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Name CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.

The continued C.C. Executive meeting was held on 9.8.46 at the Council office. The following members were present :-

(1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Moro Treasurer (4) Rev. U.E. Kujur and (5) Mr. J. Barla member.

2. Prayer :- The opening prayer was conducted by Rev. U.E. Kujur.

3. Confirmation of the last minutes :- The last minutes dated 6.8.46 were read and confirmed.

4. "The Jharkhand News" :- Read letter dated 25th June 1946 indicating that the keeper of the Press is responsible for seditious materials in any paper printed in the Press and Resolved that the C.C. is unable to take the responsibility which will devolve on it if the Jharkhand News is printed in the C.E.L. Church Press.

5. "The Kunruk Bible" :- Read the petition dated 22.6.46 from 8 Oran brethren requesting the Oran Bible to be printed and also heard a detail report from Rev. U.E. Kujur who informs the Executive that the New Testament is now ready for printing pending the approval of the Committee. Resolved that the members of the Committee distribute amongst themselves certain number of books to review them and when this is done the Committee as a whole may sit together to consider any question or questions brought up by the members after which the New Testament as a whole be submitted to the Bible Society for printing. This should be done before the end of this year.

6. Increment and Dearness Allowance - (Draft) :- Considering all the applications for increment or dearness allowance coming from all parts of the Church and from all departments, the Executive came to the conclusion that regular increment to the existing ~~xxx~~ salaries of Church workers will be recurring expenses and a ~~xxxxxx~~ constant burden on the Church, the acute situation of the food stuff as it exists to day is extraordinary and unprecedented. Therefore some kind of help in the form of Dearness Allowance seems to be the most reasonable course to take at this juncture. Rs. 12,000/- was asked from the Federation in the Budget for increment and the budget was passed as prayed for. But as indicated above increment will be a risky course therefore it is resolved that instead of giving increment the amount be spent for giving Dearness allowance in a lump sum within the month of August if possible for the situation will remain acute at least till the end of September as it is feared, the amount already spent as increment may be deducted out of the sum of Rs. 12000/-.

(b) It is further resolved that the money be taken from the Board's fund which may be refunded if possible.

(c) It was also suggested that in order to ~~xxxxxx~~ relieve the situation three months' advance ~~xxxx~~ pay may be given to all Church institutions.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Read and confirmed.

Sd. J. Lakra.
4.9.46.

Sd. C.H. Herenz.
Secretary. 9.8.46.

C.C. Executive meeting held in the C.C. office on the 3rd September, 1946.

1. Attendance :- The following members present were :-
(1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Moro Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla member And (5) Rev. U.E. Kujur member.

2. Prayer :- The opening prayer was led by Rev. J. Lakra.

3. Housing of the Pastors during the Pastors' Course : - After short discussion it was decided that :-

- (a) The Pastors be accommodated either in the school building or in the old Hostel if possible.
- (b) and the necessary arrangement be made for latrine etc.
- (c) The Mess arrangement :- Mr. N. Toppe, Babu Daniel Topno be in charge of the Board of the Pastors' class and the Ilaka Chairman be requested to help them with his punch.

4. The Kurukh Bible :- Heard report from Rev. U. K. Kujur that the portions of the New Testament have been distributed to members of the Committee including the Bishop of Chotanagpur for review in order to give final shape for printing. Noted with pleasure.

5. Draft resolution on D. Allowance of 9.8.46 :- The Secretary reports that except Prof. P. C. Hore none of the C. C. members have replied to the circular letters no. 1584-96 dated 12.8.46. Prof. P. C. Hore agrees to the proposal. Mr. Z. Hore the Treasurer is against the proposal. Mr. Z. Hore would request the C. C. to find the deficit of Rs. 16000/- first and then consider any proposal like the above. It must be remembered that if the D. Allowance is to be distributed it cannot be delayed any longer. Distribution, if at all be made it is imperative now, therefore the deficit must be first met and then consider the proposal of Dearness Allowance immediately. There are only three sources from where we can expect the money to come to meet the deficit.

- (a) The Ilakas (b) The Emergency fund and (c) the Property Board.

It is reported that the Ilakas are unable to send any money to the centre. The Emergency fund is now exhausted and no further receipt is expected in the immediate future on this account. Therefore it is resolved that the Property Board be requested to provide Rs. 16000/- to meet the deficit in the Church for 1946 immediately and kindly rescind their resolution dated 30.8.46 regarding the loan of Rs. 16000/-.

- (b) As soon as the Board decides to provide Rs. 16000/- the matter of the Distribution of D. Allowance or increment be placed before the Ministry to seek their advice.

- (c) Advance for Property and Repairs Excess expenditure of Rs. 1673-4-9.

The Treasurer reported that the Council advanced money amounting to Rs. 3500/13/6 on account of new acquisition of Property and repairs, but the Council had only Rs. 1827-8-9 as the total balance from the income of the Property; thus the Board is expected to meet the balance of the total expense which comes to Rs. 1673-4-9 as now the Property income is centralised at the Board Treasury and this a/c in the Council has been closed. The Treasurer further pointed out that out of this amount of Rs. 1673-4-9, a sum of Rs. 900/- is to be provided by the Church Council for which an appeal has been sent to the Federation so the Board has to pay to the Council Rs. 773/4/9 only.

Resolved that the Board be requested to pay to the Council Rs. 773-4-9 only at an early date.

6. Furniture advance :- Discussed and postponed.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Read and confirmed.

Sd. J. Lakra.
4.9.46.

Sd. C. H. Herenz.
Secretary. 3.9.46.

The Executive meeting was continued on 4.9.46 at the office of the Church Council. The following members were present :-

P. T. O.

(1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C. H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. H. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla member and (5) Rev. U. E. Kujur member.

(b) Rev. U. E. Kujur opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

7. Confirmation of the last minutes :- The last two minutes were read and confirmed.

8. Gossner H.E. School furniture :- Mr. J. Barla had reported previously that he made selection of single seated chair desk attached for the seats of the Gossner School classes. This pattern is among the recommendations of the Department. The Secretary and the Treasurer considered the matter and also considered the price of the furniture and they decided a contract of 550 furniture for Rs. 6600/-. The furniture being of two sizes, Senior size 300 and Junior 250. The contractor, Thubermal, Upper Bazar, Ranchi consented to deliver the goods made of seasoned sal wood at the school in the class room after which he will paint the furniture - freight and painting at his own cost.

The contractor was again called at the meeting to-day and was asked to make certain concession if possible. He was unable to make any concession in this particular contract though he promised to help the Church in other ways. Further he also promised to make concession in other contract. Resolved that the above action be approved and suitable arrangement be made to make the payment in instalments as far as possible.

Resolved - The Treasurer be authorised to pay Rs. 2000/- as the 1st instalment to the contractor.

9. C.C. Grant to Schools :- The Headsupervisor brought a scheme whereby a definite sum of grant to each school could be given instead of paying the monthly deficit. The scheme proposes to minimise the grant on the whole and to make the system more simple and constant. This has been based on the budget of the school and also on the exact figures submitted by the schools year by year. According to this the monthly cost of middle school comes to be Rs. 447/-, to primary school, it comes to be Rs. 138/- and for the Girls Schools excepting Bethesda and the Lohardaga Girls M.E. School it comes to be Rs. 63/- p.m. The details are worked out by the Headsupervisor a copy of which is attached herewith. The Headsupervisor further pointed out that the financial situation of the Schools may vary from year to year according to the roll number. Therefore the fixed grant of the C.C. will vary from year to year with a view to gradual scaling down. The local M.C. and the Ilakas must take greater interest in their schools and any further deficit must be met locally. It was pointed out that old schools in old Ilakas should gradually cease to draw C.C. grant, because the new fields and new schools will demand the attention of the Council and the money now spent for the old schools should be transferred to the new ones. Resolved that the plan of the Headsupervisor be approved from June 1946 till further order. The local authorities be requested to meet further deficit.

Monthly Income and Expenditure of the schools on the basis of the figures of last 5 to 7 months 1946.

1. Lohardaga Lutheran M.E. School. Income.		Expenditure	
1. Fees and fines	89-0-0	Salary	211-0-0
2. G.A.	85-0-0	P.F.	7-0-0
3. Ilaka	12-0-0	Priz & Libr.	4-0-0
4. C.C.	62-0-0	B. Repair	10-0-0
		Servant & Cont.	16-0-0
Total		Total	248-0-0

Note :- The special C.C. Grant Rs. 50/- p.m. to be met from the proposed H.E. School fund from next year, 1947.

2. Kinkel Luth. M.E. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines	124-0-0	Salary	182-0-0
2. G.A.	56-0-0	P.F.	5-0-0
3. Ilaka	10-0-0	Prize & Libr.	4-0-0
4. C.C.	27-0-0	B.Repair	10-0-0
		Servant & Cont.	16-0-0
Total	217-0-0	Total	217-0-0

3. Chainpur Luth. M.E. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines	101-0-0	Salary	170-0-0
2. Ilaka	30-0-0	Prize	2-0-0
3. C.C.	48-0-0	Library	2-0-0
		Contingent	5-0-0
Total	179-0-0	Total	179-0-0

Note :- There are seven teachers in the schools, according to the present Roll No., the classes could be managed by six teachers only. One of the teachers may be transferred to Gurila Propped M.E. School.

4. Koronjo Luth. M.E. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines	105-0-0	Salary	193-0-0
2. G.A.	85-0-0	P.F.	5-0-0
3. Ilaka	10-0-0	Prize & Libr.	4-0-0
4. C.C.	28-0-0	B.Repair	10-0-0
		Servant & Cont.	16-0-0
Total	228-0-0	Total	228-0-0

5. Burju Lutheran M.E. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines	75-0-0	Salary	180-0-0
2. G.A.	85-0-0	P.F.	5-0-0
3. Ilaka	10-0-0	B.Repair	10-0-0
4. C.C.	45-0-0	Prize & Libr.	4-0-0
		Servant & Cont.	16-0-0
Total	215-0-0	Total	215-0-0

6. Tokad Luth. M.E. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees M.E. Classes	21-0-0	Salary	160-0-0
2. Subs. Primary Class	26-0-0	P.F.	4-0-0
3. G.A.	35-0-0	B.Repair	18-0-0
4. Ilaka	10-0-0	Prize & Libr.	4-0-0
5. C.C.	100-0-0	Servant & Cont.	16-0-0
Total	192-0-0	Total	192-0-0

7. Kondra Luth. M.V. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines	37-0-0	Salary	115-0-0
2. Subscriptions	19-0-0	Prize	2-0-0
3. D.B. Grant	40-0-0	Library	2-0-0
4. Ilaka	6-0-0	Contingent	5-0-0
5. C.C.	22-0-0	B.Repair	D.B.
Total	124-0-0	Total	124-0-0

Primary Schools.

1. Gumla Luth. U.P. School :-		Income	Expenditure
1. Fees and fines with (extra fees)	31-0-0	Salary	85-0-0
2. D.B. Grant	35-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka Grant	5-0-0		
4. C.C. Grant	16-0-0		
Total	87-0-0	Total	87-0-0

Note :- The school has classes VI and VII taught by these U.P. teachers. Account of income and expenditure of these classes not known.

2. Chiredara Lutheran U.P. School. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Fees and fines	20-0-0	Salary	60-0-0
2. G.A.	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Local Subscript.	4-0-0		
4. C.C.	8-0-0		
Total	62-0-0	Total	62-0-0

3. Amlesara Luth. U.P. School. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Fees & fines with extra fees	11-0-0	Salary	50-0-0
2. D.B. Grant	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka	3-0-0		
4. C.C.	8-0-0		
Total	52-0-0	Total	52-0-0

4. Churdag Luth. U.P. School. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Fees and fines	20-0-0	Salary	62-0-0
2. G.A.	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka local Subscr.	4-0-0		
4. C.C.	10-0-0		
Total	64-0-0	Total	64-0-0

Girls Schools.

1. Khititoli Luth. Girls M.E. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Fees and fines	100-0-0	Salary	190-0-0
2. G.A.	107-0-0	Prize & Li.	
3. Ilaka	10-0-0	Library	4-0-0
4. C.C.	3-0-0	B. Repair	10-0-0
		Servant & Cont.	18-0-0
Total	220-0-0	Total	220-0-0

2. Burju Luth. Girls U.P. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Subscript. & fees	7-0-0	Salary	48-0-0
2. D.B. Grant	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka	3-0-0		
4. C.C.	10-0-0		
Total	50-0-0	Total	50-0-0

3. Takarna Luther. G.S. Income		Expenditure	
1. Subs. (fees)	25-0-0	Salary	63-0-0
2. D.B.	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka	5-0-0		
4. C.C.	35-0-0		
Total	95-0-0	Total	95-0-0

4. Govindpur Luth. G.S. Income		Expenditure.	
1. Subscr. (fees)	24-0-0	Salary	71-0-0
2. D.B. Grant	30-0-0	Contingent	2-0-0
3. Ilaka	4-0-0		
4. C.C.	15-0-0		
Total	73-0-0	Total	73-0-0

5. Lehardaga Lutheran G.S. :- Accounts with C.C.

So the C.C. Grant to the schools should be :-

1. M.E. Schools :-	1. Lehardaga M.E.	62-0-0
	2. Kinkel	27-0-0
	3. Chainpur	48-0-0
	4. Koronjo	28-0-0
	5. Burju	45-0-0
	6. Tokad	100-0-0
	7. Kondra	22-0-0
	8. Chaibassa	30-0-0
	9. Tespur	40-0-0
	10. Murhu M.T.	25-0-0
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		447-0-0

II. Boys Primary Schools :-	1. Gumla U.P.	18-0-0	
	2. Chirodarn	8-0-0	
	3. Barhapani	21-0-0	
	4. Ichkela	30-0-0	
	5. Umbulbaha	11-0-0	
	6. Amlessa	8-0-0	
	7. Madhupur	6-0-0	
	8. Rajgangpur	8-0-0	
	9. Jharsuguda	10-0-0	
	10. Kuralor	5-0-0	
	11. Chardag	10-0-0	
	12. Gheghor	5-0-0	138-0-0
III. Girls Schools :-	1. Burju	10-0-0	
	2. Takarna	35-0-0	
	3. Govindpur	15-0-0	60-0-0

10. The advances to Govindpur and Burju against Government grant not yet paid amounting to Rs. 253/- each for one quarter of the last year 1945 - 46 be approved.

11. New advance to M.E. Schools against unpaid Government Grant in Aid. Resolved that as far as possible an amount equal to the grant of one quarter may be paid to the M.E. Schools immediately.

12. Purulia Boys and the Girls Schools :- Resolved that both the schools be taken over by the Church under direct control with effect from January 1947 and the Headsupervisor be requested to write to the Municipality to continue to give the same amount of money which is being spent for the two schools now in the form of Municipal grant when the schools are under the direct management.

13. Miss Hope's letter dated 1.7.46 :- Miss Hope recommends that the three Lutheran girls namely (i) Premi Tiga (ii) Kumary Bage and (iii) Shantimany Jurti now under training at Patna Lodipur may be granted help to the extent of (a) Rs. 3/8 to Premi Tiga and Rs. 3/- to each of the others. Resolved that the recommendation be approved for 6 months only with effect from July 1946. The amount be met from the balance of Dearness Allowance now lying with the Treasurer.

14. Officiating allowance to Mr. More Govindpur :- According to the practice, Mr. A. More be paid Rs. 5/ p.m. officiating allowance for M.E. School and Rs. 5/- p.m. officiating allowance for High School section for the month of April, May, June, July and half of August 1946. The amount be spent from the local fund.

15. Govindpur Headmastership :- The Headsupervisor reported that Mr. J.C. Bodra has joined the Govindpur M.E. as per appointment letter dated 12.8.46 with effect from August 22, 1946. It may be recorded that Mr. J.C. Bodra's appointment as Headmaster is purely temporary though the service is on permanent basis.

16. Appointment of Salem Kerketta vice Bishram Tirkey by the Govindpur M.C. :- The Headsupervisor reported that Mr. Bishram Tirkey of Govindpur M.E. School joined the basic training school at Patna and Mr. Salem Kerketta Atrick has been appointed in his place. Resolved that the appointment of Mr. Salem Kerketta be approved but his pay be fixed at Rs. 25/- p.m. which was the amount paid to Mr. B. Minz of the same qualification which also is in accordance with the budget of the M.E. School.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra.
10.9.46.

Sd. C.H. Herenz.
Secretary. 4.9.46.

The continued Executive meeting of the Church Council was held on 5.9.46 at the office of the Church Council. ~~xxxx~~Following

The members present were :- (1) Rev. J. Lakra President (2) Mr. C. H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla member (5) Rev. U. E. Kujur member and (6) Hon'ble member Mr. D. M. Panna.

(b) The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Mr. J. Barla.

17. Letter from the President N.M.S. :- Read letter dated 26.8.46 from Prof. J. D. Asirvadam about sharing the responsibility of the Missionary work in the Murwahi-Rewa and (a) Resolved that Rev. J. Lakra, the President of the G.E.L. Church Ranchi be appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Lutheran N.M.S.

(b) Resolved that the activities of the N.M.S. be regularly published in the Gharbandhu in order to create interest among the members and Rev. S. Kula, the Pastor Supervisor be in charge of collecting materials for publication.

(c) Resolved that a pastor be deputed for the Lutheran N.M.S. work at Murwahi field with effect from the date the N.M.S. Council wants him. The Gossner Church also will be responsible for the full support of the pastor and this expense on the pastor be considered as the Gossner Church contribution towards the N.M.S. fund.

Advertisement be made in the Gharbandhu of September 1946 for Evangelists, Pracharaks, Teachers and a Compounder for the N.M.S. field at Murwahi. Regarding salary correspondence be made with the undersigned :-

C. H. Herenz, Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

The 2nd Sunday in October be observed as N.M.S. day as usual, and the contributions be sent to the Treasurer, G.E.L. Church.

18. The German Missionaries :- Prof. J. D. Asirvadam's letter dated 23, and 29 August 1946 and the minutes of the Emergency Committee held on 5.6.46 were read and considered and referred to the full Council.

(b) Auditor :- Action already taken and communicated.

19. A.E.L.C. Biennial Convention :- Rev. J. Lakra President to write out greeting on behalf of the Gossner Church to the A.E.L.C. Biennial Convention to be held from September 23-29 at Guntur.

20. Irregular payment to U.P. Teachers (Girls' Schools) :- Read petition dated 24.8.46 from the Headmaster, Girls' U.P. School Takarna concerning the irregular payment and Resolved that Miss K. C. Sokey be called to the Executive meeting to explain why this irregularity has happened.

21. Letter dated 8.8.46 from Mr. K. K. Sokey was read and referred to the resolution item 8 dated 4.9.46.

22. Lady Supervisor's Report dated nil was read and referred to the above item on the subject.

(b) Young Pracharika at Purulia :- It was discussed and it was decided that the old Pracharika to continue work as Pracharika and the young Pracharika will not be needed now as the congregation is mostly confined to the town only.

The continued Executive meeting of the Church Council was held on 2.9.46 at the office of the Secretary, Bethesda matters :-

(a) Finance :- Discussed the financial condition of the Bethesda School and it was decided to advance Rs. 400/- for the present and a statement of the exact financial situation be brought up before the Council for final fixture of the subsidy.

(b) Miss Nora Tigga's petition :- Referred to the M.C.

(c) Bethesda Secretaryship :- Read the petition dated 8.8.46 of Mrs. C.M. Barla and the consideration be deferred till after the next M.C.

The meeting was closed with benediction.
Sd. J. Lakra. Sd. C.H. Herenz.
10.9.46. Secretary. 5.9.46.

(c) Resolved that a pastor be deputed for the Lutheran work at Muzibaid with effect from the date the M.C. Council wants him. The Goswami Church also will be responsible for the full support of the Pastor and this expense on the Pastor be considered as the Goswami Church contribution towards the M.C. fund.

Advertisement be made in the Goswami of September 1946 for Evangelists, Teachers and a Compounder for the M.C. Memo No. 1836-43/46 Dated, the 28th Sept., 1946.
C.H. Herenz, Secretary, G.B. Church, Ranchi.

The 2nd Sunday in October be observed as M.C. day as usual.
Copy of the C.C. minutes from 9th August to the 5th September, 1946 is forwarded to all the C.C. members, the Hon'ble member Mr. D.M. Panna and the Secretary-Chhoti Sabha Assam, for information and needful.

Action already taken and communicated.
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.
A.E.L.C. Bismil Convention to be held from September 23/24/46 to write out petition on behalf of the Goswami Church to the M.C. CBBCM/16C.

20. Irregular payment to U.P. Teachers (Girls' Schools) :- Read petition dated 24.8.46 from the Headmaster, Girls' U.P. School Takara concerning the irregular payment and Resolved that Mrs. I.C. Sokey be called to the Executive meeting to explain why this irregularity has happened.

21. Letter dated 8.8.46 from Mr. K.K. Sokey was read and referred to the resolution item 8 dated 4.9.46.

22. Lady Supervisor's Report dated 11 was read and referred to the above item on the subject.

(b) Young Presbyteries at Purnia :- It was discussed and it was decided that the old Presbyteries to continue work as Presbyteries and the young Presbyteries will not be needed now as the congregation is mostly confined to the town only.

- (ii) Three members shall form the quorum.
- (iii) The President of the Church shall be ex-officio member of all the Boards with voice and voting.
- (iv) Similarly Dr. J. Roy Strock shall be member of all the Boards with voice.
- (v) Ordinarily the Boards shall consist of six members excluding the President, of whom some must be C.C. members and others will be outsiders.
- (vi) The Boards shall be formed annually by the C.C. just after the Mahasabha.
- (vii) The Boards shall present recommendations to the C.C. on all matters connected with their departments and the C.C. or its Executive will take the final action.
- (viii) The Convener of each Board shall be supplied with all the papers pertaining to his or her department.
- (ix) The Boards begin to function immediately.

7. Transfers and postings :- (A) (i) The C.C. reiterates the decision of the Executive item 30, dated 3.1.47 regarding the postings of the new ordinands i.e.

- (i) Rev. Samuel Toppo posted at Sikwar.
- (ii) Rev. Joel Bage ,, Bongram.
- (iii) Rev. Halan Kerketta ,, Loarom.
- and (iv) Candidate Umbulan Dangwar is transferred from Loarom to Orga.

The are all expected to report themselves at their respective place on the 1st April 1947.

(v) Rev. Eliazer Kindo of Kuru :- Resolved that pastor Kondo remains at Kuru and he must bring his family immediately.

(vi) The Churdag pastor :- After discussion it was decided that the progress of the Churdag parish be watched by the President and the Church Supervisor.

(B) Transfer of Teachers :- (vii) Girls' M.E. School at Lohardaga :- Heard report of the action taken by the Ilaka amalgamating the classes 6th and 7th of the Girls' School with the proposed High School retaining the U.P. standard only. Resolved that the action of the Lohardaga Ilaka with effect from the 1st of March 1947 be approved and Rev. S.A.B. Lakra be transferred to Kinkel M.E. School as Hdmaster with the same pay. (i.e. Rs. 50/- plus Rs. 10/- hdmaster's allowance -- Rs. 60/- p.m.).

Further the following transfers are effected :-

- (viii) Mr. Alfred Lakra Hdmaster from Kinkel to Chainpur as M.E. Hdmaster on his own pay.
- (ix) Miss Marsha Vengra from Khutitoly to Chainpur on her own pay.
- (x) Miss Alice Tirkey ,, ,, Kinkel ,, ,,
- (xi) Miss Salomi Sanga ,, ,, Takarm G.S. ,, ,,
- (xii) Manonit Khess ,, Kinkel Khititoly ,, ,,
- (xiii) Miss Susari Topno ,, Takarma ,, ,,
- (xiv) Mr. Prabhusahay Horo ,, Govindpur Chaibassa M.E. ,,
- (xv) Miss Santoshi Kujur ,, Lohardaga Bethesda School, Ranchi.
- (xvi) Pdt. Pilgrim Tete ,, Takarma U.P. Kinkel M.E.

(C) New appointments :- (xvii) Hdmaster for Govindpur proposed High School :- Reported that Bixul Mundu is desirous to join the Govinpur proposed high School. Resolved that Mr. Bixul Mundu B.Sc., be appointed as the Hdmaster of the Govindpur Proposed H.E. School from the 1st of May 1947.

(xviii) Assistant mistress for the M.E. School Khutitoly :- Heard report that Miss Kunwari Guria is willing to serve as a mistress at the Khutitoly Girls' M.E. School. Resolved that ~~xx~~ she be appointed as an assistant teacher in the Khutitly Girls' M.E. School immediately.

The transferrred teachers and mistresses are ordered to join their respective places by the 1st of April 1947 and they should

should submit their joining reports to the Headsupervisor.

(xix) Hd mistress for Lohardaga U.P. :- Resolved that Miss Pyari Minz now working in the same school be accepted as the Hd. mistress of the Girls' U.P. School.

(8) The special subsidy towards Lohardaga Girls' U.P. School :- be stopped and fresh consideration for subsidy be made for Lohardaga U.P. School.

(9) That under the special circumstances still obtaining with reference to Mr. B. Minz the subsidy of Rs. 50/- towards his salary for 1947 be continued.

(10) 2nd Master, Khutitoly :- Reported that 2nd master Khutitoly Girls' M.E. School has resigned. Resolved that Mr. Ignatius Lakra be recognised as 2nd master on Rs. 35/- which is his due according to his qualification.

(11) Fresh Subsidy for schools :- Resolved that subsidy for all schools for 1947 be revised by the Headsupervisor for the approval of the C.C.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra.
10.3.47.

Sd. C.H. Herenz.
Secretary. 8.3.47.

C.C. Executive meeting dated 27.3.47.

1. Attendance :- The following members were present :-
(1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. J. Barla and Honourable members Mr. D.M. Panna, Mr. N. Soy, Dr. J. Roy Strock and Rev. S. Kula were also present.

2. Prayer :- The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Rev. J. Lakra.

3. (a) Matters arising out of the previous minutes :- Read letters dated 21.3.47 from Miss Schmidt and Miss Diller expressing their unwillingness to accept membership of the Boards and resolved that in view of the peculiar position of the missionaries in the Church the wish of the two ladies be honoured and other ladies be appointed on the Boards in their places.

(b) After short discussion it was unanimously resolved that Mrs. J. Lakra be appointed in the Board of Women's Work in place of Miss Diller and Mrs. J. Roy Strock on the Board of Publication in place of Miss Schmidt.

(c) As to the question of the Presidentship and the Treasurership of the Mahila Samelan, the matter lies with the Samelan itself and therefore it is referred to that body.

4. Representative to the Lund Conference and of Foreign Education :- Letters dated 16.3.47, 18.3.47 and 20.3.47 from Prof. J.D. Asirvadam were read and resolved that President J. Lakra be nominated as delegate for the Lund Conference.

5. Request of Babu Augustus Kerketta Mahipany :- Read letter dated 19.11.47 concerning three orphan children of Ginikera and recommended that the Hdmaster of the Koronjo M.E. School and the Hd. master of the Khutitly Girls' M.E. School be requested to bring up these children bearing all their costs out of their Boarding funds.

6. Petition of Mosomat Dulmati Karamdih :- Read the letter dated 26.1.47 from Mosomat Dulmati and the recommendation of the Board of Management and was decided that a copy of the application of Mosomat Dulmati be forwarded to the Kinkel Ilaka for opinion.

The full Church Council meeting dated 25.2.1947.

1. Attendance :- The following members were present :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (6) Rev. Samuel Bage (7) Rev. S. Kula (8) Mr. N. Soy. Honourable member Mr. D.M. Panna and Dr. J. Roy Strock were also present.
 2. Prayer :- The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Rev. J. Lakra, (President).
 3. The confirmation of the last minutes :- The last full C.C. minutes dated 3.12.46 and the Executive minutes dated 2nd and 3rd January 47 as circulated were taken as read and confirmed.
 4. The expenditure on the Tirkey case amounting to Rs. 1495/4/6 :- After a good deal of discussion it was decided that Rev. U.E. Kujur be requested to come to the C.C. meeting when the case be discussed.
 5. The Press Strike :- Mr. D.M. Panna reported that the Press strike was ended on 12th December 46, all workers having returned to work on the 13th December 46. One of the offer of the Board was that the scale of the Press workers be revised by the end of February 47, but no scale has yet been prepared. Resolved that the Board be requested to revise the scale as promised and submit the same for the approval of the Council immediately.
 6. Purchase of the Baptist Property at Jamshedpur :- Read letter dated 17.11.46 from Mr. P.D. Kandulna as submitted by the Property Board informing the C.C. that the Baptist Church personages was to be sold to any other Church body though the Church building itself will remain Baptist Property for the sake of the local Baptist congregation. Resolved that Mr. P. Kandulna be requested to explore possibilities of acquiring both the personages as well as the Church building otherwise the personage alone does not meet the needs of the Lutheran Church.
 7. The Salary Scale :- Mr. Tiga's letter dated 21.2.47, Mr. B. Minz's letter dated 13.2.47, Mr. J.C. Podra's (Homaster Govindpur M.E. School) letter dated 19.2.47, Rev. Markas Sanga's letter dated 20.2.47 and Rev. Suleman Barla's letter dated 17.2.47 were read and considered. Resolved (a) that the points raised by different bodies be considered in due course of time but the scale as passed on 2.10.46 should remain effective. (b) The payment of salaries in all Ilakas and Institutions should be except as otherwise permitted, strictly in accordance with the scale as circulated. In institutions and in Govindpur and other Ilakas, if any excess being paid from January 47, that excess payment must be stopped immediately. (c) The C.C. notes with deep regret the attitude taken by the Ilaka Chairman, Govindpur and the local members of the M.Cs. of the Govindpur Schools with regard to their connection with the G.E.L. Church when they assert that they are independent bodies to deal with the scale as they please, not minding the authority of the Council. They are therefore asked to withdraw their correspondence on the subject.
- The morning meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. C.H. Herenz Secretary. 25/2..D. Mr.

Afternoon Session 25.2.47.

- (a) President J. Lakra was out on business, so Rev. S. Kula, Church Supervisor was voted to the Chair.
- The following members and gentlemen were present :- (a) Rev. S. Kula (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (6) Rev. L. Topno (7) Rev. Samuel Bage (7) Mr. Nirmal Soy and (8) Honourable member Mr. D.M. Panna and (9) Dr. J. Roy Strock.

(1) - (c) - Prayer :- The opening prayer was led by Rev. S. Kula.

8. Petition of Mr. L. Jojowar :- (a) The petition dated 20.10.46 from Mr. L. Jojowar concerning his sister's P. Fund was read and it was said that no action was necessary on the subject.

(b) Dearness allowance :- The Church Council did not give 1/6 of the salary as dearness allowance to any worker drawing his or her salary from the C.C. treasury except the Ilakas, so Mr. Luther Jojowar is not entitled to get dearness allowance claimed.

9. Civil marriage :- The matter be taken up when the President will be present.

10. Provident Fund contribution :- In this connection the letter no. 312 dated 14.10.46 of the Treasurer was read and after a good deal of discussion it was resolved that the full C.C. resolution item 43 dated 2.10.46 be rescinded. The Treasurer is requested to put a definite proposal before the Council.

11. A College at Takarma :- Read the letter dated 21.1.47 from Mr. M. Purti Secretary College Committee Takarma and resolved that a Committee of 6 with the following members be formed to confer with the Takarma College Committee and report to the Church Council :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) Dr. J. Roy Strock (3) Mr. J. Barla, Principal, Gossner High School (4) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, Principal Theological Seminary and Mr. C. H. Herenz, Secretary, Prof. P. C. Horo - Convener.

12. Foreign Education :- (a) Discussing thoroughly the subject, it was decided that the original action of the Council be reiterated and that the following be recommended for Foreign Education :- (1) Mr. J. Barla, Principal, Gossner High School. (2) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, Principal Theological Seminary. (3) Mr. Mansid Purti, B.A. Dip-Ed. 1st Assistant, teacher Takarma High School. (4) Miss K. C. Sockey, Lady Supervisor.

This recommendation be forwarded to the Federation with the request to be implemented this year.

(b) The following subsequent actions of the C.C. namely item 5 (iv) dated 27.6.45, item 3 (1) dated 4.8.45 on foreign Education are hereby rescinded.

12. Contribution for Oslo Conference :- The letter dated nil from Rev. Devenesan addressed to the President was read and resolved that a sum of Rs. 100/- be sent to Rev. Devenesan, Convener.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra.
27.2.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz.
Secretary. 25.2.47.

(a) The meeting of the C.C. was continued on 26.2.1947. The following members were present :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) C. H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo, Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (6) Rev. Suleman Kula (7) Rev. L. Topno (8) Rev. Samuel Bage (9) Mr. N. Soy. Besides these members the following gentlemen were present :- (1) Dr. J. Roy Strock (2) Rev. J. Stosch and Mr. D. M. Panna.

(b) Letters of apology were received from Prof. P. C. Horo and Mr. D. Tirkey.

(c) Prayer :- Mr. J. Barla led the service.

13. President's fund :- Considered the statement of the President's fund. Items like travelling, motor, postage, repairs, establishment, pastors' class are really Church Council expenses and the President will be within the C.C. budget to bill these expenses and get them from the Treasurer and if there will be balance in the President fund at the end of the year, donation be made to the C.C.

C.C. treasury. For items like 'Help for the pastors' Help for the poor and distressed, entertainment' and for unbudgeted items the President fund will be available.

(b) The sum of Rs. 25/- p.m. need not be shown in the accounts.

14. Revds. Klinkeit and Borutta :- (a) Resolved that item 11 (b) of the Church Council minutes morning session 28.9.46 be rescinded.

(b) Further resolved that the invitation to Messrs. Klinkeit and Borutta to work in the G.E.L. Church was given under the understanding that they should work in the Church under the same conditions as Rev. J. Stosch but with the one exception that they should not be accorded the right to sit in the C.C. and its Executive.

15. Invitation to German Missionaries to attend the Mahasabha; - Resolved that Revds. Klinkeit and Borutta and Miss Schmidt should be invited to attend the coming Mahasabha as visitors and let it be recorded that they have no voting power.

16. Miss A. Diller :- President Asirvadam in his letter ----- reveals that Miss Diller is much more eager to work in her mother Church than at Gorakhpur and she can immediately accept work in the G.E.L. Church. Resolved that Miss A. Diller be invited to work in the G.E.L. Church under the same conditions as Miss H. Schmidt and that her work will be determined later on. Resolved further that Miss Diller be invited to attend the Mahasabha as visitor and let it be recorded that she will have no voting power.

In this connection it is noted that invitation of the Church to Dr. Strock expressly included Mrs. Strock by name. It is therefore resolved that Mrs. Strock be invited to attend the Mahasabha as a visitor without vote.

17. Ordination matter :- Reported that there is no objection from the Ministrium to the ordination of Candidates Halan Kerketta, Orga, Joel Bage, Koronjo and Samuel Topno, Lohardaga. Resolved that the three candidates mentioned above be ordained on 2.3.47 by the President assisted by Dr. J. Roy Strock and Rev. J. Stosch.

The following will examine the candidates on Saturday in the Joint meeting of the Ministrium and the Council :-

- (1) Mr. J. Barla ----- Greek.
- (2) Rev. L. Topno ----- Practical Theology.
- (3) Rev. S. Bage ----- Church History.
- (4) Rev. C. K. Vengra ----- Old Testament.
- (5) Rev. Klinkeit ----- New Testament.
- (6) President J. Lakra ----- Dogmatic.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra.
27.2.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz.
Secretary. 26.2.47.

Afternoon Session. 26.2.47.

(i) The meeting was continued in the afternoon and the following members and the gentlemen were present :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C. H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo, Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (6) Rev. S. Kula (7) Rev. L. Topno (8) Rev. S. Bage and (1) Dr. J. Roy Strock (2) Rev. J. Stosch and (3) Mr. D. M. Panna.

18. Request dated 26.2.1947 of Rev. J. J. P. Tiga :- Mr. J. J. P. Tiga pointed out that some of the minutes of 1945 including the minutes of 27.1.45 are not attested by signature though the minutes were confirmed in the meeting in the Secretary's note book which is missing. The house considered Mr. Tiga's point raised to-day and resolved as follows :-

"It has been pointed out to-day to the C.C. that some of the C.C. minutes of 1945 were not signed. We members of the C.C., 1945 as well as 1947, who were present on the 27th January 1945 at the meeting attest by our signatures that the C.C. minutes of 27th January,

January 1945 as recorded above are materially correct.

Ranchi, Dated the 26th

February 1947.

Sd. J. Lakra President 26.2.47.

Sd. J. Barla 26.2.47.

Sd. S. Bage 26.2.47.

Sd. S. Kula 26.2.47.

Sd. L. Topno 26.2.47.

Sd. D. M. Panna 26.2.47.

Read and confirmed.

Sd. J. Lakra 26.2.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz 26.2.47.

Secretary 26.2.47.

Vide full C.C. minutes dated 27.1.1945 held at 9 a.m. at the

C.C. office, Ranchi.

19. Mahasabha Agenda :- To be continued to-morrow.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Read and confirmed.

Sd. J. Lakra 27.2.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz 26.2.47.

Secretary 26.2.47.

Morning Session 27.2.47.

(a) Attendance :- The following members and the gentlemen were present :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C. H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (6) Rev. S. Kula (7) Rev. L. Topno (8) Rev. S. Bage (9) Mr. N. Soy.

(1) Honourable member Mr. D. M. Panna (2) Dr. J. Roy Strock and (3) Rev. J. Stosch.

(b) The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Mr. N. Soy.

19. Mahasabha Agenda :- It was pointed out that the word "Sarbsadharan" before "Mahasabha" is not necessary, so it was decided that the word "Sarbsadharan" be taken off from the Mahasabha Agenda in future.

20. Provident Fund Rules for the Catechists :- Discussed the rules for Fracharaks. Provident fund and resolved that a committee consisting of Revs. L. Topno, J. J. P. Tiga and S. Kula be formed to give the final form to the rules and bring the same to to-day before the Council.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra 10.3.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz 27.2.47.

Secretary 27.2.47.

Afternoon Session 27.2.47.

The same members and the gentlemen were present as in the morning. Rev. L. Topno opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

21. The Secretary's Report :- The report was read and with certain amendment it was approved to be read in the ensuing Mahasabha.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra 10.3.47.

Sd. C. H. Herenz 27.2.47.

Secretary 27.2.47.

Evening Session 28.2.47.

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Evening Session 28.2.47.

(a) Attendance :- All the C.C. members (except Professor P.C.Horo and Mr.Daud Tirkey, including the following gentlemen and Ladies were present :-

(1) Honourable member Mr.D.M.Panna., (2) Dr.J.Roy Strock, (3) Rev.J.Stosch, (4) Miss H.Schmidt, (5) Miss A.Diller (6) Miss K.C. Sockey.

(b) Prayer :- The meeting was opened with short prayer by President J.Lakra.

22. (a) Considered the plans I and II as submitted by the Superintendent of the Zanana Work and resolved that these two plans be approved within the budget of Rs. 1008/- plus the fuels, pots etc. allowed for the refresher course at Burju.

(b) Considered the plan III for a girls training school and resolved that the plan be approved in general and the plan be worked out in detail later on to be started from January 1948, the details to be approved by the C.C.

(c) Resolved that the Lady-Supervisor is authorised to go ahead with the working of the plans immediately.

(d) Recommended to the Mahasabha that the C.C. authorised to form a Board for Women's work.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J.Lakra.
10.3.47.

Sd. C.H.Herenz.
Secretary. 28.2.47.

1.3.47 Afternoon Session 3½ p.m.

Attendance :- The following members and gentlemen were present :- (1) President J.Lakra (2) Mr.C.H.Herenz Secretary, (3) Mr.Z.Horo Treasurer (4) Mr.J.Barla (5) Rev.J.J.P.Tiga (6) Rev.S.Bage (7) Rev.L.Topno (8) Mr.N.Soy.

(1) Honourable member Mr.D.M.Panna and (2) Dr.Roy Strock.

(b) The prayer :- The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Rev.S.Bage.

23. Provident Fund for Catechist :- The Provident fund rules for Catechists as prepared be submitted to the Mahasabha for approval and also that the Mahasabha may authorise the C.C. to prepare rules for other Church workers for whom Provident fund has not yet been started.

24. Mahila Samelan :- Recommended that the Mahasabha approve the constitution of the "Mahila Samelan" in general and authorise the C.C. to make amendments in the details if necessary.

25. Educational Report :- As the consolidated report of the Educational institution could not be ready each institutional head be requested to submit his or her report.

26. Laldin's followers :- In connection with some followers of Laldin, the letter dated 28.2.47 of Mr.A.S.Crowe was read, in which he ~~requested~~ requested us to reconsider the case of those who where rebaptised and whose membership from the G.E.L.Church is going to be severed from the day of their rebaptism. Resolved that President J.Lakra be requested to give a suitable reply to Mr.Crowe.

27. The scale for the Medical Staff :- Read letter dated --- of Dr.Prabhunand Charan Topno regarding the scale of the medical staff and resolved that the Ranchi Chairman D.B. be requested to supply us the rate of scale for Homeopathic doctors under the District Board. Further Rev.S.Kula be requested to report to us personally on the subject.

28. Pucca Kothi :- Resolved that the Board of Management be requested to lease the Pucca Kothi to the Government of India for one year on Rs. 350/- per month.

29. Dr. Strock's work :- Dr. J. Roy Strock be requested to word as promoter of EVANGELISM, STEWARDSHIP and EDUCATION in the Church embracing all the activities within the scope of these three departments.

The meeting was closed with benediction.

Sd. J. Lakra.
10.3.47.

Sd. C.H. Herenz.
Secretary. 1.3.47.

The Council meeting 8.3.47.

1. Attendance :- The following members were present :-
(1) Rev. J. Lakra President (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla (5) Rev. J.J.P. Tiga (6) Rev. Suleman Kula (7) Rev. L. Topno (8) Rev. Samuel Bage (9) Mr. P.D. Kandulna (10) Rev. B. Minz.

Hon'ble member :- (1) Mr. N. Soy (2) Mr. D.M. Panna and (3) Dr. J. Roy Strock also were present.

Professor P.C. Horo, Mr. Nimans Ekka and Mr. Daud Tirkey could not attend the meeting owing to some business.

2. Prayer :- The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by the President J. Lakra.

3. Bible Class at Govindpur :- Rev. Santosh Surin Takarma, Convener informs the C.C. that certain Ilakas will like to have a Bible class at Govindpur from May 27 to June 12, 1947 or some such date for pastors and Catechists and that they would like to request Revs. Stosch, Borutta and Klimkeit to take the class. Resolved that permission be given as desired, the names of the Ilakas joining the class be submitted to the C.C. office before the class starts.

4. Formation of the Executive :- The following forms the Executive of the C.C. for the year 1947-48 :- (1) President J. Lakra (2) Mr. C.H. Herenz Secretary (3) Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer (4) Mr. J. Barla and (5) Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.

5. Pastor for Murwahi :- Resolved that the President be authorised to correspond with the Lutheran N.M.S. on the subject and get a man according to the need of the field.

6. The formation of different Boards :- In accordance with the resolution of the Mahasabha 1947 page -- item -- the C.C. forms the following Boards :-

I. The Board of Finance - consisting of (1) Mr. Z. Horo Convener (2) Mr. P.D. Kandulna (3) Mr. N. Soy (4) Mr. D.M. Panna (5) Mr. Daud Tirkey and (6) Mr. Asaph Lakra.

II. Board of Evangelism and Mission - consisting of (1) Mr. C.H. Herenz Convener (2) Rev. S. Kula (3) Rev. Samuel Bage (4) Mr. P.D. Kandulna (5) Rev. B. Minz and (6) Mr. C.M. Tiga.

III. Board of Education - consisting of (1) the Headsupervisor (2) Lady Supervisor (3) Mr. J.J.P. Tiga (4) Mr. N. Ekka (5) Prof. P.C. Horo (6) Mr. J. Barla Convener.

IV. Board of Women Work - consisting of (1) Miss K.C. Sokey convener (2) Miss A. Diller (3) Rev. L. Topno (4) Rev. U.E. Kujur (5) Mrs. L. Parthy and (6) Mrs. Pramodit Minz.

V. Board of Publication - consisting of (1) Rev. J.J.P. Tiga convener (2) Rev. B. Minz (3) Mr. M.C. Ekka Press Manager (4) Rev. S. Kula (5) Mr. N. Soy and (6) Miss Schmidt.

Rules for the Boards :-
(1) Ordinarily the Boards shall meet whenever there is business to be transacted, but they must meet immediately before each C.C. meeting.