for equality and fraternity.

Response : *Hallelujah, we thank you, Sustainer God*

Leader : We thank you for all peoples of this world. For the diverse cultures which adds brilliance to our lives. For the diverse religions which enrich our own faith. For all the nations which are striving for justice, peace and freedom, while accepting us as partners in this journey of the pursuit of truth. We thank you for the leaders of our country in the past millennium who have led us into freedom. For students who constantly remind us of our commitment to values of liberty. For leaders who have inspired us to work for the abolition of untouchability and all forms of discrimination against women, children and the environment.

Response : *Hallelujah, we thank you, God of history*

Leader : We thank you for our families in which we seek meaning in our lives, for our relationships for the love and warmth which we share to sustain one another. We praise and thank you for our mothers and fathers for all they could give to us for all that they gave of themselves, a true, living school of love and humility. They revealed to us your mystery and thank you for their revelation of truth. We thank you for the older persons in our families who have enriched our living with their wisdom, experience and caring.

Response : *Hallelujah, we thank you, Living God*

All : God of life, we thank you that you have set us free, from the power of sin and death. You send us into this world, as signs of your kingdom. We

thank you for Jesus Christ who has illumined our lives and all the world with light. Enlighten our hearts that we may abound in Hope in the new millennium and inspire all people with your Spirit that we may be set free to a new life and hope. Amen

6. Confession

Leader : Spirit of joy,
Through you, Christ lives in us.
And we in Christ.
Forgive us when we forget you
And when we fail to live in your joy.

Response : *Spirit of God, forgive us,
And lead us to life in you.*

Leader : Spirit of love,
You bind us in love to yourself
And to those around us,
In marriage, in family and in friendship.
Forgive us when we hurt those we love
And when we turn away from the love of our friends.

Response : *Spirit of God, forgive us,
And lead us to life in you.*

Leader : Spirit of the Body of Christ,
Uniting us in the church
With your life-giving grace and hope.
Forgive our fragmenting of your church
And our failure to carry your love into the world.

Response : *Spirit of God, forgive us,
And lead us to life in you.*

Leader : Spirit in the world,
Comforting us, and drawing us into closer
Relationship with one another.
Forgive our wars and our hatreds,
And forgive our failure to recognize you,
Who lives in us all.

Response : *Spirit of God, forgive us,
And lead us to life in you.*

Leader : As the dove gently settles on the tree,
Receive the gift of peace.
As the flame rises free with light and warmth,
Receive the gift of life.
As the wind moves and dances round the earth,
Receive the gracious gift of the Spirit.

Response : *Amen.*
(Uniting Church Tradition)

7. Absolution

God has been merciful unto us.

God gave Jesus Christ, God's only son

that all who believe in Him may not die, but have abundant life.

That no one may be lost in this world and that all may have eternal life.

This is the depth of God's love to humanity.

We are assured of God's forgiveness.

Let us praise God's holy name

(Lutheran Tradition)

8. Hymn/lyric of Praise (appropriate song)

9. Reading of the Scriptures

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| a. | Psalm | : | Psalm 103 |
| b. | Old Testament | : | Isaiah 65 : 17 – 25 |
| | | | (The Joy and Hope of new life) |
| c. | Epistle lesson | : | |

10. Millennium Creed (to be read in unison)

We believe...., in one God, whose names and forms can be infinite, but whom we know and worship as the Triune One. The benevolence, faithfulness and sustenance of God the Creator, Redeemer and the font of life, enable us to live from generation to generation.

We believe...., that the universe is the loving and purposive gift of God and affirm that God would continue to nurture, heal and renew the created order as He is doing millennium after millennium.

We believe...., in Jesus Christ our Lord who being born of an earthly mother, lived for us even unto the death on the Cross, that life may abound in love. In Him God emptied Himself of everything, but love and by raising Him from the dead, made possible forgiveness and reconciliation, and thus opened the way for humanity for an intimate relationship with God, each other and themselves. In Jesus, we behold the human countenance of the divine, and the Divine countenance of the human, even as He inspired humanity towards a more egalitarian, just and inclusive community in the context of racial, class, caste, gender and religious bigotry.

We believe...., that Jesus gives us hope to enter the new millennium and that He shall come again to make His dwelling among the renewed humanity.

We believe...., in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling sustainer of all life and the binding Spirit of all creation. We believe, that the Holy Spirit ensures the possibility of the fullness of life, freeing and liberating the creation, from the shackles of death and darkness. We believe, that the Divine Councillor would guide us, towards realisation of the Shalom community.

We believe...., in the Universal Church, and its unity amidst diversity. We affirm that, guided by the Triune God, we would continue to overcome all barriers that mutilate

the cosmic body of Christ. We join the mission of God, to serve the Least, the Lost and the Last, searching for more integration of the Gospel with the cultural ethos of our Lord.

11. Gospel lesson : John 10 : 7 - 10
12. Sermon : Theme -: *'That All May Have Life, and Life in all its Fullness'*
13. Offertory Hymn/ lyric
14. Act of Celebration of Life as the gift of God to Humanity

(Local traditions of Greetings may be used either in the form of shaking hands, exchanging flowers, etc. a hymn or a lyric may be sung with a joyful rhythm of celebration. As a symbol of our gratitude, we celebrate the dawn of the New Millennium by bringing fruits of our life symbolically to the altar for example Rice, light, Bible, fruits, vegetables and all that sustains life.)

Prayer (in unison)

Dear Parent God, we bring to you what you have given to us to sustain and celebrate our life.

We thank you for gadgets, technology and persons who enrich our lives with learning, healing and wisdom.

We thank you for the gifts that promote life.

Help us to celebrate life with thanksgiving and joy and to be ever conscious of the needs of others and to be confront the issues which negate life.

Inspire us to eradicate these negations to enable all to celebrate life like us.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

15. A Litany of Intercession

Leader : We pray for the women, children, the differently-abled, and other excluded who suffer violence and abuse in our communities due to our ignorance, self-love and insensitivity. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your light, O God of love.

Leader : We pray for the Dalits, the Tribals, the Fisherfolk and the indigenous communities who have been robbed of their identity and their living, due to injustice, discrimination and oppression that have broken the spirit of life of these people. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your mind, O God who frees.

Leader : We pray for the hungry, the poor, the sick, the dying, the displaced and the victims of natural calamities, for whom life has become an unbearable burden. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your freedom, O God of liberation.

Leader : We pray for the victims of war, communal conflict, suspicion, hatred and fundamentalism, people who have been massacred, killed, maimed and imprisoned for their faith, ideology and commitment to build a just and civil society. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your calm, O Prince of Peace.

Leader : We pray for other faiths, for their commitment to eradicate suffering and inequality and for the establishment of a just and peaceful community. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your wisdom, O God of the Universe.

Leader : We pray for the ecology which has being destroyed due to our greed and over consumption. Give us a spirit to discern that we may free this world of the shackles of destruction of the ecology. (Silence...)

Response : Give us the Spirit of discernment, O God. Our Creator.

Leader : We pray for the victims of AIDS and the terminally ill. Give us the mind to be sensitive to their needs, anxiety and aspirations. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your healing, O God of Wholeness.

Leader : We pray for the ecumenical movement, the journey which takes us all, affirming the values of justice and peace through worship, through our service and through our witness. (Silence...)

Response : Give us your oneness, O Triune God.

All : Eternal God, open the eyes of the nation and its people so that we may walk in the light of life; remove our ignorance and stubbornness so that we may all drink from the fountains of your goodness which bequeaths life for all. Amen

16 The Millennium Pledge of the Churches in India

(to be read in unison)

We thank God for the gift of life.

We affirm, that God has called us to be agents of life. We affirm that this responsibility also involves respecting and promoting life.

We pledge that in accordance to the Good News to humanity we will continue to work towards the eradication of poverty and its manifestations.

We pledge that as a community of faith, we will continue to propagate the Good News of eternal life.

We pledge to work towards an inclusive community challenging all forms of gender, caste, and age discrimination within the church and in our society.

We pledge to spread the Good News of life for the entire universe by protecting our environment.

We pledge to build an inclusive community of men and women who will enjoy equal respect and opportunities.

We pledge to provide a better circumstances for our children to experience their childhood confronting evils like child labour and other forms of child abuse.

We pledge that we will create favourable conditions in our churches and society for the differently-abled people for fuller participation.

We pledge that we will be sensitive and not judgemental about the victims of AIDS and other forms of terminal illness.

We pledge that in the midst of the brokenness of the world we will proclaim the Good News of reconciliation, healing and justice.

We pledge that we intend to stay together in the ecumenical journey with the anxiety to grow together in unity.

We pledge that as people of faith we will continue our pilgrimage together in hope.

We pledge that we will continue to serve the nation with the mind of service alone to the under privileged and the marginalised and build a nation blessed with communal harmony, gender inclusiveness, religious liberty, social justice and economic equality.

All the above, we pledge to undertake in the new millennium as a faith response in utter obedience to the call of our Master who became one of us in order that we may have life and life in all its fullness.

To this end, help us God in the new millennium for in You we trust.

(The flowers may be exchanged as a symbol of our commitment to the pledge.)

17. Lord's Prayer

18. Benediction

May God Almighty bless you.
Blessings of heaven above
Blessings of the deep lying below
Blessing of the grain and flowers
Blessings of the eternal mountains
Bounty of the everlasting hills.
Be with you and go with you in the new millennium.
In the name of the Parent, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

19. Closing Hymn/Lyric (choose appropriately)

Note: The Liturgy prepared draws primarily from various sources of confessional and ecumenical traditions. These printed sources have been used in the selection and adaptation of prayers. Congregations are encouraged to use this liturgy on the New Year's Eve. You may translate it into your vernacular. Songs/lyrics/bhajans may be appropriately chosen. The prayers of intercession are very general in nature. You may add specific situations, events and happenings as appropriate. The liturgy of the Eucharist may follow according to your Church liturgical traditions.

Let us be one in Spirit when we worship.

**Prepared by :National Council of Churches in India
For use at the New Year Eve/Watch Night Service/ or your Millennium Service
on the 31st December 1999/January 2000.**

National Council of Churches in India

Millennium Pledge

We, the members of the NCCI family hereby solemnly pledge:

T*o pray and to promote Peace, Justice and Communal Harmony in the nation.*

T*o eradicate Poverty.*

T*o build Inclusive Communities of Women and Men in Church and Society.*

T*o protect the Environment and be good stewards of God's Creation.*

T*o prepare a new generation of conscientized Youth committed to values of Peace and Justice.*

T*o protect Children from abuse.*



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Reconstructing the Lives of the Orissa Cyclone Victims: NCCI Appeal - II

The Supercyclone which ravaged the Orissa coast between Digha to the North and Bhubaneswar to the South affecting 200 kms of coastal Orissa has left more than 5000 dead, 8 million people severely affected, about 16000 – 18000 cattle dead, 80% vegetation/crops destroyed and more than 100 million Rupees worth of property damaged. The cyclone struck between 25 and 29th October with catastrophic intensity with the speed of 300 kms. The violent rains and tidal waves raging almost 7 mtr high surged ahead and left a path of death and destruction. The total area affected by the cyclone is estimated about 23, 403 sq. kms. and the estimated crop damage is about 1.25 million hectares.

After almost a month of relief work now there is a very serious outbreak of epidemic. Thousands have died. There is a lack of safe drinking water. People are forced to drink the same water, which has caused and is still sustaining the epidemic. The Government as usual claims to have done their best. It has also been acknowledge by them that the NGOs and other organisations have worked tirelessly to bring some kind of relief. Medical doctors, health workers and other medical personnel are fighting a big battle to control the epidemic. Given the infrastructure both before and after the cyclone, it is a tall order. Within the next few months the real damage to life and life supports systems will emerge. What needs to be done now is to seek permanent measures for rehabilitation. The cyclone leaves hundreds of children orphaned and homeless. With existing orphanages almost full and adoption unheard of in the state, the orphaned children have a very bleak future. There is serious need for a permanent construction of houses. The present scenario is this:

- Construction of 1,30,000 houses,
- Rs. 3500 million required for rebuilding.
- Each house (2 room house) cost Rs. 40,000
- 5,000 tonnes of food have to be supplied everyday until normalcy is restored.
- 6 million cooking utensils to be distributed
- 12,385 kilo-litres of kerosene required everyday.
- Rs. 4000 million for road and rail repair (with 400 villages are still isolated) due to the cyclone.
- 8,000 villages need electricity and 4000 million rupees is needed for this.
- Nearly 700,000 people have been affected due to epidemic.
- About 100 new health centers needed to respond to the health situation.
- About 60 or more have already died of diarrhoea.
- Rs. 240 million required to rebuilt water systems.
- 3 million jobs need to be created for the jobless farmers and 80000 workers.

With the help of assistance coming trickling down a meager relief has been distributed to the victims. The third phase of disaster is always crucial. This is the stage of rehabilitation. Permanent/concrete houses will save them from the next fury. It will also provide with security.

Churches Response

The churches have responded effectively to the situation. Ever since the super cyclone struck the coast immediate relief was rushed in some of our NCCI related agencies like CASA, Lutheran World Service-Calcutta, Diocese of Cuttack-CNI, Roman Catholic Institutions and various other organisations. The ACT International – Geneva (Action by Churches Together) have also risen to the occasion and sent out appeals to raise relief work and our implementing agencies in India have accessed these resources and have provided relief.

Assessing the enormity of the disaster, these efforts and response were very minimum. The situation, which prevailed for the first fortnight also, hampered relief work. The NCCI had also appealed to the member churches to respond with aid for the third phase of rehabilitation. The response ofcourse is just trickling in. The NCCI in its Working Committee which met in November 20-21, at Shillong, Meghalaya have resolved to reconstruct/rehabilitate atleast one small village with the help of our agencies who are already working in Orissa.

Our response to the situation is our faith response. The advent is a time of announcing Good News. What is this Good News to the victims of the Orissa cyclone. It was very heartening to see school children in Delhi and other parts of India who went on a rally to campaign for a cracker free Diwali to support and express our solidarity with the victims of Orissa cyclone. What is going to be our response this Christmas time. May our giving be a faith response and not charity. The people of Orissa do not need our charity and sympathy but our solidarity in their time of suffering and agony. We appeal to all congregations to meaningfully respond this Christmas time. It is question of life. Emmanuel means God with us and we have to manifest God's presence in our society. The churches have always responded overwhelmingly to catastrophe and other emergencies. We have on our hands yet another challenge. May we be agents of life, constantly sustaining and promoting life.

Kindly send your resources to :

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We look forward to your response.

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General Secretary

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Dr. K. Rajaratnam
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

7th May, 2001

To : The Bishops/Presidents – UELCI Member Churches

Dear Bishops/Presidents,

We should have had our Executive Committee meeting either in March or April but somehow we did not have it. So I believe we should have the Executive Committee atleast in the first week of June.

There is also an emergency situation in the life of all the Southern Lutheran Churches. Court litigation has brought life of the church to a stand still in some of these churches. The structures of the churches are also not functioning. The situation in some of the churches are worse than others. Under these situations I feel we should all meet as Executive Committee and also discuss how to meet this unfortunate situation facing the Lutheran churches.

I am therefore calling the meeting of the Executive Committee **on Tuesday the 5th of June, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Women's Centre, Gurukul Campus.** Kindly inform the date of your arrival to Rev. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Associate Executive Secretary, UELCI, who will look after your lodge and board.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


DR. K. RAJARATNAM
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, UELCI



cc: Rev. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
Associate Executive Secretary, UELCI

Subject: Mr Surjeet Singh

Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2001 11:09:53 +0930

From: Registrar <registrar@luthersem.edu.au>

To: "kraja@gltc.edu" <kraja@gltc.edu>

Dear Dr Rajaratnam

Thank you for your letter dated 11 April 2001 to Dr Bartsch. I'm sorry to hear that you have been in hospital with a fracture of the femur.

I would like to advise that Dr Bartsch is currently on leave and will only be back in the office from Monday 2 July 2001.

It seems everything is in order, and as soon as we receive a copy of the TOFEL examination result and a letter from LWF confirming that the scholarship has been approved and will cover the costs of studies and living expenses, we will be able to forward the Application form. If you or LWF require any information from us please contact me. My contact details are listed below.

I hope your recovery will be a speedy one.

Yours in Christ
Juanita Lieschke

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20th April 2001

Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator
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Gossner Church Compound
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Dear Moderator,

I am thankful to you for expressing your concern at my recent illness which necessitated me to be hospitalised after a major surgery for a fracture of femur at St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi. I have now returned home but I have to be cautious for another six weeks. Also it requires three months for me to be normal hopefully. As it is, by God's grace I made good progress and I am now writing this letter from my office.

This is just to say that I am grateful to you for your concern, good wishes and prayer. One particular friend had written to me "Rise up and walk". I want to assure you this friend that this particular blessing has come true. At the moment I am able to walk with the help of a walking stick.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

DR. K. RAJARATNAM
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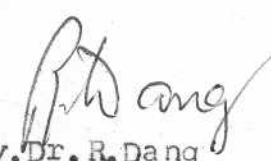
NOTICE

With the consent of the chairman I hereby Call an emergent meeting of the Executive Committee of Gossner Theological College on Monday the 9th April. 2001 at 9 a.m. at G.T.C. All the members are requested to make a point to attend the same.

Subject : Resignation of Rev. A. Minz, Bursar and appointment of a new Bursar,

Members :

- ✓ 1. Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno, Chairman
2. Rev. Dr. C. K. P. Singh Director HRDC
3. Dr. Mrs E. Bhengra
4. Rev. T.S.C. Hans, Principal BHTC.
5. Mr. S. Horo
6. Rev. M.M. Ekka T.R.
7. Dr. R. Dang.


Rev. Dr. R. Dang

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A BRIEF REPORT OF THE COLLEGE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2000-2001

The College was reopened for the academic year 2000-2001 on the 1st July 2000 with a Joint devotion of G.T.C. and B.H.T. C. held at the G.T.C. hall. Devotion was Jointly Conducted by Rev. M. I. Ekka and Rev. T.S.C. Hans. Message was delivered by Ms. Ashishan Kandulna (now Rev) Holy Communion was also served.

I Staff situation

Subjects

A. Teaching Staff.

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| 1. Rev. Royan Dang, Principal
M.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D. | Old Testament |
| 2. Rev. Albert Minz, Bursar
M.A., B.D., M.Th. | Christian Theology |
| 3. Rev. Manmasih Ekka
B.D., M.Th. Vice Principal, cum
Registrar. | History of Religions |
| 4. Rev. T.S.C. Hans, Principal BHTC
B.Th. B.D. | Old Testament |
| 5. Rev. Hemant Kumar Baba
B.Com., B.D., M.Th.
Asst. Hostel Superintendent &
Dean of Praetial work | New Testament |
| 6. Rev. Bimal Barla
B.A., B.D., M.Th.
Associate Dean of Praetial work | History of Religions |

Note : I am happy to record that two of the staff members namely, Rev. Hemant Kumar Baba and Rev. Bimal Barla have qualified themselves for B.Th. Degree in second class in the last Senate examination held in March/April 2000,

B. Office :

Cand. Enlen Guria B.Th.	Office Asst.
Mr. Jiwan Sanga.	Peon cum Mali

C. LIBRARY

Rev. M. M. Ekka	Staff incharge for Library
Rev. Yakub Soreng B.A., B.D.	Asst. Librarian

D. Hostel .

Mr. Salan Barla.	Cook
Mr. James Kandulna	

II. Students .

Altogether there are 54 students. They represent the Churches as follows :

<u>Church</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>B. Th. Degree</u>			
GELC	23	8	31
EnH	13	-	18
Evangelical	1	-	1
WIC	1	-	1
Other Church	1	-	1

<u>Church</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
			49
Presbyterian	1	-	1
MPELC	1	-	1
Union Church	1	-	1
			52
<u>Diploma Course</u>			
C. J. I.	2	-	2
			Total 54

III Outgoing students

The following students have completed their studies of B.Th. Degree Course of the Senate of Serampore College (University) in April 2001.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Church</u>
1. Birsan Kuldip Guria	I.A.	GELC S.E. Diocese
2. Chonhas Lakra	B.A.	"
3. Ms. Saroj Bhuinya	I.A.	"
4. Sosan Barla	I.A.	"
5. Aseyan Burh	I.A.	" S.W. Dio.
6. Mansukh Kandulna	10 * 2	" "
7. Eleazar Dungdung	M.A.	" N. West Dio
8. Isahak Ekka	I.A.	" "
9. Deepak Kerketta	10 * 2	" V. East Dio.
10. Salim Aind	10 * 2	" "
11. Ms. Sunita Horo	10 * 2	" "
12. James Jojo	B.A.	" Madhya Dio.
13. Subhas Khalkho	10 * 2	C.N.I. Eastern Himalayan (Darjeeling Diocese)

DIPLOMA COURSE

14. Pradip Narjinari (two year Course)	XI Pass	C.N.I. Darjeeling Diocese
15. Rev. Johan Topno (one Year Course)	I.A.	C.N.I. Chotanagpur Diocese

IV. Result of the Senate examination of final Year students of 2000.

<u>Total appeared</u> (Regular students)	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	16	2	18

Passed in II Class 6
Passed in III Class 11

V. New Admission

From the current academic year a shift has been made in the admission process. Accordingly henceforth new admission will be taken in the month of October in every second year.

VI. Activities

During the current session students and staff availed opportunities to participate in some programmes. Chief among them were :-

- (i) Writer's Workshop - This was conducted by Good Books Trust Association at Social Development Centre, Purulia Road Ranchi from 17-22 October 2000.

Participants :

From G.T.C. - Eleazar Dungdung
Kuldip Guria
Saroj Bhuinya

From BHTC :- Vijay Lakra
Arun Barwa

- (ii) North India Theological Students' Conference at Aizawl, Mizoram in October 2000,

Participants :

Salim Aind
George Kerketta
Johnson Barla.

Staff guide : Rev. A. Minz

- (iii) Seminar on " Political Theology of Jharkhand " held at GTC, during 12-14 November 2000. This project was organised by G.T.C. Under the sponsorship of the Senate of Serampore College (University) for which we received a grant of Rs. 15,000/- Rev. M.M. Ekka was the co-ordinator of the seminar.

VII College Prizes :

1. Rev. Dr. C.A.B. Tirkey offers the following prizes :
 - (a) Tritva Merkhä Poompen Tirkey Prize (first & second) for the students showing best performances in the field of History of Religions.
 - (b) Oikolampadius Tirkey Prize (first & second) for practical Theology. the amount granted for all these prizes is Rs. 300/-
2. Rev. Albert "Minz" offers two prizes (first & second) for the students showing best performances in the fields of Christian Theology & Ethics. The first prize is in the name of Samuel and Bishwashi Minz while the second in the name of Robin and Kripa Minz
3. The third prize is offered by Master Sawrabh Minz Kathartoly Ranchi. This is offered in the name of Late Dr. Samuel Minz Memorial Prize (first & second). This is offered for general efficiency to the students who secure the highest aggregate. The amount granted for this prize is Rs. 500/-
4. The fourth prize is offered by Rev. Anand Bhengra (first & second) to be given in the name of Susari Mariyam Bhengra Prize to the students who make the highest records in church History. the amount given for this prize is Rs. 500/-
5. The fifth prize is offered (first & second) by Rev. Susaran Soy to the students who make the highest records in the field of New Testament. This is offered in the name of Christ P. Samuel & Kripa Soy Memorial Prize. The amount granted for this prize is Rs. 300/-
6. Special Prize- This is offered by Rev. Yakub Soreng. This goes to the student who in the eyes of the donor, proves himself /herself to be the best of all in all aspects of his/her life work, novements and activities.

On behalf of the College family I express our sincere thanks to all the families and individuals who generously offer prizes and encourage the students in thier studies,

VIII. Finance

The College has been facing serious financial crisis from about last six years. The delay in payments for five - six months has greatly hampered our academic life. Obviously the Church is now conscious of this problem. Off and on this matter is raised, discussed and even decisions are made but unfortunately they are not executed properly. Hence the problems remains the same. Under such circumstance, with a view to reducing the financial burden, the Senior staff members, elected a special committee to study the matter and report to the members. The committee has already submitted its report and the consideration are decided in principle. The committee

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members, placed a proposal a proposal reducing the number of staff members. The Governing Body took up this in to consideration and decided in positive. Hence the number was reduced but this made adverse effects. For due to shortage of teachers during this academic year we could not arrange some important classes, like music and sermon classes which are essential for the ministry, Therefore the problem in question needs to be taken very seriously and effective steps be taken for building up the fund for the institution.

From the staff we have started financial Campaign. The Governing Body has approved our proposal of this Campaign. During the current session our plan was to cover the Ranchi Head Quarter congregation. Rev. M.M.Ekka and Rev.H.K.Baba are giving their time in this Campaign.

I express our thanks to Mr. C.S. Tigga Dibadih for taking interest in our campaign. He has greatly mobilised the members of the G.E.L.Church Dibadih. They are regularly contributing for this College. He has also engaged the Catechist of their Dibadih Congregation in this work who goes around, collects money and comes to our office to deposit the amount collected. Thanks to the members of the Dibadih Congregation for this ideal way of helping Gossner Theological College. If such serious steps are taken in the congregational level in the whole church indeed we can hope for a Bright future of this very important Central institution of the Church.

There are brothers and sisters from other congregations also who are generously giving donation for the College. Here I wish to record the new donors who have started giving during this academic year. They are :-

1. Mrs. Helen Horo, Tirla, Khunti she has started giving from November 2000. Till the date she has given Rs. 12,000/-
2. Miss Bela Topno, Khunti Jojotola. she has given Rs. 5000/-

I am not giving here the detailed accounts of the donations we have received. That will be given in the Bursar's report.

Finally, I wish to record our special thanks to the following donors. Without this my report will not do any justice.

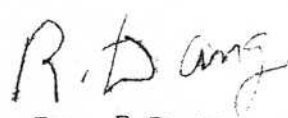
1. ~~xxxxx~~ Mr. N.Naik, General Secretary, Y.I.C.A. Ranchi :-
for giving full financial support to one student for the whole course of four years B.Th. students. Mr. Chonhas Lakra, Village Rachakona, Dt. Sundargarh. Oriss availed this grant.

2. Mrs. Supriya & Mr. Sudesh Tirkey Siromtoly Ranchi- This family granted full financial support to a student for the whole course of four years studies. Mr. Isahak Ekka, village Tutihara, Ranchi availed this grant.

Both of these students have completed their studies. I am sure they are indeed greatly encouraged in their studies.

3. Mahila Samiti Jamshedpur Parish- is giving financial assistance of Rs. 1500/- annually to a needy student. Mr. Paulus Purty is availing this grant. This year he received Rs. 1700/-

On behalf of the College family, On behalf of the students concerned and on my own behalf I express our special thanks to all these donors.


Rev. Dr. R. Dang

Principal G.T.C.
Ranchi

GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RAJCHI

Prize winners of 1997 - 2001 Sessions

1. Christ P. Samuel and Kripa Soy Memorial Prize for New Testament:
 - (i) Eliazar Dungdung (170)
 - (ii) Sosan Barla (165)
2. Christian Theology & Ethics
 - (i) Samuel and Bishwasi Minz Prize -
Salim Aind (227)
 - (ii) Robin & Kripa Minz Prize -
Ms. Saroj Bhuinya (220)
3. History of Christianity : Susari Ariyam Bhengra Prize :
 - (i) Sosan Barla (253)
 - (ii) Mansukh Kandulna (235)
4. Tritva Merkha Poompen Tirkey Prize for History of Religions :
 - (i) Sosan Barla (225)
 - (ii) Mansukh Kandulna (220)
5. Oikolampadius Tirkey prize for Practical Theology :
 - (i) Sosan Barla (225)
 - (ii) Mansukh Kandulna (214)
6. Efficiency Prize : Late Dr. Samuel Minz Memorial Prize
for securing highest aggregate :
 - (i) Sosan Barla (1423)
 - (ii) Salim Aind (1373)
7. Special Prize 2001 : By Rev. Y. Soreng & family
- Mr. Salim Aind.

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P R O G R A M M E

1. Procession
 2. Opening Bhajan - GIC Students
 3. Prayer- Rev. T.S.C. Hans , Principal , BHTC
 4. welcome & brief report of the College-
Dr.R.Dang. Principal
 5. Prize distribution
 6. Message - Dr. Mrs Indu Dhan
 7. Song - B.H.T.C. Students
 8. Giving away of Diplomas.
 9. Song.- Children of the Campus.
 10. Farewell Programme :
 Song - G.T.C. Students.
 Words of farewell :
 From staff- Rev. A.Minz
 From students - Mr. George Kerketta - GIC
 Mr. Vijay Lakra - BHTC
 Response - Mr. Sosan Barla.
 11. Song - Outgoing students.
 12. Vote of thanks - Rev. M.M. Ekka
Vice Principal
 13. Benediction .
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गीत

१. नयीशु आगे जा

स्वर्ग का मार्ग दिखा

हम से और विलम्ब न पड़े

हर एक तेरे पथ में बढ़े

अपना हाथ बढ़ा

हम को खींच चला ॥

२, मन में ढाढ़स भर

उसको थाम सम्भाल

कि जब संकट हम पर आवे

कोई न निराश हो जावे

जग में है संग्राम

स्वर्ग में सुविश्राम ॥

३, प्रभु जीवन भर - हम पर दृष्टि कर

हमको घेरे तेरी दया - और जब जीवन काल बीत गया

स्वर्ग में अपने पास - हमको दे निवास ॥॥॥॥

← Management adjustment *दीक्षित* →

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अति मान्यवर सीडर
रेव. सी. एस. आर. तीवनी
जी. ई. एल. चर्च, पोस्ट ऑफिस - चर्च रोड
रांची - 834001. भारद्वाज जंत
आदरणीय रेव. तीवनी,

वीरसहाय! परमेश्वर आपकी रक्षा करें और निरंतर अशुवाई करना रहे। मैं जानता हूँ जो परमेश्वर पद पर नियुक्त करता है वही सम्मान, अधिक और मार्गदर्शन भी करता है। आमीन!

आपकी पत्र लिखते समय मुझे मेरी बाल्यकाल और युवावस्था की स्मृतियाँ याद आ रही हैं। आपके साथ संगीत का अभ्यास करना, रांची में बनाया की अशुवाई करना और निरंतर संगीत रखना। निश्चय जानें कि आज परमेश्वर ने मुझे जो भी सौंपा है उसे मैं आपकी भी भूमिका सर्वदा रही है। आप मेरी प्रेरणा के स्रोत बन रहे रहने के लिए मैं परमेश्वर का धन्यवाद करता हूँ।

मेरी दार्ष्टिक इच्छा है कि 23, 24, 25 तथा 26 मई की गुमना में जो "अनुग्रह सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव" हो रहा है उसमें कम से कम एक दिन के लिए मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में आप अवश्य भाग लें। इस आग्रह का पत्र आपकी गुमना की आयोजन समिति की ओर से भी भेजा गया होगा। आपकी ज्ञात ही है कि मेरा के नाम पर जगह-जगह अलग से कलासिपाई बनाना, लोगों को उपदेश के द्वारा भस्म में जलना इत्यादि कार्य मैंने अभी भी नहीं किया और न ऐसा अभी चाहेंगा।

मेरी सेवा का लक्ष्य है सारी कलासिपाओं को उनकी जगहों पर मुहूर्त करना तथा जीवनदान देना कि जहाँ वे हैं वही धन्यवाद के साथ जावत रहें। क्योंकि दिन लुप्त हैं। इस समय यदि कलासिपाई एक मंच पर आना जावत नहीं होगी तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब हम भी मित्र की दासता का शिखर हो जायेंगे। परमेश्वर इन दिनों अतना एक आम व्यक्ति की ओर ध्यान दे रहा है

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उसमें चंदी अधिक वह हम मनुष्यों की ओर देव रहा है। जब परिचार के या समाज के मनुष्यों का मन एकसूत्र में बंधना है तो पूरा समाज भी एक होता है। आइए, हम सब मिलकर उम्माँ दें कि वास्तव में हम एकता चाहते हैं।

मेरा दर्शन है, आने वाले समय में सभी चलीसियाओं के सम्मिलित प्रयास से एक ऐसा मंच बने जो आनी चली नई पुनर्निर्माण का उभावशाही और महात्म्य दंग से वचन के आधार पर सामना कर सके।

अंदर बाहर, मेरी लिए अक्सर एक बात नहीं जाती है कि मेरी माता चलीसिया की दीव दिया है। जो मैं माने हैं वही ऐसा यह सच है। दरअसल मैं इसे आलोचना नहीं मैं समझता हूँ। अति प्रिय सहोदर, मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि चलीसियों के रूप से मैं नहीं तो चलीसिया से अलग नहीं हुआ क्योंकि जो सेना आज परमेश्वर के द्वारा लगभग पूरी संसार में फैला है वह अद्वितीय है। एक ही जगह रहने से संभव नहीं हो पाता।

क्या आज चलीसिया को मुझ पर भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिए? जमशेदपुर, हजारीबाग, और असम की हमारी समाजों में लाखों लोगों ने भाग लिया जहाँ मैंने खुली बोधना की कि मैं लूथरन चलीसिया से हूँ और आपकी नम्र मन-धन से चलीसिया का साथ दें। यदि मैं चलीसिया के बिना हीरा तो क्या है जगह अलग-अलग चलीसियाएँ नहीं बनाना? लेकिन ऐसा चंदी नहीं हुआ।

मेरी दार्शनिक अभिलाषा है कि आप गुप्तता समा में रहें। जहाँ भाई लोग आपस में मिल रहे हैं वह परमेश्वर की दृष्टि में मनोहर और मन्नी बात है। आमीन।

भाई प्रियतम
29/04/2001



अनुग्रह सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव-२००९, गुमला

दिनांक- २३ मई से २६ मई, २००९

मसीह में प्रिय भाइयों एवं बहनों,

प्रभु येशु मसीह के मधुर नाम में हमारा जोहार !

आज से लगभग २००० वर्ष पूर्व येशु मसीह ने हमें आज्ञा दी कि "तुम सारे जगत् में जाकर सारे सृष्टि के लोगों को सुसमाचार प्रचार करो ।" (मार ६:१५) लेकिन हमारे लिए चुनौती की बात है कि कई लोग अब तक मसीह के प्रेम से अपरिचित हैं । वर्तमान में कई लोग आत्मिक, मानसिक एवं शारीरिक समस्याओं से ग्रसित हैं ।

उपरोक्त सभी समस्याओं का आध्यात्मिक तौर पर समाधान हेतु गुमला की समस्त कलीसियाएँ मिलकर (मसीही मैत्री संघ के तत्वावधान में) २३, २४, २५, २६ मई, २००९ को चार दिवसीय 'अनुग्रह सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव, २००९', संत इग्नासियुस स्कूल, गुमला के जुबिली स्टेडियम (संध्या प्रार्थना-सभा) एवं लुथेरान उच्च विद्यालय, गुमला के प्रांगण (प्रातःकालीन प्रार्थना-सभा) का आयोजन किया जाएगा ।

आत्मिक सम्मेलन के मुख्य वक्ता, आमेजिंग ग्रेस मिनिस्ट्री के पास्टर अजीत होरो एवं बहन रश्मि होरो होंगी । साथ ही विभिन्न कलिसियाओं के विशप, धर्मगुरु एवं संगीत दल सम्मेलन में भाग लेंगे ।

सम्मेलन में विश्वशांति, भाईचारा, व्यक्तिगत पारिवारिक, सामाजिक, झारखण्ड एवं देश की समृद्धि, आपदाओं से पीड़ित मानवता तथा आत्मिक, मानसिक एवं शारीरिक समस्याओं से ग्रसित लोगों के लिए विशेष चंगाई प्रार्थना की जाएगी ।

अतः भारी संख्या में उपस्थित होकर आत्मिक जागृति का परिचय दें । महोत्सव के सफल आयोजन के लिए आप लोगों का सहृदय सहयोग की अपेक्षा की जाती है । जो मनीआर्डर या A/c. Payee डी.डी., अनुग्रह सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव, २००९ के नाम से नीचे दिए पते पर भेजा जा सकता है । साथ ही पंजीकरण, आवासीय एवं भोजन आदि की व्यवस्था हेतु भी इसी पते पर संपर्क करें ।

परमेश्वर आपको और आपके परिवार को बहुतायत से आशीष देवे ।

प्रभु में आपका-

मा. विशप माइकेल मिंज, एस्.जे.,

मुख्य संरक्षक

रे. पीटर तिर्की, V.G.

मुख्य कोषाध्यक्ष

श्री हिलारियुस तिर्की,

सचिव

प्रो. बेरनार्ड मिंज

अध्यक्ष

हमारा पता :-

मुख्य कार्यालय :-

प्रो. बेरनार्ड मिंज

पूर्व विधायक

लोयोला नगर

चर्च रोड, गुमला

फोन नं.-२३३९३

शाखा कार्यालय :-

१) रे. भ. फा. पीटर तिर्की V.G.

विशप हाउस

चर्च रोड, गुमला

फोन नं.-२३२२८

२) रे. भ. पैकस खेस्स

जी.ई.एल. चर्च कम्पाउण्ड,

लोहरदगा रोड, गुमला

फोन नं.-२३८०९



प्रकाशक :-

श्री रोबर्ट बाडा



मुद्रक :-

आलोका प्रिंटिंग प्रेस, गुमला ।



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Ref.: ADMN/3676

May 7, 2001

Ms. Daisy Kongari
New Garden Siromtoli South
Club Road
Ranchi - 830 041
Jarkhand

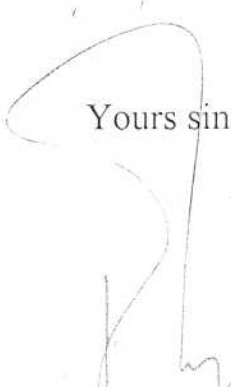
Dear Ms. Kongari,

You would have by now received our invitation for you to participate in the Felicitation Function to be held at New Delhi on Friday, 18th May 2001. In this context I would like to inform you that your accommodation has been booked by us from 17th May to 19th May, 2001 at YMCA Tourist Hostel, 1 Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.

A line of confirmation of your participation will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(NIRMAL J. SINGH)
Administrative Officer


cc: Finance Officer

NJS:crd

(221)

cc-83

GEL SHOP ASSOCIATION

Main Road, Ranchi - 834 001

Ref. No :

Date : 16th May 2001

To, The General Secretary
GEL Church Board of Properties
Ranchi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Emergency Installation of one Transformer
for Shop owners

Due to excess load on existing transformer all the ~~spo~~ shop owners are facing regular problems due to breakdown and failures. The Electricity department have provided another transformer immediately beside the existing transformer on passage going through the side gate of Complex. The work is to be done on Emergency to give proper earthing to the existing transformer as well as new to be installed.

We would request you to grant permission can be done be placed which is to be done in Emergency basis. We shall be grateful for your kind co-operation in to this matter.

Thanking you,

You are requested kindly not to resume the installation of the transformer as the decision is pending with the Board of properties of GEL Church.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. SALUJA

(G. S. SALUJA)

dc Hony Secretary,

P.T.O.

Secretary, B.O.P.

GEL Shop Association be asked to install the transformer within their premises. The Association be informed accordingly under intimation to Jharkhand State Electricity Board.

Mr. M.S. Sanga.
Secretary B.O.P.
GEL Chakrah.

John Bodin
16/5/2001

16/5/2001



Lutheran Girls' Hostel Govindpur

(Home No. 1824)

P. O. Govindpur, Dist. Ranchi, India

Date 24/04/..... 2001

Memo No. 18/2001

To,

The Director

H.C.D.I.

Pune - 411011.

Subject- Submission of fresh identity sheet of Shabnam Jojowar Reg. No. 1824/268 .

Respected Sir,

Herewith i am sending Fresh Identity Sheet of Shabnam Jojowar Reg. No. 1824/268 for approval and needful.

Kindly accept for needful.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely

T. Barla
24.4.2001

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Lutheran Girls Hostel
Govindpur

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Copy to - The General Secretary, C.C.O. Ranchi for information
The Rt. Rev. Bishop, D.C.O. Kadma Khunti for information.
One copy office file.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860,)

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Dist-Ranchi (Bihar)
Ph : 20848

Ref: No... 42/2001/एसईडीडी

Date: 22.3.2004...

सेवा में,

पाद्री मनोहर टे
जी 0ई0एल0वर्च कोरोजो ।

महाशय,

मैं आप का ध्यान दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस कार्यकारिणी बैठक 12-14 दिसम्बर, 2000 को कदमा, खूँटी में हुई उसके मिनट आईटम नं. 3 का 4-कॉ की ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ विषय- निलम्बित पाद्री मनोहर टे के संबंध में दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस मिनिस्टेरियम का निर्णय:-

- 1- पाद्री मनोहर टे 1.6.26 से डायोसिस द्वारा निलम्बित किये गये हैं उन्होंने डायोसिस के आदेशों का उल्लंघन करके डायोसिस प्रशासन से अपने को अलग किये हुए हैं।
- 2- उन्होंने दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस के कोरोजो पेरिश की महिलाओं विभाजित करके आशान्ति उत्पन्न किये और करते जा रहे हैं।
- 3- डायोसिस प्रदाधिकारियों द्वारा उनको डायोसिस कार्यालय में बुलाया गया और अपना विचार व्यक्त करने का अवसर दिया गया, परन्तु उनकी ओर से कोई प्रत्युत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ।

डायोसिस मिनिस्टेरियम सभा निर्णय लेती है कि वे डायोसिस के प्रशासन के अधीन नहीं आना चाहते हैं और महिलाओं में आशान्ति फैलाते जा रहे हैं। अतः पाद्री मनोहर टे को पूर्णरूप से क्लीसिया सेवकाई से कार्य मुक्त किये जाय इसकी सिफारिश दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस कार्यकारिणी समिति को दी जाती है। इस रिपोर्ट पर कार्यकारिणी समिति ने गम्भीरता पूर्वक विचार, विमर्श किया और तत्काल प्रभाव से आम को क्लीसियाई सेवकाई से पूर्णरूप से मुक्त करने का निर्णय लिया।

अतः आप को 1.4.2001 से क्लीसिया सेवकाई से पूर्णरूप से कार्य मुक्त किया जाता है।

प्रतिनिधि आवश्यक सूचनार्थ प्रेषित:-

1. मोडरेटर/महासचिव, जी 0ई0एल0वर्च रांची।
2. विश्व, दण्डु डायोसिस
3. पेरिश चैयरपर्सन/सचिव, जी. ई. एल. वर्च कोरोजो।

आप का विषयस्त

M. Sanga

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April 5, 2001

To all constituencies of NCCI and ecumenical partners

The Executive Secretary

GELC, Ranchi

President's attention please

*Sundar
27/4/2001*

Our dear Ecumenical Colleague,

Greetings from NCCI.

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 26th March, 2001 at CNI Bhavan, 16, Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi. We are glad to provide you with the following details about the outcome of the meeting.

1. The Committee felt the absence of its charismatic leader, the Late Most Rev. Vinod Peter. After Thanksgiving Prayer, the members paid homage to the departed leader and remembered with gratitude the services rendered by him.
2. H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos was elected and appointed as the new President of NCCI. Dr. V.S. Lall, General Secretary of Church of North India was elected and appointed as one of the Vice Presidents. Let us remember these new Officers in our prayer.
3. The Committee, with due seriousness, discussed the issues arising out of the de-recognition of ECLOF-India Board by ECLOF-Geneva. The Committee asked ECLOF-India to comply with the requirements of ECLOF-Geneva and a time limit was also given.
4. The rehabilitation work of the earthquake area in Gujarat was discussed in detail. The Executive Committee endorsed the commendable work CASA is doing in the area. Some of the member churches have raised their own funds. They intend to pursue rehabilitation work on their own because they want more visibility of the churches' presence in the rehabilitation area. They have identified the villages for re-building. NCCI was asked to coordinate the efforts of these churches, if possible, also with the assistance of CASA. It was reiterated that NCCI is not an implementing agency, but only a coordinating body in this matter. The Development Unit of NCCI met later and worked out modalities of coordination.
5. The Executive Committee discussed with concern the failure of the National Census process to include Dalit Christians in the Scheduled Castes list.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee and the full bench of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM)

The members of the Executive Committee met with the members of the NCM. The meeting lasted for 2 ½ hrs. The Executive members presented before the Commission the concerns of the Christian community, such as :

- i. Ongoing atrocities against minorities, especially Christians.
- ii. *Hindutva* groups casting aspersion on Indian churches, calling them 'foreign'.

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- iii. Non inclusion of Dalit Christians in the Scheduled Castes list during the Census process of 2001.
- iv. The issue of dialogue with Hindu groups also came up. The Executive Committee shared the following with NCM:
- Christians are not against dialogue. They are always for dialogue which would enable the strengthening of the secular fabric of our country and bring peace and harmony among religions. However, Christians do not recognize RSS as the sole representatives of Hinduism.
 - Dialogue is not an attempt to prove one-upmanship, nor to find fault with each other. The Committee told the NCM that the Hindutva fundamentalists, especially people like Sudershan, should stop maligning the Church in India to facilitate dialogue.
 - Dialogue of Hindus and Christians will be effective only if it takes place at different levels - levels of *people*, religious leaders and supreme spiritual heads. To start with, the Dialogue Units of NCCI and CBCI would work together the modalities of dialogue, and then the process can be continued at different levels.
 - Subsequently, a small section of the media reported this meeting, giving the impression that the Christian community is split over the issue. It is not so. The NCCI and the CBCI have a clear understanding between them about the need, rationale and process of dialogue. Some expressed the fear that we may be playing into the hands of the Hindutva forces. It is also felt that some mushrooming organizations are speaking on behalf of the Church, wanting to keep the tension going, to satisfy their own personal and hidden agenda. The situation has come that we have to weigh all these issues carefully.
 - The Executive Committee felt that as Christians, we should be open and willing to take risk. Ours is a message of love (even loving the enemies), peace and justice. Dialogue will not be an easy process. We should struggle hard as loyal citizens of the country to bring about peace and harmony. Let us not forget that all the citizens in our country have the same status and dignity and no one can take it away from us through violence of words and action.
 - Finally, let us re-affirm our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and build up communities of peace and harmony.

We request you to respond to this letter after reading this carefully because your opinion will be very valuable and your support and blessings indispensable.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Ipe Joseph (Rev. Dr.)
General Secretary



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

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Most Rev. C. S. R. Topno
M.A.B.D.M.Th.
MODERATOR

Ref. No. : CC-74/204

Date : 24.4.01

To,
Rt.Rev.B.Lakra,
Deputy Moderator, G.E.L.C.

Dear brother in Christ,

As I am proceeding to S.W.Diocese, you are requested to take care of the affairs in the Centre, from to-day 24.04.2001 up to the 29th April, 2001.

With prayerful wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(RT.REV.C.S.R.TOPNO)
Moderator, G.E.L.Church.

C.C.
The General Secretary,
G.E.L.Church.

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Dist-Ranchi (Bihar)
Ph : 20848

Ref: No.....61/2001/SED.

Date.....25.4.2001

To,

The General Secretary
C.C. Office Ranchi.

Sub:- Representative for Youth Seminar on 25-29 April, 2001 in
HRDC.

Dear Sir,

Please be informed that following persons are going to
attend the above Seminar. Kindly allow them to participate the
Seminar.

Sincerely your's

M. Barjo
(Rt. Rev. M. Barjo)
Bishop
South East Diocese

Names

1. Rev. Davit Samad
Youth Director, SED.
2. Mr. Sunil Kandulan, Youth President, SED.

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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

Ranchi - 834001, Jharkhand

Rev. Susaran Soy

M.A., B.D., M.Th. (C.T.O.U.W)



Ref. No.

Dated : 05.05.201

To,
The Moderator
C.C. Office, G.E.L.C. Ranchi.

Respected Sir,

Please, excuse me for my negative attitude to the church order to me. I could not follow the particular order, only because of my continued unavoidable family problems.

I therefore most respectfully request you and the Central Council to consider gravely over my compulsion and make an immediate arrangement for my church ministry here in or around the city, Ranchi.

With compliments.

Yours in Christ

Soy
(Rev. S. Soy)

N.B. - The same request letter addressed to the C. S.

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UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN INDIA
(Registered Under Societies Act, XXI of 1860-S.No.3 of 1942-43)

Dr. K. Rajaratnam, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.)
Executive Secretary



August 31, 2000
Ref: LMCI/y2k

To
All members of LMCI

Dear Friends,

I hope you have received the letter dated December 1, 1999 regarding the Sixth Biennial Assembly of LMCI. We have not yet received any reply from some of you. Hence I request you to kindly confirm your participation in the LMCI Assembly at an early date. Kindly also inform us of your arrival and departure details.

Kindly send your further communication to Rev. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar, Associate Executive Secretary, UELCI for arrangements.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


Dr. K. Rajaratnam
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(Estd. 1866 Affiliated with Serampore 1949)

MAIN ROAD, RANCHI - 834001 BIHAR, INDIA,

Rev. Dr. R. Dang, M. A .B. D.

M. Th. Ph. D. (U. S. A.)

Principal

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Estd. Nov, 2/1845)



No. 137/2000

Dated August 14, 2000.

To,

The Treasurer,
Central Council
Ranchi.

Subject: Request for payment of the legal expenses against the case No.F.A.86/87 (R) Gossner Theological College Vrs. Bank of India & others.

Dear Sir,
I am forwarding to you two bills of Mr. Syed Yawar Hussain, Advocate Patna High Court Ranchi Bench, towards the payment of legal expenses against the aforesaid case.

The details of the bills:

1. Bill No. 1 dated 26.07.2000	Rs. 2,500=00
2. Bill No. 2 dated 01.08.2000	Rs. 10,475=00
Total =	Rs. 12,975=00

(Rupees twelve thousand nine hundred seventy five) only.

For your information this case was discussed in the Central Council in its meeting held at HRDC on the 18th March 1997 and was agreed to take up the said case by the Central Council. Hence I was asked to handover the said case to the Central Council with a request to take it up.

A copy of my letter addressed to the then General Secretary Mr.G. Tiru No.130/97 dated July 9. 1997 is enclosed herewith.

CC: Mr. John Bodra
General Secretary
Manager, Board of Properties
Most.Rev. C.S.R.Topno, Moderator
(Receipts enclosed).

Sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. R. Dang)
Principal.

Bills

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No. 130/97

Dated July 9, 19 97.

(C O P Y)

To,
Mr. G. Tiru
General Secretary
Central Council
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Ref.: Money Suit No. 113/78
Bank of India - O Plaintiff
Versus
Keki Modi & Others - Defendant.

Dear Sir,
The above suit was decreed against Gossner Theological College and thereafter an appeal was filed by our lawyer Mr. S. Y. Hussain, Advocate, High Court before the High Court which has been numbered as F.A. 86/87 (R) Gossner Theological College Vrs. Bank of India & Others.

A sum of Rs. 8,124/- is outstanding dues of the lawyer for which he has already submitted his bill. The said amount has to be paid to him. This matter had also come up before the Central Council meeting held at HRDC on the 18th March, 1997. After due consideration it was agreed to be paid. Therefore I certify that the said legal expenses be paid to lawyer.

Further, I request you that the said case be taken up by the Central Council.

Sincerely,

S/d -

C.C; Chairman,
Board of Properties

(Rev. Dr. R. Dang)
Principal.

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महासचिव केन्द्रीय परिषद्
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द्वारा:- उचित माध्यम ।

विषय:- एक ही कारण से कई गम्भीर अस्तैधानिक कार्य एवं छोटी सजा
घोषणा के सम्बन्ध में अपील ।

महाशय,

उपरोक्त विषय के प्रसंग में बेट छेद के साथ हम दोनों को मध्य -
हायोसिस कार्य कारिणी के अस्तैधानिक निर्णय एवं कार्यों की ध्यानाकृष्ट
करते हुए प्रार्थना है कि :-

॥ ॥ अस्तैधानिक तरीके से मगदन्त गुठा आरोप लिखकर खाना-
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एवं राँची में चल रहे, जमीन जायदाद सम्बन्धी मुकदमों की जानकारी देने हेतु नि
निवेदन करने पर वे साफ शब्दों में यह कहकर बैठक बुलाने से इन्कार किये
कि मैफलहाल मध्य हायोसिस भंग है । अतः किसी भी प्रबन्ध समिति का
बैठक बुलाना अस्तैधानिक होगी । किन्तु वही व्यक्ति ए0टी0सी0 फार्म को
छोड़कर हायोसिस के अन्य सभी समितियों का पूर्व सदस्यों द्वारा विधिवत
बैठकों की संचालन किये । जैसे :- उच्च विधालय सुँटोटोलो, का दिनांक -

3-4-78 13-5-78 एवं 27-5-78 आदि । जबकि अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी
सिमडेगा के कोर्ट में दफा 107 का मुकदमा उभय पक्ष में चल रहा था 2 तथा

राँची मुन्सफ कोर्ट में टो0एस0न0- 115/77 इस तरह एक ही अधिकारी

एक संख्या ए0टी0सी0 फार्म को बैठक को रोकना तथा अन्य सस्थाओं

का संचालन करना क्या न्याय संगत या वैधानिक है? एक ही संस्था के सदस्य

क्रमशः 2

M. Divase

अधिकारियों को अपने अधिकारी के पास जाना मुना है १ जैसे कि
दिनांक - 15.11.97 को पाद्री सुरेन केरेकेटा ने हमारे बात चीत का
ठीक उल्टा एक सुनियोजित षडयन्त्र के तहत झूठा मगदन्त पत्र लिख कर श्री जुनूल
कन्हलना सचिव मण्डली । हाई स्कूल द्वारा हमारे खिलाफ मिलकर एक सफा
आईआरआर धाना में दजे कराये। क्या यह मण्डली सभा में तप्याई की जाँच
दोनों को बुलाकर नहीं किया जा सकता था ?

दुसरी महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है कि श्री जुनूल कन्हलना मिशन जमीन
जोतने वाले किसानों एवं अधिकारियों को दिनांक - 13.11.96 को
लिखित एवं मौखिक देन देने करके से लगभग 150000 एक लाख रुपये 80टी0
सी0 को क्षति पहुँचाये है । जमीन तथा 2500/- रु0 परियोजना बनाने के
लिये अंचल एवं 80टी0सी0 की ओर से दिया गया । किन्तु वे न तो कृषि
प्रयोजक कार्य आरम्भ किये और न ही परियोजना जमा किये । यह गवन
नहीं है ? इतना ही नहीं वे 80टी0सी0 फार्म को उचित रेंट में स्वतन्त्र
स्य चलाने के लिये अपने आवेदन पत्र में माँग किये थे । जिसे अंचल समिति
80टी0सी0 प्रबन्ध समिति एवं केन्द्रीय प्रो0 बोर्ड के सदस्यों ने सहमति नहीं दी

॥ 2॥ सुनियोजित षडयन्त्र के तहत प्रभारी प्रधानाध्यापक पद से बंघित
करना :-

श्री जुनूल कन्हलना के उच्च विद्यालय में सचिव पद के कार्य कल में
मेरा विद्यालय से व्यक्तिगत फाइल का गुम होना, राँची मुन्सिफ कोर्ट में मुनाव
मुदा टो0सत0न0 - 115/97 के रहते सडहॉक कमीटि कगलन कर तुरन्त कारणा
बताओं नोटिशा जारी करना और बिना जाँच प्रक्रिया पूरा किये विद्यालय
से निलम्बन एवं सेवा मुक्त करना ये सब मुझे प्रभारी प्रधानाध्यापक पद से बंघित
करने का एक सुनियोजित षडयन्त्र नहीं है ?

॥ 3॥ अस्वैधानिक छोटी सजा घोषणा के सम्बन्ध में :-

यह सत्य है कि क्लोसिथा में पापी को सजा देना वा उठाना है
वल पाद्री का क्तव्य है किन्तु पापी के पाप का विना जाँच, बिना दोषी,
सापित किये एवं मण्डली पंचों के विना सिफारिश छोटी सजा की घोषणा

धाना क्या न्यायीय है ?

क्या श्री रतिया केरेकटा को निलम्बन एवं सेवा मुक्त करने से सटी 0 प्रबन्ध समिति पर गबन का मुकदमा धाना में दर्ज करने तथा श्री रतिया केरेकटा एवं श्री सोरच्छा लुगून को छोटी सजा की घोषणा से समस्या का समाधान हो गया या चार्ज की आवश्यकता पूरी हो गई ?

॥4॥ सटी 0 सटी 0 फार्म के चार्ज के सम्बन्ध में :-

जहाँ तक सटी 0 सटी 0 चार्ज का प्रश्न है श्री जुनूल कन्दुलना दिनांक - 1.1. 1995 ई 0 को ख्रिस्त गिरजा छुट्टीटोली में चार्ज रज्य करने की घोषणा कर चुके हैं। और आज सटी 0 सटी 0 फार्म के जमीन जोतने वाले सभी किसान जमीन तलाव, घर, बारी, बगान, छोड़ चुके हैं। तथा सटी 0 सटी 0 फार्म पूर्व अधिकारी बंगला का सभी समानों के साथ ताला चाभी जिम्मा दे चुके हैं। तब आज फार्म संचालन करने में कौन सी समस्या है ? सारा जमीन आज परती क्यों है ? क्या इससे संस्था को भारी आर्थिक क्षति रही हो रही है ?

इस तरह सटी 0 सटी 0 फार्म एवं विधालय में भारी आर्थिक क्षति के जिम्मेवार व्यक्ति पाद्री सुरेस केरेकटा एवं श्री जुनूल कन्दुलना ^{राशि} सुश्री - सहिल टेट को लिखित मगदन्त द्वाारा आरोप सप 0 आइ 0 आर 0 धाना में द्वाारा दर्ज करना ये तीनों व्यक्ति छोटी सजा के योग्य नहीं हैं ?

अतः अन्त में हम दोनों का आप सभी अधिकारियों से निवेदन है कि उपरोक्त सभी आरोपों का गम्भीरता से गौर विचार विमर्श एवं जाँच कर मध्य डायोसिस को सक्ता अखण्डता में आयी भारी - अशान्ति से बचाने के लिये पत्र पाकर यदि समय रहते उचित कदम नहीं उठाया गया तो निकट भविष्य में सम्पूर्ण डायोसिस एवं मण्डलीयों को खण्ड विखण्ड होने से कोई नहीं रोक सकता है।

इस ही नहीं हमें पूरी विश्वास है कि प्रभु को क्लीनियामें शान्ति सक्ता एवं अखण्डता को बरकरार रखने के लिये मसीही विरोध कार्य रोकने में हमारी अवश्य सहायता करने की कृपा किया जाय।

इस महान उपकार हेतु हम दोनों सदा आपलोगों के आभारी बने रहेंगे ।

नोट :- आरोप से सम्बन्धित सभी छाया प्रति संलग्न है ।

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REMINDER

Ref. No. DIR/16559

18th December 1999

Rt- Rev C S R Topno
E. E. L. Church
Bihar

Dear Rev. Topno,

You are aware of the misery caused by the "Super Cyclone" which hit the coast of Orissa and West Bengal in eastern India creating unprecedented damage in Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Kendrapara, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Gunjam, Khurda, Gajapati, 24 parganas and Midnapore districts. The storm that hit the coast on the 29th of October 1999 had wind speed at **260 kms per hour and created tidal waves** of 30-35 feet high. The extent of loss of life and the damage caused to infrastructure, crops, houses and other properties is yet to be ascertained due to inability of the government and the armed forces to access the areas due to continuing heavy rain and snapping of all linkages.

Preliminary report indicate that an estimated 15,00,000 people have been affected. From among these over 30,000 families have been left completely homeless. These figures are likely to increase substantially as damage in the interior areas is still being assessed. But the most affected are the poor and the disadvantaged population of the region.

CASA as a National Relief and Development Organisation, mandated also to respond to emergencies is dutybound to initiate immediate relief measures amongst the most affected population in association with the its local constituencies, the partner organisations and the local government.

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We have constituted four teams consisting of approximately 40 staff and volunteers. These experienced teams headed by an Additional Emergency Officer of CASA, have already moved towards the affected areas along with the required logistics support.

We have committed to take up relief operations covering 20,000 families and will constitute the following measures:

- ⇒ Distribution of 20,000 relief sets (each set containing one saree, one dhoti, one blanket and 9 pieces of aluminium kitchen utensils).
- ⇒ Distribution of 15,000 Tarpaulins in Orissa (to enable the people to set up temporary homes till alternate arrangements are made for their accommodation).
- ⇒ Distribution of 20,000 dry ration kits to enable the affected families to start cooking their own food as a step towards self-sufficiency.
- ⇒ Provision of basic medical aid facilities at the village and relief camp level to treat minor injuries and to counter outbreak of epidemics.

Prime Minister, Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee has declared the destruction caused by the "Super Cyclone" as a "National Calamity". He has appealed to all citizens to lend a helping hand to the cyclone hit people of the state. "At times of such grave natural calamity, we should all come to the aid of those who have suffered loss of their loved ones, or have lost the shelter above their heads. They need all possible help from their fellow countrymen", said the Prime Minister.

CASA on behalf is committed to respond to this "National Tragedy" collectively with you and our partners and its others constituencies. The magnitude of the tragedy requires collective effort in resource generation as an expression of our solidarity with the poor and the marginalised irrespective of caste, religion and political considerations. Under such circumstances, we earnestly request you to kindly be generous enough and contribute to CASA financially. Your contribution will be of immense value and immediately acknowledged. We will keep you posted on all the latest developments with regard to the impact of the cyclone and our response.

We will be definitely sharing with you our audited statement of accounts as well as a detailed progress report acknowledging your contribution on completion of the programme.

We look forward for your kind support.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours



J.K. Michael
Director

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**PS : IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION
PLEASE IGNORE THIS COMMUNICATION.**



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January 13th, 2000

The Moderator
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Main Road
Ranchi

Sub : Training Programmes during the year 2000

His Grace :

Greetings from CASA.

We take this opportunity to convey our most sincere thanks to you for your cooperation in all CASA's programme during the year 1999. We feel satisfied that another year of learning experience has been added to CASA's life.

As you are aware that CASA has been supporting training interventions to build up capacity of the women and youth in relation to their development. Over past few years CASA has been supporting such intervention to enhance the knowledge of the concerned people. At present most of CASA's support is towards issues faced by the respective communities.

The year 2000 has brought us new challenges and hopes, therefore, to combat such situation we have set our priorities on the following broad areas on which we would be happy to extend our support.

1. Human Potential Development.
2. Gender sensitivity and Justice.
3. 73rd Constitutional Amendments (Panchayati Raj).
4. Food Security.
5. Community based Disaster Preparedness.
6. Advocacy and Lobbying.
7. Globalisation, Privatisation and Liberalisation and its impact on the poor and marginalised.

If you feel that people need to be oriented and trained on the above aspects in your church/diocesan area, then we may be able to support such effort/programmes for a group of selected women, youth and lay-leaders who are associated or to be associated with similar work.

We shall be thankful to receive your proposal on the following details by the end of January, 2000. We request you to kindly stick to the above deadline as this would help us to plan our activities for the month of February and March, 2000.

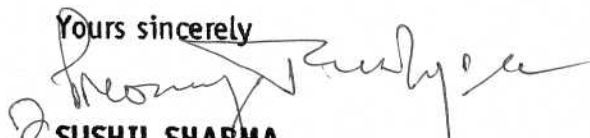
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- A. Objectives of the programme.
- B. Dates (by when).
- C. Venue (where).
- D. Participants (for whom)-.
- E. Topics to be covered.
- F. Resource persons.
- G. Budget details (travel of participants/resource persons, fooding, boarding, your contribution and amount requested from CASA).

We look forward to receive your proposals by the end of January, 2000.

With kind regards and meaningful partnership during the 21st century.

Yours sincerely


SUSHIL SHARMA
ASST TRAINING OFFICER

cc: Chief Zonal Officer, Calcutta
Project Officer, Calcutta



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UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN INDIA

Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumari
Executive Secretary

December 29, 1999
Ref: Luth.Ch./99

To

All the Bishops/Presidents of UELCI Member Churches

Dear Bishops/Presidents,

Seasonal greetings, prayers and best wishes for a very happy blessed New Year of the New Millennium.

I am sure that you have been very busy participating in the 2000th celebrations of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. While we are still in the atmosphere of celebrations preparing to enter into the New Year of the New Millennium let us unitedly pray that the Lord may bless our country and all her people. Let me share with you a few of my thoughts.

As part of the Millennium celebrations, we Lutherans have organised a consultation under the theme "Churches Solidarity with the Poor" and we unitedly have identified and renewed our God given mandate to be in solidarity with the poor. Each of you have copies of the Statement and Recommendations in your hands which were approved by the Enlarged Executive Committee UELCI which met during 27th & 28th November 1999. I urge you to kindly place them in your respective committees and work out plan of action for services to the poor. Kindly also report your plan of action by the end of Feb.2000, to enable UELCI to consolidate them and share among all churches. We Lutherans deserve appreciation for setting the right model regarding the type of celebration. Thank you very much for your excellent support in this celebration.

As a second event of Lutheran Millennium celebrations we have launched the UELCI Sermon Text for 10 years, with themes for most of the Sundays each year. Here again I am tempted to congratulate you Bishops/Presidents and leaders of UELCI constituent churches for your bold theological vision in incorporating concerns of the society in line with Jesus' teaching/preaching methods and for educating people to enable them to resist all forces that limit God given life. I am sending you the copies that you have ordered and kindly forward them to each pastor for use. Soon you will also get the other related texts for readings.

Thirdly, CBCI and NCCI promoted the stamp release and Dr. Rajaratnam participated at the function on Christmas day when the Prime Minister released the stamp. Three million

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stamps are printed and you can avail them from your local post offices. I am enclosing a sample copy with the description.

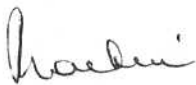
Fourthly, I am also sending the posters, which you may exhibit at various institutions and churches and other offices.

Kindly arrange to pay the bill towards the cost of the Sermon Text and the posters as we need to print the hymnal as well which is a heavy expense.

May God richly bless you and your families as you continue to serve the church and society for the glory of God. May god empower you all with God's Spirit as you give leadership to God's church. May God bless all your efforts, which you undertake to alleviate injustice and assure life for all people in our country. Kindly pray for all ministries of UELCI.

Thanking you, With best regards and prayers,

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumari
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To
The Chairman
Governing Body, Gossner College
Ranchi

Through : The Principal, Gossner College
Ranchi

Subject : Appointment as a Lecturer in History in Gossner College
Ranchi

Sir,

With due respect, I submit that on 29-11-1997, By the Principal, Gossner College Ranchi, for the Post of Lecturer in History on the said day I appeared for the interview before the Governing Body of the college. There after I came to know that final list of appointment was prepared, in which Mr. Oraon was the top and my name was in the Second place Mr. Oraon was appointed and I was asked to wait.

Now I have learnt that you are likely to appoint Lecturer in History on the basis of daily wages. I therefore present my self for the same. My Bio-data is as under :-

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1 My Name | : Miss Sarika Lakra. |
| 2 Address | : C/o Shri Wilson Lakra, New Garden
Sirom Toli Ranchi. |
| 3 Date of Birth | : 04-03-1968 |
| 4 Passed M.A. in History | : May 1995 |
| 5 % of Marks | : 58% |
| 6 Certificates | : Already filed. |

Yours Faithfully

Sarika Lakra
(Miss Sarika Lakra)

C/o Shri Wilson Lakra,
New Garden
Sirom Toli Ranchi

Date : 27-01-2000

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To,
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SUB: SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROFILE

Dear Sir,

Here I am forwarding the project profile duly filled for your information and needful action.

I am sorry for this delay. Because of my illness, I could not do in time. please Excuse me.

Thank you.

C.C:

✓ The General Secretary,
G.E.L Church Central
Council Office.
Main road Ranchi
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Your's Sincerely

Barla
(Rev. S. Barla)

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सेवा में,

श्री. जे मुन्दू, अध्यक्ष
जी० ई० एल० चर्च, गर्देनीबाग।

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संस्थाओं के बारे में।

महोदय,

आप को विदित हो कि चर्च के द्वारा निर्बंधन कार्यालय में वर्ष 1995 के संशोधित संविधान, सरकार की स्वीकृति के लिये तमय दिया है। किन्तु निर्बंधन विभाग की ओर से कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हुई है, साथ ही इस दिशा में कितनी प्रगति हुई है। इसकी भी जानकारी हमें नहीं दी गई है। अब तक कार्यालय के द्वारा निर्बंधन विभाग को पत्रांक सी० सी०/ 33/ 89 दिनांक 03-03-97, सी०सी०/33/344 दिनांक 09-06-99, पत्रांक सी०सी०/33/421 दिनांक 16-7-99 को दी जा चुकी है जिसकी छायाप्रति आपकी जानकारी एवं आवश्यक कार्यार्थ भेजी जा रही है।

धन्यवाद,

विश्वासभाजन

John Bodra
4/8/2000

॥ जॉन बोदरा ॥

महा सचिव

जी० ई० एल० चर्च,
राँची।



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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John Bodra
General Secretary

Most Rev. C. S. R Topno
Moderator

Mr. U. Sanga
Treasurer

Ref No cc.....CC/139/..

Date...17...08...2000.

To,

Rev. S.C.S. Mohoniya
Principal O.C.T. College
Sunny Vale Gopalpur, -on-sea
761002 Orissa.

Dear Sir,

Greetings from G.E.L.Church, Kindly find enelosed here with the receipt for your D.D.No. 42964/1393 date, 26.7.2000. amounting Rs. 18,000/- (Rupees Eighteen thousand only) towards re-imbursement paid to Rev. M.S.MANjar.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Copy to:-

Bishop C.S.R.Topno.
G.E.L.Church.
Finance Manager
J.E.L.C.

U. Sanga.
Treasurer



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Director

D. K. EKKA

Co-ordinator

To
The Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator,
G.E.L. Church
RANCHI.

26.1.2000.

Honourable Moderator,

We are grateful to you for Chairing our meeting on the 21st inspite of all your busy engagements. Your presence and the words you shared with us was a great blessing to all of us. We believe, that what you have sown by coming to be with us will surely bring fruit in the days to come.

Once again we felt the true essence of Christianity and we were able to realize we can have accessibility to one another inspite of your high and heavy responsibilities. Its our prayer that we can have these experiences in the future also.

Yours in His Service,

(Rev. D.K. EKKA).

f. Topno.
29.01.2000



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DIRECTOR

D. K. EKKA

ZONAL CO-ORDINATOR

To

January 15.1.2000.

The Most Rev.C.S.R.Topno
Moderator
G.E.L.Church
RANCHI.

Honourable Moderator,

Our greetings in the precious name of Jesus and a Happy & prosperous New Year wishes for new blessings in this Millennium.

By the grace of God Interdenominational Millennium Festival has been organised by Rajasthan Bible Institute on 19 - 21 January 2000 at the St. Paul's Cathedral, Church Road, Ranchi from 5:00 p.m. The meetings will be addressed by eminent speakers viz, Rev. Van Lal Nghaka (Shillong)

Rev. Dr. Anand Chaudhari
(Radio Speaker,
Rajasthan Bible Institute,
Jaipur.

Rev. Grover Crosby and Team
and there will be a Mizo Choir

The Organising Committee has decided and humbly request you to kindly Chair the meeting on Jan 21, 2000 as Chief Guest. Your presence will inspire the participants.

We would appreciate very much and be very grateful to you if kindly accede to our request inspite of your very busy schedule.

Yours in His Service,

(Rev. D.K. EKKA).

5.00 p.m. on 21/01/2000.

Northelbian Centre for Worldmission and Church World Service of the Northelbian Evangelical-Lutheran Church



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17th December, 1999
Wi/mü

Respected Bishop Mohan,

warm Christmas greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 22 October 1999 and I am deeply sorry we missed to meet at Tezpur. There must have been a misunderstanding, because when we came to your residence we were told that it was unknown when you would return from Ranchi. So no new appointment was made for the next day as assumed by you. I am sorry, if you waited for us in vain.

I longed to talk to you, since we from NMZ are in support of closer co-operation between the Lutheran churches in the North East of India. Rev. Bernd Krause from Gossner Mission Berlin had encouraged me to pay a visit to you and so we came to ~~see~~ your residence to meet with you and to see the Immanuel College.

We stayed at night in the Manager's house of the Tarajuli Tea Estate and the talk we had with him is a matter of great concern to us. In very plain words he explained to us that no new church will be built in his estate, "unless the GELC and the AELC solve their conflict". He made us to believe that the conflict has intensified, since you along with Bishop Topno and Rev. Krause have visited Tarajuli. "The group having split away from the AELC, though small in number, feels strong by the backing of the GELC and this creates disturbance I will not tolerate", he said.

To our understanding we have to take this warning seriously, and it is our feeling that we have to help solve this problem from outside. If we leave the Tarajuli Lutherans on their own, they will not be allowed to build a new church, though the funds are available. It will be to the detriment of both parties, if the conflict is not settled.

What I suggest you to do is to talk to the group feeling close to the GELC and to make them agree to a statement assuring both groups to use the same church at different times. The President of the AELC, Rev. Godwin Nag, has promised to sign a document of this kind. It is up to you to convince the Gossner Lutherans to do the same.

I am sure once the document duly signed possibly also by Bishop Topno and Bishop Prokash is presented to the Manager will make change his mind. So I plead with you to get involved in this peace mission.

Nordelbisches Zentrum für Weltmission und Kirchlichen Weltdienst, Breklum und Hamburg
Ev. Darlehns-genossenschaft Kiel 27 375 (BLZ 210 602 37)
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I am aware of the long standing good relationship between the Gossner and the Oriya speaking Christians having migrated to Assam. In fact the Jeypore Ev. Luth. Church asked the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church to provide spiritual care to the migrants from Orissa. And so you did, for which we shall be ever grateful to you. Let the Lord not allow us to turn this into competition. It would be a shame and a mockery of all our talk about ELCNEI and Lutheran co-operation.

Let us join hands and try to solve local problems like this and prove that we are worthy of our calling.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joachim Wietzke".

Rev. Dr. Joachim Wietzke
Director NMZ

X cc: Rt. Rev. C.S.R. Topno
cc: Rt. Rev. Ch.P.H. Prokash
cc: Prof. Dr. K. Rajaratnam
cc: Rev. Godwin Nag
cc: Rev. B. Krause
cc: Rev. E. von der Heyde



Theme : WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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To
The Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno,
The United Evangelical Churches in
India.

My Dear

I am sure you are praying for us and for the All India Ecumenical Conference on Spiritual Renewal from 3 - 6 of February 2000 in Bain School, Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010. The theme of the Conference is: **"With Christ in the New Millennium"**.

Bishop, we shall be deeply grateful if you could send us a brief message assuring the Conference of your prayers and praying for God's blessing.

Could you, kindly send your message directly to the Convenor, **Dr Moses Michael Faraday**, Head of the Department of Tamil, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai 600 059.

We shall be very thankful if your message could be sent by January 15, 2000.

Thanking you,

Yours Servant in the Lord,

Sundar Clarke

Sundar Clarke

cc: Mr Robert Guruswamy
Wg. Cdr. (Retd). G.S. Michael
Dr Moses Michael Faraday

Note: Kindly treat this as urgent matter as the time left out is very short and send your greetings at your earliest, possibly before 27th Jan. 2000.. Kindly bear the inconvenience.
+ Bpmo
29/01/2000

सेवा में,

महासचिव,
केंद्रीय परिषद्
जी. ई. एल. चर्च दौतानागपुर भौर
असम।

महाशय,

आप को सूचित किया जाता है कि हमारी मां श्रीमती सुभानी आईन्द, उम्र 75 वर्ष की दिनांक 6.03.2001 को संध्या 5 बजे बह प्रभु में सो गयी। उसका दफनार्थ दिनांक 7.03.2001 को अपराह्न 3 बजे रांची कब्रस्थान में किया गया। अतः उसका पेंशन रोक दिया जाय।

आप की विवक्षित
दिनांक 26.03.2001 श्रीमती एस आईन्द
न्यू गार्डन सिरोमतेकी
रांची।

Please do needful.

J. L. Bhatia
26/3/2001
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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

SOUTH WEST DIOCESE YOUTH ORGANISATION

G.E.L. CHURCH, RAJGANGPUR-770 017

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2000 Millennium

Date 1.1.2000

मोडरेवर,

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जी.ई.एल. चर्च /

विषय - शिक्षा भिविर में निमंत्रण /

महोदय,

आप को जीतु सहाय होवे ।

आपें आप को निमंत्रण करते हैं कि दिनांक 27-29 फरवरी 2000 ई. के साठवें वेंचर डी.एस. सुवा संघ की ओर से जोल्डा मंडली में शिक्षा भिविर कैम्प करा गया है । इस शिक्षा भिविर में आप को प्रवचन देने के लिए आमंत्रित करते हैं ।

आमंत्रित करते हैं ।

आमंत्रित

अतः आप से विनित प्रार्थना है कि इस सुन्दर अवसर

पर आप अपना उपस्थिति दे कर हमें शिक्षा मिले ।

धन्यवाद,

मूल विषय - 21वीं सदी,

है सादर वृ कंठों ? उत्पति 3:9,

विषय - आत्मिक सेवा ।

कार्यक्रम

ता: 27 फरवरी 2000 ई. सैद्धान्त जोल्डा मंडली पहुँचेंगे ।

ता: 28 फरवरी 2000 ई. शिक्षा का स दिन भर ।

ता: 29 फरवरी 2000 ई. पहला वेला शिक्षा का स ।

" " " दूसरी वेला विदाई ।

(प्रोग्राम परम्परावाद में दिया जायगा)

आप का विवस्त

Sejan Kongari
President

Youth Organisation
G.E.L. CHURCH
South West Diocese

+ Signa
S.W. Diocese

FOR INFORMATION

EXCHANGE OF PULPIT - Unity Sunday - 23 January 2000

Christ Church, Main Road (GELC)	
GELC Community	6.30 a.m. Rev. Pastor S.P. Kacchap (A.G.)
	9.30 a.m. Rev. C.P. Mundu (CNI)
NWGELC Community	8.00 a.m. Rev. J. Baskey (MCI)
St Paul's Cathedral (CNI)	
CNI Hindi Community	6.00 a.m. Rev. Lucas Tirkey (RCC)
CNI English Community	8.45 a.m. Rev. Jos De Cuyper s.j. (RCC)
Cemetery Church	
CNI Community	6.30 a.m. Rev. Nirdosh Lakra (NWGELC)
St Mary's Cathedral (RCC)	
RCC Hindi Community	6.30 a.m. Rt Rev. Sunil Tirkey (NWGELC)
O.L. of Lourdes (Samlong)	
RCC Hindi Community	7.30 a.m. Rev. Nehemiah Topno (GELC)
Methodist Church	9.30 a.m. Rev. Johnson Lakra (GELC)
Assembly of God (Purulia Rd)	10.30 a.m. Rev. C.D. Kujur (CNI)
Kadru CNI Church	Rev. Pastor John Toppo (A.G.)
Pathalkudwa (NWGELC)	6.00 a.m. Rev. J. Naikamparambil SDB (RCC)
Dhurwa CNI Community	Rev. Elvius Kujur s.j. (RCC)
Kokar CNI Community	Rev. Linus Kujur s.j. (RCC)
Kokar RCC Church	7.30 a.m. Rev. Bardan Dahanga (CNI)

An extract of para 6 of the minutes of the central council, WCC held at WCC conference hall Ranchi from May 16 to May 20, 2000 is reproduced below: —

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I In para Four (4) A. Diocesan Assembly (composition) after d) it should be (e) "Pastors"

II Article sixteen – Amendment to the constitution of GEL (Gossner) Church – or CRC to be added in i, e, Notice of amendment to the constitution may be given by resolution of a Diocesan Council or CRC.

III In serial No.4 instead of three it should be four i.e, If four Dioceses/CRC rejects the amendment, the amendment is lost.

IV In Article – one – Name and registration Sl.No. 02 it should be 1860 and not 1960. It should read – The Gossner Church was duly registered on July 30, 1921 in the office of the Registrar Joint Stock Campaniles, Patna under the Societies Registration Act 21 of 1860.

V In Election Rules Para VIII Election of the Moderator (Fulltime) and the Deputy Moderator of Sub-Section B – Election of the Deputy Moderator in Sl.No.02 period should be six years It should read – The Moderator shall convenor a meeting of the Bishop of all Dioceses and the Dean of the Ranchi Congregation and under his chairmanship get the Deputy Moderator elected for a period of six years.

— X —

John B. ...

30/8/2000

GENERAL SECRETARY
G.E.L. Church in ...
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To

Date 23.8.2000

Mr J. Bedra

General Secretary

Central Council Office

G.E.L. Church

Main Road, Ranchi

Dt. Ranchi

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29/8/2000

Dear Mr Bedra

Yeshusahay. Thank you for your letter of 11.8.2000 along with the xerox copy of Church's Registration under Societies Registration Act and a letter to whom it may concern. Actually Dr Tirkey had told your staff that he would not be able to come again, when he went to meet you in C.C. Office as he told me. It is surprising that you did not receive our letter along with the letter of C.D.M.O. which was posted on 28.6.2000. This letter might have been delivered in your absence, but your staff should have kept it in your file for your perusal. I doubt whether you got our letter of 20.5.2000 along with the minute of the last Governing body meeting which I had sent you and Moderator separately.

Regarding our trip to Germany, we may start our journey by first week of next month. Our Visa is not ^{yet} ready but hope it will be ready by the end of this month.

Rest is fine.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely


Dr W. More

- ① In view of contentions regarding the allotment of plot for youth organisation, ~~the~~ and keeping in view ~~the~~ of lingering the ^{such} issue/matters ^{of land} ~~the~~ plot may be ^{for the best sys.} allotted to CAC under which the local youths under CAC are working in the banner of RYF, GEL Church, ~~Central~~ Ranchi.
- ② The proposed building for youth Centre ~~to~~ may be constructed at the allotted plot of land by ^{RYF} GEL Church, Ranchi under the supervision of CAC and should provide official accommodation to the Central Youth Council as well as to provide accommodation to conduct seminars etc.
- ③ As, the central youth council has got no fund, ~~deleted~~ a fund may be generated into a subscription of Rs. 5.00 per family per year to build up the fund to render take their meetings/seminars etc at central level.
- ④ youths should be involved in the Church Fellowship.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE – 632 002
OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP FORM FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2000
(Without the CMC Application Number, this form will not be considered)

Name of the Course:- **M.B.B.S.**

Name and address of the Sponsoring Church/Mission/Body/Diocese :-

This form has two parts. The first part is to be filled in by the candidate. The second part is to be filled only by the authorised person of the local committee of the Sponsoring Organisation and forwarded to their sponsoring committee. In case there is no local committee, the sponsoring committee should fill this part of the form.

“Sponsorship should be on the basis of the need of the sponsoring body to have trained personnel for the work of the Mission. The sponsoring body should give a definite undertaking that none of the sponsored candidates has paid any amount as security/deposit/donation/retainer to them other than the stipulated maximum sum of Rs.100/- for “Registration”. A violation of this will lead to serious penalty such as ineligibility for admission. In the event of more than one candidate from the same family being sponsored for a given course, the parent or legal guardian of that family should be informed by the sponsoring body that admission will be restricted to only one sponsored candidate from the same family (siblings) in any particular year to any single course offered by the Christian Medical College (Ref. Council Minute No.5716 : 10-83)

Sponsorship involves service obligation on the part of sponsored candidate to serve in the sponsoring agency for a minimum period of two years.

Sponsoring bodies who have their own training programme are NOT eligible to sponsor students for the particular course.

(PART 1. To be filled by the candidate)

Name of the Course :-

CMC

.....

Application No.....

- 1.(a) Full Name of the candidate :-.....
(in capital letters as given in the CMC, application form and School/ University records)
- (b) Date, month & Year of birth :- / / (c) Sex :- M / F
- (d) Name of qualifying examination appearing / passed :-
- (e) (1) Father's Name : Occupation:
Address:
- (2) Mother's Name : Occupation:
Address:
- (f) Legal Guardian's Name: Occupation:
Address:
- Relationship to candidate
- (g) Total annual income of family (Father & Mother)/Legal Guardian of the candidate
Rupees.....

PART 2. TO BE FILLED IN ONLY BY THE OFFICIAL(S) OF THE LOCAL SPONSORING COMMITTEE AND ATTESTED BY THE AUTHORISED SIGNATORY AS DECLARED IN THE PROFORMA SUBMITTED TO THE CMC VELLORE COUNCIL OFFICE, CMCH, VELLORE
(Circle options where appropriate)

1. Has this candidate applied for sponsorship in previous years? Yes / No
If 'yes' give years:
2. Has this candidate been sponsored by you in previous years? Yes / No
If 'yes' give years:
3. Give reasons for sponsoring this candidate:
4. Method of selection: Written test or Interview or Both.
5. **Service Obligation Agreement:** Has the candidate given in writing an undertaking to serve in your mission hospital for a minimum period of 2 years. Yes / No
If Yes, give period of service.....years
6. Amount of registration fee collected:
No Fee Rs.100 or less More than Rs.100
7. Financial support: During the period of study at Vellore, will the candidate be financed by the Sponsoring Mission / Body? Yes / No
If 'yes' give details in figures (Rupees)
Tuition:..... Boarding: Monthly.....
Books: Annually.....
Others:
8. Have you sponsored this candidate for any other course in CMCH Vellore in this academic year? Yes / No. If 'Yes', please give details below.

Name of course:

1.
2.
3.

Recommendation of the official Committee:

The officially constituted committee of the
Church / Mission / Body for sponsoring candidates for admission to Christian Medical College Vellore has decided, after going into the merits of the candidates available, to sponsor Mr./Miss.....as a candidate from the above Church / Mission / Body.
Furthermore, we declare that no amount has been collected as security /bond / donation / deposit / retainer by this sponsoring body other than the maximum sum of Rs.100/-towards registration.

Name:.....

Name:

Signature of Convenor/Secretary
of the local sponsoring committee

Signature of Chairman
of the local sponsoring committee.

Place:

Place:

Date:

Date:

Attestation by authorised signatory as declared in the proforma submitted to the CMC Vellore Council Office, CMCH, Vellore at the beginning of the year.

Name

Signature

Date

Place

To
The Secretary G. B.
Gossner College
Main Road, Ranchi.

*File
Dated
15/5/2001
ELR*

Subject : Application for the post of Lecturership in
the Department of History, Gossner College, Ranchi.

Through : Rt. Rev. Belas Lakra, Deputy Moderator

Respected Sir, '

Through reliable source I have come to know that there lies a vacancy for the post of Lecturership in the Deptt. of History, Gossner College, Ranchi. I am offering myself as a candidate for the same.

I am a bonafide member of the G. E. L. Church at Ranchi Head Quarter's Congregation. I have a great desire and vision to serve the Lord, the Church and the society through education.

Therefore I request you to kindly consider my genuine case and provide me an opportunity to serve under your kind supervision.

Herewith kindly find enclosed my Bio-data and photo copy of all the required certificates along with the application.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours,

Tirkey
Ms. Neelam Sonali Tirkey
C/o Rev. Dr. C. A. B. Tirkey
(Ex-Vice Principal, Gossner College)
Gossner Theological College,
Main Road, Ranchi - 834 001
Jharkhand.

Date : 9.5.2001
Place : Ranchi

Enclosures :-

1. Bio-data
2. Caste Certificate
3. Church Certificate
4. Character Certificate
5. Mark-sheets from SSE to M. A. (History)

*Strongly recommended
+ Belas
15/5/2001*

**BISHOP
NORTH WEST DIOCESE
G. E. L. CHURCH RANCHI**

Copy to:

1. Rt. Rev. C. S. R. Topno, Moderator
2. Mr. John Bodra, G.S.
3. Dr. Mrs. Asha Tanda, Professor in Charge, Gossner College, Ranchi



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Vide No. 273-J of 30-7-1921

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Diocese Office : C. C. Office Campus G. E. L. Church, Ranchi-834001, Bihar, India

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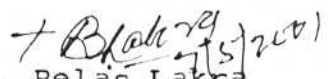
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To Whom It May Concern

I, hereby, very strongly recommend the Candidacy of Miss Neelam Sonali Tirkey, D/O Rev. Dr. C.A.B. Tirkey, for the Post of a Lecturer in History in Gossner College Ranchi. The applicant is very well known to me for the last many years at Ranchi. Her father Rev. Dr. Tirkey has served the College very faithfully as a Professor and Reader in the Department of Philosophy in Gossner College and retired as a Vice-Principal in 1992. He was one of the great supporters in founding Gossner College at Ranchi.

The case of Miss Neelam Sonali Tirkey is a genuine one. She is a committed Christian. Her application may kindly be considered sympathetically on merit and humanitarian ground.

Sincerely


Rt. Rev. Belas Lakra

Dy. Moderator (Ranchi)

GEL Church in Chotanagpur
& Assam

BISHOP
NORTH WEST DIOCESE
G. E. L. CHURCH RANCHI

BIO-DATA

1. NAME : MS. NEELAM SONALI TIRKEY
2. SEX : FEMALE
3. DATE OF BIRTH : 21st FEB. 1972
4. MARITAL STATUS : UNMARRIED
5. FATHER'S NAME : REV. DR. C. A. B. TIRKEY
6. PRESENT ADDRESS : GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE, MAIN ROAD,
RANCHI - 834 001 (JHARKHAND)
7. PERMANENT ADDRESS : - DO -
8. CASTE : S. T. (ORAON)
9. RELIGION : CHRISTIANITY
10. NATIONALITY : INDIAN
11. EDUCATION QUALIFICATION :-

NAME OF EXAM	YEAR OF PASSING	BOARD / UNIVERSITY	DIVISION	PERCENTAGE
MATRIC	1988	B.S.E. BOARD, PATNA	2 nd	51%
I. A.	1990	B.I.E. COUNCIL PATNA	1 st	60.6%
B.A. HON'S (HISTORY)	1995	RANCHI UNIVERSITY RANCHI .	1 st	64%
M.A.(HISTORY)	1997	DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY. RANCHI UNIVERSITY.	2 nd	57.62%

12. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES :---

- (a.) ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN SOCIETY(G.T.C. & PRESS COMPD.), SCM. RANCHI YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (EXECUTIVE MEMBER, SINCE 2000 ONWARD).
- (b.) ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CULTURAL PROGRAM.

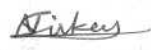
13. WORKING EXPERIENCE :---

- (a.) TEACHER AT NABIN DOMAN BAL AKHARA, RANCHI.
JAN. 1989 – DEC. 1990.
- (b.) CO-EDITOR CUM OFFICE ASSTT. OF GOOD BOOKS EDUCATIONAL TRUST, RANCHI, SINCE DEC. 1998.

I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE : 9.5.2001

PLACE : Ranchi


Signature of the applicant

CASTE CERTIFICATE

No. 856

Date 11.12.1992

This is to certify that Shri / Smt Miss. NEELAM SONALE TURKEY

Son / Daughter of Rev. F. A. B. TURKEY of Village G. H. COLLEGE CAMPUS MAIN RD.

P.O. Lower Bazar P.S. Lower Bazar District Ranchi

In the State of Bihar belong to the ORAON Community
which is the recognised a scheduled Tribe/Caste / Backward class under the
consitution Schedule Tribe/Cast [List] Modification order 1956 ..

Shri and this family ordinarily
Residence in the District of Bihar State

PLACE

DATE

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION



G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam

(Reg. Societies Act XXI of 1860, Vide No. 273 J of 30-7-1921)

Head Quarter's Congregation, Ranchi

S. No.271.....

C. 3-CRC

Church Membership Certificate

Date.....3-5-2001.....

This is to Certify that Mr./Miss Neelam Sonali Turkey.....

.....S/o, / D/o Rev. Dr C.A.B. Turkey..... of Village /
Muhalla, Gossner Theol. College, P. S. Lower Bazar, Ranchi Dist. Ranchi
campus, Ranchi (Jharkhand)

is a bonafide Christian member of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church In Chotanagpur and Assam.

P. H. T. Turkey
The Dean 3/2/2001
Head Quarter's Congregation
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
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Head Quarter's Congregation Ranchi

(Council of Ranchi Congregation)

Ref. No.....

Date 7.5.2007

CHARACTER CERTIFICATE

Certified that Miss. Neelam Sonali Tirkey, D/O Rev. Dr. C. A. B. Tirkey, is well acquainted to me, as she is a member of the Ranchi Head Quarter's Congregation.

She has been actively participating in Sunday School, Children Society (Bal Samaj), S. C. M., Ranchi Youth Fellowship (e.g. Present, executive member), etc.

So far to my information and knowledge she is possessing a good moral Character with sound body, mind and spirit.

I wish her a brilliant career in her future undertaking.

Rev. N. Topno
The Dean
Head Quarter's Congregation
Rev. Church Ranchi
The Dean
Hd. Qr. Congregation
Ranchi.

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Full Marks	200	100	100	200	100	200	150	50	200	150	50	800		
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Marks Obtained	111	-	-	-	67	101	-	-	106	-	-	512	1. Class	

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												1st Class	480
												2nd Class	360
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Full Marks		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	800			
Marks obtained		62	54	53	61	55	71	61	44	461	<u>IInd</u>		

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Ms. Neelam Sonali Tirkey
has served as a teacher in Naveen Doman Bal Akhra
(K. G. Nursery School) from January 1989 till
December 1990.

She was a successful teacher.

I wish her success in her future life.

P. Minz
17.2.97
Paracleta Minz

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NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

With reference to the application dated 4-5-2001, submitted by Ms. NEELAM SONALI TIRKEY, Co-Editor cum Office Asstt., the Management of Good Books Educational Trust has no objection to her making an application for the Post of Lecturership at Gossner College, Ranchi.

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Dear Colleagues in the Lord,

Greetings and regards. It has been a matter of real embarrassment to me that the India Christian Handbook project that we started some years ago could not be completed because of certain unavoidable reasons. One reason was that both Mathew Philip that assisted me in the project and myself were not in India for the last few years. But now that I have returned and am settled in Kerala, I would like to complete the project and publish the Handbook within the next six months. And this is possible, God willing, with the help of the new Assistant Editor, Mr. Joshua Pillai, who has long invaluable experience of research, data analysis and publication. We are grateful to God for the unique expertise he brings to this project.

In recent years the attitude of some wayward fundamentalist groups in the country to Christians and Christian organizations, has become hostile. But all Christian leaders that I have consulted urged me to get the handbook published. Of course we need to be, and will be, guarded and cautious in the light of the new developments. There is good rationale to go ahead with the project. First, the subversive groups that oppose us do have detailed information on us and our work, So this book will not supply any information they do not already have. They have such details on our organizations and churches that one wonders whether they have informants within many of our organizations.

Second, we will publish correct and true information on us to counterbalance the fabricated and false information and data that the opposing groups constantly churn out. We need to make facts and figures public being at the same time "wise as serpents".

Third, as citizens of India we have the privilege and right to live, worship and serve with courage and in truth that is made open and known. We will not be intimidated by any one and be driven to hiding.

Fourth, for our own information and networking we need this one volume reference work on Christianity and Christian work in India, because we do not have such a resource book for information on all segments of Christianity in the country: in that sense the projected ICH is unique, and it is needed for strengthening our unity and our continued ministry.

It was some five year ago that you sent us data about your church/mission/organization, and obviously the data will have to be updated.

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21/08/2011

Your data as it was intended to appear in the Handbook is mentioned below.

Therefore we request you to respond to us on the following, please:

- (1) If you do not want your organization listed in the Handbook, please let us know, we will take the item off. But if we do not hear from you by the date below, we will assume you want to be listed.
- (2) Please let us know the changes in the details: the address, phone, fax, e-mail address, the chief officer, and other information.
- (3) Please redo the purpose statement of the organization in the light of recent developments. The purpose statement should not be more than 25 words please: anything more that will be dropped.

Please let us hear from you in the enclosed self addressed envelope by return post. If we do not hear from you by August 25, we will enter the data in the Handbook as it appears below.

If you know of other Christian organizations/churches that were established during the last 5-6 years, will you kindly send us the names and addresses so that we can get in touch with them also. We will keep you informed of the progress of the project. Many thanks for your co-operation and help.

In Christ and for Him, yours



Saphir Athyal.
Editor

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KSS Office, GEL Church
Compound, Main road, Ranchi
834001, Bihar

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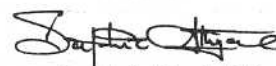
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THIS FORM TAKES
10 MINUTES
TO COMPLETE

Dear Friends,

This is our record of your denomination or fellowship's name and address. Please correct if necessary. Kindly complete and return this form immediately to be included in the India Christian Handbook.

With greetings in Christ,


Saphir P. Athyal, Editor

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS THROUGHOUT

Name of denomination
diocese, or fellowship

Registration

☐ Society ☐ Trust ☐ Company ☐ Not registered

Year started

Address

City or Town

State or Union Territory

PIN

Telephone

STD code

Number

Fax No.

STD code

Number

This address is a (tick one)

☐ Denominational Headquarters ☐ Regional or diocesan office ☐ Local congregation

Member of which association(s), if any

(e.g., NCCI, EFI, CMAI, IMA, PFI etc.)

Title of official publication, if any

No. of pages :

Language(s) of publication

Number circulated

Type of publication (tick one)

☐ Newsletter ☐ Journal ☐ Newspaper ☐ Magazine ☐ Other :

Frequency of publication (tick one)

☐ Annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Bi-monthly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other :

Full name of denominational head,
bishop or minister/pastor at this address

Title (Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./etc.)

Actual designation of his/her position

If this is the central headquarters of a denomination or fellowship with regional or diocesan offices,
OR if this is a regional or diocesan office related to a central headquarters,
please write address(es) of related office(s) below, or attach a separate sheet and tick here

☐

PLEASE TURN OVER

Please list organisations and institutions directly associated with this denomination/diocese/fellowship (e.g. college, orphanages, clinics, etc.)

Which of the following does your denomination/diocese/fellowship affirm (tick those that apply)?

☐ The Bible ☐ God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ☐ The Historical Creeds of the Church

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THIS SECTION

Current number of all pastors/ministers/priests, approximate men : _____ women : _____

Current number of all other full-time, paid employees, approximate men : _____ women : _____

Current number of all part-time, paid employees, approximate men : _____ women : _____

Of all the above, number of non-Indians, approximate men : _____ women : _____

Please list information on congregations by district on the attached sheet and tick here : ☐

Approximate total number of all pastors/ministers/priests in 1981 : _____ in 1991 : _____ in 2000 : _____

Approximate total number of all other/non-clerical employees in 1981 : _____ in 1991 : _____ in 2000 : _____

Approximate total number of members or adherents of all congregations in 1981 : _____ in 1991 : _____ in 2000 : _____

How do you define "members" or "adherents" as used above? _____

Tick the choices that best describe the majority of those whom your evangelists/missionaries/workers serve (tick only one per line):

☐ Village dwellers ☐ City/Town dwellers ☐ No clear majority
☐ Low income ☐ Middle income ☐ upper middle income ☐ High income ☐ No clear majority

Estimate the number of people who were served by this organisation in 1991 (tick one only) :

_____ % Christian _____ % Hindu _____ % Muslim _____ % Other : _____

Tick the choice that best represents the percentage of this organisation's 1991 budget raised in India :

☐ 100% in India ☐ 75% in India ☐ 50% in India ☐ 25% in India ☐ 0% in India

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A SPECIAL DISCOUNT PRICE. IF INTERESTED, TICK HERE : ☐

Full name of person filling out form _____

Title (Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./etc.) _____ Date completed _____

**PLEASE PUT COMPLETED FORM IN ENCLOSED
SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AND RETURN TO :**

**Thank you
very much
for your help**



India Christian Handbook
P.O. Box No.2123
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

RECORD OF PASTORS / MINISTERS / PRIESTS BY DISTRICT

Full name of denomination, diocese, or fellowship as it appears on first page :

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Please attach this page to the completed India Christian Handbook survey form and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to : India Christian Handbook, P.O. Box No. 2123, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE

Christian Medical Association of India

Chaplains Section



**XIV Course on
Pastoral Care to the
Sick and Suffering**

Sponsored by

CMAI, New Delhi

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September 4-29, 2000

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**MOSCM Mission Hospital
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Goal

To bring together Christian health professionals, especially hospital chaplains and pastors, enabling them to effectively and actively participate in the healing ministry.

Specific Objectives

At the end of the course, the participants will have:

- ❖ An understanding of the healing ministry of the church.
- ❖ Acquire basic skills in pastoral care and counselling.
- ❖ An awareness of some of the ethical issues in medical practice and some sociological and theological issues facing our society today.
- ❖ Learn ways to enable congregations to participate in the healing ministry.
- ❖ Some basic understanding of health services of the medical institutions in India.

Contents of the Course

- Study of sickness and suffering in the Bible and in major Indian religions; includes the Theology of Healing.
- Basic understanding of pastoral care and counselling.
- Special study on issues like alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, depression, guilt, marital problems etc.
- Structure and mission of a worshipping and healing congregation.
- Structure and mission of chaplaincy department.
- Resources for chaplains.
- Basic knowledge of community health, preventive medicine and other aspects of health care services.

Methodology

- Lecture/Discussion
- Role-play
- Demonstration: Hospital-Bedside, Home, Community
- Verbatim writing and discussion with:
 - a) individual supervisors/guide
 - b) the whole group
- Observation visits to villages through the community health department. Participation in community orientation programmes with prior briefing and follow-up discussions

Registration & Course Fee

Please register before August 1, 2000 by sending a fee of Rs.1000/- by M.O. /D.D. drawn in favour of the *Christian Medical Association of India New Delhi* (Refundable only if not selected).

Apply to

Rev Dr K.G. Daniel
Secretary, Chaplains Section
C M AI, Plot no. 2, A-3 Local Shopping Centre
Janakpuri, New Delhi 110 058

Note

- Twenty candidates will be selected to participate in the course. Sponsored candidates from institutions and churches are eligible to apply.
- Medium of instruction is English. Knowledge of English is necessary for all participants.
- Please make your travel arrangements only after receiving our letter confirming your participation. One way train/bus fare reimbursed.
- CMAI will bear all the expenses related to boarding and lodging for the entire course.
- Successful candidates will be awarded a CMAI certificate.

A Course in Pastoral Care to the Sick and Suffering

Sponsored by
Christian Medical Association of India

APPLICATION FORM

To be sent before August 15, 2000
(Please use separate sheet of paper wherever necessary)

1. Name _____
2. Sex _____ Age _____
3. Address _____

4. Church/Denomination _____
5. Educational qualifications _____

6. Pastoral experience _____

7. Registration fee sent by D.D./M.O. _____
8. Briefly state how this course will help you in your ministry.

9. Reference of two church leaders
(full address)

a) _____

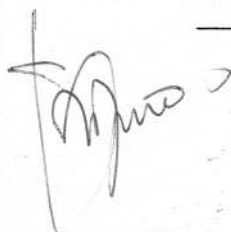
b) _____

10. Give a brief summary of your christian
experience

11. Signature of the candidate

12. Sponsoring body
(full address)

13. Signature with date and seal of the
sponsoring body/institution/church





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QUESTIONNAIRE #4 - DISTRICTS

The following questions are asked because almost nothing is known about the importance and functions of districts in denominations of North India. Who knows, for example, the average number of districts CEOs have, or the average number of congregations per district? And who knows what the job description of the average district head is, or even the titles of heads of districts? Thirty-five more Proposals for Progress are to be written for districts. To be truly helpful, they must be shaped to meet real needs. This questionnaire seeks to learn what districts currently look like and do. Please answer these questions.

QUESTIONS

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your state _____ Your denomination _____

How many districts do you oversee? _____

How many congregations of your denomination are there in your districts? _____

What title do the heads of districts have in your denomination? _____

Do these heads do all the baptizing in their district? _____

Do they preside at all the weddings of the district? _____

Are they the gatherers of funds for the denominational headquarters? _____

Are they the dispensers of discipline for errant church members? _____

And of errant preachers? _____ Do they also pay the pastors and workers of the district? _____

Do you bring all the heads of districts together once a year to your headquarters for reports, prayer and instruction? _____ More than once a year? _____

Do you have an annual women's conference in each district? _____

Do you have an annual men's conference in each district? _____

Do you have an annual youth conference in each district? _____

Does each district have its own conference for its lay pastors, evangelists, church planters? _____

How many times in a year? _____

Do you send out annual questionnaires to each district asking for the number of baptisms, members, people disciplined for sin, people restored to fellowship? _____

Does each district send you a copy of each congregation's annual report? _____

Do you have an Advance Team with a member named to the department of "districts"? _____

Have you required each district to name its Advance Team? _____

Have you required the district to help each congregation to name a mini-Advance Team? _____

Have you used some of the 48 Proposals for Progress sent out? _____

Which ones, please? _____

Do you welcome DANI mailings? _____

We hope you are finding them stimulating, encouraging and helpful.

If you have not been able to answer every question, that does not take away from the helpfulness of the questions you did answer. Please send this page to

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Date 19.2.2000

To,

The General Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

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Suron
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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith the list of young boys and girls of M. Diocese for training which is scheduled to be held in the month of April, 2000 at Govindpur.

1. Mr. Naman Kandulna - Palkot - Parisani Parish Council
(B.A. Hon)
2. Miss Rahil Bora - Sarukera - " " "
(B.A. Part-I)
3. Miss Sarojini Dungdung - Khuntitoli - Khuntitoli " "
B.A.

Completed six months course of
English Secretariate at
Boroda through K.N.H.

Thanking you,

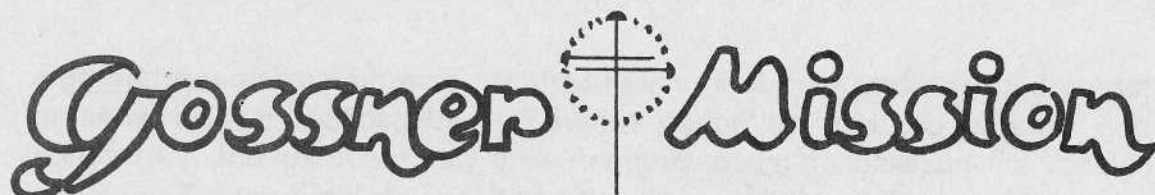
Yours Sincerely,

For M.D. and L.H.
19/2/2000

Secretary, M. Diocese
G.E.L.C.

For
Madhya Diocese

SEMINAR FÜR KIRCHLICHEN DIENST IN DER INDUSTRIEGESELLSCHAFT



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RUNDBRIEF ZUM ADVENT 1999

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,
liebe Freundinnen und Freunde,

Advent in frostiger Zeit: Die drohende „feindliche Übernahme“ von Mannesmann und die knapp abgewendete Banken-Blockade gegenüber dem Holzmann-Konzern bleiben menschenverachtliche Schaustücke für die „häßliche Fratze“ (ARD-Kommentar) des Kapitalismus. Wenn es noch eines Beweises bedurft hätte, hier zeigte sich, wer mit gewaltiger finanzwirtschaftlicher Macht Politik außer Kraft zu setzen vermag. Noch ist die Hoffnung auf politische Verantwortung für soziale Gerechtigkeit national und im internationalen Rahmen nicht vergebens.

Zu Pfingsten nächsten Jahres erwarten wir knapp 100 Gäste aus allen Kontinenten zum „Colloquium 2000“ zum Thema „Glaube – Theologie – Ökonomie“. In Hofgeismar wollen wir für eine Woche gemeinsam arbeiten und streiten über Alternativen zur neoliberalen Globalisierung. Unsere Gäste sind Vertreterinnen und Vertreter von Basisbewegungen und Kirchen, die seit langem als TheologInnen, Wirtschafts- und SozialwissenschaftlerInnen in ihren Ländern tätig sind. Für mehrere Tage werden viele von ihnen vor dem Colloquium ökumenische Gruppen und Netzwerke besuchen, die sich für Arbeit und soziale Gerechtigkeit, die Bewahrung der Schöpfung und interkulturellen Austausch in unserem Land einsetzen. Missionswerke und -orden, katholische und evangelische Einrichtungen tragen dieses Vorhaben mit, der Reformierte Weltbund und der Ökumenische Rat unterstützen es. Unserem Freund Wolfgang Geller sind wir sehr dankbar, daß er die Koordination für diese wichtige ökumenische Begegnung übernommen hat.

Europa wächst zusammen, doch überwiegt das Gewicht finanzieller Freiheit bis an die Grenze des Freibeutertums gegenüber den Handlungsmöglichkeiten der Politik und einer Orientierung an sozialer Gerechtigkeit. Kirchen gehören zu denjenigen Organisationen, die über Staatsgrenzen hinweg miteinander verbunden und in der Lage sind oder in die Lage versetzt werden müssen, sich für die sozialen und kulturellen Belange der Menschen im zusammenwachsenden Europa unter den Bedingungen der Globalisierung einzusetzen. Nur in ökumenischer Vernetzung, gegenseitiger Information und Unterstützung können die Kirchen eine Gestaltungsmacht bilden, die etwa die Ziele des konziliaren Prozesses für Frieden, Gerechtigkeit und die Bewahrung der Schöpfung weiter verfolgt.

Die Studienreise der Gossner Mission unter dem Titel „Soziale Verantwortung im Europa der Regionen“ zusammen mit der Ev. Erwachsenenbildung Worms zur Waldenserkirche nach Turin hat uns in dieser Einschätzung bestärkt. Dort haben

wir erfahren können, dass gerade in einem Land, in dem die soziale Gestaltungskraft des Staates um ein Vielfaches schwächer ausgebildet ist als etwa in Deutschland, zivilgesellschaftlichen Gruppen eine gar nicht zu überschätzende Bedeutung zukommt. Eine kleine, engagierte und tief in biblischen Traditionen verwurzelte protestantische Kirche wie die Waldenser kann in dieser Gesellschaft Sauerteig sein und eine Ausstrahlungskraft entwickeln, die weit über die eigene zahlenmäßige Größe hinausgeht.

Präsenz im Stadtteil mit gemeinwesenorientierter Mediationsarbeit, Bündnisse und Kontakte mit verschiedenen engagierten Gruppen und Institutionen auf lokaler und regionaler Ebene und eine biblisch fundierte Sozialethik machen nicht nur diese kleine Kirche in Italien attraktiv, sondern lassen auch uns erneut erkennen, dass es sich lohnt, sich auf den Gott der kleinen Leute einzulassen.

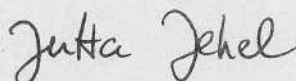
Mit dem Reformationstag 1999 wurde in Augsburg die Trennung zwischen Katholiken und Lutheranern im zentralen Punkt der Rechtfertigungslehre aufgehoben. Eberhard Jüngel hat „das Evangelium von der Rechtfertigung des Gottlosen“ – Luthers Botschaft – als theologisches Dynamit bezeichnet, weil durch sie die christliche Leistungsgesellschaft der damaligen Zeit in Frage gestellt und damit auch der Irrtum überwunden werde, als sei der Menschen die Summe seiner Taten oder Untaten. Indes sei ihre Kernfrage: Wer oder was macht mich zu der Person, deren Würde unantastbar ist? Ich mich selbst, meine Leistung, die Gesellschaft? Luther denkt von Paulus her: Der Mensch findet Anerkennung und Ansehen, Würde und Wert allein aus Gnade, nicht durch seine Leistungen. Das Grundgesetz sagt daher: „Die Würde des Menschen ist unantastbar“ (Art. 1, 1 GG). Diese Aussage richtet sich gegen alle Versuche, meine Würde als rechter Mensch mir selbst schaffen zu können oder anderen ihre Würde abzuerkennen. Insofern ist die Rechtfertigung des Menschen „allein aus Gnade“ die stärkste Kritik an der Leistungsgesellschaft, wo immer sie Menschen ausschließt, in ihrer Würde verletzt oder herabsetzt.

Wir werden diese nunmehr ökumenisch anerkannte Kostbarkeit noch brauchen, denn jede wirtschaftliche Entscheidung sollte danach beurteilt werden, „ob sie die Würde der menschlichen Person schützt oder verletzt“ (Kath. Bischöfe in den USA, 1986). Aber auch im Einsatz für eine humanere Flüchtlingspolitik gilt: Die Würde des Menschen – wo immer sie oder er herkommt – ist unantastbar. Der Mensch ist und bleibt Gottes Geschöpf. Weder ist er ein Stück Ware, das man ausnützen, noch ein willenloser Sklave der Reichen, den man nach Belieben in der Welt herumschubsen kann. Gottes Güte gilt für alle gleichermaßen. Und wer es weihnachtlich lesen will: „Er stößt die Machthaber vom Thron und erhebt die Niedrigen“ (Lukas 1, 52). Das heißt: Teilen hat mit Umverteilen zu tun – nicht die Armen mit den Reichen, wie es viele als bittere Realität erleben, sondern die Reichen mit den Armen. Die stärksten Schultern tragen die schwersten Lasten, um das solidarische Band zwischen Starken und Schwachen zu festigen. Ohne Verteilungsgerechtigkeit bricht eine Gesellschaft, ja unser Globus auseinander. „Und die Frucht der Gerechtigkeit wird Friede sein“ (Jes. 32, 17).

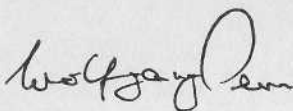
Wir laden herzlich ein zu einem nachmittäglichen **Neujahrskaffee am Sonntag, 9. Januar 2000 zur gegenwärtigen Situation in Indien** mit Bischof Dr. George Ninan, Church of North India, Bombay, jahrzehntelang Sprecher der Urban Industrial Mission in Asien. Kürzlich bei seinem Abschied aus dem Bischofsamt in Ahmednagar wurde er zusammen mit dem Theologen Prof. Dr. James Massey mit einem – bislang nicht aufgehobenen – Haftbefehl konfrontiert. Beide hatten die durch Hindu-Fundamentalisten mitgetragene Regierung im Zuge der militanten Ausschreitungen gegen religiöse und ethnische Minderheiten kritisiert. Zusammen mit George Ninan und seiner Frau Rachel wollen wir sprechen über die politische, wirtschaftliche und religiöse Lage in Indien.

Bitte helfen Sie nach Kräften mit, neben unserer fortlaufenden Arbeit in Industriepraktika, Seminaren, Institutswochen und in der sozialpolitischen Bündnisarbeit dieses Mal auch das internationale Colloquium zu „Glaube - Theologie - Ökonomie“ zu unterstützen.

Ihnen und Euch allen wünschen wir eine gesegnete Advents- und Weihnachtszeit.



Jutta Jekel



Dr. Wolfgang Gern



Dr. Thomas Posern

Wir laden herzlich ein zum Neujahrskaffee

THEMA: Zur gegenwärtigen Situation in Indien

REFERENT: Bischof Dr. George Ninan, Bombay

ORT: Gossner Mission, Albert-Schweitzer-Str. 113-115
55128 Mainz

TERMIN: Sonntag, 09. Januar 2000

ZEIT: 15.30 Uhr Beginn mit dem Kaffeetrinken
16.15 Uhr Vortrag
17.00 Uhr Diskussion
18.00 Uhr Abschluß mit Sekt

(bitte hier abtrennen und bis spätestens 03.01.2000 zurücksenden)

Ich/Wir melde/n mich/uns zum Neujahrskaffee mit Personen verbindlich an:

Name:.....

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Rev. Ruben Hembrom, M Th.

To:

Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno, Moderator
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
C.C. Office
Main Road
Ranchi - 834 001

Dear Moderator Topno,

Greetings from Santal Theological College, Benagaria, in the sweet name of Jesus Christ.

This is to refer my letter dated 4.4.2000 regarding Rev. Cyril Hembrom, former teaching member of Gossner Theological College, Ranchi, that Rev. Cyril Hembrom has agreed to come over Benagaria to help the College for three years from August 2000-July 2003, in the condition that ,

- a) if the church GELC releases him
- b) allow his family to stay back in Gossner Compound due to adjustment of family problem.

And from our side, we give you assurance that as and when the church requires him, we will allow him to go back to your church, even in this contract period.

As I have understood in our phone contact, you are ready to help Santal Theological College in this regard. Therefore I request you to kindly release him with the above conditions. I hope for your favourable consideration.

Yours in Christ

Ruben Hembrom
Rev. R. Hembrom

CC: Most Rev. N. Borgoary
Moderator NELC

Rev. Cyril Hembrom

*G.S.
Letter dated 4.4.2000 is not
available sorry for that.
But now this letter has the
reference is shown. therefore
you will not have any
difficulty to proceed
or I suppose.
+ Topno*



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General Secretary

Most Rev. C. S. R. Topno
Moderator

Mr. U. Sanga
Treasurer

Ref No....**CC-184/312**

Date....**24/05/1999..**

To,

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Sub : Diocese Chetra Vistar Samiti Meeting.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

It is my pleasure to let you know that the 1st
meeting of aforesaid samiti will be held on Tuesday the 15th
June 1999 from 10.00 A.M;to 3.00 P.M. in the premises of Cen-
tral Council Office, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

You are therefore requested to kindly spare
your valuable time for the same and attend the meeting with-
out fail. T.A.will be borne by the concern Dioceses of the
members. Fooding and lodging shall be arranged by the Central
Council Office, Ranchi.

With thanks.

Sincerely yours,


(Rt.Rev.B.Lakra)
Convenor.


C C : 1. to the Moderator, with request to
attend the first meeting.

2. to the General Secretary for information and necessary
arrangements for the meeting.

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Date...05.07.99

To

Rt. Rev. C.S.R. Yopno.
Moderator - G.F.L. Church
Ranchi - 834001

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the inauguration of the new office for AIACHE Centre for Tribal Education will take place on 07.07.99 at 02.30 PM. Dr. Mani Jacob, General Secretary, AIACHE, New Delhi will be with us for the occasion.

You are cordially invited to participate in the inaugural ceremony.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Margaret Hansdak'

Eva Margaret Hansdak'.

Coordinator, Women's Development.

Ph. 317799 (R)

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f. Apr. 7.7.99.
NEW FILE



UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN INDIA

Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumari
Executive Secretary

January 10, 2000
Ref: LWF Sch./2000

Mr. Promud Sandiguria
C/o Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator, GELC
Main Road
Ranchi 834 001
Bihar

Dear Mr. Promud Sandiguria,

I am happy to inform you that UELCI is able to avail scholarship for you for your studies in MBA for a period of three years in India. This is an **individual scholarship**.

Kindly acknowledge through a letter your willingness to receive this scholarship and to pursue your planned studies. I also request you to furnish the following documents for me activate your scholarship:

1. Registration certificate from the University of your study
2. If you are employed a salary certificate from your employer
3. If any fees need to be paid to the University, a letter should be furnished from the Registrar of your University to that effect.
4. Relieving order from the place of your work if you are employed

Kindly note that only on receipt of the above documents I will be able to activate your scholarship and call for your funds. I need three months from the date of receipt of the above documents before you receive your funds.

Thanking you and congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumari
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CC: Moderator, GELC

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H.B. - The above letter was received in our office on 19.01.2000 whereas this should have been sent to the addressee directly, whose address must be with the UELCI exe. secretary (the applicant is from Baram).

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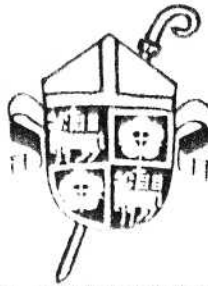
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فاكس رقم: ٠٢ - ٦٢٨٥٧٦٤

Jerusalem on June 5th, 1998

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Year 2000 is approaching with both hopes and fears. As Christians we believe that we have all reasons to look forward with hope. From the town of Bethlehem, the Gospel of love, hope and peace has spread all over the world. We who live in the Holy Land are proud of having, by the grace of God, preserved the faith at the very place of its origin during all centuries. We therefore want to invite all the Lutheran churches to visit Bethlehem and celebrate the year 2000 with us.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine, Jordan and the Middle East (ELCJ) is one of the churches of the worldwide Lutheran community. We want the year 2000 to be a manifestation of the faith that overcome everything.

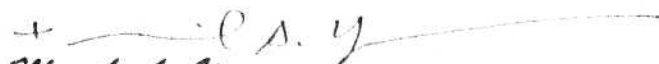
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine, Jordan and the Middle East (ELCJ) consists of six congregations in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Sahour (the Shepherds Field), Beit Jala, Ramallah and Amman in Jordan. The Church runs schools for almost 3.000 students. It is also involved in dialogue with the monotheistic religions, peace and reconciliation education and ecumenical work.

Our congregations are looking forward to worship with pilgrims in our churches and our students are preparing programs, exhibitions, choirs and traditional dances to perform for our guests.

We ask you to spread this invitation to the congregations in your church and to encourage groups that are planning to travel to the Holy Land during year 2000 to contact the ELCJ. We are prepared to assist you in any way we can to make the year 2000 a year of deepening our common faith and strengthening our Lutheran communion. We are also prepared to arrange interfaith and ecumenical encounters. Upon request, we can provide you with pilgrimage certificates signed by the Lutheran Bishop in Jerusalem.

With prayer and blessings from the Holy Land.

Your Brother in Christ,


Munib A. Younan

The Lutheran Bishop in Jerusalem

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f. [Signature] 14/01/2000

To

Christmas, 1999

All the Partners in the
Ecumenical Movement

Dear Friends, *Our dear Moderator Topno & Family,*

Through this letter we send you our prayerful greetings and best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a meaningful New Millennium. May the Good Lord continue to protect you, uphold you and carry you through in all that you undertake during the year ahead.

We take this opportunity to share with you some of the following concerns.

CHURCH UNITY INITIATIVES: The CSI, CNI and Marthoma Churches joint Council at their recent meeting held in Tiruvalla have decided to become "Communion of Churches in India" surely this is a step forward. They now have a full time secretary in the person of Bishop George Ninan. It was agreed to invite Lutherans and Methodists for the full Membership of this communion. Union negotiations are neither easy nor fast. We however wish that those entrusted with the task of forging unity would leave no stone unturned for the cause of oneness for the mission in our Nation.

ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NCCI-CBCI: We are happy to state that for the first time in the history, the NCCI CBCI have jointly organised a National Ecumenical Assembly in Cochin during the first week of December 1999 as part of the Millennium celebrations. There was an overwhelming response and support from every quarter of the Assembly to bury the past and to begin afresh and strengthen our service to the Nation as an effective witness of our common faith. Following up this, several regional and local joint programmes are to be initiated to promote greater understanding and collective action for the cause of the unreached.

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER: In view of the winter session of the Parliament, an opportunity was taken to meet the PM Sri Atal Behari Vajpayee on 6th December 1999 in Delhi along with the other leaders of the NCCI and CBCI. Our concerns for the communal harmony with special reference to Gujarat and the issues relating to Christians of Dalit origin, Christian Personal Law, Celebrating the year of the Lord, Stamp Release etc. were tabled with the Prime Minister. Though the PM was non committal, it was a patient hearing with a sense of accommodation. It should be our continued endeavour to keep knocking as often as we can though we await the God's providence for the breaking stroke.

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CHURCHES IN SOUTH ASIA TO BE CLOSELY RELATED: After a series of meetings beginning from the one in Hyderabad of 1994 to the 5th one in Dhaka 1999, there is an increased awareness among the

Churches in the Sub-region to co-relate their life and service for matters of mission importance. The recent meetings held in Dhaka during the 2nd week of December have crystalised a course of action to reconsider mission in South Asia so as to focus on poverty, fundamentalism and freedom of religion.

RELEASE OF STAMP ON JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOUR: Readily responding to our request, the Government of India has brought out a stamp to mark the year of our Lord and this stamp will be released in Delhi on Christmas day. While this may not be a fitting tribute, yet, this will surely help a great many of people our Nation get to know Jesus Christ and that we hope that this will be a turning point for many to discover for themselves the Truth which in turn can set them free.

OUR CONTINUING CONCERNS: As you are aware, the devastating cyclone that created havoc in almost 12 Districts in Orissa have set the clock back by several years to a vast population of Orissa coast. Our relief Agency CASA together with several other Christian and other NGOs contributed their might for the first phase of the relief programme. Now building life is a herculean task and we need to remember the victims for the great consolation and all those who are directly and indirectly extending a helping hand for courage and compassion to mitigate the situation. Secondly, the communal tensions in Halmodi of Surat District and several hamlets of Dangs District of Gujarat are a matter of great concern. Sessions of dialogue at different levels are needed and we feel inadequate to carry through them on a time scale. Christmas blessings may dawn on this region in a special way and they should be remembered in a every special manner during this season.

ADVENT - 2000: As communicated, Advent-2000 as part of our Millennium celebrations is to be held between 8th and 10th January 2000 at Hyderabad. The 3 focal points are - Unity of Mankind, Religion for Peace & harmony and Church in the 21st Century. Your participation will be a great encouragement.

I remain for the present, with Christmas Prayers and Thoughts to you to the family and to all those you minister unto.

With warmest regards,

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Jetti. A. Oliver

JAO/kbm

*Please do come. We
are looking forward to having
you with us*

ADVENT - 2000

Affirming Life: Towards Oneness of Humanity

FACT SHEET

Dates : January 8-10, 2000

Venue for the Round Table : Legislative Council Hall, Public Gardens, Hyderabad

The Focal Points : - Unity
- Religion for peace and Harmony
(together with those of different faiths)
- Church in the 21st Century

Accommodation : Arranged; Details on arrival

Time frame : 1st session at 11 AM on 8-1-2000
Last session at 5 PM on 10-1-2000
Millennium Liturgy for the Morning
Worship on 9-1-2000

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(Innovations in Mission and sacrificial initiatives made in the Mission engagement by Member Churches, AICOS & RAs could be exhibited and therefore are accordingly invited)

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Ref. No.....

Date..12.1.2000..

To,
The General Secretary
G.E.L. Church Central Council Office
Ranchi

Sub :- Regarding Pension Money

Dear Sir.

Regarding the above subject I am to say on the following that due to some controversial interpretation arrived on my last letter dated 20th Dec 99 in connection of the lum-sum money of Rs19,500/- , I again decided to re-iterate my previous letter dated 16th Sept 99 in which , I have requested you to give the total amount at a time to me . And according to your finance committee in its meeting of 2nd October 99 has unanimously decided to pay up the total amount to me at a time , for which your Bishop's Council in its meeting of 12th October 99 has also approved for the total payment .

Besides , I do not want to make any further trouble either to you or to me by entering in this shorts of discussiion or arguement. I want to live in Peace and also want to leave you in peace .

Now , I would like to put the following particulars for your needful and oblige . According to the noted amount by Rev. Sanga Accountant that the total amount is Rs. 94,397 /- only . Out of this amount I have received Rs. 5400 /- only as pension from April 99 to August 99 and Rs, 19,500/- as lum-sum money on 20.12.99.

Now the rest of money which is lying in your office is 69,497 /- only , plus Bank Interest of nearly Rs. 90,000 /- from last April 99 to Dec.99 .

I will be very thankfull for your good co-operaton if you kindly allow the rest of the money to be paid to me at a time as you have decided not to give pension life long . with all the best wishes and thanks to you.

Yours in Him,

Rev. J. M. Minz

(Rev. J.M. Minz) 12.1.2000

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C.C.To.

1. Moderator
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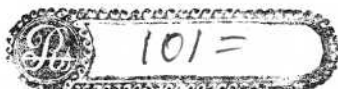
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To

Rt Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator
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Ranchi, 834001.

Sir,

Kindly recall our personal discussion on 27-10-99 at Jadhukola regarding holding of church services in the church building at Sundargarh Paris Council Head Quarters by the members of the South West Diocese of Sundargarh Congregation. In this connection, after discussion at our level, I am furnishing the name of Collector, Superintendent of Police and other officers of Sundargarh Dist Head Quarters as desired by you as detailed below:-

1. Sri Bijay Arora - IAS.
Dist Magistrate and Collector Sundargarh
2. Sri Harihar Patre OAS (I)
Addl. Dist. Magistrate, Sundargarh
3. Sri Anurag Mohan Prasad IAS.
Superintendent of Police Sundargarh
4. Sri Uma Shankar Ram OAS (I) S.B.
Project Director D.R.D.A. Sundargarh
5. Miss. Harsita Lugun Nuagaon
Chairman Zilla Parishad Sundargarh,
Member of the G.E.L. Church and
holding her office at D.R.D.A. office
building Sundargarh
6. Sri Sribatsa Kumar Jena OAS (I)
Sub-Collector, Sadar Sundargarh

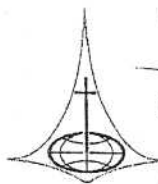
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Apart from the above, I am
to furnish below the name of the main
members of "Sudhar Sangh" of
G. E. L. Church Sundargarh Head Quarters —

1. Rev. D. M. Barla
Chairman Sundargarh Diocese
2. Sri Philip Tete.
3. Sri Esadon Lakra Secretary.
4. Sri Niroj Guria.
5. Sri Aurit Minz.
6. Sri Nelson Joreng.

Yours faithfully

M^{rs} 18/10/99
(Himansu Kongari)
G. E. L. Church
Sundargarh



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MESSAGE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

God's promise: "I give you a future with hope"

At the brink of the third millennium of the Christian Era, the Council of the Lutheran World Federation is meeting in Turku, Finland, whose Cathedral has for 700 years been the spiritual centre of this land. We thank the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, who have so graciously hosted us during these days. We have been inspired through our participation together in worship, prayer and celebrations of the new millennium. We greet the sixty million Lutherans throughout the world who are part of this Lutheran communion, with the word of God: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jer. 29:11)

At the heart of our Christian faith and hope is the incarnation of the Son of God, and churches around the world celebrate the Jubilee year in the memory of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. In Christ, God came in our likeness so that we might have living communion with our Creator and with each other, and Christ's life, death and resurrection give new life and hope to humankind and all creation.

A pivotal ecumenical breakthrough during the past year, and an expression of our hope in Christ, has been the signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation: "By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works." We have been encouraged by how our member churches are experiencing ever stronger relationships with Roman Catholics, and recognize the urgency to press for more visible signs of unity through mutual eucharistic hospitality.

At this meeting of the Council, a plan of action for further follow up on this agreement was considered, based on the Joint Declaration's commitment: "The Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic Church will continue to strive together to deepen this common understanding of justification and to make it bear fruit in the life and teaching of the churches." At the same time we continue to pursue relationships with many other ecumenical partners, some of whom brought greetings to our meeting.

The same faith in Christ that inspires our ecumenical endeavors and commitments, also inspires the Christian love that leads us to witness and service in the world. The reconciling work of Christ calls us to reconciliation with each other. The free gift of justification given by God makes us partakers of God's mission in the world and obliges us to mutual forgiveness* and to confronting the injustices that hold us and the rest of the world captive. The changing contexts of the world today challenge us to begin now to take a new look at how we carry out mission.

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Many issues reflecting the brokenness of the world have been before the Council in these past few days, including religious intolerance, violence against women, the alarming and increasing gap between rich and poor, armed conflict and the ethical dilemmas of armed intervention to defend human rights. Effects of economic globalization will be addressed through a new theological study process.

We work to strengthen the role of women and youth in church and society, but we know how much there is still to be done in these areas. In addressing these critical questions, we are nevertheless full of a sense of hope, drawn from Christ's message of salvation and justice.

With that sense of hope, in this Jubilee year we call again for the liberation of the heavily indebted developing countries of the world from the tyranny of unsustainable debt. Political commitments have been made to reduce this crushing burden upon the poorest of the poor, but we call for genuine implementation of these commitments and for a renewed effort on the part of the international community to provide a lasting and just solution to the continuing human tragedy caused by debt. We also call upon governments of both debtor and creditor countries to take measures to prevent debts from being undemocratically, unproductively and corruptly incurred.

In all our diversity of cultures, nationalities and languages, our meeting and fellowship during these days has been a visible sign of the communion among the member churches of the Lutheran World Federation, and has enabled us to know ourselves better as a communion of Lutheran churches within the worldwide Christian *communio*. In a world which is becoming at the same time both more 'globalized', and more fragmented, our experience of that global communion gives us hope and strength for our ministry as churches and our witness in society.

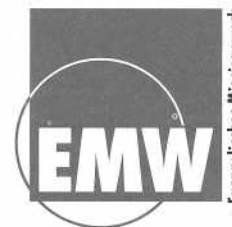
May the almighty and merciful God bless us all now and forever.

In Turku, Finland, June 2000

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Datum 20.09.2000

Dear friends,

From the Annual Assembly of the Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany - in brief: EMW - we send Christian greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As many of you know from earlier correspondence, we were driven this year to focus in the study part of our Assembly on a closer look at the situation of fellow-Christians in Asia. The theme of the Assembly read: „Christians in Asia: Confronted with Violence, Called to Mission“, and the preparatory paper for the Assembly was shared with you in an English translation.

We thought we should not conclude our deliberations without drafting a word of greetings to you, the very Christians who have been the focus of our reflections, and send it to you as an expression of our concern and solidarity and of the long-standing partnership in God's mission which we have enjoyed over the years.

Before talking about conflicts in Asia, we have with some embarrassment first of all to take account of prejudices and even open violence against other communities in our own country. We are struggling to discover for ourselves what it means to live in a pluralistic society and to develop a sense of appreciation and respect of diversity in our own context. And we admit that we as Christians have not always given justice to the witness of the peace of God. We do hope, however, that the mutual sharing in the ecumenical „Decade to Overcome Violence“ will inspire and encourage us, along with you, to seek ways of understanding and mutual trust between different communities.

In trying to understand the situation of the churches in Asian countries we felt it most important to listen to voices from Asia. We were therefore very grateful for your responses to our preparatory paper as well as for all material which some of you sent to us, either in the form of articles, statements of churches or personal comments etc. We also felt privileged to have among us a representative from a theological seminary in Malaysia and a staff person of the Henry Martyn Institute in Hyderabad (India) who provided us with first hand information on the situation of the Christian minority in their respective countries. We valued their contributions as well as the additional input from some Asian co-workers - from India and Indonesia especially - who serve on behalf of partner churches in Asia in German churches. Their insights, the plenary discussions on papers, and also the intensive reflection in four working groups helped us to grapple with the situation of Christians in some of the Asian countries today and also to reflect on our response to situations of violence and crisis in which churches in Asia find themselves caught.

Of course, we tried hard not to generalise with sweeping statements on the challenges with which churches in Asia are confronted. We know and appreciate the long tradition of tolerance and mutual respect which Asian cultures have nourished throughout centuries, and we are far from condemning any religion or their adherents in general as the responsible force for the unrest, atrocities, riots or the

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suppression of human rights and the dignity of a human being to make choices of religious affiliation for him- or herself. We are aware of the very complex nature of conflicts, with social, political, ethnic, racial, religious aspects closely intertwined. We tried to analyse and understand the dynamics of globalisation and the search of identity of people which are part of this process, but we also discerned forces who use religious sentiments for the gain of political power, cultural domination or to achieve various forms of subjugation of minorities. We detected forms of fundamentalism in various parts of the world and also within the Christian tradition, and we sadly observe that often women are the ones who suffer most under attitudes of intolerance and suppression.

Our study of the situation of the churches in Asia - with special attention to India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), but also Malaysia and Sri Lanka - and our dialogue with many of you lead us to realise the various forms of subtle suppression and degradation of human rights many people in Asia suffer, whether they are Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists or members of other communities. In this context we, the churches in Germany, regard it as a challenge to stand on the side of the victims, to get involved in advocacy and to uphold the dignity of human life and affirm our concern for human rights, including the right of freedom of religion. At the same time we want to avoid everything that would fuel conflicts; for it is not the task of the churches to aggravate conflicts but to contribute to the healing of conflicts through actions of mediation and the service of reconciliation.

Some of us also shared experiences of being involved in various ministries of peace-making and reconciliation. In the context of this discussion it was also stressed how significant it is to get engaged in intercessions before God for people who suffer or struggle, to whichever denomination or religion they may belong. In the spirit of Christ we seek the well-being of the entire human family!

We also acknowledged the struggle many of our sisters and brothers have to face every day for upholding Christian life and witness. In the view of this, we are grateful to God for your continuing commitment to live out as „salt of the world“ the Christian calling and to embody as a church the values of the kingdom of God which may also foster justice, peace, reconciliation and mutual respect in the society at large.

We hear that the issue of mission and conversion and the presence of free-lance missionaries in some countries of Asia contribute to the heated debate about the integrity of the churches mission. We would therefore like to make it clear that we, the members of EMW who are involved in partnership in mission with many churches in Asia, sincerely discard any form of mission in a „crusading spirit“. We certainly regard the obligation to mission as integral part of the Christian identity, but we affirm mission as „Mission in Christ's Way“, seeking the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden and the sharing of all in the horizon of the kingdom of God. We *are* certainly *not committed* to conquer countries, humiliate other religions, destroy cultures, insult the sentiments of people; in our witness to Christ we *are committed* to respect and to embrace, to uplift and to heal, to share and to reconcile! We see ourselves as your partners in Asia your struggle to discern God's mission in Asia and to respond to this mission of God in your own context meaningfully!

In this spirit of fellowship and mutual cooperation we would like to greet you from our EMW Assembly, recalling the words of St. Paul about ecumenical solidarity of the members of the body of Christ: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together" (1. Cor. 11:26). May God bless you in your various ministries, for the benefit of all the people of Asia!

With kind regards,
Yours in His service,
On behalf of the EMW Assembly in Bad Urach



Bishop Maria Jepsen
Chairperson

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Ref : TRK/sbm
Date : 03.11.2000

Dear Moderator,

Re : Visit of Evaluation Team to Hostels.

Greetings & good wishes !

We have informed the Project Manager of Lutheran Hostel, Ambikapur vide our letter ref. TRK/sbm dated 24.10.2000 about the visit of evaluation team in detail. Enclosed kindly find the following :

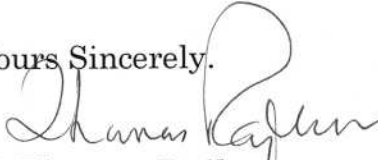
- a) Travel Plan of the Evaluation team
- b) Information on the Evaluation of the hostels & visit of Evaluation Team.

May we, request the Church / Diocese / Conference to ensure, if required, the presence of a Liaison Officer or any responsible official, when the team visit the Hostel to carry out the said evaluation.

This is for your kind information & necessary action.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely.


N. Thomas Rajkumar
Director

File : Evaluation.
Encl : As stated above

TRAVEL PLAN OF THE EVALUATION TEAM

Programme - 9

The evaluation team is consisting of three members ; One lady and two gentlemen.

Tour Itinerary :

Date	Day	Particulars	Project No.	Night Stay
17.11.2000	Friday	Team members arrive at Anand Niwas Girls Hostel, Methodist Mission Compound, Khandwa		Khandwa
18.11.2000	Saturday	Visit Anand Niwas Girls Hostel	1888	-do-
19.11.2000	Sunday	Afternoon - Visit continue		-do-
20.11.2000	Monday	Visit Fisher Boys Home	1879	-do-
21.11.2000	Tuesday	Visit continue Night - Leave for Jabalpur by Train No. 9045, Taptiganga Express. Dep. 16:45 and Arrival 23:10 hrs.		Jabalpur
22.11.2000	Wednesday	Visit Sneh Niketan	1867	-do-
23.11.2000	Thursday	Visit continue Night - Leave for Bilaspur by train No. 8254 Amarkantak Exp. Dep. 22:20 hrs. and Arrival 06:10 hrs.		
24.11.2000	Friday	Arrive Bilaspur at 06:10 hrs. and proceed to Ambikapur by road. Afternoon - Visit Lutheran Hostel	1821	Ambikapur
25.11.2000	Saturday	Visit continues		-do-
26.11.2000	Sunday	Afternoon - Leave for Sarahpani		Sarahpani
27.11.2000	Monday	Afternoon - Visit Lutheran Boys Hostel	1837	-do-
28.11.2000	Tuesday	Visit continue		-do-
29.11.2000	Wednesday	Leave for Bilaspur via Ambikapur		Bilaspur
30.11.2000	Thursday	Visit Burgess Memorial Girls Hostel	1642	-do-
01.12.2000	Friday	Visit continue		-do-

02.12.2000	Saturday	Visit Mission Boys Hostel	1643	-do-
03.12.2000	Sunday	Afternoon - Visit continues Night - Leave for Jagdalpur by road		
04.12.2000	Monday	Visit Kushal Niwas Girls Hostel	1873	Jagdalpur
05.12.2000	Tuesday	Visit continue		-do-
06.12.2000	Wednesday	Afternoon - Visit Methodist Boys Home	1872	-do-
07.12.2000	Thursday	Visit continue Night - Leave for Raipur by road		
08.12.2000	Friday	Morning - Arrive Raipur and leave for Gondia by Tr. No. 8002 - Mumbai mail, dep. 09:48, arrival 13:32 and proceed to Baihar via Balaghat by road		Baihar
09.12.2000	Saturday	Visit Methodist Boys Hostel	1877	-do-
10.12.2000	Sunday	Afternoon - Visit continues		-do-
11.12.2000	Monday	Visit Methodist Girls Home	1878	-do-
12.12.2000	Tuesday	Visit continue Evening - Leave for Seoni by road		Seoni
13.12.2000	Wednesday	Visit Mission H. Sec. School Hostel	1641	-do-
14.12.2000	Thursday	Visit Continue		-do-
15.12.2000	Friday	Morning - Leave for Nagpur by road and Team Members will proceed to their respective places by train.		

HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDIA

Information on the Evaluation of Hostels
& the visit of Evaluation Team.

- 1.00 The Evaluation of Hostels, which is to be viewed as a learning process, is highly participatory. Essentially, it is to see whether the Hostel programme is making progress towards achieving its objectives and what has been the impact on the children and how the programme could be improved further.
- 2.00 Therefore, each Hostel will be evaluated by a team of three evaluators of whom two are from the partner Churches of HCDI and one is a research associate from the Bosco Institute of Research & Development for Youth (BIRDY), the organisation which has been chosen to offer consultation on evaluation of Hostels and the Director of which is the Chief Evaluation Consultant.
- 3.00 Each team will have a team leader who will be one among the two evaluators from the partner Churches.
- 4.00 The evaluation team will spend two days to evaluate a Hostel.
- 5.00 When the evaluators are visiting Hostels, the concerned Church/Diocese/Conference may ensure the presence of its Liaison Officer or any responsible official.
- 6.00 The team will administer altogether eight schedules (one for Manager, one for Warden, one for Pastor, one for three teachers, one for five parents, one for ten children, one for ex-fosterchildren and one for all the staff). For this purpose, the team will have to interview the persons/children mentioned above whose presence is very essential and if anyone of the schedules is not administered by the evaluation team and if a blank one is submitted to the evaluation consultant, the Hostel will lose points and so their presence at the time of evaluation is of paramount importance. It is exclusively the responsibility of the Hostel authorities to ensure this.

- 7.00 Due to budgetary constraints, the evaluation team has been repeatedly requested to avoid travelling by taxi/private car to distance places ie: from one Hostel to another. Therefore the Hostel is expected to help the team to travel by bus/train (whichever is available and convenient) to the next Hostel by booking tickets and guiding the members to reach their next destination (Hostel), without having to loose much of their time in locating the same.
- 8.00 The Hostel is expected to arrange accommodation for the team in the Hostel guest room or in the Church guest house as it is important that the team gets the opportunity to participate and observe the day to day activities of the Hostel during its stay.
- 9.00 The Hostel is also expected to extend hospitality to the members.
- 10.00 The members of the team will have to be given the opportunity to go around and see the entire Hostel premises, meet the children and staff apart from those whom they are going to interview. They will also expect the Hostel authorities to show them all or any of the files and records, if necessary.
- 11.00 All the officials of the Hostel are expected to extend full co-operation to the team and to view the evaluation as a positive exercise.

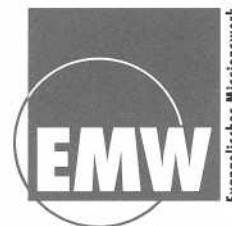
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Date 02.11.2000

Dear Brother Topno,

To your birthday I like to send you my heartfelt congratulations and blessings!

The watchword of this day of the Moravian Church which is close together with the Spirit of Gossner is the following (Joh 17,15): "I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one."

It is a good word, that may accompany you during the next year of your service and in your family life. The painful experiences Christians in India had to make during the last year will be changed with this watchword into a strong trust.

I will never forget the prayers you held on the occasion of my birthday during my first visit of the Gossner Church in the year 1992. This solidarity will endure.

This year you celebrate your birthday with important events which represent a high point of your period of ministry. However, it is nearly a good anniversary – 155 years – of the "Day of Mission" which the GELC celebrates with the memory of the arrival of the missionaries. Furthermore this year there is the decision of the Gossner Church that also women will be ordained as church ministers. It was a great honour for me and my wife Barbara to accompany Ms. Kandulna for one day in Berlin. The visit of the Matthäus Church and the Elisabeth Hospital and the participation on the reception of the Indian Ambassador and at least an Indian diner near the social service centre of the Franciscan Monastery of Berlin, were highlights.

This ordination coincides with the event of self-determination in special states in the community of the various Indian people. The Gossner Church and the other churches in Jharkhand are participated on the education of good ruling leadership in an excellent way. The beginning of it was the ordination of Nathanael Tuyn the first Munda pastor who was ordained in Chaibsa by Alfred Nottrott in the year 1872. Paulus Nemo and the Oraon J. D. Lakra belong to this ranks.

Now, we want to draw our attention to the future of the GELC, to the witness of the church and the service in the society. So much we of the Gossner Church and the EMW can do in the partnership with your church and Gossner Mission we want to do in the future.

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I'm looking forward to seeing you in Berlin soon if you will participate on the meeting of the WCC-Central Committee.

Sometime it will be possible for me to visit the GELC once again. I am very thankful that your hospitality will endure at any time. It is not sure if I am able to realise my intention to visit you before the end of my period of office in the EMW in February 2002. But I really want to apply for the mission and church festival in Ranchi in the year 2005 when I will be 65 years old.

With heartfelt greetings, also of my wife and the colleagues of the EMW,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Klaus Roeber', is positioned below the typed name.

Rev. Dr. Klaus Roeber

Christian Medical Association of India

Office of : Chotanagpur Health & Development Project.

St. Barnabas Hospital (Campus) Church Road, Ranchi-834001



Phone : 307429, 307430

To,

Date. 13-11-2000,

Moderator

G.E.L Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.
Ranchi.

Subject: Invitation for a Fellowship Lunch & request your kind presence in closing day session.

Sir,

It is our great pleasure to inform you that a five-day on "Project Review and Planning" Workshop is organized for Project Managers of Chotanagpur Health and Development Project of Churches in Jharkhand & Orissa from 21st to 25th November 2000 at HRDC, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Resource persons are: -

1. Dr.Sukant Singh, CMAI, Bangalore
2. Dr.Rajesh Noah, CMAI, New Delhi
3. Dr.(Mrs.) Neelam Phillip, New Delhi
4. Mr.Prashant Behary, CMAI, New Delhi.

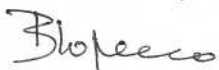
In view of the participating Project Managers of your church projects, we co-ordinally invite you to a Fellowship Lunch to be hosted by CMAI on 25th November at 1:00 P.M. at HRDC, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Further, it is our humble request for your kind presence in the afternoon at 2 PM in the closing day on 25th November 2000. Your presence will bring stimulation and encouragement to Project Managers working in the projects that churches have initiated.

Looking forward into meeting with you on 25/11/2000 at HRDC.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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Program Co-ordinator, CMAI

Ranchi. Phone No. 317106 (CMAI)

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Subject:- DMD 1465 - Gossner College Building Phase II.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gossner College, Ranchi.

We sincerely thank all of you for your co-operation and consideration regarding 2nd Phase of the Gossner College Building. I had received the copy of the letter sent to our Moderator G.E.L.C. dated August 2, 1999 KKa regarding approval & sanction of the 2nd phase of the Building (i.e. Arts & Commerce Block) from L.W.F.. The Major Construction we are having from E.Z.E. We are very thankful for that. Hence I am writing you to grant the contribution, so that L.W.F. may be able to fulfil our requirement. One thing I would like to give to your knowledge the following:-

1. While securing Affiliation from the Govt. Higher Education Patna, subject wise or faculty wise we had to fulfil certain terms & conditions laid down by the University or Govt. I had shown and submitted the Gossner College Building Project Phase I, II, III in the University (One Copy). Out of which only one Phase i.e. Science Building has been completed. Two more Phases are to be completed. It is very urgent, otherwise there will a question mark for Affiliation.

Hence please consider our case and do the needful as required.

Thanking you,
With Kind Regards,

Sincerely yours,

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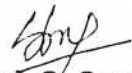
To,
The Moderator and the General Secretary
GEL Church, Ranchi

Respected Sirs,

Please make an immediate arrangement for my church ministry in or around the city, Ranchi, keeping my unavoidable compulsion of family problems in mind so that my ministry can be continued for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

With my best compliments to you.

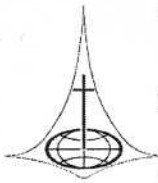
Yours in the ministry of Christ


(Rev. S. Soy)

GEL Church Compound
Main Road, Ranchi

C.C. to :

1. Bishop N.W. Diocese
2. Treasurer cum finance secretary
3. Secretary CRC.



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TO: THE LWF MEMBER CHURCHES
AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES

September 2000

Dear Friends,

This letter, sent with my most cordial greetings, is intended to draw your attention to the matters discussed, and resolutions taken, by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Council at its 14-21 June 2000 meeting in Turku, Finland. The LWF Executive Committee met beforehand on June 13.

THE MESSAGE

The Council meeting was held under the theme "I Give You a Future with Hope" chosen by this year's host church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (ELCF). The choice was influenced by the year 2000 worldwide church celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ. Under the leadership of Finnish Archbishop Jukka Paarma, the ELCF was a generous host in every respect and the Council meeting participants were invited to attend a number of official functions. Detailed accounts of the topics addressed by the Council meeting and the inspiring worship life, in which the participants were privileged to share, may be found in *Lutheran World Information Nos. 6 and 7/2000*. The Council expressed its gratitude to the host church on many occasions and it is my pleasure to repeat our thanks here. The spirit in which the Council meeting took place and the diverse themes, addressed by its members who come from all corners of the world representing different cultural and political values, are reflected in the attached **MESSAGE** adopted by the Council at the close of its meeting.

I commend this **MESSAGE** to you and ask that you convey it to your congregations.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

With much pleasure, I share with you the election of Ms. Inger Johanne Wremer from the Church of Norway as the Federation's new Treasurer. Ms. Wremer succeeds Dr. Sigrun Møgedal who tendered her resignation in March 2000 following her appointment as State Secretary for International Development in the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Wremer holds a bachelor's degree in history and special education from the University of Oslo and is a member of the Church of Norway's board for diaconia and society. In addition, she serves on the board of Norwegian Church Aid, the church's international development agency, which works in collaboration with the LWF departments for World Service and Mission and Development.

The Council expressed due thanks to Dr. Møgedal in recognition of her services as LWF Treasurer. Since her election to the Council by the LWF Ninth Assembly in Hong Kong in 1997 and her subsequent election as Treasurer, she has worked diligently and with unfaltering energy to assist in securing a sound financial basis from which the Federation could operate. Dr. Møgedal resigned from the Council following her appointment to a position in the Government of Norway.

President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname, Mr. Raymon Wimpel, was elected as a member of the Council and of the Program Committee for Finance and Administration. Mr. Wimpel, a banker by profession, succeeded Ms. Ilse Labadie who died on 14 June 1999 following illness.

The position of Adviser to the Council, which became vacant upon the retirement of Dr. Hans Otto Hahn, was filled through the election of the Rev. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel. Rev. Füllkrug-Weitzel is the director of "Bread for the World" – Diaconal Association of Protestant Churches.

THE 10th LWF ASSEMBLY

Invitations to hold the Tenth LWF Assembly in their respective countries were received by the Council from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church [Germany]. The Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland and the Evangelical Church in Wuerttemberg [Germany] that had initially extended invitations had withdrawn them by the time the Council met. The Council voted to accept the invitation of the ELCIC to meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 2003. The exact dates will be determined in consultation with the host church.

You will receive the official letter from LWF President, Bishop Dr. Christian Krause, *calling the Tenth Assembly* after the LWF Executive Committee has decided on the exact dates at its end of November meeting this year.

By now, you will have already received a separate letter inviting the member churches to propose an assembly theme. The suggested themes received will be on the Executive Committee agenda for review and decision.

The Council constituted an Assembly Planning Committee with representatives from the seven geographical regions of the LWF. The first meeting of this committee is planned for 10-13 January 2001 here in Geneva, Switzerland.

INNER-CHURCH CONFLICTS

One of the chapters in my report to the Council referred to conflicts and their impact on the Church. I mentioned the conflict-ridden times in the history of the Middle East during the time of the Prophet Jeremiah and the similarities we experience in our own times. We all know about the situation in Nigeria, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, the Horn of Africa, Zimbabwe, former Yugoslavia, Chechnya, Northern Ireland, India, the Middle East, Indonesia, the Philippines, and so on. The root causes are different, but these conflicts often find their way into the life of the Church and threaten the unity and integrity of

the Gospel it proclaims. I have learned much about this during my travels and it is of great concern to me. Because religious leaders have a special responsibility for the welfare of their nations, irrespective of religious, political or racial orientation, I wish to keep the discussion alive. Any conflict that arises in a church must be addressed—be it for political reasons or internal upheaval. A divided church is not in a position to proclaim the Gospel truthfully. It will lose credibility vis-a-vis its followers, in ecumenical and political circles. Each one of us, therefore, has a responsibility to assist churches in resolving their conflicts. By request of member churches, the LWF has invested time and financial resources to try to resolve a number of church conflicts. Both the care and counsel extended by neighboring churches have been of valuable assistance in these cases.

In the following paragraphs, I will highlight some of the decisions of the Council pertaining to the various LWF departments/units:

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Geneva Coordination Budget

In 1999, as in the previous years, we were able to balance the income and expenditure of the Geneva Coordination budget at a level of CHF 13.5 million (USD 9 million, subject to the exchange rate). I wish to express my appreciation to the member churches and related agencies for their continuous financial support of the Federation's work.

The limited financial resources available make it necessary for the LWF to continue the process of fiscal consolidation and prioritization of its work, carefully evaluating its members' needs. Having said this, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that with the Council's decision to hold the Tenth Assembly in 2003, there is an urgent need for increased funding to fill vacant positions in Geneva. The Geneva Coordination Budget foresees an increase of 1.63 percent over against the 2000 budget. The Council has decided:

- a) that the Geneva Coordination Budget of CHF 15,074,550 for 2001 be approved, and
- b) that, in case of major changes in expected income, the General Secretary be asked to review the budget to avoid a deficit and present it to the Executive Committee for adjustment and approval.

To further stabilize income, the Council approved a 3 percent increase of membership fees for the years 2001 and 2002. The Council also encourages those member churches able to do so to pledge higher amounts in support of the LWF budget.

I thank you for your positive reaction to the proposed new formula recommended by the 1998 consultation on fair and effective criteria for the calculation of membership and assembly fees. I have received, with gratitude, letters from a number of member churches approving the increased membership contribution from their church. The decision is an important strategic step toward increasing the LWF's base capital.

Please note that only an increase in funding that is not earmarked will allow the LWF to implement decisions taken by the Council. This applies, for example, to ecumenical

dialogues, information, publication and promotion, and a number of other important programs that do not enjoy adequate financial support. This needs your urgent attention.

2. *The Endowment Fund*

In my report to the Council I pointed out that the Endowment Fund gives member churches an important instrument whereby the financial viability of LWF operations can be secured and the services of the Secretariat to the member churches can be ensured. I hope that the Council members will take the responsibility to interpret the Endowment Fund, leading to better understanding, in their own and in neighboring churches.

I wish to acknowledge once more with appreciation the contributions received from several member churches which, at the end of December 1999, amounted to CHF 2,285,254. A number of other member churches have confirmed their commitment to contribute to the Endowment Fund. To enable member churches to give more publicity to the Endowment Fund, the LWF is designing promotion material that will be made available in due course.

3. *The Summary of Needs (SoN)*

In addition to the approved Summary of Needs 2000-2002, the Council approved the following supplementary requests:

The new project in the Department for Theology and Studies, "Intercultural Deliberations on Ethical Questions", will be supported by a significant reduction in support of the China Study but will nonetheless require additional funding.

The supplementary requests from the Department for World Service cover assistance to Burundian refugees in Tanzania and to the country program in Zimbabwe.

The respective supplementary requests for the above are attached to this letter. I kindly encourage your favorable response.

NEW STUDY PROJECTS

With much pleasure, I share with you the Council's decision to appoint the Rev. Dr. Karen Bloomquist as Director of the Department for Theology and Studies (DTS). Dr. Bloomquist, from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, came to the Federation on 1 September 1999 as DTS Secretary for Church and Social Issues, a position that she will continue to hold in addition to the directorship.

You will be interested to learn that the Council affirmed three new DTS studies:

"Spiritual Life in Community"

"Holding Economic Globalization Accountable: Challenges and Possibilities through the Communion", and

"Inter-cultural Deliberation on Ethical Questions".

The first study will reflect theologically on spiritual life as it is lived out in local congregations in different cultural settings. The second will focus on the theological-ethical challenges arising from globalization and begin with a study process in member churches.

How might new possibilities be developed to counter the negative effects of globalization through our embodied “globalization” as a communion of churches? An outline, spelling out the study’s objectives and its related activities is available from Dr. Bloomquist, E-mail address: kbl@lutheranworld.org. The third study will aim to facilitate consideration of difficult, often contentious, ethical questions facing churches in the communion.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR WORLD SERVICE

In these ever-changing times, it is important that the Department for World Service (DWS) evaluate current structures periodically with a view to adapting its mandate. Situation changes often imply that conflicts and emergency appeals be scrutinized from different viewpoints. The Council, having received a report on this matter, accepted the General Secretary’s recommendation to call a Standing Committee for World Service to strengthen and enable the DWS to respond to the member churches and related agencies with greater efficiency. The committee consists of ten members from related agencies and other aid organizations in various regions. The committee’s terms of reference are stipulated in its mandate. It shall meet at least twice a year and serve from assembly to assembly. The committee shall be accountable to the Council to which it will report through the Program Committee for World Service.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The issue of violence against women has long been a priority on the agenda of the LWF. The Council, at its meeting last year, in line with the LWF’s commitment as a communion to be inclusive, and in view of the World Council of Churches’ Decade to Overcome Violence, again encouraged member churches to face the painful issue of violence in all forms particular to their context. The Council asked the Office for Women in Church and Society to propose ways to accompany churches in their efforts to address the issue.

In response, a draft document titled “Churches say ‘No’ to Violence against Women” was shared with the Program Committee for Mission and Development. A proposal was made to continue work on the document and present it to the Council next year for approval, prior to sharing it with the member churches. But in view of the urgency of the matter, the Program Committee and Council requested staff to incorporate the Program Committee’s comments and share the document in draft form with the member churches for their immediate use and feedback, rather than delaying the process further. The Council also underlined the need to identify other ways to address the issue of violence against women.

The document will be shared with member churches shortly.

COMMUNICATION

With much pleasure, I inform you that the Council has confirmed the appointment of Rev. John A. Evenson as Director/Editor-in-Chief of the Office for Communication Services. Rev. Evenson assumed his new responsibilities at the beginning of August this year. Many of you will remember him as the director of the Namibian Christian Communications Trust, London and Windhoek, during the years of Namibia’s struggle for independence. Since 1995, Rev. Evenson worked as Media Officer and Editor for the Church Mission Society (Anglican) in London.

In these times, when communication technologies are developing at breath-taking speed, organizations such as the LWF must pay special attention to keeping up to standard and portraying their profile to the outside world through appropriate means. One of these is through the World Wide Web (WWW) to which the LWF has subscribed and which has been in place since the signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification last year in Augsburg, Germany. This was a tremendous success. Making use of the WWW for other projects needs to be explored. The Council heard a report about the LWF Web site and its possibilities for expansion. The Council voted:

to ask the Executive Committee (in its capacity as LWF Personnel Committee) to consider the staffing of the Office for Communication Services (OCS) to assure a sustainable management and development of the LWF Web site, as a priority for the good of all LWF departments.

Should your church be in a position to contribute to this in a constructive way, either by providing additional funds or by sending an expert in this particular field, then kindly write to my office so that it can be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

The Council also voted in favor of a new policy for the promotion of and subscription to LWF publications that will be shared with you in due course.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Council received a compilation of reports from twenty-two member churches and one national committee on their involvement in promoting and defending religious freedom. It passed a resolution reaffirming the LWF's commitment to the promotion of religious freedom as a fundamental human right for all, and rejecting the misuse of religious diversity for political, military or other purposes. ***This resolution is attached for your careful attention.*** Please note the renewed invitation to member churches and other expressions of the LWF to provide additional information to my office on their involvement in promoting and defending religious freedom. I hope that member churches that have not so far responded will do so. The information received will be brought to the attention of the Council at its meeting next year for possible further action.

Regarding the situation in the Middle East, the Council affirmed the fundamental right of the Palestinian refugees to return to their places of origin and urged both parties, the Palestinian Authority and Israel, to fully comply with their respective commitments contained in the Oslo Agreements. ***This resolution is attached.*** Please help to work for a just peace in that area by promoting the Council's decision in your churches and respective governments.

ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Follow-up on the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification is considered a major ecumenical project. The Council affirmed the LWF's commitment together with the Roman Catholic Church to continue their efforts toward reaching deeper and broader agreements on the meaning of justification for the life and teaching of the church, and on the ecumenical significance of the consensus reached.

I presented a Plan of Action to the Council for the follow-up of the Joint Declaration. Ecumenical work will continue on the understanding of "*simul justus et peccator*" and the role of good works in the life of faith. The interpretation of justification for human beings today will be followed up, as well as initiatives to clarify the broader biblical basis for the doctrine of justification. Regional and national work on the follow-up will be encouraged, with attention to the pastoral and liturgical dimensions. The results will be shared within the LWF and with the wider ecumenical community. An inner-Lutheran task force will be convened shortly to work on the long-term vision of the ecumenical work of the LWF and to prepare a plan for the continued coordination of the various activities contributing to the follow-up of the Joint Declaration. A report will be submitted for next year's Council meeting.

THE ROLE OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE LWF

The Council adopted a paper that spells out the areas of responsibility and the specific tasks of LWF Vice-Presidents and Council Members. Although intended specifically for those in question, the paper is attached as information to member churches and their national committees.

NEW MEMBER CHURCHES

The Council welcomed three churches in Asia into full membership of the LWF, the:

Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church
(Gereja Kristen Protestan Pakpak Dairi [GKPPD])

The United Protestant Church
(Gereja Protestan Persekutuan [GPP])
both in Indonesia and both members of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia,
as well as the:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar
(Lutheran Bethlehem Church)
a member of the Myanmar Christian Council.

The LWF now counts 131 member churches worldwide.

Prior to leaving for vacation during the month of August, I paid a visit to the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), an LWF Associate Member Church, and made my first visit to the Lutheran Church of New Zealand, a district of the LCA. The visit abounded with new encounters, speeches and a rich worship life, confirming the cultural diversity of our worldwide constituency. I am grateful for the invitation from both churches. I also very much appreciated an invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland to attend their millennium celebrations of Christianity.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding those matters decided by the Council that are in need of attention and action by the member churches.

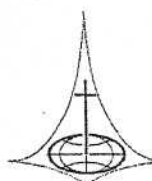
In closing, I wish to acknowledge the invitation from Bishop Munib Younan and his church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan, to hold the next Council meeting from 12-19 June 2001 in Bethlehem/Jerusalem. The Executive Committee will meet prior to this on June 10 in Amman. The Council expressed appreciation for, and voted in favor of this invitation at its meeting in Turku, Finland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Ishmael Noko'.

Ishmael Noko
General Secretary

cc: LWF President
Council Members
Assembly Planning Committee



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SUMMARY OF NEEDS

The following supplementary requests were approved by the for consideration by the member churches and related agencies.

Department for World Service supplementary requests (in USD)

ZIMBABWE	2000	2001	2002
Country program	365,000	568,000	631,000

Reason: The reason for this supplementary request is the sharp increase of the inflation (70%) and the unchanged exchange rate between USD and ZWD. When originally budgeting for this programs it was anticipated that the ZWD would be devaluated as a reaction of the growing inflation, but the government did not devalue the ZWD, which left the program in a difficult situation. In order to implement the program according to plan the supplementary funds are needed and requested.

TANZANIA	2000	2001	2002
<u>Assistance to Burundian</u>			
<u>Refugees in Kibondo D.</u>	600,000	500,000	500,000

Reason: Due to the growing conflict since end of 1999 the number of Burundian Refugees in Tanzania has risen substantially. The World Service program has to care for 67,000 more refugees.

<u>Kilwa Development</u>	2000	2001	2002
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Reason: This is a new program to "empower vulnerable communities to become self-reliant and control their development process, thereby enhancing their quality of life" in Kilwa District.

<u>Morogoro Development</u>	2000	2001	2002
<u>Project</u>	-----	200,000	240,000

Reason: This is a new project to "empower vulnerable communities to become self-reliant and control their development process, thereby enhancing their quality of life" in Morogoro Rural District.

GLOBAL	2000	2001
Diaconia Seminar	5,000	10,000

Reason: New Project. The funds are needed for a Preparatory Group to work out the details of this seminar to take place in 2002.

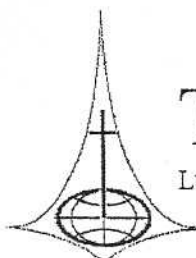
Department for Theology and Studies supplementary requests (in USD)

	2000	2001	2002
Inter-Cultural			
Deliberations on			
Ethical Questions	15,000	20,000	40,000

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Resolution adopted by the Council of the Lutheran World Federation

The Lutheran World Federation has observed with great concern the rising incidence of religious intolerance and related violence in many places around the world in which LWF member churches are present. The LWF reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of religious freedom as a fundamental human right for all, and rejects the misuse of religious diversity for political, military or other purposes.

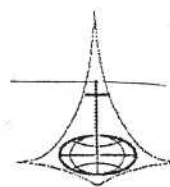
In response to a request from the Ninth Assembly, the Council has received with appreciation reports from a number of member churches about their involvement in promoting and defending religious freedom. The Council deplores the instances of religious intolerance and associated violence raised in these reports, and welcomes the involvement of member churches in ecumenical and inter-faith initiatives to promote religious freedom for all.

The Council VOTED:

- to renew and extend the invitation to member churches and other expressions of the LWF to provide additional information to the General Secretary on their involvement in promoting and defending religious freedom, to enable such additional information to be brought to the attention of the Council at its next meeting, for possible further action;
- to request each member church and other expressions of the LWF to continue and deepen their efforts to promote mutual understanding and religious freedom for all and to address religious fundamentalism, including through ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and cooperation, and relevant educational and awareness-raising initiatives;
- to encourage each member church and other expressions of the LWF to acquaint themselves with the United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms for the promotion of religious freedom, including the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on religious intolerance; and
- to ask the General Secretary to assist the member churches and other expressions of the LWF in acquainting themselves with such mechanisms through the provision of appropriate materials.

Turku, Finland
20 June 2000

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FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Statement adopted by the Ninth Assembly
of the Lutheran World Federation
Hong Kong, July 1997

No modern state that aspires to be respected as a democratic nation can ignore the issues of religious freedom and tolerance or continue to violate these fundamental human rights, which are enshrined in Article 18 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. No religion or institution can propagate its own faith at the expense of the innate freedom of every human being to accept or to reject any religion. "Fundamentalism", whether political or religious, is contrary to the basic values of human dignity and freedom and often violates fundamental human rights.

We confess that religious people are often the worst violators of this noble principle.

Many nations have excellent laws to protect all aspects of religious freedom, but their implementation is impeded by ideological or fundamentalist principles.

As incidents of religious discrimination and intolerance appear to be increasing in all parts of the world, even in countries with a strong human rights tradition, the Ninth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation recognizes the need to call all the member churches and the ecumenical community to redouble their efforts and to cooperate widely in promoting and defending religious freedom in their own societies and internationally.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1998, the member churches are requested to focus on religious freedom in the context of other economic, social, cultural, civil and political human rights:

- through prayers and intercessions, Bible studies and worship;
- through educational materials, seminars and public manifestations;
- by participating in programs of cooperation with people of other faiths; and
- by interceding with state authorities and religious authorities wherever necessary in defence of individuals or groups whose rightful religious freedoms are being curtailed or denied.

The Assembly asks the General Secretary to present a comprehensive report to the Council in the year 2000 on the involvement of the member churches in promoting and defending religious freedom.



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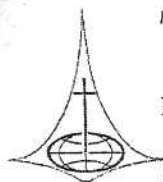
Resolution adopted by the Council of the Lutheran World Federation

The Lutheran World Federation notes the latest developments in the Middle East, including the death of President Hafiz Al-Assad of Syria and the Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon, and their possible impact on the negotiations between the Israeli and Palestinian authorities.

Bearing in mind the commitments made and the deadlines set for the conclusion of the final status negotiations later this year, the Council VOTED:

- to affirm the fundamental human right of the Palestinian refugees to return to their places of origin;
- to call for the situation of the Palestinian refugees to be fully and genuinely addressed in the final status negotiations, with a view to reaching a durable and consensual solution to their plight;
- to request the Palestinian Authority to urgently finalize the Constitution for the future State of Palestine, including adequate guarantees of religious freedom and pluralism;
- to urge both parties to fully comply with their respective commitments contained in the Oslo Agreements, including that of Israel to release all Palestinian political prisoners;
- to urge Israel to negotiate on the issue of Jerusalem on the basis of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 in the final status negotiations in order to secure a just peace in the Middle East; and
- to express its grave concern at the rapid increase over the past year in the rate of settlement expansion in the Occupied Territories.

Turku, Finland
20 June 2000



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THE ROLE OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

(The following Statement of the Executive Committee is based on the proposals of three (out of four) appointed members of an ad hoc Committee: Ms Parmata Ishaya, President Huberto Kirchheim, and Bishop Julius Filo.)

Based on the theological concept of *communio*, the following areas of responsibilities and specific tasks describe the role of Vice-Presidents and Council members in the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

1. Home Churches

Involvement of the above in the major activities and decision-making of their home churches is indispensable during their office in the LWF Council. If some of the above are not elected representatives of their respective churches, they should be, based on their election to the LWF Council, included at least as observers into decision-making bodies of their churches. The LWF President and General Secretary should secure their involvement into the decision-making bodies of their home churches.

2. Regions of the LWF

- 2.1 They should from their own initiative and with the support of the Geneva staff, be well informed about the current activities in their respective region and its member churches.
- 2.2 Vice-Presidents should be included in the visits of the President and the General Secretary in the region whenever possible and appropriate.
- 2.3 Vice-Presidents should meet with Council members (and Advisors) in order to plan regional activities and enable regional implementation of LWF decisions. This should happen not only in relation to the Council meeting itself or occasional regional assemblies (prior to the LWF Assembly) but also between Council meetings.
- 2.4 Vice-Presidents and Council members should be instrumental in the development of LWF national and regional committees (in situations in which several smaller churches live in different countries).
- 2.5 Vice-Presidents should visit the churches in their region, especially at the occasion of LWF meetings in the region.

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3. LWF worldwide decision-making and implementation assistance

- 3.1 The role of the above in LWF decision-making bodies (Assembly, Council, Executive Committee) is well described by the legal papers of the LWF and function well.
- 3.2 Between the respective meetings, Vice-Presidents and Council members should be involved in implementation processes in the following way:
- They should be asked for their opinion and advice by LWF staff in issues pertaining to the area of their responsibilities, e.g. in case of staff appointments, development of the plan of visits, implementation of LWF decisions, and new perspectives.
 - Information flow on the implementation of LWF decisions from the LWF staff to the Vice-Presidents and the Council members is essential for the fulfillment of their role in the LWF."

Office of the Principal

Christian Medical College
Vellore

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10.10.2000.

BY REGISTERED POST

The Persons authorised to sign
sponsorship forms for postgraduate
courses in Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Dear

Enclosed herewith is a Prospectus and two copies of the Official
Sponsorship forms which is to be used this year by supporting bodies
of this Institution that have sponsorship privileges, for confirming
sponsorship of their candidates to postgraduate training courses of
2000 in this institution.

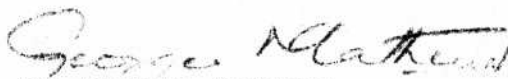
Please use a separate form for each candidate that your sponsor-
ing body wishes to sponsor. If you need more copies of the form,
please let me know the additional number of forms you require for this
year. Please do not use the forms that were in use in earlier years.

Kindly ensure that all the entries in the form are filled and
that the form is signed by ALL the authorised representatives of the
sponsoring body as specified in the form. The form must then be sent
so as to reach the Principal, Christian Medical College, Vellore - 632
002, not later than the closing date of receipt of these forms, which
is 17th November 2000 for DM/MCh Courses and 12th January 2001 for
Diploma/MD/MS Courses.

Kindly note that as per the decision of the Christian Medical
College Vellore Council (Min. 6335:10-87 of 22,23 October 1987),
candidates sponsored to postgraduate courses should have served a
minimum period of two years in one or more mission hospitals of any of
the supporting bodies of this Institution, after graduation.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Dr. George Mathew,
Vice Principal.

encl.: Prospectus & Sponsorship forms



CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE - 632002.

Official Sponsorship Form for Postgraduate Courses

CONFIDENTIAL

To be filled by the person authorised by the sponsoring body to sign these forms

Name of the sponsoring body.

Name of the candidate
(as given in the University)

Name of the candidate's father.

Subject and course for which
this candidate is sponsored

Full character reference of the
candidate.

Suitability of this candidate as a
medical worker in your mission.

Justification for sponsoring this
candidate for the above men-
tioned post graduate training.

Basis / method of selection.

Do you have a vacancy in your
hospitals for this candidate
after postgraduate training is
completed?

Do you have the speciality
(for which the candidate is
sponsored) in your hospital?

Period this Candidate has worked
in your mission hospitals after
graduation & internship (give
dates)

Assessment of this candidate's
work as a doctor in your
mission.

If this candidate was previously
sponsored & selected for any
course in this institution, please
indicate.

Course

Year of selection :

Sponsoring body :

THIS FORM DULY FILLED AND SIGNED, MUST REACH THE PRINCIPAL, CHRISTIAN
MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE-632 002. NOT LATER THAN 17-11-2000 for DM/MCH and
12-01-2001 for MD / MS / Diploma

Name of other mission hospitals (belonging to sponsoring bodies of this institution) and the period (give dates) worked in each by candidate till now :

Hospital

Mission

From

To

Name, address, signature &
official seal of the person autho-
rised by the sponsoring body to
sign spons. form for P. G.
courses.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Dr.....has been selected for sponsorship for
postgraduate training in the Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore by the.....
.....(name of spons. body) at a meeting of its
Sponsorship Committee held on2000.....at.....(place), at which
the following members were present :

It is further certified that a legal agreement to serve the above named sponsoring body for a period of
not less than 2 years following a diploma course, 3 years following a degree course will be executed by
the candidate and the sponsoring body, a clear, attested photocopy of which agreement will be sent to
reach the Principal, C. M. C. Vellore. on or before 28-2-2000 (for Dipl. / MD / MS courses) and
15-1-2001 (for DM / MCh courses) if this candidate is selected for postgraduate training.

It is also certified that no sum of money has been received from or on behalf of this candidate towards
sponsorship, other than a sum of Rs.....(not exceeding Rs. 100/-) as registration fee.

Name, address, signature and
seal of the Chairman of the
sponsoring body.

Name, address, signature and
seal of the secretary of the
sponsoring body.

Signature of the person autho-
rised by the sponsoring body to
sign sponsorship forms (P. G.
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NOTICE

Date 20/10/2000

To
Rev/Sri/Srimati
Member of S.W. Diocese Council

Sir/Madam,

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus.

This is to inform you that the 1st Diocesan Council meeting of the new session 2000-2005 of S.W. Diocese will be held on 27/28.11.2000 at 9 A.M. in the GEL Church premises, Rajgangpur as per programme below.

Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting positively as per scheduled.

Programme/ Agenda

27.11.2000 - 8 A.M. Break ~~fast~~ fast.

9 A.M. onward - Agenda - Prayer, Attendance, Election of Diocese Executive Committee, Formation of Arbitration Committee, Election of Secretary of Schools and Local Property Board of Rajgangpur and other Station in the Diocese.

27.11.2000 - 2 PM. onward - Meeting of different Boards,

28.11.2000 - 9 AM. Meeting of Diocesan Executive Council

Agenda 1 Prayer, Roll call, matters relating to previous Session

Resolution for new operators of Bank Accounts.

Letters and applications. Any other matter as by

permission of Chair, Date of next meeting.

The above programme may be changed.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

N.B. To A. of the members will be born
by the concerned Parish.

(in case change of Res. also to be deposited.)

Secretary

20.10.2000

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मध्य डायोसिस जी० ई० एल० चर्च, छुंटीटोली ।

ज्ञापक- 52-2000

दिनांक- 27-10-2000

सेवा में,

महासचिव,

केन्द्रीय परिषद् जी० ई० एल० चर्च, राँची ।

विषय:- मध्य डायोसिस के चुनाव सम्बंध में ।

महाशय,

उपरोक्त विषय में दिनांक 24.10.2000 को मध्य डायोसिस संगठन एवं चुनाव प्रक्रिया आरम्भ की गयी है, किन्तु एक पेरिस § पानीतानी § का चुनाव संवैधानिक नहीं पाये जाने के कारण सुधार के लिए एक दिन का समय देकर स्थगित कर देना पड़ा ।

फिर उसी के लगातार में दिनांक 26.10.2000 को मध्य डायोसिस का संगठन एवं चुनाव के लिए बैठी । पर खेद के साथ कहना पड़ रहा है कि 26.10.2000 को भी चुनाव सम्पन्न नहीं हो पाया है । कुछ संवैधानिक अड़चन प्रकट की गयी है जो निम्न प्रकार है :-

§क§ चुनाव सभा में, कोरम देखा ^{जोप} गया या पूरे सदस्यों की उपस्थिति ही अनिवार्य है ? स्पष्ट किया जाय ?

§ख§ चुनाव नियम के नं० 6 के अनुसार - " डायोसिस के सभी पदाधिकारियों, डायोसिस के सभी पेरिस के चेयरमैन और चुनाव नियम अनुसार चुने हुए सदस्यों §दिविए 5 अ § द्वारा होगा । " इसमें डायोसिस के पदाधिकारियों को संगठन में शामिल करने पर रोक लगायी जा रही है । फिर मतदान नहीं दे सकते हैं, पर विवाद हो गयी है । क्या ये पदाधिकारी मतदान दे सकते हैं या नहीं ? स्पष्टीकरण दिया जाय ?

§ग§ श्री ओनिल तिकी, श्रीमती लिली तिग्गा छुंटीटोली मंडली से पंच चुने जाकर क्रमशः डायोसिस तक पहुँच गये हैं । जो कि चुनाव विवादग्रस्त मंडली में शामिल हैं । और जिसकी निर्णय के लिए चर्च कोर्ट राँची को सुपुर्द की गयी है । जिसका निर्णय जबतक नहीं होता है तबतक उनकी सदस्यता चर्च के किसी भी संगठन में नहीं होना चाहिए । इसका भी उचित निर्देश हमें आवश्यक है ।

अतः इन्हीं सब कारणों से मध्य डायोसिस का चुनाव सम्पन्न नहीं हो सका है । तिथि 26.10.2000 का कुछ मिनट की छाया प्रति दी जा रही है ।

अकृषलोगों का विश्वस्त

मध्य डापोसिस जी० ई० एल० चर्च

प्रतिलिपि :-

- ✓ 1. अति माननीय मोडरेटर
जी० ई० एल० चर्च
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2. डायोमिस ट्रेजरर
म० डा० खुटीटोली ।
3. डायोमिस सचिव,
म० डा० खुटीटोली ।

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for war dept
+ Rt. Rev. S. Hammett
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Issue No.4

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New Delhi

EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to 4th issue of CHD Bulletin. Your response was most heartening. I hope you will enjoy it as much as the previous issues I hope to keep up the effort in the forth-coming issues. We are pleased to receive a brief write up from our Project Manager, Ambatoli project ; the first hand information about the actual development in project area because of CMAI-CHD project interventions. The original script was in Hindi and it has been edited and translated in English for benefit of all.

This bulletin carries all regular features.

I now leave you to enjoy this bulletin. I assure you will find it engrossing.

Happy reading!

Ms.R.Kamakshi

IN THIS ISSUE

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2. CHDP - PM's contribution
3. PCSA Desk
4. Staff profile
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1. CURRENT NEWS

I. Pulse polio program

Pulse polio immunization is a part of national effort to eradicate polio. This program was started on December 9, 1995.

To break the chain of polio transmission every child under 5 years of age should be immunized.

In India 90% of the polio cases come from 4 burden states of U.P., Bihar, West Bengal & Delhi.

National Immunization days (NIDS) are being celebrated on November 5, December 5, 2000 and January 21, 2001.

In order to give the poliovirus the final 'heave & shove' towards its eradication from the country the Government and coalition partners flagged off their pulse polio program 2000 - 2001.

India hopes to reach zero polio cases by December this year. Though it concedes a spill over in its efforts for a few months longer, the statistics put out on the success of the pulse polio program that started in 1995 are heartening.

The number of polio cases has decreased dramatically from 1934 in 1998 to 121 in September, 2000.

II. Malaria vaccine goes on trial

British scientists have developed what could be the first effective vaccine against Malaria.

The first clinical trials of the vaccine will start in Africa.

If it works, the vaccine will be the best hope of defeating a disease, which claims more than a million lives a year.

The trials will be carried out in the Gambia by scientists from Oxford University.

Malaria the mosquito borne disease causes high fever, muscle stiffness and sweating. It is most prevalent tropical disease in the World. The Oxford team says tests of the vaccine on British volunteers

deliberately infected with malaria have already been successful.

Earlier vaccines were able to attack the parasite before it enters cells. The new vaccine will now be the first to target the disease once it enters the body cells.

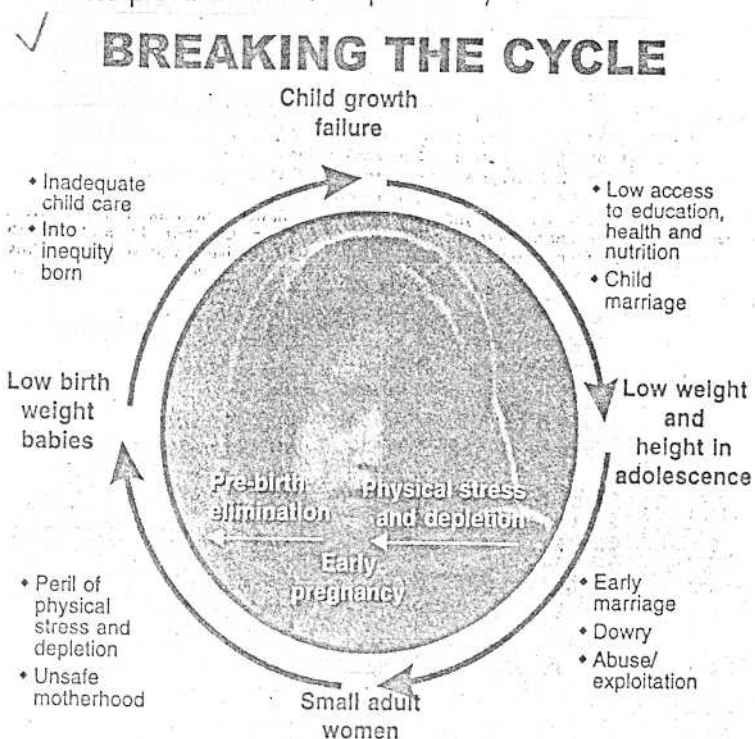
If the trials of vaccine become successful, the vaccine could be available within 5 to 10 years.

III. ICDS

ICDS integrated child development services completes 25 years of its contribution to the development of young children and women in India and moves towards universalisation.

ICDS intervenes across the life cycle as early as possible to promote fulfillment of the rights of young children girls and women.

The picture is self-explanatory.



IV. Family Welfare Facts

The six major factors responsible for India's run away population growth despite elaborate family welfare programs and huge spending according to the Prime Minister are: -

1. Lack of political and popular will.
2. Lack of universal access to basic health care.
3. High child mortality rate.
4. Low literacy rate especially among women.
5. Persistence of high level of rural and urban poverty.
6. Inadequate awareness of options and contraceptive services.

2. CHOTANAGPUR HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT(CHDP)

AMBATOLI (GOVINDPUR) Project - No. 9511 from Project Manager Ms.Basanti Barla about CHDP's benefits in their community

- 1) CHDP project has helped women in gaining awareness related to health.
- 2) They are able to handle common ailments like diarrhoea with ORS and other herbal medicines. They treated children with diarrhoea in their community.
- 3) They have realised the importance of immunization and are following the schedule with out break.
- 4) 20 women have been trained in tailoring and are able to supplement to the family income.

5) Some are maintaining piggeries 15 pigs were given in the project area and the number has gone up to 20. They are able to earn income from them. Because of extra income there is improvement in their life style. The Project Manager feels if they are given small loans, there will be more development among women's group.

3. PCSA Desk

Workshops on evils of drug addiction and smoking were organised for various student groups of different churches. The main topics were how to combat and survive the substance abuse problems.

After the workshop, few students informed that they have stopped smoking. This is really encouraging note.

4. STAFF PROFILE

Mr.Royal Baxla :- He is working as Project Manager for CHDP for the last 4 years. He did his graduation from University of Ranchi. He underwent Community Health Training at Vikas Maitry and CRHP - in Jamkhed. Before joining CHDP, he worked for Church youth leadership, Agriculture Block Development at village level. He feels that for any field work proper training from the start would be an asset.

Mr.Yuhanna Pradhan :- He is native of Kalimpong West Bengal. After graduation he joined CMAI in 1993 and worked in various capacities. He was posted in CHD in 1999 and he

underwent Community Health and Development Training, Jamkhed and had two weeks exposure to CHAD - Vellore projects.

At present, he is working as Project Officer in WCH&D projects Bhopal.

He is ever ready to learn and believes learning is a continuing process.

5. IMPORTANT EVENTS

1. Video on M.P. and Bihar projects is almost ready and awaiting finishing touches. It will be screened in the conference of "Congregation Based Community Health" scheduled from 13th to 17th November, 2000 at Delhi.
2. Round table donor's conference will be held on 10th November. Reports are under preparation

* Community Health Department*

*wishes all the team staff *

"Happy Christmas & New Year".

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