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IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM**

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G. E. L. CHURCH

IN

CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM
CENTRAL COUNCIL

Correspondence

1996 - 1997

FROM _____ TO _____

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GOSSNER COLLEGE

(Estb - 1.11.71)

G. E. L. Church Compound
Main Road Ranchi - 834001

Ref. No. GC 304/96/37 A


Date 29. 03. 1996

To,

The Most Rev. CSA Topno
Moderator
G. E. L. C Ranchi

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are being cordially invited to participate in the
"ONE DAY SEMINAR" on "HEALTH EDUCATION" organised by Women Cell
Gossner College, Ranchi on 31st March 1996 at 10.a.m. at Human
Resource Development Centre Ranchi.


Principal,
Gossner College, Ranchi

Principal
Gossner College Ranchi



ONE DAY SEMINAR ON "HEALTH EDUCATION" DATED 31.3.96

The Chief Guest:- *Dr. J. Dhan Principal Ranchi College.*

Resource Persons :-

1st Session

1. Dr. S.K. Kisku
Medical Officer
Sadar Hospital, Ranchi

2nd Session

2. Dr. Pushpa Hemrom
Chief Medical Officer
State Employees Hospital
Purulia Road, Ranchi

PROGRAMME

Dated : 31.03.96

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| 1. Registration with Rs. 5/- only | 8.a.m. to 9.a.m. |
| 2. Welcome of the Chief Guest and Inauguration | 9.a.m. to 9.30.a.m. |
| 3. First Session | 10.a.m. to 11.a.m. |
| 4. Tea | 11.a.m. to 11.30.a.m. |
| 5. Group Discussion | 11.30.a.m. to 12.30.a.m. |
| 6. Lunch & Rest | 1.p.m. to 2.p.m. |
| 7. 2nd Session | 3.30.p.m. to 4.30.p.m. |
| 8. Conclusion | 5.p.m. |

AGENDA FOR BISHOPS' COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

DATED : 24 - 06 - 1997

- (1) Devotion
- (2) Attendance
- ✓ (3) Information on Execution of previous decisions.
- ✓ (4) Madhya Diocese matter (commissary and New Election)
- ✓ (5) Atam Palan Dan.
- ✓ (6) Gossner Mission (Rev. Gagrai) matter.
- ✓ (7) Gossner Theological College
(Rev. Y. Soreng) matter.
- ✓ (8) Gossner Mission (Flight Charges) matter.
- ✓ (9) Gossner Theological College,
(Salaries etc.) matter.
- ✓ (10) N.W. Diocese (Pathal Kudwa) matter.
- ✓ (11) Ranchi Land and Shopping Complex matter.
- ✓ (12) Old legal case Bills.
- ✓ (13) UELCI/Gurukul matter.
- (14) Any other matter.

M.W. Gossner AG

Mr. D.K. Bishwas - bills -
Gurukul Students - M.H. (1)

(Ph.D. Chant) Rev. M.H. Ekka -

B.D. (1)

Applicant of Rev. Samad

GENERAL SECRETARY,
G.E.L. CHURCH.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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

Head Office : G.E.L. Church, Ranchi - 834 001, Bihar, India • Ph. : 311513

Fax : 91-651-200224

G. Tiru, L.L.B.
General Secretary

Most Rev. C. S. R. Topno
Moderator

Mr. U. Sanga
Treasurer

Ref. No. : ...CC-49/331...

Date : 12-8-97

To

All members, Central Council
G.E.L.Church.

Sub : 4th meeting of the Central Council
25 - 26 August, 1997.

Dear members Colleagues,

Greetings from the Central Council

Office.

In view of the fact that the UELCI is having its own re-scheduled busy programmes in Madras on 27th August and in Calcutta on 29th August/97 a comprehensive consultation meeting with the leaders of NW/GEL Church at the initiative of the UELCI appears to be not possible and, therefore, in consultation with the Moderator, the proposed Central Council meeting scheduled to be held on 25-26 August, 1997 is hereby postponed and refixed to be on November 5 - 8, 1997 as per programme given below :-

04-11-1997 : Arrival by evening.
05-08-11-1997 : 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. C.C. meeting
(with tea break for 10 mts at 10:30 A.M.)
12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. lunch.
2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. C.C. meeting.
(with tea break for 10 mts. at 4 P.M.)

Rev. Berned Krause, Asia Secretary, Gossner Mission who will be here in Ranchi to attend the Mission Festival is likely to meet the members and address the Central Council on 5.11.1997.

You are cordially requested to kindly note the re-scheduled dates and to attend the meeting of Central Council. In conveniences caused by this sudden change in dates is regreted very much.

Sincerely yours,

AFma
CPN 7202
8/11/97
General Secretary
Note: As communicated earlier only one way travel expences will be borene by the Central Council.

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

Forwarded to : *Rev C.S.R. Topno*member, Central Council.



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Moderator

Mr. U. Sanga
Treasurer

Ref. No. : **CC-43/242**

Date : **9-6-97**

To

- = All Bishops of G.E.L. Church,
- = Vice-President, S.W. Diocese
- = Moderator; Commissary in Madhya Diocese.
- = Dean, CRC.
- = All C.C. Officers,

Dear Bishops and Co-workers,

Greetings to you all from the Central
Council Office.

This is to inform you that a joint meeting of the Bishops' Council and the Officers of the Central Council is scheduled to meet on 24.6.97 at the Moderator's Office Chamber at 9:30 A.M. You are cordially requested to kindly make it possible for you to be present in the said meeting and to extend your full co-operation in the discussions. The agenda which will be circulated during the meeting includes important matters requiring urgent consideration.

Sincerely yours,

G. Tiru

(Gerson Tiru)
General Secretary,
G.E.L. Church.

Bp's Council

G.E.L. Church
Central Council

To

The Moderator
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Most Rev. Sir,

For some urgent domestic work and family situation I am required to visit my family at Tezpur Assam immediately. It is therefore requested that leave from 22nd Feb/97 to 28th Feb/97 be allowed to me enabling me to see my family members at my home in Assam.

I shall, however, be taking the copies of typed out constitution to collect signatures from the K.S.S. members from Assam.

Sincerely yours

General Secretary
19/2/97
19/2/97

Permit

as per
leave rule

J. P. Mo.

Staff leave rule

50. anniversary of Indias independence from the Adivasi-Perspektive
 Program for visitors from India 20.5. - 15.6.1997

- 20.5. arrival in Berlin - Wellcome
- 21./22.5. Introduction - planning of program and seminars, sightseeng and meetings in Berlin
- 23 -25.5. Social change and destruction of industries in Eastern Germany
- 23.5. Visit in Eisenhüttenstadt -congregation - steelcompany
(Boukaro- typ (Russian-) of steel-city/ Modernisation)
- 24.5. Visit mining-area of Horno - forced removal of a village,
- 25.5. Visit in Lübbenau - channel- area of Spreewald, former Powerstation,
- 26.5.-2.6. The Northern-Sea area - a traditional region in krosis
- 26.-29.5. Visits in congregations and factories in Ostfriesland Kirchlicher Dienst in der Arbeitswelt,
Emden (industrial mission)
- 30.5.-2.6. Visits in Hamburg (city, port, congregations), Nordelbisches Missionszentrum, Hamburg,
- 31.5. *Seminar im Museum für Völkerkunde(ethnol. museum):
The situation of Adivasi after 50. years of independence*
- 3. - 5.6. Program in Berlin
- 3.6. meet representativs of Patnerchurch and city council,
- 4.6. *Conferenz in the Evangelical Academie, Berlin,*
- 5.6. Meeting with the partnership-group of Berlin-Brandenburg
- 6.-8. Program in Dortmund/Herbern(MAN,Hoesch-Thyssen)
- 6.6. Visit in factories and mines, city council ~~W~~erne,
- 7.7. *Seminar in Herbern with representativs of companies and partnership-groups,*
- 8.7. sharing community with the congregation,
- 9.7. *Seminar in Gießen ,Amt für Mission und Ökumene,*
- 10.-14.6. Program with Gossner Mission in Mainz (Seminar for Qurch service in the industrial
society)
- 11.6. *Seminar in Mainz(with representativs of KFW),*
- 12.6. Visits in Opel(car-production) and banking-capital Frankfurt,
- 123./14.6. further contacts,sightseeng,shopping,evaluation.
- 15.6. Departure from Frankfurt International Airport.
- n.s.

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The above mentioned seminars are almost following the same agenda as described earlier in my first invitation:

- Situation of the Adivasi (neglected, injustice, displacement)
- Industrialisation and uprooting of Adivasi,
- Struggle of Adivasi - history and today's strategies and aims,
- Spirituality and response of the church,
- involvement of German money and companies in Jharkhand,
- code of conduct and their social responsibility,
- challenges for partnership and solidarity.

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Mission

F A S - MESSAGE

Please forward to

Rev. Bishwas, GELC, Delhi - congregation

Gossner Mission, Fegestr. 31 D-12439 Berlin

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030/6317308
Telefax
030/6311138

Vishusahay,

Dear Rev Bishwas, Thank you for your Letter I appreciated very much. I am glad to see you soon because I am passing to Kathmandu via Delhi. I will arrive in Delhi with BA on 23.4. - 11.10h. My departure time is 24.4. - 11.30h with RA (Royal Nepal) so we have at least a day and I will reserve more time during my main visit in November to share with you and the whole congregation. But very soon another visitor from Berlin - Brandenburg Rev. Lange from Eisernhüttenstadt, partner congregation to Bokaro Steel City will come. He arrives at 27.3. with Air France 23.10h. Next day 18.4. he has to at 10h for Ranchi. Please help him over night. But he will come back: on the 8th of April he is coming back from Ranchi at 13.30h and will stay with you until his final departure at the 11.4. - 00.30 with Air France again.

Because he is in India for the first time please help him to understand the urban situation and show him some parts of the old Town.

That's all for that short message - tomorrow our India-committee will meet in Hannover and therefore the message should be sent today.

With cordial greetings to you and the to the congregation

sincerely yours

Bernd Krause
Bernd Krause 4.3.97

*Received in Delhi
Rev. A. Kumar
5/2/97*

↑ A. Kumar

Rev. B. Biswas

To

G. E. L. Church Jyomura

Date 14-2-97

Sir

Moderator, and. Central Council Members.

G. E. L. Church Ranchi,

Dear Sir,

दिनांक 15-1-97 Ref No 6/97/S.W.D.

के पत्र अनुसार मुझे ज्ञात हुआ कि मेरा Retirement
दिनांक 11-11-96 को हो गया है, मेरा दीन बर्ती है
कि यदि कोई का जो सम्बन्धित है, मुझे भी सम्बन्धित
मिले।

आज तक किसी प्रकार की भरी हुई दुर्लभता अनुभव
नहीं करता हूँ।

आप के इस दया हेतु सदा धन्यवादी हूँ।

आप का विषय,

Rev. Hoppe

pastorate chairman

G. E. L. Church Jyomura

ORISSA.

Recommend and
forwarded for
needful action

Parish Chairman
G. E. L. CHURCH
Jharsuguda

Rev. Nelson Torro

14-2-97

+ 17.02.97

जी० ई० पला० चर्च मरसुगडा
दिनांक 13-2-97,

पावे

Most-Rev. C. S. R. Topno
Moderator of G. E. L. Church Ranchi.

महोदय - आप को खबर करता हूँ कि
मरसुगडा पैरिस ओ मर्नेगत जो गौसुरा
पादरीपन का पाद्री Rev. James Topno
का पेन्सन 11-11-96 को हो गया है।

माजी है कि पाद्री James Topno
को पम्पटेन्सन ओ लिचे प्रेक्षा दिना
का। मजी तक पादरीपन ओ मर्नेगत
बीक ही ले काम करने सक रहा है।
जिसे उरार का दुर्बलता नही दिखाई
देता है।

माप का सदस्य
Parish Chairman
G. E. L. CHURCH
Jharsuguda

Rev. Nelson Topno

Topno
17.02.97



जी० ई० एल० चर्च लब्राखमन
ए फरवरी १९९७ ई० ।

आति महान विद्याप महीदय
साउथ वेस्ट इण्डोसिस,
एवं

मोडरेटर जी० ई० एल० चर्च राँची
आपको यीभुमहाय ।

महाशाय,

आपसे विनित अजी है कि-
हम लब्राखमन प्रिन्स गिर्जि धर की
अगापी ३० दिसम्बर ९७ मंगलवार की
प्रसंकार करने का अयोजन तथा तारिख
निर्धारित किये हैं । अतएव आप से
सविनय निमंत्रण है कि उक्त कार्यवाही
के निमित्त समय प्रदान करें तथा आने का
कष्ट उठावें ।

सेवा में आपका विश्वास्त

लब्राखमन मंडली

Secretary

G. E. I. CHURCH

Lebrahman Dist.

2-2-97

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T. K. S.

Ph : 309624



OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

ENGLISH MEDIUM, CO-EDUCATION.
Old H. B. Road, Ranchi-1

Ref. No.....

Date 24.2.1997.

"FOUNDATION STONE & BLESSING CEREMONY OF SENIOR SECTION & HOSTEL"

PROGRAMME:

1. ARRIVAL OF THE CHIEF GUEST
2. WELCOME SPEECH
3. WELCOME SONG - BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN
4. LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE-BY THE CHIEF GUEST
5. HYMNS & OPENING PRAYER-BY REV. N.TOPNO, DEAN. G.E.L. CHURCH
6. UNVEILING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE-- BY THE MOST REV.C.S.R. TOPNO, MODERATER G.E.L.CHURCH, CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.
7. PRAYER & BLESSING - BY THE MODERATER
8. SPEECHES - FEW WORDS BY THE REV. C.K.PAUL SINGH, DIRECTOR, H.R.D.C. G.E.L. CHURCH
9. VOTE OF THANKS - BY THE PRINCIPAL.

Letter No.....

Date... 7th June '07

आदरणीय लोपना जी,

जोधर ।

श्रीमति सावित्री डेम्ब्रम मेरे अनिच्छित मित्र
की पत्नी हैं एवं स्थानीय महिला हैं, उन्होंने आपके
बीकड. कॉलेज में इस वर्ष नामांकन के लिए आवेदन
दिया है।

आशा है कि आप सहानुभूति पूर्वक
ध्यान देकर कृपया नामांकन करा देंगे ।

f Rfms

मिवर
08/06/07

50th Independence Day Celebration-1997
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Venue : Gossner Middle School Ground, Ranchi.
Time : 8.30 A.M.

Chief Guest :- Prof.(Dr.) D.P.Gupta, Vice-Chancellor
Ranchi University.

Programmes:

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|-----|---------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Welcome of Chief Guest | : | Bethesda Teachers' Training College. |
| 2. | Welcome Song | : | Elizabeth Girls' High School. |
| 3. | Opening Prayer | : | Rev.J.Lakra, Hd.Qr.Cong. |
| 4. | Welcome Address & Message | : | Rt.Rev.C.S.R.Topno, Moderator G.E.L.C. |
| 5. | <u>Flag Hoisting</u> | : | By Chief Guest |
| 6. | National Anthem | : | Bethesda Girls' High School. |
| 7. | Inspection of Parade | : | By Chief Guest - accompanied by Sri A.Khess, Secretary,CRC. |
| 8. | March Past | : | Students of School & Colleges. |
| 9. | Message | : | By Chief Guest |
| 10. | Display | : | Students of School & Colleges. |
| 11. | Vote of thanks | : | Rev.Dr.R.Dang, Principal, Gossner Theol.College. |
| 12. | Benediction | : | Moderator, G.E.L. Church. |

Commander - Sri Sharan Kandulna, Gossner High School
Announcer - Mr.P.K.David & | Deptt.of English,
Mrs.E.M.Kisku | Gossner College
Flag Preparation - Scouts & Guide





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5th May, 1997

Dear Ecumenical Colleague,

Greetings from NCCI.

IBRA Notes have helped many to understand the Word of God meaningfully. We are pleased to send you a copy of the WORDS FOR TODAY 1997 for your daily use. We know that this gift reaches you slightly delayed. However, we are sure that for the rest of the year you will be able to use it diligently.

We are sending these Notes on behalf of the All India Sunday School Association (AISSA), a Related Agency of the NCCI. We request you to kindly send a small donation to subsidise the printing expenses of this book to :

All India Sunday School Association
P.O. Box 2099
Secunderabad, A. P.

Please reserve your copy of WORDS FOR TODAY 1998 now itself.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

IPE JOSEPH
General Secretary



PHONE : 201720

Young Men's Christian Association

(REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETY REGISTRATION ACT 21 OF 1860)

JOHANNESSEN BUILDING, OLD HAZARIBAGH ROAD, RANCHI-834001

FAX No 0651-202471

Ref. No.

Date

To,
The President
Members of the BOARD OF DIRECTOR,
Executive Secretaries and
Uni-Y Members

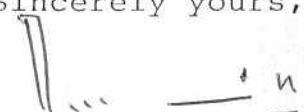
Sub: Eastern India Regional Meeting on 28th and
29th of June 1997 at YMCA VTC Ranchi

Dear Friends,

The Eastern India YMCA Regional Meeting will be held at Ranchi from the 28th to 29th of June, 1997. The venue is YMCA Vocational Training Center, Kantatoli, Ranchi. We are expecting few Leaders of North and Central Regions of YMCAs of India will take part at this meeting. In addition, Mr. Egbert Samraj, National General Secretary National Council of YMCAs of India will be present during the two days meeting, On behalf of the YMCA Ranchi, I request you to represent the YMCA Ranchi and participate at the Regional Meeting.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


(Nityanand Naik)
General Secretary

सेला में

श्री मान मोडरेटर महोदय,

सेनट्रल कॉन्सिल ऑफिस
जो ३० एल० चर्च रॉची.

महाशय,

साविनय निवेदन यह है कि मेरा आचानक
तबियत खराब हो जाने के कारण मैं अपने
कार्य में उपस्थित नहीं हो पा रहा हूँ।

अतः श्रीमान से नम्र निवेदन है
कि मुझे छुट्टी देने की कृपा करें।

अतः आप के इस महान कार्य के लिये
मैं सदा आपका आभारी बना रहूँगा।

आप का विश्वस्त

राजेश लच्छा

28-2-97

11.03.97.

SAMPURNA

*Holistic Counselling, Health
and
Meditation Centre*



for me 11:35+

PROGRAMME
1997-98

Montfort College
Old Madras Road, Indira Nagar
Bangalore - 560 038, India
Telefax : (080) 528 3320

SAMPURNA stands for "Wholeness of life". A sadhaka or seeker, who comes to Sampurna undergoes a metamorphosis and experiences an inward flowering, turning his/her self to the Divine which leads to fulfillment of one's life. Sampurna is concerned with the true welfare of the seeker, leading him/her to Self Actualization and Self Transcendence.

Sampurna Programmes Facilitate:

- Self-awareness,
- Inner healing,
- Holistic growth,
- Better Intra and Interpersonal Interaction,
- Identification and development of inborn potentials for optimal growth,
- Experience of deep inner transformation,
- Self-actualisation, and Psycho-Spiritual Integration.

Basic Skills in Counselling (BSC)

April 7th to 19th

This course is designed to facilitate:

- Personal growth through focus on one's belief systems that can block/facilitate the growth process.

- The training in skills through theory and practice of basic counselling skills and person centered counselling.

This course also prepares participants to pursue further training in Counselling.

Course Fee: Rs. 650 + Board & Lodge Rs. 1300.

Second Career Planning (SCP)

(For Good Shepherd Sisters)

April 13-15

Self-Awareness for Personal Growth (SAPG)

(Recommended for those who apply for HPC)

(1) Apr 28th to 3rd May

(2) May 12th to 17th May

- To know more about one's personality
- Utilizing this awareness for changing behaviour pattern.

Course Fee: Rs.300 + Board & Lodge Rs.600

Training in Communication Skills (TCS)

May 26th to 31st

This course is designed to help participants-

- Assess their existing communication skills,
- Learn the theory of Win-Win Communication through Assertiveness,
- Experiential training for Communicating effectively.

Recommended for Couples, Youth, Employers, Employees and Teachers.

Course Fee: Rs.300 + Board & Lodge Rs.600

Age: above 18 years.

Holistic Psychological Counselling (HPC)

June 97 to March 98

This course aims at training men and women to:

- become integrated persons,
- have a holistic approach to life and life's problems.

(contd.....)

- become effective leaders and resource persons,
- help transform systems,
- introduce counselling in the fields of :-
 - education,
 - pastoral care/formation
 - marriage & family,
 - substance abuse, or
 - industrial and labour relations

Contents

The aim is achieved through:

- Various programmes for self-awareness leading to inner healing,
- individual and group counselling,
- Zen and other forms of meditation,
- training in Holistic healing,
- Yoga therapy
- theory and practice of basic counselling skills,
- exposure to other major schools of counselling.

Admission

Preference will be given to those who have done Self-Awareness for Personal Growth (SAPG) course.

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Courses begin in the morning of the given date of commencement (the date of arrival is the previous day) and concludes by lunch time on the last day of the course.

[Lay people who are not sponsored may be able to avail of partial scholarship]

For application / prospectus please write to:

The Director,

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Old Madras Road, Indiranagar

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GURUKUL LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dr. K. Rajaratnam

Director

March 3, 1997

Rev. Dr. D. W. Jesudoss

B.A., B.T., D.Th. (Germany)

Principal

Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
G.E.L.C. Office
Ranchi 834 001
Bihar.

Respected Moderator,

Thank you for your letter dated 14-2-1997 inviting me to be a Resource Person in the Pastors' Seminar to be held at Ranchi from 12-14th March 1997.

It would have been an excellent experience for me to get to know the Pastors of your Church and the situation there but for the commitments that I have already made during that time. We have the Graduate Committee on 11th, Staff Council on 14th March where my presence is essential as it would deal with the finalizing of the list of graduating students of this year and also the grant of admission to new students who will be joining from next June. Apart from this I have a commitment to give information about Gurukul to the India Secretary of the Church of Sweden and also I am supposed to have a meeting with him regarding TELC matter.

Therefore, I request you to kindly excuse me this time. The paper which I presented on Episcopacy, unfortunately being the only copy, is not with me. I hope it is in the UELCI office.

This for the present and with best wishes for a successful Pastors' Seminar,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. D.W. JESUDOSS)
PRINCIPAL

c.c. Director, Gurukul
" Executive Secretary, UELCI.



Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno
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College of Nursing
Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore:632004

Applications are invited for the following courses commencing in June 1997.

PROGRAMME

APPLICATION FEE

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| i. B.Sc. for Trained Nurses | Rs.100/- |
| ii. M.Sc. Nursing | Rs.100/- |
| iii. Post Diploma Nursing Programmes | Rs. 60/- |
- a) Operating Room Technique and Management
b) Critical Care Nursing
c) Psychiatric Nursing
d) Community Health Nursing including Family Planning
e) Paediatric Nursing

I. B.Sc. for Trained Nurses (2 years)

Eligibility

1. Must be a Diploma holder in Nursing
2. Must be a registered nurse and midwife registered with the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council or equivalent.
3. Two (2) years of experience as a nurse subsequent to registration as a nurse.
4. Male nurse candidate registered with State Nurses Registration Council shall produce evidence of having been trained in any of the requisite training approved by the Indian Nursing Council for a duration of 6 months in lieu of Midwifery.
5. Candidates who have passed the Higher Secondary School Examination (Academic) of Tamil Nadu or equivalent thereto of any other State with Physics and Chemistry as subjects of study shall be exempted from undergoing the course of study, training and examination in the above two science subjects.
6. All candidates who are finally selected have to submit the eligibility certificate from The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University, Madras.

II. M.Sc. Nursing (2 years)

Eligibility

1. Candidates should have passed the B.Sc.Degree Programme in Nursing of the University of Madras or Tamil Nadu M.G.R. Medical University or any other University recognised by the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Madras.
2. Candidates should have had 2 years of experience in any teaching hospital or in a College / School of Nursing or in a Community Health Programme.
3. Male candidates should have passed any other subject prescribed instead of Midwifery.
4. Candidates should be a registered nurse and registered Midwife.

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5. Preference will be given to those with experience in the clinical areas in which they wish to specialise.
6. All candidates who are finally selected have to submit the eligibility certificate from The Tamil Nadu M.G.R. Medical University.

III. Post Diploma Programme (12 months)

Eligibility

1. Must be a registered nurse
2. Must have had 1 year experience as Staff Nurse
3. Candidates for Operating Room Technique and Management Programme should have experience in Operating Room.
4. Preference will be given to those who have experience in the clinical area of interest.

Last date for receiving filled in application for all the above Programmes : March 25, 1997

All application forms can be obtained on request from the

Dean
College of Nursing
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by sending the prescribed fee in favour of CMC Vellore Association account specifying the course for which you need the application form.

ONLY BANK DRAFT WILL BE ACCEPTED.
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March 6, 1997

The Rt. Rev. L.V. Azariah, B.Sc., B.D., M.Th.

(Bishop Emeritus, CSI Rayalaseema Diocese)

Bursar (Res. Tel. 642 5570)

To

Bishop CSR Topno
Pramukh Adhyaksh
GELC Compound
Main Road, RANCHI - 834 001, Bihar

Dear brother Bishop Topno:

Medical Expenses. Rev Jolen Topno. Rs. 895.70

The Rev Jolen Topno was sick recently and he took medical treatment for boils on his chest. Now he is well.

His medicines for his treatment from 5th to 18th February 97 cost Rs. 895.70.

Kindly send this money immediately as his bills have to be settled by the end of this month positively.

Thank you. God bless

sincerely

+ L.V. Azariah
Bishop

Bishop L.V. Azariah
Bursar

c: Mr G Titu
General Secretary
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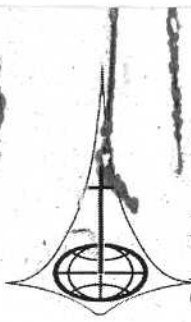


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THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - FEDERACIÓN LUTERANA MUNDIAL - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

General Secretariat - Office for Personnel

Date: February 1997

To : LWF Member Churches
LWF National Committees
LWF Related Agencies
LWF/DWS Field Offices

Re : Vacancies.

Dear Friends,

We would like to bring to your attention the following vacant positions at our headquarters in Geneva:

1. Program Secretary/ Training and Exchange in the Department for World Service.
2. Area Secretary for Europe in the Department for Mission and Development.
3. Area Secretary for Asia in the Department for Mission and Development.
4. Director and Editor-in-Chief in the Office for Communication Services.
5. Assistant Editor-Information (English) in the Office for Communication Services.

The closing date for each of these positions is May 15, 1997.

In addition, we would like to inform you that we are still accepting nominations/applications for the position of Program Secretary/ Rehabilitation and Environment in the Department for World Service. The vacancy announcement for this position was already shared with you in January.

We would like to encourage you to share the notice of these vacant positions within your constituency and thank you in advance for your help and cooperation in finding qualified individuals.

With kind regards,

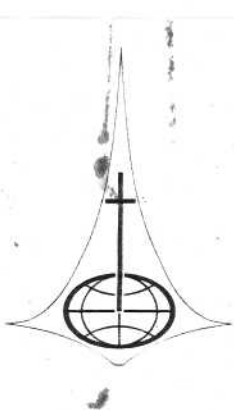
Yours sincerely,

Gertrude Livernois
11.03.97

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Director for Personnel

cc: Dr. Ishmael Noko
LWF Cabinet

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Office for Personnel

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Program Secretary/ Training and Exchange Department for World Service
Place of Assignment	Geneva, Switzerland
Starting date	Negotiable Position will become vacant in November 1997.
Duration of contract	Initial contract of 4 years

Special Qualifications

University degree in education, development studies, management, social studies or related field. Several years of experience in development-related work, project planning and management with NGOs or UN agencies in development countries, including preferably as head of a field program. Knowledge of LWF related agencies and ecumenical partners. Experience in education, training or staff development is desirable. Fluency in English. Working knowledge of one or more languages extensively used in LWF work would be an advantage.

Strong organizational and communication skills. Strong people management skills with a commitment to effective team work. Ability to work under time constraints and pressure. Computer skills. Church endorsement is required for this post.

Closing date

Nominations / Applications should be sent to the LWF Office for Personnel in Geneva

by

May 15, 1997

to

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Lutheran World Federation
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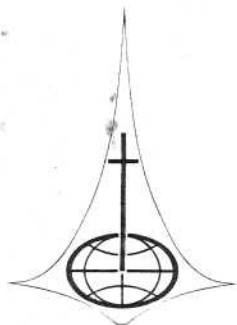
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Through written communications and fostering the exchange of training techniques and know-how among field offices these objectives will be promoted. Within reasonable budget provisions it will not be possible for all 5'500 national field staff to benefit directly from training programs, however, by keeping an overview of such activities in the field the attention given to these tasks will be assessed.

"Strategies, policy ... Framework."

Main Duties:

1. Coordinates and monitors three to five LWF/WS service programs encouraging effective implementation with a participatory approach and a responsible use of resources using the Planning and Monitoring System (PMS) in achieving these goals;
2. ensures that program implementation is in conformity with agreed-upon plans and the overall budgetary and financial provisions as approved by the Program Committee on World Service;
3. ensures that the program and project proposals are submitted by the respective field offices in time and proper form and correspond to the PMS requirements; reviews the proposals received and prepares these for processing according to LWF/WS procedures;
4. promotes the involvement of local partners, especially churches and their agencies, where applicable, in the implementation of the field programs;
5. maintains the necessary contact with the LWF/WS field offices concerned through communication and visits to program countries to effectively monitor the programs as desk officer;
6. ensures that regular timely reporting on program and project implementation is received from the field offices concerned, studies and analyses such reports bringing noteworthy trends and developments to the attention of the department director;
7. maintains contact with related agencies, donors and program partners and provides these with relevant information on program and project developments; ensures the forwarding of reports to related agencies, donors and program partners as required;
8. keeps abreast with training and other staff development activities in field programs, analyses impact as a means of monitoring attention given to such activities in the various field programs;
9. shares information assembled on staff development programs with all field programs on a selective basis in order to stimulate such activities; uses assembled information as a resource base for the department as a whole on training activities and prepares periodical reports on same and functions as resource for the department;
10. draws on trainers in field programs to conduct seminars and workshops;
11. fosters experience exchange by monitoring field offices' interaction with local partners and establishes potential for local partners to provide similar inputs through their own development activities and existing training institutions, and works in close liaison with other desk officers and the field offices in achieving these goals;
12. keeps abreast with staff development activities of other similar organizations, reviews information that comes to the attention of LWF/WS and shares insights within the department so that they may be considered for application to LWF/WS programs as appropriate.



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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Office for Personnel

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Area Secretary for Europe Department for Mission and Development
Place of Assignment	Geneva, Switzerland
Starting date	Negotiable Position will become vacant in November 1997.
Duration of contract	Initial contract of 4 years

Special Qualifications

University degree in theology or equivalent. Several years of experience in a position involving mission, evangelism, as well as planning, administration and/or management of mission or church-related development projects/programs with LWF member church, mission society, related agency or ecumenical organization in an international environment.

Fluency in English and German. Working knowledge of one of the languages spoken in the geographical region is desirable. Strong organizational and communication skills. Strong people management skills with a commitment to effective team work. Ability to work under time constraints and pressure. Computer skills. Church endorsement is required for this post.

Closing date

Nominations / Applications should be sent to the LWF Office for Personnel in Geneva

by

May 15, 1997

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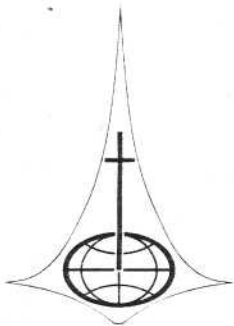
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Main Duties:

1. Plans, organizes and supervises the work of the Europe area desk, delegating specific responsibilities to staff in the unit;
2. maintains contact with member churches, mission societies and donor agencies, facilitates the establishment of contact among member churches and congregations in the region and with the whole LWF organization;
3. collects information on the life and work of LWF member churches and recognized congregations in Europe, keeps abreast of relevant developments in the region and shares information with departmental staff and staff in other departments/units;
4. undertakes regular visits to member churches in Europe, makes field trips to projects and programs and interprets LWF policies and decisions;
5. assumes responsibility for external representation of the area;
6. studies and assesses program and project requests; consults the Associate Director for Project Coordination and Administration in the processing of project application and coordinates follow-up action with the Assistant Area Secretary;
7. advocates and promotes in the discharge of his/her assignment the participation of women, men, youth and persons with disabling conditions in projects and programs where and whenever feasible;
8. initiates and provides consultative services as requested to member churches and congregations in the region as well as to other departments/units;
9. initiates, plans and organizes in cooperation with member churches, congregations and/or ecumenical partner organizations regional or sub-regional conferences, workshops, seminars and other meetings promoting unity and joint action for witness and service;
10. prepares the annual Statement of Needs relating to the work of the area desk.

Major Challenge:

To provide liaison and resource between LWF and member churches and Lutheran congregations in Europe in areas of evangelization, mission, communication and development, to promote the growth of communion among churches and to strengthen leadership and self-reliance within the churches while facing financial and other constraints.



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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Office for Personnel

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Area Secretary for Asia Department for Mission and Development
Place of Assignment	Geneva, Switzerland
Starting date	Negotiable Position will become vacant in January 1998.
Duration of contract	Initial contract of 4 years

Special Qualifications

University degree in theology or equivalent. Several years of experience in a position involving mission, evangelism, as well as planning, administration and/or management of mission or church-related development projects/programs with LWF member church, mission society, related agency or ecumenical organization in an international environment.

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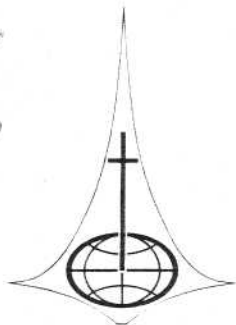
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Main Duties:

1. Plans, organizes and supervises the work of the Asia area desk, delegating specific responsibilities to staff in the unit;
2. maintains contact with member churches, mission societies and donor agencies, facilitates the establishment of contact among member churches and congregations in the region and with the whole LWF organization;
3. collects information on the life and work of LWF member churches and recognized congregations in Asia and in the Middle East, keeps abreast of relevant developments in the region and shares information with departmental staff and staff in other departments/units;
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Major Challenge:

To provide liaison and resource between LWF and member churches and Lutheran congregations in Asia and in the Middle East in areas of evangelization, mission, communication and development, to promote the growth of communion among churches and to strengthen leadership and self-reliance within the churches while facing financial and other constraints.



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Office for Personnel

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Director and Editor-in-Chief Office for Communication Services
Place of Assignment	Geneva, Switzerland
Starting date	Negotiable Position will become vacant in January 1998.
Duration of contract	Initial contract of 4 years

Special Qualifications

University degree in communication/journalism, liberal arts, political science or other related field. Extensive experience in a senior position involving reporting, writing and editing, as well as planning, directing and supervising communication services, preferably in a church-related or national/international organization.

Proficiency in English and fluency in German. Working knowledge of French is desirable. Strong organizational and communication skills. Strong people management skills with a commitment to effective team work. Ability to work under time constraints and pressure. Computer skills. Church endorsement is required for this post.

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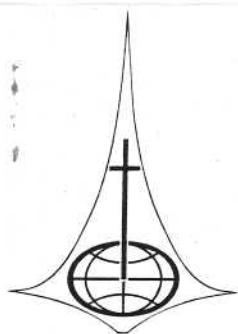
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February 1997

Main Duties:

1. Plans, organizes and supervises work of Office for Communication Services, delegating specific responsibilities to staff in unit, fostering unity of purpose, coordination and team spirit;
2. as Editor-in-Chief with overall responsibility for the LWF news and information services, assumes also responsibility for correctness of news and information material selected and/or written by staff in unit;
3. develops plans for the dissemination of LWF news and information as well as publication policies and programs in consultation with the General Secretary; consults with and advises the latter on matters of press relations and interpretation;
4. coordinates output of English and German information desks;
5. assumes functions of spokesperson for the LWF as delegated by the General Secretary;
6. serves as chief press officer of LWF; maintains links with other news services; responds to press inquiries for information, supervises the selection, revision and distribution of LWF press material for publication in LWF and other publications and generally ensures adequate news and information service to different audiences;
7. ensures adequate coverage of meetings of LWF decision-making bodies, member church or ecumenical events; attends public functions and seeks information from other sources; solicits articles from sources within and outside the LWF;
8. writes articles, reports and commentaries; interprets facts relating to LWF bearing in mind overall interests of the organization; appraises manuscripts or other material submitted for publication; makes recommendations for alterations and edits or supervises the editing of material by others;
9. scans newspapers, magazines and news-services for articles of interest to other units of LWF; develops material promoting the work of LWF;
10. serves as liaison with others who have communication responsibilities within LWF, particularly the desk for Communication Consultancy in the Department for Mission and Development;
11. represents unit on Cabinet and on LWF Staff Editorial Committee.



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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Office for Personnel

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Assistant Editor-Information (English) Office for Communication Services
Place of Assignment	Geneva, Switzerland
Starting date	Negotiable
Duration of contract	Initial contract of 4 years

Special Qualifications

University degree in communication/journalism, liberal arts, political science or other related field. Several years of working experience in a function involving reporting, writing and editing, preferably in a church-related or other organizational environment.

Proficiency in English (preferably mother tongue) and good command of written and spoken German. Working knowledge of French is desirable. Strong organizational and communication skills. Commitment to effective team work. Ability to work under time constraints and pressure. Knowledge of computerized communication systems. Church endorsement is required for this post.

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Main Duties:

1. in coordination with the German-language information service assumes responsibility for regular news and information output in English;
2. assumes responsibility for the production and dispatch of the "LWI" and "LWF Today";
3. prepares annual Index of "LWI" English edition;
4. covers meetings, conducts interviews in English and in German, writes and edits articles and other material for publication in both English and German;
5. assumes responsibility for reporting on events of global interest to the constituency of LWF;
6. scans electronic news services, newspapers and magazines in different languages for articles of interest to other units of the LWF;
7. formats news and information material on computer and transmits them by electronic means to recipients;
8. maintains and develops contacts with and provides information to journalists;
9. creates media awareness in the Geneva secretariat;
10. handles own correspondence related to his/her activities;
11. discharges other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Editor-in-chief and, as requested, deputizes for the latter from time to time during his/her absence

MAJOR CHALLENGE

To assist in promoting in a professional and responsible manner the presentation of the life and work of the Lutheran World Federation and its member churches within the context of the total ecumenical movement and relevant world affairs to the general public, the media, ecumenical and other organizations as well as to the LWF member churches.

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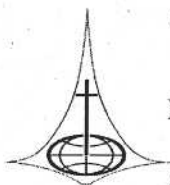
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Department for Mission and Development - Asia Desk

To: Participants, Churches, and
Theological Institutions

24 July 1997

Re: Reports of the Asia Pre-Assembly and the
Workshop on the Stewardship of God's Creation

Dear Friends:

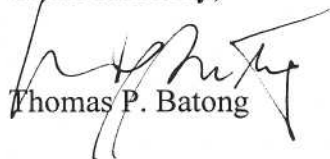
Enclosed please find the reports of the Consultation/Workshop on the Stewardship of God's Creation and the Asia Pre-Assembly. These are being shared with you for information and for follow-up and action on the pertinent issues and recommendations contained in these reports. Those of you who were at the assembly in Hong Kong will recall that some of the subjects were discussed in the issue groups.

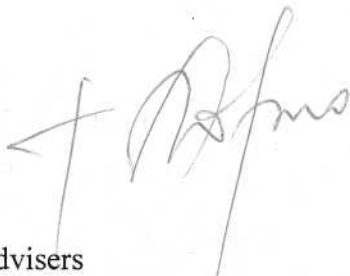
In the "Statement" arising from the workshop on the Stewardship of God's Creation, No. 4 under "Action Plan", we have asked Dr. Norman Habel of Australia to develop a Biblical study material. He has already prepared a tentative outline with several lessons. However, this project needs some financial assistance for its publication. This Bible study material is designed for use in congregations, seminaries, and even in schools. It is our hope that this gets published in 1998 if not earlier.

Let me share with you one common question after any big conference, consultation or workshop. "What happens to all the resolutions, recommendations, statements made in these big gatherings?" Implementation is of course one of the main drawbacks. Therefore it is but incumbent upon all concerned to make the follow-ups in their respective local situation. Churches may differ in their priorities and levels of capacity to implement some of the recommendations, but it is always a challenge to pick one or a few and get the local congregations and local people benefit from the outcome of these meetings. Unfortunately, these come in a foreign language (English) which will necessitate translations if the local people are to benefit. We leave it to you to find appropriate ways of disseminating the information and implementing programs in your own context.

Thank you again and may the Lord bless and guide your ministry.

Yours sincerely,


Thomas P. Batong



cc: Asia LWF Council members/advisers
Mission Partners, WS Asia

**LWF/DMD Workshop on Stewardship of God's Creation
November 22-26, 1996, Singapore**

STATEMENT

The delegates from Lutheran member churches in Asia and representatives from North America and Europe, meeting together in the Republic of Singapore for the LWF Workshop on Stewardship of God's Creation, November 22-26, 1996, thankful to God for this opportunity, offer the following statement of recommendations and suggestions for concrete action by the churches and the community:

I Preamble

In the 1990's, the APATS (Asian Program for the Advancement of Training and Studies) Central Committee proposed and made plans for a series of workshops which were approved at the Asian Church Leaders' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1991. The present workshop is the third and final one in the series.

The objective of this workshop is not to once again produce a multitude of documents, papers and studies. Rather, it is hoped that creative and innovative programs and projects might evolve out of the discussions and presentations. Practical and concrete ways of facing the environmental crisis are presented so that member churches might be able to establish a witness to the world of the Christian care and concern for God's creation not only for the present generation but for those generations yet to be born.

Analysis of the state of the earth in the Asia region led to an increased awareness of the urgency to address the environmental crisis, the depth of degradation of many areas of the earth and the complexity of the links between ecology, economy and social justice. Papers which addressed these include:

"Indigenous People's Approaches to Sustaining God's Creation" (Rev. Obdiniko Gorda, India)

"Ecology & Environment in Relation to Politics and Economics" (Dr. Bistok Sitorus, Indonesia)

"The Role of Theological and Christian Education in the Stewardship of God's Creation" (Dr. Sun-Hoi Kim, Korea)

"Women and Care of God's Creation" (Ms. Rita Missal, LWF World Serice, India)

"Environmental Impact Assessment" (Mr. Philip Wijmans, LLWF World Sercie, Cambodia)

In addition, there were reports on environmental issues in several regions, including North America, Europe and India:

Europe: Rev. Ms. Hildegunde Sames, Germany

North America: Dr. Ms. Belletech Deressa, USA

India: Dr. Kunchala Rajaratnam (video presentation on WIDA project)

This analysis of environmental issues in creation was grounded in a study of Biblical texts and Lutheran theology. The keynote address by Dr. Norman Habel and a paper by Dr. Viggo Mortensen focused on this theological background:

“The Earth is the Lord’s and Fullness Thereof” (Dr. Norman Habel)

“Christian Ethics and the Preservation of Life” (Dr. Viggo Mortensen).

II Recommendations

Fifteen major points or issues were raised during the time of the workshop. These are listed below. They are not in any order of priority:

1. The issue of women, women’s rights and concerns needs to be addressed in relationship to these environmental issues. They reflect the cry of creation and are suffering with the degradation of the environment.
2. There be an increased level of consciousness among the Lutheran community in Asia, the Pacific region, and beyond on the impacts of ecological and environmental degradation (e.g. deforestation, polluted water).
3. The issue of consumerism and the subsequent concepts of waste and greed needs to be addressed by the churches.
4. The issue of the plight of the minorities and suffering peoples, those who are close to the earth and suffer with the environment, e.g. Dalits and indigenous peoples, be raised widely throughout the member churches.
5. Further study and discussion of the relationship between politics, economics and the environmental crisis be carried on and the implications of particular economic policies and development projects on the environment be studied.
6. Ecology and environmental issues be a vital part of theological education (e.g. curriculum and course contents).
7. Environmental education penetrate all levels of the community (e.g. in local Sunday Schools , including children at the grass roots level.
8. The issues of sustaining and protecting God’s creation be a major factor in programs sponsored by the churches.
9. Networking between NGOs, member churches, and appropriate government bodies in the field of environmental issues be promoted.
10. The full threat of nuclear power be explored and the hidden dangers be made known

by experts.

11. We strongly support the ban on land mines and chemical weapons and the programs to remove the land mines from many places in the world, with particular reference at this time to Cambodia.
12. We support legislation in home countries and operating countries to guarantee that logging and mining companies restore the balance of the ecosystem and that they strictly adhere to the prevailing legislation both in the home country and in the operating country with reference to environmental issues.
13. We recognize that the environmental crisis affects the health of human life and nature in many ways, some of which are still undetected.
14. A deeper awareness that unrestricted use of pesticides and chemicals in many places throughout the world has polluted much of the environment, especially waterways and seas.
15. Promotion of small scale farming to improve long term food security for the world.

III Action Plan

We agree that the issues discussed above can be considered for action in the following ways:

1. Week-long programs which focus on our concern for creation be observed annually throughout member churches. This observance should include such things as awareness, tree planting, liturgies, clean-up programs, fasting. It is suggested from Sunday to Sunday. The first Sunday focus is to be on the crisis, the second on celebration of creation.
2. The development and possible revision of curriculum about creation and ecology for use in seminaries, theological colleges and other educational institutions.
3. The development of study materials which raise awareness of the environmental issues presented above.
4. The development of Biblical study materials which explore the relationship between creation, ecology and environmental issues.
5. LWF facilitate the training of local resource persons to promote the development of awareness in local areas (regional training areas) and to assist local congregations (using the study material developed above).
6. Dissemination of information about these issues be presented in the media (especially church-related media).

7. Recycling of materials be fostered among local congregations.
8. LWF, national and regional churches and appropriate ecumenical bodies be encouraged to support local churches in advocacy programs with relevant authorities in relationship to environmental problems.
9. Member churches which constitute a majority of the population and those which are in a minority should be enabled to voice concern for environmental degradation in their respective countries, both from positions of strength as well as weakness.
10. LWF assist regional member churches to find alternative environmentally friendly development projects.

Korocho Perish Council

By Diocis Member,

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मोडरेटर, जी. ई. एल. चर्च कौंसिल रांची,

महोदय,

सविनय निवेदन है कि वर्तमान कालीआ को स्थिति विगाड़ती जा रही है। इस प्रश्नासन को सोचना होगा कि आन्वी कायम कैसे हो?

- ① मध्य डायसीस का अब तक विधाय चुनाव नहीं हुआ है।
- ② कौरोचो पेरिश (पस्टोरेट) के जातिगत स्वामी लोग अलग हो कर मध्य डायसीस में शामिल होकर, मध्य डायसीस ही नहीं बल्कि सम्पूर्ण कालीआ को अबाधित बनाये हुए। इनपर किसी तरह की कहरवाड़ी नहीं। पाद्री मनोहर टेरे को निलम्बित हैं। फिर आदी लाईयेन्स नहीं है। फिर आदी दिए जा रहे हैं और सभी तरह के पुरोहिताई कार्य भाड़ी-वहनों को बीच कर रहे हैं और भाड़ी-वहन ग्रहण करते जा रहे हैं। जब भाड़ी-वहनों का सभी प्रकार के काम सम्पन्न हो रहा है तो कैसे वापस हो सकते हैं? इस

सिद्धान्तों कि मध्य डायसीस में नही जाने वालों की परिवार संख्या 803 दिखाई है।

मध्य डायसीस में मिलाने पर भी वः खी डायसीस छोड़कर नहीं जा सकते हैं।

इसलिए आन्ही स्थापित करने का रखे रस्ता
है कि मध्य डायसीस में सदस्यता न दें या शामिल न.
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आपका विश्वासी

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Korompo Parish Council

Executive Director S.E.D

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

Rev. A.G. Augustine Jeyakumar
Project Officer

Dated: 26.02.1997

Mrs.S.Topno
Principal
Gossner College
GEL Church Compound
Main Road, Ranchi-834001
Bihar.

Dear Mrs.Topno;

Sub:DMD 1465-Gossner College Building-inauguration
date fixed-regarding-

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today Rev.Dr.Prasanna Kumari, Executive Secretary/UELCI called me over phone and informed me that our Director Dr.K.Rajaratnam has fixed 8th April, 1997 for the inauguration of the Gossner College Building.

I request you to kindly make necessary arrangements for the successful function and grand opening. Kindly inform to the Heads of Churches of GELC and NWGELC and related people.

With Kind Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Augustine Jeyakumar
Rev. Augustine Jeyakumar,
Project Officer.

cc: The Director, DSA
The Executive Secretary, UELCI
Bishop Rt.Rev.CSR.Topno, GELC
Bishop Rev.Dr.P.D Sunil Tirkey, NWGELC
Mr.Inbaraj Architect
& Mr.Poul Bertelsen, Architect-MSAADA.

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Jesus Calls

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Mr. D. B. Bhuvan Kr.

Convenor for Volunteers,
Counsellors and Choir
Arrangements :
Mr. Sudhir Kumar

4/3/97

To

The Moderator (Rev. C.S.R. Topno)
G.E.C Church
Ranchi,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.
All the churches of Bokaro Steel City have
unitedly organised to have JESUS CALLS
good news meeting from 9th - 13th April 1997
at Bokaro Steel City.

On behalf of the organising committee
I welcome all the members and friends of
G.E.C church to participate in the campaign
and take part in the extension of God's Kingdom.
Dr. D. G. S. Dhingra will be the main speaker in
the inaugural evening meeting.

[Signature]
C.S.R.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
[Signature]
Dr. N. P. Kachchhap
(Convenor for prayer cells)

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd. under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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NORTH WEST DIOCESE
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TREASURER

PAULUS PURTI

To

New Delhi
March 4, 1997.

Rt Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Moderator GEL Church
Ranchi.

Respected Sir,

With reference to your kind letter ref. No.CC-78/61 dated 10-2-97 to attend The Pastors Refresher Course-Cum Church Ministerium which is being held from 11/3/97 to 14/3/97 at G.E.L. Church compound Ranchi. In these days Mr. N.E. Horo (former M.P.) was with us and he pointed out that he will meet the Hon'ble President, Prime Minister, Home Minister and Defence Minister on 11th, 12th and 13th of March 1997 as it will be possible. During our discussion he requested me to accompany with him to deal with Church matter (e.g. occupied land in our Gossnor Compound Ranchi) with the officials. If you agree please give me permission to stay here in Delhi for the task mentioned above.

Otherwise please send me a urgent telegramme at F/16 CIT Building, Christopher Road, Calcutta-14. before 8th of March 1997. Looking forward for your kind reply.

With warm regard.

C.C.Rt. Rev. Belas Lakra
North West Diocese.
G.E.L. Church

Yours faithfully

Rev. J. Borun Biswas

Topno
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March 4, 1997.

From:-

Mr. N.E. Horo
2, Masjid Lane
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New Delhi-110014.

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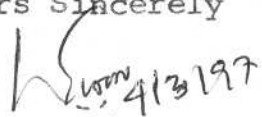
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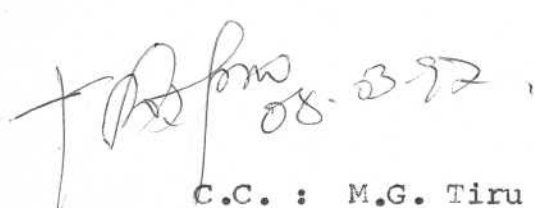
Dear Sir,

I understand that you are holding a pastor's Seminar from 11th to 14th March 1997 at Ranchi in which all pastors are requested urgently to attend. Appointment with Shri. Mulayam Singh, Defence Minister has been fixed at New Delhi on 11th March 1997 and Rev. Borun Biswas's presence is required that means he cannot attend the pastor's Seminar at Ranchi. Moreover he has been helping us in fixing appointments with the prime Minister and the Home Minister on 12th March 1997 in which our church matter also will be discussed.

In view of these could you condone his absence at Ranchi. That will greatly help me personally here.

Yours Sincerely


(N.E.Horo)


C.C. : M.G. Tiru
General Secretary
GEL Church Ranchi.

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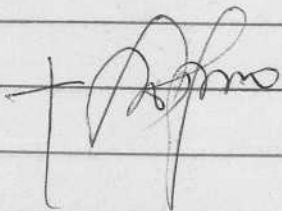
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महाराज,

आप से सविनय निवेदन है कि मैं जी० ई० एस० चर्च का एक सदस्य हूँ। मैं दुमरा टोला, भाना, चिंचा रांघी के रहने वाला निवासी हूँ। मैं अभी डाल्टोंगंज में United Bank of India में Cash Cum General Clerk के रूप में कार्यरत हूँ, मैं आप से सम्पर्क होना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे जी० ई० एस० कलिसिया में जगह-जगह पर सड़ स्कूल के बच्चों एवं युवा सेंटर के माईकबहना को हमारे उद्धार के लिए पुस्तकें के बारे में Black Board पर पुस्तकें के बहाल के विषय बताता सकूँ। इस कार्य के लिये हमें सारा मजदूरी से प्रार्थना है कि हमें अनुमति दी जाय ॥ इस महान् कार्य के लिये मैं आप का सदा आभारी बना रहूँगा।

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United Bank of India
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(Palamanu)



कार्यालय-सचिव, जी०ई०एल०चर्च दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस कदमा, खूंटी

पत्रांक 27/97/एसई०डी०

दिनांक 28.2.97

स्थानान्तरण-आदेश

दक्षिण-पूर्वी डायोसिस कार्यकारिणी समिति बैठक दिनांक 27.2.97 से 28.2.97 में लिये गये निर्णयानुसार निम्नांकित पादरियों/कंडिदों का स्थानान्तरण में जाने वाले सभी पादरी/कंडिद अपनी पस्तोरेत/पेरिश/मंडली का वार्ज पस्तोरेत पेरिश के सक्षम अधिकारी/पदाधिकारी को सौंप देंगे और उनसे कार्य विरमित पत्र और एल०पी०सी० लेकर स्थानान्तरित स्थान में योगदान करेंगे। योगदान पत्र उचित माध्यम द्वारा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में समर्पित करेंगे।

क्र०सं० पादरी/कंडिद का नाम स्थान जहाँ वे कार्यरत हैं स्थान जहाँ योगदान हैसियत करना है

1. पादरी मार्टिन होरो - तपकारा - सरनाटोली - पस्तोरेत चैयरमैन
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नियुक्ति

3. कंडिद जोसेफ कंहीर - एम०एफ वाईबासा - गुआ पस्तोरेत
4. पाद्री जे०एम०तोपनो - बी० डी० विपार्थी - बोकारो स्टील सिटी पेरिश चैयरमैन

आवश्यक निर्देश :-

क० क्र०सं० 1, 2, और 3 - 16.3.97 से स्थानान्तरित स्थान में योगदान करेंगे।

क्र०सं० 4 - 16.4.97 योगदान करेंगे।

ख० जिलिंगकेला पस्तोरेत की सेवकाई अमलेशा पेरिश चैयरमैन जिम्मे कर दिया जाता है।

ग० टी०ए० बिल सोटेस्ट रुट का पारित होगा।

2. ऐसे पादरी जो परिवार के साथ काम के स्थान में वर्तमान में नहीं हैं वे ट्रक का व्यवहार नहीं कर सकते हैं।

3. ट्रांसफर में जाने वाले योगदान करनेवाले पेरिश से टी०ए० बिल या एडभांस लेंगे जो मंडली पैसा की राशि से मिनाह होगा।

4. पेरिश चैयरमैन/पेरिश सचिव की सिफारिश पर विषम महोदय टी०ए० बिल पारित करेंगे।

प्रसिद्धि: सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यार्थ प्रेषित

1. चैयरमैन, दियांकल, सिंढभूम, अमलेशा पेरिश।
2. सचिव/कोषाध्यक्ष, दियांकल, सिंढभूम, अमलेशा बोकारो पेरिश।
3. सचिव/चैयरमैन, गुआ, जिलिंगकेला, तपकारा, सरनाटोली पस्तोरेत।
4. माननीय विषय/कोषाध्यक्ष द०पू० डियोसिस।
5. माननीय मोडरेटर/महासचिव केन्द्रीय परिषद।

॥ Danga ॥
जी०ई०एल०सगा०

सेक्रेटरी

G.E.L. Church Kadma
Khunti (RANCHI)

BOOK-POST



To
Rev. C. S. R. Topwo, Moderator
C.C. Office GEL Church Compound
Ranchi - 834001





GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

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Ref. No. : **CC-43/88**

Date : ~~28-2-97~~
1-3-97

To

All Bishops;
N.E.Diocese
N.W.Diocese
S.E.Diocese
S.W.Diocese ✓
Vice-President:
S.W.Diocese and
Madhya Diocese
Dean: CPC.

Sub : Bishops' Council meeting.

Dear Sir,

The meeting of the Bishops Council of the Church is scheduled to be held on 8th March 1997 at 2 P.M. in the chamber of the Moderator.

You are therefore requested to kindly make it possible for you to be present in the meeting.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Handwritten signature)
(Gerson Itur)
General Secretary,
G.E.L.Church.

08.03.97