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VI. ELECTIONS : Roll of voters was again taken and found that there were 77 voters at this time.

The Chairman Rev. S.Kula told that it was now necessary to elect the office-bearers and to form the Church Council.

A. Election of Office-bearers for 1955-1957 :

(1) President's election

The following nominations came and votes were taken by ballots and the result was :

Proposer	Secunder	Name proposed	Votes
C.Kalyan Tirkey	P.C.Horo	Rev. J.J.P.Tiga	68
Rev. J.J.P.Tiga	Rev.P.D.Soreng	Rev. S.Surin	9

Resolved that Rev. J.J.P.Tiga be elected President of the G.E.L. Church for the remaining period (1955 to 1957).

The Mahasabha asked Rev. J.J.P. Tiga to take the President's chair and to conduct the meeting of the Mahasabha.

Rev. J.J.P.Tiga took the chair and expressed thanks for the kind offer of the office of the President. He told that he found it very difficult to accept this offer and he was anxious to see some one else take it but since the Mahasabha has desired that he should be the President, he accepted it with thanks. He prayed for the co-operation and help of all the delegates. He told that he was a servant of the Mahasabha and that he was one who has to make the decisions of the Mahasabha declared and obeyed. He stated that he was not to decide but the task of make decisions was with the Mahasabha and that he was only to proclaim the decisions. He asked for blessings and help from God, the Almighty Father.

The Mahasabha stood up and greeted him to the office with the words " Yishusabay " (May God help you).

(2) Secretary's election

Shree P.C.Horo proposed the name of Shree N.E.Horo B.A. and Rev. L.Topono seconded the proposal.

There was no other proposal.

Resolved that Shree N.E.Horo be elected Secretary of the G.E.L. Church for the remaining period (1955 - 1957).

(3) Treasurer's election

Shree P.C.Horo proposed the name of Shree C.M.Horo and Rev. S.Surin seconded the proposal.

There was no other proposal.

Resolved that Shree C.M.Horo be elected Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church for the remaining period (1955-1957)

NOTE : In view of the fact that Messrs N.E.Horo and C.M.Horo were not present, it was decided to send to them the offer of the position to each of them in writing and to ask them to reply either in writing or by personal presence.

(4) Ad-Interim Church Council

Rev. L.Topono proposed that An Ad-Interim Church Council be formed by nomination to function until the end of October, 1955 and that the Synods be asked to send the names of their representatives as early as possible and that the Church Council constituted by these representatives of the Synods begin to function from the 1st. of November, 1955.

This proposal by seconded by the Rev. D.Hemrom.

The motion was put to vote and the result was :

For the motion 73

Against " ... nil

Resolved that an Ad-Interim Church Council be formed for the time from now on until the end of October, 1955.

the following names were unanimously accepted for the Ad-Interim Church Council :

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|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1. Assam Synod | | 1. Rev. M.Hemrom |
| 2. Bengal Synod | | 2. Sj. Gabriel Kandulna |
| 3. Burju Synod | | 3. Sj. Masihdas Ekka |
| 4. C.P.Synod | ..... | 4. Rev. Habil Topono |
| 5. Govindpur Synod | ..... | 5. Sj. Isahak Topono |
| 6. Hazaribagh Synod | ..... | 6. Shri Christochit Toppo |
| 7. Khutitoly Synod | ..... | 7. Rev. S.Surin |
| 8. Kinkel Synod | ..... | 8. Shri P.C.Horo |
| 9. Koronjo Synod | ..... | 9. Rev. N.Bhuinya |
| 10. Manbhum Synod | ..... | 10. Shri Mansidh Topono |
| 11. Northern Synod | ..... | 11. Rev. H.Dungdung |
| 12. Orissa Synod | ..... | 12. Shri C.K.Minz |
| | | 13. Rev. C.B.Aind |
| | | 14. Sj. J.Dhan |
| | | 15. Shri L.M.Sandil |
| | | 16. Rev. J.Toppo |
| | | 17. Rev. S.M.Bage |
| | | 18. Rev. C.B.Ekka |
| | | 19. Sj.N.Kerketta |
| | | 20. Sj. D.M.Guria |
| 13. Singhbhum Synod | ..... | 21. Rev. M.Topono |
| 14. Takarma Synod | ..... | 22. Rev. J.Kiro |
| | | 23. Sj.H.Surin |
| 15. Western Synod | ..... | 24. Sj. Alfred Hujur |
| 16. Headquarters Congregation .. | | 25. Rev. S.Kula. |
| 17. Property Board | ..... | 26. Mr. P.D.Kandulna |

Resolved that these 26 and the three officers will form the Ad- Interim Church Council.

Resolved further that ,

a. Ex- President Rev. J.Lakra be asked to hand over charge of the office of the President to the new President Rev.J.J.P.Tiga

b. The three new officers be asked to assume their ~~respective~~ respective offices immediately.

c. The aforesaid resolutions be forwarded to all institutions and organisations with which the G.E.L.Church is related.

d. The new officers and the Church Council members should join their offices at once.

e. The term of membership of the members of the Ad-Interim Church Council shall be for six months i.e; from today the 22nd. April 1955 to 31st. October, 1955.

f. The members who have been nominated be asked to express their acceptance of their membership.

g. Revd. H.Borutta will be an honourable visitor of the Church Council .

h. The meeting of the Mahasabha be continued today at 3 p.m. in order to transact the other business of the agenda.

VII. Letter from Messrs. C.A.Tirkey, Martin Ekka and Alfred Barla: Read letter to suggest that Rev. J.Lakra be given an opportunity to come to the Mahasabha and explain himself.

Resolved that the request be accepted and Rev. J.Lakra be invited through these three friends.

These friends went to Rev. Lakra and came back with the reply that Rev. Lakra did not agree to come to this meeting as he considers this meeting to be unconstitutional.

Revd. K.D.Soy led in a word of prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

to collect all the proceedings of the Mahasabha which are with his joint recording Secretary Mr. C.A.Tirkey (18th.-21st. ^{May}), and to submit them to the Secretary ,G.E.L.Church.

XIII. Confirmation of the Mahasabha Minutes 1955 ..

Resolved that the Church Council be authorised to read and confirm all those minutes which have not been confirmed by the Mahasabha.

XIV. Principal for the Lutheran Theological College :

It was unanimously resolved that the Church Council be asked to fill up the vacancy caused by the election of Rev. Tiga to the office of the President.

Interval 4:45 to 5 : 30. p.m.

After the interval the meeting was resumed .Hymn no. 72 was sung.

XV. Secretary and Treasurer :

Messrs N.E.Horo and C.M.Horo came to the Mahasabha and expressed their acceptance to serve as Secretary and Treasurer of the G.E.L.Church as decided by this Mahasabha.

The Mahasabha greeted them in the words of " Yisusahay" and thus Mr. N.E.Horo became the Secretary of the G.E.L.Church and Mr. C.M.Horo its Treasurer for 1955 - 1957.

XVI. Letter of Rev. J.Lakra to Mr. C.M.Horo :

Mr. C.M.Horo reported that he received the following letter from ex-President J.Lakra :

Dear C.M.Horo Babu,

Please don't give charge of the treasury to any one who may come to ask you.

Yours

Sd/- J.Lakra.

Resolved that the Church Council be empowered to take all necessary steps to help the Treasurer in this connection so that no trouble is created by Rev. Lakra.

XVII. Absentees : It was noted with regret that about 30 delegates including Rev. J.Lakra did not come to the Mahasabha and instead they were holding a communal meeting in the bungalow of Rev.J.Lakra . This meeting of the Mahasabha held in the Christ Church today the 22nd. April, 1955 was called by the Church Council according to its decision taken on the 21st. evening under the Chairmanship of Rev. J.Lakra . It was therefore the duty of Rev. Lakra to come to the meeting today along with all the delegates whom he led away to his bungalow. The Mahsabha is extremely sorry for this.

On a motion brought by Revd. P.D.Sorengand supported by the Rev. S.Kula it was RESOLVED unanimously to send letters to them asking them to return and join in the fellowship of ~~the~~ those who came to the Mahasabha today . They should realise that the Mahsabha has taken the course for the good of the Church and its members. They are requested to co-operate as early as possible.

XVIII. Work for Rev. J.Lakra : Mr. Heram Samad drew the attention of the Mahasabha to the necessity of work being given to Rev. J. Lakra : It was unanimously resolved that the Church Council be asked to find a suitable work for Rev.Lakra.

Attendance : When Messrs N.E.Horo, C.M.Horo and P.D.Kandula came and joined the Mahasabha the attendance was 83 out of 113. Three delegates returned home on account of their personal reasons on the 21st. ~~May~~ ^{April} having taken leave.

XIX. Assam delegates' requested for travelling expenses for one way: The Secretary informed that the Church Council had already decided to give them one way travelling expenses. The Mahasabha confirmed this decision.

XX. Closing Speech, Prayer and Benediction: The President gave his closing speech and emphasised upon the necessity of preserving the unity of the Church in the light of the speeches of Messrs. N.E. Horo, C.M. Horo and P.D. Kandulna who were trying the whole day to bring about a common understanding between the delegates who are here and those who have absented themselves.

Then the President requested all members of the Ad-Interim Church Council present to signify their acceptance of their membership on the Church Council by standing which they did. They are the following C.C. members

1. Assam Synod.....	1. Rev. M. Hemrom.	Present
2. Bengal Synod.....	2. S.J. Gabriel Kandulna.	Present
3. Burju Synod.....	3. S.J. Masihdas Ekka.	Absent
4. C.P. Synod.....	4. Rev. Habil Topno.	Present
5. Govindpur Synod.....	5. S.J. Isahak Topno.	Present
	6. S.J. Christochit Toppo.	Absent
	7. Rev. S. Surin.	Present
	8. S.J. P.C. Horo.	Present
6. Hazaribagh Synod.....	9. Rev. N. Bhuinya.	Present
7. Khutitoli Synod.....	10. S.J. Mansidh Topno.	Present
8. Kinkel Synod.....	11. Rev. Habil Dungdung.	Present
	12. S.J. C.K. Minz.	Present
9. Koronjo Synod.	13. Rev. C.B. Aind.	Absent
	14. S.J. J. Dhan.	Present
	15. S.J. L.M. Sandil.	Leave
10. Manbhum Synod.....	16. Rev. J. Toppo.	Absent
11. Northern Synod.....	17. Rev. S.M. Bage.	Present
12. Orissa Synod.....	18. Rev. C.B. Ekka.	Absent
	19. S.J. N. Kerketta.	Leave
	20. S.J. D.M. Guria.	Present
13. Singbhum Synod.....	21. Rev. M. Topno.	Present
14. Takarma Synod.....	22. Rev. J. Kiro.	Present
	23. S.J. Harun Surin.	Present
15. Western Synod.....	24. S.J. Alfred Kujur.	Absent
16. Hd. Qtrs. Congregation.....	25. Rev. S. Kula.	Present
17. Property Board.....	26. Mr. P.D. Kandulna.	Present

24. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga President - Present
 26. Mr. N. E. Horo Secretary - Present
 29. Mr. C. M. Horo Treas. - Present

18. Note: Those who were not present will be asked for acceptance in writing. Those present were 23 out of 29.

At the request of the President Rev. S.A.B. Lakra conducted the closing devotion and pronounced the Benediction. In his address he appealed all the members to pray and try that the whole Church may grow in its Unity.

The President then declared the meeting to have come to its conclusion and he wished all the delegates safe back home.

sd/-S.Kula 22.4.1955

Chairman, for Item II (page-3) to item VI (1)(page-7).

sd/-H.Samad.

Recording Secretary.

22.4.1955.

sd/-K.D.Soy,

Recording Secretary.

22.4.1955.

Read & confirmed by Com with necessary corrections
 sd/-J.J.P. Tiga, President.

23.4.1955.

Certified to be true. J. J. P. Tiga President 23/4/55

Confrence with Headmasters

Rules of the Bihar Bd of Secondary Schools :

Registration -

Assam	4
Bengal	14
C.P.	5
Gov.	11
Haz	2
Khut	6
Kumbel	4
Kor	8
Mau	3
M.	12
N.	22
Sing	4
Tak	10
Wes	7
W.P.	3
Prdji	3

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

NO. 1877-1997/55-cc. Office of the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi. Dated the 2nd June, 1955.

To
Rev/Mr./Sj. _____
Delegate _____ Synod.
Mahasabha 1955 Delegate.

गत अप्रैल-१९५५ महासभा के बाद हमारी कलौशा में अशांति की बात
सुनी है। इसको दूर करने एवं कलौशा में शांति, एकता और स्थिरता
के लिये ३० जून १९५५ का (साँदे आठ बजे) महासभा बुलाने का
इंतजाम हो रहा है। सिनड प्रेसिडेंटों के पास पत्र लिखे गये हैं अतः आगर
सिनड प्रेसिडेंटों ने एक प्रतिरिक्त महासभा के लिये अर्जा भेजी
है ३० जून को अवरय प्रतिरिक्त महासभा होगी।

आगर लोगों का अज्ञान यह पत्र दे कर जाता है कि ३० जून १९५५
के प्रतिरिक्त महासभा में अर्जा के तैयारी पाईले करके रखें। इसको
अपिसियल चिट्ठी बाद में जायगी जब पूरा वैधानिक इंतजाम हो चुकेगा।
महासभा में अर्जा जमा और रहने का खर्च सेंट्रल फंड से दिया जायगा
अतः इसको चिन्ता न करें। वर्तमान स्थिति में, प्रतिरिक्त महासभा में
अर्जा बहुत ही अनिवार्य है।

Bela
2/6/55

प्रेम से आगा लोगों का सेवक

1400
2/6/55
सुक्रेश, जो ई. एल. चर्च
रान्ची

राजि
१-६-१९५५ ई०

प्रेषक - एन्टिग प्रेसिडेंट
फेडरेशन ऑफ क्यूबेरान चर्च इन इंडिया ।

सेवा में - सेन्ट्रल, जे० ई० एल० चर्च
राजि ।

में प्रिये माई,

आप की कलीशा में अत महासभा के बाद आशांति की बात
बता रही है जिसके बारे में सब चिन्तित है कि किस तरह इस समस्या को
हल किया जाय । पाएर जे० एल० डे ने फेडरेशन प्रेसिडेंट को सूचना इसके
बाद ही और पाएर जे० एल० डे की विचारों से इस विषय पर विचार किया । फेडरेशन
प्रेसिडेंट ने यह इच्छा प्रकट की कि फेडरेशन के प्रतिनिधियों को
आकर स्थिति को जान कर यथाचित सम्मति तथा सहायता दे ।

फेडरेशन के प्रेसिडेंट डॉक्टर मन्सुम इन दिनों बिदेश में
हैं अतः उनकी अनुपस्थिति में मैं डॉक्टर सतिव के साथ जो क्यूबेरान
फेडरेशन के एक कार्यकर्ता है २६ माई १९५५ को राजि पहुंचा स्थिति
को जान कर वह मान्य हुआ कि दोनों पक्षों की जरूरतों पर परत
उठाया जा रहा है अतः बात चित नर हय ने यह अच्छा सम्झा कि
आंति स्थापित करने के मतलब से एक बिशेष महासभा इसी ३० जून
१९५५ को राजि में बुलाई जाय । इस महासभा में कलीशा के सब
पदधारी सिद्धा देवे और १९५५-५६ के लिये नये पदधारी फिर नये
लिये से चुने जायें । ताकि किसी के मन में फिर शक न पैदा हो ।
जिल हाल विशेष महासभा बुलाने के लिये यही उमम सम्झा गया
कि बिधानासुर सिन्द के प्रेसिडेंट को अपना अपील पत्र भेजें
ताकि महासभा बुलाई जा सके । २३ सिन्द प्रेसिडेंटों को अपनी पर
महासभा बुलाना सम्भव है । उपरोक्त सुझाव पर हर पक्ष के लोग
सहमत हैं इस लिये सिन्द प्रेसिडेंटों से अपनी विद्या जाय कि वे
महासभा बुलाने के संबंध अपना अपना भोट जे० ई० एल० चर्च
सेक्रेटरी के पास तुरन्त लिख कर भेजें ताकि महासभा ३० जून
१९५५ को बुलाई जा सके ।

इस विशेष महासभा का खर्च सेन्ट्रल फंड से दिया जायगा ।
इवर को लार्जे अनाबाद हो कि इस विशेष महासभा बुलाने के
द्वारा कलीशा में से अगले और आशांति को जीतें वर को जान
को तथा शांति स्त स्मृता स्थापित होने को आशा है ।
आप को मेरा प्रेम का बहुत मनस्वार ।

प्रभु - पता का इतिहास ।

एन्टिग प्रेसिडेंट क्यूबेरान फेडरेशन ।

राजि

चर्च कौंसिल आफिस - रांची ।

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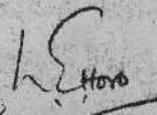
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सेवा-में-पाद्री
सिनद-प्रेसिडेंट,
सिनद.

उपरोक्त-चिट्ठी-आप-को-सेवा-में-भेजा-जा-रहा-है। अगर
आप-यह-चाहते-हैं-कि-उपरोक्त-कारणों-से-अतिरिक्त-महासभा
चुलाई-जाए-तो-मेरे-पास-जल्द-ही-इस-प्रकार-अपना-वोट-भेजें-
"Call Special Mahasabha meeting"

यह-याद-रखें-कि-इस-अतिरिक्त-महासभा-में-वै-ही-डेलिगेट
होंगे-जो-गत-अप्रैल-१९५५-महासभा-के-द्वितीय-थे-अगर-वे-
किसी-तरह-अप्रयोज्य-न-हुर-हों-या-उनकी-मृत्यु-न-हुई-हो।
आप-को-फिर-यह-आदेश-दिया-जा-रहा-है-कि-नये-
कौंसिल-मैम्बरो-का-चुनाव-कर-शोध-ही-उनका-नाम-मेरे-पास
भेजें।

1/6/55


Secretary, 1/6/55.
G. E. L. Chitrchi, Ranchi.



No. 2294-2308/55-CC-65.

Ranchi the 15th June,
1955.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
G. E. L. CHURCH IN CHOTA-
NAGPUR & ASSAM, RANCHI.

ALL SYNOD PRESIDENTS OF
THE G. E. L. CHURCH IN CHOTA-
NAGPUR AND ASSAM.

SUB : CALLING OF A SPECIAL MAHASAVA ON 30th JUNE
1955.

Dear brethren,

In continuation of this office Memo No. 1712-1830/55-CC-65 dated, Ranchi the 1st June, 1955, on the above ~~subject~~ mentioned ~~subject~~ subject, I have to inform you that requisitions from 2/3 Synod Presidents for convening the Special Mahasava on 30th June, 1955 have not come to the Secretary G. E. L. Church, even on the 15th June forenoon. According to the Constitution, notices for calling a special mahasabha are to be issued at least 15 days before the mahasava is scheduled to sit.

It is evident that now there is no time to observe all these constitutional formalities; hence, you are hereby informed that the proposed Special Mahasava cannot sit on 30th June, 1955.

Yours in the service of HIM

[Signature]
15.6.55
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and
Assam.

To

Rev. J. J. P. Tija
Synod President,

G. E. L. Church Synod,
P.O. Ranchi Distt -

1952

UNIT OF THE CHURCH IN INDIA
G. E. L. CHURCH IN INDIA
MADRAS & ASSAM, BARCELONA

ALL SYNOD PRESIDENTS OF
THE G. E. L. CHURCH IN INDIA
MADRAS AND ASSAM.

Kinleel
Lohardaga }
Ranchi }

Request

	yes	Date of Reply
English		4.6.53
Bengal Synod	yes	9.6.53
Hary	"	"
Mau Bham	"	"
White	"	11/6/53
2/15 Koringo	"	11/6/53
M.P.	"	10/6/53
Onssa	"	14/6/53
Western	"	7/6/53
Hogs	"	10/6/53
Assam	"	17/6/53
Kumbel	"	17/6/53
Noshan	"	17/6/53
Bengal		
Somnath		
Taham		

Rev. J. P. T. J. P. T. J. P. T.
President
G. E. L. Church in India
MADRAS & ASSAM, BARCELONA

From

Rev. S. Surin,
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church Ministerium,
Govindpur, P.O.-Jariagarh, Dt. Ranchi.

No 1998-2094/55: CC-27

G.E.L. Church Govindpur,
P.O.-Jariagarh,
Dist.-Ranchi.
Dated the 30th May, 1955.

NOTICE.

वर्च-कौंसिल-की-बैठकी-२२-४-५५-को-यह-फैसला-हुआ-है-कि-कन्डिदात
मुनाशान-लुगुन, श्रीर-कन्डिदात-युसफ-बडा-बस्तिमान-में-दोनो-उडीसा-सिनद-में
काम-करते-हैं, उनका-पदाभिलेक-होगा। सो-आप-इस-नोटिस-को-पाने-पर
७ दिन-के-अन्दर-जबाबदे। आप-की-जबाब-न-मिलने-पर-आप-की-मंजूरी
समकी-जायगी।

आप-का-बिश्वास
sd/- S. Surin
Secretary, Ministerium.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

NO. 1877-1997/55-ec. Office of the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
Dated the 2nd June, 1955.

To
Rev/Mr/Sj. J. J. P. Tiga
Delegate Hd. Ctr. Synod. Congr.
Mahasabha 1955 Delegate.

गत अप्रैल-१९५५ महासभा के बाद हमारे कलेशा में अशांति की बात
रूढ़ है। इस को दूर करने एवं कलेशा में शांति, एकता और स्थिरता
की क लिये ३० जून-१९५५ टा (साँदे प्राठ बजे) महासभा बुलाने का
इंतजाम हो रहा है। सिनद प्रेसिडेंटों के पास पत्र लिखे गये हैं अतः अगर्
३३ सिनद प्रेसिडेंटों ने एक प्रतिरिक्त महासभा के लिये अर्जी भेजी
तो ३० जून को अवश्य प्रतिरिक्त महासभा होगी।
आप लोगों को अज्ञोतर यह पत्र दे कर जनाता हूँ कि ३० जून-१९५५
के प्रतिरिक्त महासभा में अर्जि की तैयारी पहिले करके रखें। इसको
प्रफिसियल चिट्ठी बाद में जायगी जब पूरा वैधानिक इंतजाम हो चुकेगा।
महासभा में अर्जि जान और रहने का खच सेंट्रल फंड से दिया जायगा
अतः इसकी चिन्ता न करें। वर्तमान स्थिति में प्रतिरिक्त महासभा में
अर्जि, बहुत ही अनिवार्य है।

Bolam
2/6/55

प्रेम से आप लोगों का सेवक

सुक्रेशी, जो. ई. एल. चर्च
रंचि
2/6/55

चर्च कौंसिल आफिस - रांची ।

No. 1712-1830/55-CC-65.

ता. १-६-१९५५

सेवा-में-पाद्री J. J. P. Tiga

~~सिन्ड~~ प्रेसिडेंट,

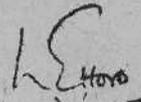
~~सिन्ड~~ Ranchi.

उपरोक्त - चिट्ठी - आप - को - सेवा - में - भेजा - जा - रहा - है । अगर
आप - यह - चाहते - हैं - कि - उपरोक्त - कारणों - से - अतिरिक्त - महासभा
बुलाई - जाए - तो - मेरे - पास - जल्द - ही - इस - प्रकार - अपना - वोट - भेजें -
" Call Special Mahasabha meeting "

यह - याद - रखें - कि - इस - अतिरिक्त - महासभा - में - वे - ही - डेलिगेट
होंगे - जो - गत - अप्रैल - १९५५ - महासभा - के - तलिये - थे - अगर - वे
किसी - तरह - अयोग्य - न - हुए - हों - या - उनकी - मृत्यु - न - हुई - हो ।

आप - को - फिर - यह - आदेश - दिया - जा - रहा - है - कि - नये -
कौंसिल - मेम्बरो - का - चुनाव - कर - शीघ्र - ही - उनका - नाम - मेरे - पास
भेजें ।

B.L. 1/6/55


Secretary, 1/6/55.
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.
Ranchi.

रांची
१-६-१९५५ ई०

प्रेषक - एन्टिग प्रेसिडेंट
फेडरेशन प्रॉफ लूथेरान चर्च इन इंडिया ।
कैम्प - रांची ।
सेवा में - सेक्रेटरी, जी० ई० एल० चर्च
रांची ।

प्रभु में प्रिये भाई,

आप की कलीशा में गत महासभा के बाद आशांति की बात चल रही है - जिसके बारे सब चिन्तित हैं - कि किस तरह इस समस्या को हल किया जाय । पाष्टर जे० लकडा ने फेडरेशन प्रेसिडेंट को सूचना इसके बारे ही और पाष्टर जे० जे० पी० तिगा से इस विषय पत्रियां मिलीं । फेडरेशन प्रेसिडेंट ने यह इच्छा प्रकट की कि फेडरेशन के प्रतिनिधि रांची आकर स्थिति की जांच कर यथोचित सम्मति तथा सहायता दें ।

फेडरेशन के प्रेसिडेंट डाक्टर मनिमम इन दिनों बिदेश में हैं अतः उनकी अनुपस्थिति में मैं डाक्टर सेविक के साथ जो लूथेरान चर्च फेडरेशन के एक कार्यकर्ता हैं २६ माई १९५५ को रांची पहुंचा स्थिति की जांच कर यह मालूम हुआ कि दोनों पक्षों की कर्वाइयों पर प्रश्न उठाया जा रहा है, अतः बात चीत कर हमने यह इच्छा सम्भाला कि शांति स्थापित करने के मतलब से एक बिसेश महासभा इसी ३० जून १९५५ को रांची में बुलाई जाय । इस महासभा में कलीशा के सब पदधारी स्तिफा दें और १९५५-५६ के लिये नये पदधारी फिर नये सिरे से चुने जावें । ताकि किसी के मन में फिर सन्देह न पैदा हो । फिलहाल बिसेश महासभा बुलाने के लिये यही उतम सम्भाला गया कि विधानानुसार सिनद के प्रेसिडेंट लोग अप्रना अप्रजिपत्र भेजें ताकि महासभा बुलाई जा सके । ३/३ सिनद प्रेसिडेंटों की अप्रजि पर महासभा बुलाना संभव है । उपरोक्त सुभाव पर हर पक्ष के लोग सहमत हैं इसलिये सिनद प्रेसिडेंटों से अप्रजि किया जाय कि वे महासभा बुलाने के संबंध अप्रना अप्रना भोट जी० ई० एल० चर्च सेक्रेटरी के पास तुरन्त लिख कर भेजें ताकि महासभा ३० वीं जून १९५५ को बुलाई जा सके ।

इस बिसेश महासभा का खर्च सेन्ट्रल फंड से दिया जायगा ।
इश्वर को लारवो धन्यवाद हो कि इस बिसेश महासभा बुलाने के द्वारा कलीशा में से भगई और आशांति की बातें दूर की जानी को तथा शांति एवं एकता स्थापत होने की आशा है ।

आप को मेरा प्रेम का बहुत नमस्कार ।

प्रभु में आप का हितैषी ।

Chaman

एन्टिग प्रेसिडेंट लूथेरान फेडरेशन ।

विक
31/5/55

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Office of the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

NO. 2112-2145/55

Dated the 3rd June, 1955.

To
All Synod Presidents and
the Church Council Members.
D/Sirs,

There has been a long standing suggestion to improve the "Lakshibani". A number of hymns are to be added in the next edition of the Hymn Book.

Please send your suggestion as how to improve the book. Hymns may be sent in manuscript which will be selected by an expert Committee for publication.

Treat it urgent.

Sincerely yours,

sd/-N.E.Horo.

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

B.L.3/6/55.

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Office of the Secretary, G.E.L. Church

NO. 2146-2179/55.

Ranchi, the 3rd June, 1955.

To
All Synod President &
all Council Members.

The Church Council has a scheme at hand to start through the Board of Properties, fisheries, piggery, Poultry farming and extensive vegetable cultivation in suitable places wherever the field.

You are requested to send in practical suggestions in consultation with your Station Committee whether any of the projects mentioned above can be started in your area. A detailed estimate in this respect may be prepared and sent to me. It should be borne in mind that this scheme is aimed at improving our properties with a view to drawing maximum benefit out of the Church assets.

The Church Council members are expected to inspect the sites and make their recommendations.

Sd/- N.E.Horo.

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

B.L.3/6/55.

P. D. Panna.

EVERY BODY OUGHT TO KNOW
WHO
JESUS
IS.

25, Bandi East,
Jamshedpur.
Singhbhum.
May 31, 1955.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

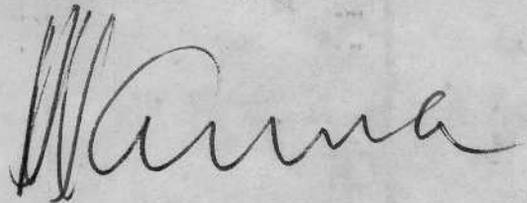
Re:- Your note D/- 20/5/55 on the body
of my letter D/- 16/5/55 returned
to me.

You know that I am a member of the Gossner Church and therefore I am legally entitled to voice my opinion in matters connected with the Gossner Church and specially at a moment when the solidarity and integrity of the Church is at a stake due to activities of disruptive elements.

I do not mind returning back my letters but I am sorry that I cannot stop writing ~~xxxxxxxx~~ when the situations and circumstances call me to do that.

If you actually want to serve Jesus, withdraw all your unconstitutional activities and I can dare say that tomorrow there will be peace in the Gossner Church. If you are keen to see peace restored in the Gossner Church, resign from the Presidentship of the unconstitutional Mahasava. The moment you resign, ~~peace~~ move for peace will be very easy. This is my personal advice and request to you for the good of the Church.

Yours sincerely,



Copy to Mr. N.E.Horo.
Rev.S.Kula.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Registered Under Indian Societies Act 1860

Mission Estd, 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : MR. N. E. HORO B. A.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India.

The 6th June, 1955.

No. 2219-25/55 ✓

To

Mr. The President,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi

Dear Sir,

The G.E.L.Church Council has constituted an Education Board in order to help and advise the Church Council in all educational matters. You have been elected to serve on the Board. The following gentlemen compose the Board:-

1. President, G.E.L.Church.
2. Secretary, G.E.L.Church (Convener)
3. Principal, Gossner High School.
4. Head Mistress, Bethesda Girls' High School.
5. Mr. S.K. Bage, M.L.A.
6. Mr. Nimans Ekka, D.I. of Schools.
7. Synod President, Govindpur.

You are requested to kindly give your consent to work on the Board and oblige.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Secretary,

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

B.L.6/6/55.

TEJPUR ASSAM
P. O. TEJPUR

Rev. S. Hiron President
Rev. M. Hanson Vice-President
Rev. G. Standu Secretary & Treasurer

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20/5/55

जाइ गइ हो परिसो-मं मेज-वहा-कु-आसुम-वालोसुम
या-नीया-व्या-नैसा-हो-आप-जोग-सन्देह-मत-रखिये
जा-साम-मे-आकी-गइ-हो-विषय-अनुसार-आसुम-सिनाइ
1. ~~खेवा-...~~ ~~पुन-आप-सोना-वा-इस-साम-वा~~
2. ~~खेवा-...~~ ~~आप-हो-निहाय-पुन-~~
3. ~~खेवा-...~~ ~~आप-हो-निहाय-पुन-~~

Handwritten signature
S. Hiron, Synod President
Tejpur Assam

20.5.55

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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

(MISSION ESTD. 1845 AUTONOMOUS-1919)

UPPER ASSAM ILAKA, ASSAM SYNOD.

Rev. N. Tirkey, Chairman

No 1/55

G. E. L. Church Compound
TINSUKIA ASSAM

From -

Dated the 28th May 1955.

Rev. S. Wengun

To

The President Rev. J. J. P. Tigga,
G. E. L. Church Ranchi.

Manyawar,

G. E. L. Church President Rev. J. J. P. Tigga ke
yidesthay hove.

Age apke nahun hove ke main parpanwan
rahit of 24-5-55 ke Tinsukia pahunch gaya. Raste
me bahut prakar ke jhanjhan aur talakhi se
samna karne pare, par samthi Prabhu ke kripa
se nayi sthan me pahuncha.

Yahan ate hi mujh ke kai munibatong ke
samne karne par raho hain. At that -

I Rev. P. Gosti ab take Church compound aur Pastor
quarter adi ke lokali nahin keya hai. Wahi apne
nij rahne ke liye bhi ghar compound se bahar
karna bhi liye par samthi nahin jaraha hai.
Ustha kehna hai ke main nahin jaunega C. E. keya
kuregi main dekhunga. Aisa nahun parna hai ke
Church compound ke us hile ke parmanent

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

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UPPER ASSAM ILAKA, ASSAM SYNOD.

Rev. N. Tirkey, Chairman

G. E. L. Church Compound
TINSUKIA ASSAM

Dated the _____ 195 .

II

dakhal karne chahate hai.

II Rev. P. Purti ke ghar lekhal nakhane se mujhe
keo rahne ke liye ghar bhi nahin mil raha
hai. Bane muskil se se ek chhote se kuthe
mein peh up hokar rahne hote hai. Parist
bhi Rev. P. Purti ke ghar se ghar lekhal karne
kei asha mein rahi kar, ^{more} rahne ke liye kei asha
achha bandobast nahin kiya hai, par
more aur se ab ek ghar banane ke liye
hanth dahi hai. Umed hai jaldi hi banaweyi.

III Rev. P. Purti ke rahne ke bandobast ka jo ujara se
hain tin sab barbad horaha hai, aur darwaja khidki
adi bhi nehan tehan horaha hai. Na apne maramet
karta hai, na mandli ki ke liye chhod deta
hai. In sab chizon ki barbad, jaldi kar mandli
mein arhanti hai. Gija aur jama ^{Rev. P. Purti} khul chhote
diye hain aur nehan ki chinta ki man laga
hai aur seeth mein se gunde baj karwone ke bhi
apne seeth rakh kar karta ki rahne mein
Shaka par rahi hai.

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

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UPPER ASSAM ILAKA, ASSAM SYNOD.

Rev. N. Tirkey, Chairman

G. E. L. Church Compound
TINSUKIA ASSAM

Dated the 195 .

III

Mere dekhne mai aise malum parta hai ki jab
ta ki Rev. P. Putti compound mai rehenge maundi.
ke liye biseh nikasani hai. We na badli hi jaenge
aur na compound hi chhorenge.
Aise maundi ki bhelai aur kali ohar ki labh ke
leke C.P. se arji hai ki right karamai karne ki
we chade to compound chhore nge to Transfer
jare daki maundi mai ranti aur bhelai hure.

Ap ka bharos
Rev. Chingam.

Copy to
The Secretary
G. E. L. Church Compound.

**छोटानागपूर और आसामस्थ
गोस्सनर एंवजेलिकल लूथेरान कलीशा
की
राँची में होने वाली अतिरिक्त महासभा
का
कार्यक्रम ।**

११ अक्टोबर १९५५

७.३० बजे सुबह—११ बजे और २.३० बजे से ५.३० बजे शाम ।

१. प्रार्थना और एक्टिंग प्रेसिडेन्ट का उपदेश ।
२. प्रतिनिधियों को हाजरी और विजिटरों का नाम दर्ज ।
३. प्रेसिडेन्ट का भाषण ।
४. चुनाव—
 - (क) प्रेसिडेन्ट
 - (ख) सेक्रेटरी
 - (ग) खजांची
५. महासभा पदधारियों का पदस्थापन ।
६. अन्तिम उपदेश और प्रार्थना ।

नई चर्च कौंसिल और मिनिस्ट्रियम की बैठकी ता: २०-१०-५५

नई चर्च कौंसिल की बैठकी—

सुबह ७-३० से ११ और

२-३० से ४ बजे शाम ।

मिनिस्ट्रियम की बैठकी—

६ बजे शाम—९ बजे शाम

नोट:—डेलिगेटों को ता: १८ अक्टोबर साम तक राँची हाजिर आ जाना चाहिये।

डेरा का इन्तजाम गोस्सनर होस्टेज में होगा तथा वहीं मेस का भी प्रबन्ध रहेगा ।

प्रबन्धक :—बाबू प्रभुदयाल बागे, बाबू मसकल्यान होरो और बाबू बाऊद टोम्पो—

जो गोस्सनर होस्टेल ही में रहेंगे अपने अपने आने की सूचना दें ताकि भोजनादि के प्रबन्ध में सुविधा हो ।

चर्च कौंसिल आफिस }
२०-१-१९५५ । }

एन. ई. होरो
सेक्रेटरी जी. ई. एल. चर्च ।

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To

The Officers, FELC.

We three undersigned have visited Ranchi from 28 June till 1 July to study the situation in the G.E.L.C., esp. in view of the temporary stopping of the LWF subsidy and the disturbances of the recent Mahasabha. The LWF subsidy was temporarily stopped from 1.1.1955, mainly because of the unsatisfactory state of Accounts during several years, of the large amounts of outstandings, and of the failure of the C.C. to rectify the audit remarks. We have been pleased to note that under the present Treasurer, Mr. C.M.Hero, the Accounts show a good improvement; and though still much remains to be rectified, we can look forward to a better order, if the efforts of Mr. Hero, Treasurer, are continued and if he has the support of his Church.

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Sd. E. RAMAN

Sd. J. SANDEGREN

Sd. MARTIN HENRY

Ranchi: 1 July 1955.

True Copy

President : Rev. J. Lakara M. A; B.D; S.T.M.

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Ran chi.

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Ran chi, the 1st July,
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Yours Faithfully,

Sd/© Joel Lakra,
President, G. E. L. Church, Ran chi.

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RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.....

Dated the July 1, 195 5.

To,
Mr. N.E. Here B.A., Secretary,
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

In order to pave a way for fresh election of the President of the G.E.L. Church and thereby to dispel the misunderstandings now existing, I hereby, of my own accord, tender my resignation of my office as President with effect from the time you kindly accept my resignation.

Yours Sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga
President.

cc to,
The President, F.E.L.C. (India) for information.

True Copy

To

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Sd. MARTIN HENRY

Decisions arrived at a conference ~~xxx~~ between Revds. J.J.P.Tiga, J.Lakra, Mr. N.E.Horo and Mr. C.M.Horo on 1st July, 1955.

WE AGREE THAT :

1. An extra-ordinary Mahasabha should be called on Wednesday the 19th. October, 1955 according to the requisitions made by over 2/3 rds of the Synod Presidents.
The object of the Mahasabha shall be to elect the officers afresh.
 2. This Mahasabha should be convened by the Executive Committee of the Church Council according to the constitution.
 3. Resignations of Revds. J.Lakra, J.J.P.Tiga, Shri N.E.Horo and Shri C.M.Horo be accepted by any of the competent bodies of the Church including the Executive of the Church Council.
Resignations of Revds. J.Lakra and J.J.P.Tiga should go in to effect immediately, but the resignations of Shri N.E.Horo and Shri C.M.Horo should take effect from a date seven days before the Extra-ordinary Mahasabha i.e., the 12th. of October, 1955.
 4. The Executive of the Church Council shall elect an Acting President for the Interim period.
 5. That in view of these settlements, the money in the Chotanagpur Banking Association Ltd., be released, on submission of a request to that effect under the joint signatures of Revds. J.Lakra and J.J.P.Tiga.
- Note : This has already been done and the Bank has consented to honour the cheques signed by Mr. C.M.Horo, Treasurer, as jointly requested.
6. The Rev. J.Lakra should ask the Treasurer of the Headquarters Congregation of the G.E.L.Church and the Presidents of such Synods which have stopped payments of their dues to the C.C. Treasury on account of the situation under reference, to send these dues immediately to Shri C.M.Horo, Treasurer, G.E.L.Church.
 7. Three representatives of the F.E.L.C.(India) be invited to the Special Mahasabha to attend as official observers and consultants.

8. That the Executive will arrange to give work for Rev. J. Lakra on his usual salary until the Extra-ordinary Mahasabha.
9. Rev. J. Lakra and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga be asked by the Executive Committee to act as Editor and Associate Editor of the Church Magazine - GHARBANDHU, respectively with an Editorial Board which will consist of all members of the Executive and the two Editors. The Secretary of the Church Council will be also the Secretary of this Board. This arrangement will hold good until the Extra-ordinary Mahasabha .
10. Recommended that the Rev. J. Lakra should be asked by the Executive Committee of the Church Council to continue as Chairman of all High Schools Managing Committees and the Joint Mission Board, *for the interim period*.
11. All letters addressed to the President, G. E. L. Church be delivered to Mr. N. E. Horo, Secretary, G. E. L. Church, who will distribute the letters according to the proper destinations until further advice to the Post Office- Master, G. P. O., Ranchi.

In arriving at the above conclusions care has been taken that all matters of the Church (G. E. L. Church) ^{are decided} by the Church and within the Church. This Policy should be observed by the Church.

J. Lakra
Rev. J. Lakra
1/7/55

J. J. P. Tiga
Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
1.7.55

N. E. Horo
Mr. N. E. Horo
1.7.55

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Dated the ...25th June, 1955 .

To

Rev. E. Raman,
Acting President, F.E.L.C.,
Sagour (M.P.)

Dear Rev. Raman,

Your letter dated 20.6.55. Thanks.

In reply to your letter I would like to refer you to the letter sent to you on the 22nd inst. under the joint signatures of Messrs. N.E. Horo, C.M. Horo and myself.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga
President,

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

B.L.25/6/55.

No 2499-2500/55

Copy to (1) Right Rev. Bishop J. Sandegren, D.D.

(2) Mr. Martin Henry.

No 2501/55

Secretary, F.E.L.C. in India for information

Copy to Secy G.E.L.C.

H. K. B.

FEDERATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN INDIA.

From the Actg. President

Sagar, the 20th. June, 55.

To,
The Rev. J. Lakra, M.A., B.D.
The Rev. J. J. P. Toga, M.A. B.D. ✓
&
Mr. N. E. Horo, B.A.
Gossner Ev. Luth. Church
RANCHI.

My dear brethren,

In continuation of my letter of the 16th. and the following wire to Mr. N. E. Horo of the date- "PLEASE CALL CHURCH COUNCIL TWENTY NINTH MORNING.", I hereby inform you that the FELC. Commission-Bishop J. Sandegren, Mr. Martin Henry and I, will be reaching Ranchi on the 28th. I hope the Secretary has already sent out the call to the Church Council to meet on the 29th. Morning.

Soon after our arrival, I will send word to you three and Mr. C. M. Horo, treasurer giving exact time when we can come together in a preparatory meeting on the 28th. at the BNR. Hotel.

Let us all keep praying earnestly that the Lord would pour out the spirit of repentance and reconciliation upon us and the whole Church Council, so that the rift is healed and He is glorified.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours

Chaman

Act. President, FELC.

C.c. Rt. Rev. J. Sandegren, D.D., Bishop of Tranquebar.
Mr. Martin Henry, Asstt. Treasurer, AELC.

*Mr. N. E. Horo has not yet received the letter.
Johija
25/6/55*

No. 2492/55-C.C.65.

The 22nd. June, 1955.

Rev. S. Raman,
Acting President, FELC,
Saugor, M.P.

Dear Rev. Raman,

We the undersigned beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 6, 8 and 16, 1955.

I. With reference to your letter of June, 6, regarding the resolution to be submitted to the Bank, we have to point out:

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1. That we have not received any resolution of the FELC India to the effect that our Enquiry Commission has been instituted. It is, therefore, false to say "this is to certify that the Enquiry Commission instituted by the Federation of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India has decided that an extra-ordinary Mahasabha be convened on the 30th June."
 2. We fail to understand how you volunteer to sign such a resolution at the back of which there is no organization.
 3. Any document which is submitted to the Bank becomes a public document and what it means in the Bank, it will mean elsewhere also.
 4. Mr. C.M. Hore Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church is enough to operate with the Bank a/c by himself. It is not right on the part of Rev. Lakra to interfere with Mr. C.M. Hore's authority which has been given to him by the Church Council. You should tell Rev. Lakra to refrain himself from such activities which hamper the work of the Church.

II. Your letter dated June 8 :

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1. We have to point out in the first instance that the amendment of the constitution is a major item of the Mahasabha and any amendment has to be referred to the Committee of Adjudication before Mahasabha takes it up for consideration. Moreover even after the Mahasabha's acceptance such amendments will have to go to the Synods and receipt of acceptance of 2/3 of the Synods, the following Mahasabha, which will take place after two years will declare that such amendment has been effected. In other words no amendment can be constitutionally brought by this one day's Special Mahasabha. To make the President of the Church the Executive officer tantamounts to introduction of episcopacy. Our Church has given a long and careful consideration on this subject and has given clear expression that episcopacy should not be introduced in the Church. Our Church believes in joint responsibility, joint efforts and joint success. We do not believe in single handedness. Your suggestions for amendments have this one thing as its basis that an ordained man elected to be the President becomes the boss of the church. This definitely is against the mind of the average member of the Gossener Church.

It will be a mistake to make the Secretary and the Treasurer honorary officers.

III. Re: letter dated June 16, 1955 :

It is surprising that you are appropriating for yourself the authority of the Gossner Church by arranging on FELC Commission with the Church Council - old and present, on the 30th inst. It appears that you think that you can decide the affairs of the Gossner Church by ignoring the Mahasabha. The question still remains - who appoints the FELC Commission and why? You are using the subsidy as an instrument to get a control over the Gossner Church so that this subsidy has ceased to mean an act of help and charity because it is being used to compel the Church to accept the Federation as its master. We are therefore compelled to state that unless and until the subsidy is restored, we decline to enter into any further correspondence with you in connexion with the present situation of the Church. If and when necessary, we want to prove that the Federation (India) is, at least partly, responsible for the present state of affairs of the Gossner Church.

Yours sincerely,

*J. D. D. 2/6/55
President,
G. S. L. Church*

Nos.
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1. The Rt. Rev. J. Sandegren.
2. Rev. H. W. Mayer.
3. Mr. N. Anatham.

*W. E. Horro
22/6/55
Secretary S.D.C.
Dauchi*

*Ben. Horro
Treasurer*

Proposed AGENDA for GELC Special Mahasabha, June 30, 1955

- I. Meeting to be convened by a Federation representative who will
 - A. Conduct opening devotions
 - B. State the purpose of the meeting
 - II. Election of a chairman pro tem.
 - III. Resignation of office-bearers: Rev. J. Lakra, Rev. J. Tiga, Mr. N. E. Horo, Mr. C. M. Hro, ~~Mr. P. D. Kandula~~.
 - IV. Election of office-bearers for the term 1955-1957
 - A. Preceding the elections the delegates will be asked to affirm their purpose to follow God's will in the election of office-bearers (following the practice of the AELC and the MPELC).
 - B. Nominations for President (from the floor).
Balloting for the President.
 - C. Nomination and balloting for the Secretary.
 - D. Nomination and balloting for the treasurer.
 - V. Installation of new office-bearers.
 - VI. Actions to approve or disapprove actions of the Church Council since April 21, 1955.
 - VIII. Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution, and Bylaws.
 - VIII. Adjournment of the first session, to stated time.
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- IX. Convening of the second session, by the President.
 - X. Consideration and action on proposed amendments.
 - XI. Elections (if any) necessitated by amendments.
 - XII. Closing devotions, by FELC representative.
 - XIII. Adjournment sine die.

Rev.E.Raman,
Vice-President,
F.E.L.C.,
Camp Ranchi.

Ranchi the 28 th May,
1955.

Dear Rev.Raman,

The three officers of the G.E.L.Church and two members of the Church Council Executive present to-day have considered your suggestions for establishing peace in the church and they have agreed to accept all your suggestions subject to the approval of the full church council. The points on which you and we have agreed to are the following :-

- 1) An extra-ordinary Mahasabha should be called by the present church council in the middle of June this year, 1955.
- 2) All the officers of the church past and present viz., Rev.J.Lakra, Rev.J.J.P.Tiga, Mr. N.E.Horo and Mr.C.M.Horo, should submit their resignations to the Mahasabha early in its extra-ordinary session. The members of the church council -old and new, should submit their resignations to their respective synods and the synods should elect their representatives for the rest of the term (1955-57), and submit the names before the Mahasabha.
- 3) Fresh elections should be made of the office bearers in this extra-ordinary mahasabha for the rest of the term i.e., 1955-57. (Communalism)
- 4) The question of majority and minority party should find no place in this mahasabha.
- 5) The expences of this extra-ordinary mahasabha should be met out of an extra grant of Rs. Rs.5000/- from the L.W.F. for which a request be made to the L.W.F. by the Federation (India) representatives.
- 6) There should be no other business in this Mahasabha except the election of new office bearers.
- 7) The extra-ordinary Mahasabha should be presided over by a Chairman duly elected by this Mahasabha at the very outset. A Federation representative should attend this session under whose chairmanship and guidance the Mahasabha Chairman should be elected.
- 8) Rev.J.Lakra should immediately withdraw his letters of objections sent to the Chotanagpur Banking Association Ltd., and the Ranchi General Post Office. Due to his objections a lot of important church works are suffering, payments to the Theological College, Tabitha school, Pracharaks' Training school, Dispensaries, Catechists in the mission field and to many of the church workers have not yet been made.

It is hoped that after all these discussions some solution can be found out.

Yours faithfully,

J.J.P. Tiga
(Rev.J.J.P.Tiga)
President

C.M. Horo
(Mr.C.M.Horo)
Treasurer

N.E. Horo
(Mr.N.E.Horo)
Secretary

H. Topno
(Rev.H.Topno)
Member Executive

S. Surin
(Rev.S.Surin)
Member Ex. CC

S. Kula
(Rev.S.Kula)
Member C.C.

RANCHI, BIHAR.

30th May, 1955.

The Rev. E. Raman,
Acting President,
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India,
Camp-RANCHI.

Sir,

As a means of bringing a solution to the situation which faces my Church, and to show my readiness to serve in whatever way the Church will think best, I hereby commit myself unconditionally to the following propositions:-

I. That a special Mahasabha shall be called as follows:-

Date: Thursday, June 30, 1955. -

Agency: At the request of 2/3rds of the Synod Presidents, by the Executive Committee of the Church Council through the G.E.L.C. Secretary.

Finence: To be met by central funds.

Agenda: See Appendix No.II.

II. That I will submit my resignation from office in writing to the special Mahasabha, this document to be dated June 30, but to be submitted immediately in care of the Acting President, F.E.L.C.I.

III. That I welcome the presence of a group of three Federation Representatives, headed by the Acting President, who will attend the special Mahasabha as Official Observers and Consultants.

IV. That I agree that I shall not raise the communal question or take part in any communal activities in this Church hereafter.

V. That I will abstain from and will urge others to abstain from any pamphleteering or other activity which is detrimental to the dignity and holiness of the Church.

VI. That I agree that the G.E.L.C. Secretary shall ask Synod Presidents to make fresh elections of their delegates to the Church Council as soon as possible.

This pledge I make in the presence of God with the prayer that His name may be glorified in all things.

Signed.....

E. Raman
President

E. L. Church

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Leonard Theological College,
Jubbulpore, M.P.
13th January, 1954

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The Secretary,
G.E.L. Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam,
RANCHI

Sir,

I am glad to know that the G.E.L. Church is planning to send some of her youngmen and women for their higher education in the west. I offer myself as one of the candidates for the same and express my desire to go to U.S.A. for my further studies.

As regards my academic achievements, I have to state that I took my B.A. from Patna University in the year 1950. In 1953, I secured my B.D. degree with second class from Serampore College (University). At present, I am working on for my M.A. degree, in "Cultural Anthropology". I sincerely hope that I will complete this undertaking also successfully.

I am closely connected with the youth groups in the church. For nearly 10 years, since my High school days, I have tried my best to render a service to my fellow youngmen and women in various capacities and wish to serve the church in the best way I can. But this means a thorough preparation, physically, mentally and spiritually.

I, therefore, request your honour to kindly consider my case sympathetically and arrange for my higher studies as early as possible. For this act of your kindness I shall highly be thankful to you.

I remain, Sir

Yours sincerely,

Nirmal Minz
(N.M. Minz) 13/1/54

LEONARD THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

HENRY H. PRESLER, S. T. B., PH. D.
ORGANIZED RESEARCH

JUBBULPORE, C. P., INDIA

January 15, 1954

The Secretary
G. E. L. Church, Chotanagpur and Assam
Ranchi, Bihar

Dear Sir:

Nirmal Minz has asked for a letter of recommendation to your committee, relative to an application he says he is submitting for the privilege of studying abroad after finishing his course here. This serious matter has several aspects.

1. As to the candidate's general fitness for such a privilege, I am satisfied. He has the health, mental capacity, character and alertness required, and seems to be at such an age and station in life as affords the freedom to go.

2. As to the candidate's purpose in going, I sought assurance from him. I indicated my opinion that your church has already invested much time and means in his connection, perhaps granting him somewhat unusual opportunities. Should the additional privilege be granted him, he should never waver in his present determination to invest his experience, learning and life in your church. I pointed out to him that returned Indian scholars often receive bids from government or secular institutions, with larger rewards and better facilities for using their education. Mr. Minz assured me that he sees clearly how any knowledge he might gain abroad could be and would be devoted to the service of the church, as an employee or worker of the church. His present vision of future service to Christ in the G.E.L. Church could bear much good fruit, in my opinion.

3. As to the perspective of foreign travel, it seems to me that his experience with the churches of Germany (which churches are personally known by me, to some extent), and with German Christians, would be productive of balanced opinions and sympathetic understanding. If Mr. Minz is ever given an important place in your organization, such as teaching, such would be wholesome.

I have written at length on these matters because such a recommendation raises many issues, and must be dealt with carefully and soberly.

Maurice H. Harper
College Principal

Respectfully yours,
Henry H. Presler
Henry H. Presler, dean.

*Sept
C.W.M.
Cyclo - Hordern
Oct 22-29*

Please fill out the pink sheet if necessary, and return it to Dr. R. Bilheimer in the Assembly Administration Office in Patten Gymnasium, or put it in the inter-Assembly mail boxes in McGaw Hall, Information Office and the dormitories.

Veillez, si nécessaire, remplir le formulaire rose et le retourner au Dr. R. Bilheimer, Bureau de l'Administration de l'Assemblée, Patten Gymnasium, ou le mettre dans les boîtes du courrier intérieur de l'Assemblée au McGaw Hall, au Bureau de Renseignements et dans les divers lieux de résidence.

Wollen Sie bitte notigenfalls das rosa Formular ausfüllen und an Dr. R. Bilheimer schicken, Bureau der Verwaltung der Vollversammlung, Patten Gymnasium, indem Sie es an den dazu bestimmten Posttischen des internen Briefverkehrs in der McGaw Hall, beim Informationsbureau oder in jedem Wohnhaus abgeben.

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Serampore College,
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West Bengal

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18th December 1953.

This is to certify that Mr. Nirmal Minz, B.A., B.D. has followed successfully a course of studies leading to the B.D. Degree, at Serampore College during the years 1950-1953. He has from beginning to end been a very diligent and careful student; he has given evidence of considerable abilities in all his work and especially in the field of Christian Theology; and he has been successful in securing a good Second Class mark in the three annual examinations for the Course thus securing the B.D. degree.

I have very great pleasure in recommending him for higher studies and I am sure that he will prove himself able to benefit from them.

Professor of Biblical & Historical Theology
and
Registrar, Serampore College.

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REV. C. E. ABRAHAM, M.A., D.D.

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SERAMPORE COLLEGE

SERAMPORE,

WEST BENGAL.

23rd December, 1953.



This is to state that Mr. L. Nirmal Minz, B.A. was a student in the Theological Department of Serampore College during the sessions 1950-53. He was a keen student and took an active part in the various activities of the College, especially those organised by the S.C.M. and the Social Service League. He attended the Theological Student's Conferences of 1951 and 1952 as a delegate from Serampore. In the last year of his course with us he won a prize for general proficiency and the Weaving Memorial Prize in the subject of Christian Theology. He is a young man of promise and is very much interested in work among young people. He has a fine Christian spirit, and should prove a successful worker in his own church at Chota Nagpur.

C. Abraham

Principal, Serampore College &
President of the Senate of
Serampore College (University)

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Rev. H. F. E. Borutta,
G. E. L. Church,
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Bihar / India.

Chaibasa, 30.VII.54.

To:-

The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
C/o World Church Council
Evansston
USA.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

on behalf of the President of the G. E. L. Church, I request you to be so kind and to cooperate in the composition of a "Sermonbook" for the year 1955 on the E. T. texts. Bishops, Pastors, Laymen and Presidents in all about 30 preachers are taking part on this book in order to render a good service to the Church of Chota Nagpur & Assam. It will be the first sermonbook in Hindi. By the grace of God we hope to compose 4 more in the next years, so that we on all the 5 texts of the Panjika shall get a sermonbook.

Please, help to make our endeavour a success and prepare on the texts given below two sermons. The sermons should reach me by the 5th of ~~October~~ this year.

1) 6.II.55: Jer. 9, 23 - 24; 2) 2.X.55: Ps. 75, 5 - 8.

I hope you will find some hours to spare for this work. Bishop Dibelius, Bishop Lilje, Lokies and some more mission friends of Germany are writing too some sermon. So, please try your best and help us.

For your letter from Westkilver I thank you very much. This was really very very nice from you, that you wrote that letter with the two friends. I wonder, when you return, what you will have to report to us. I hope very much, that one day you will come to Chaibasa too and give us a good lecture. As long as I am in Chaibasa, you have not been here for a single day. That is not? Yes, you know, what I mean.

For your time in the States and on your way to India Mrs. Borutta and I are wishing the best for you. God may keep and guide you and protect and bless you.

Yours very sincerely

H. F. E. Borutta

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RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No. 3897-100/54.

Dated the 4th November, 1954.

To

✓ The Principal Theological College,
The Headmaster Gossner High School Hostel,
The Principal Gossner High School,
The Lady Principal, Bethesda Girls' School.

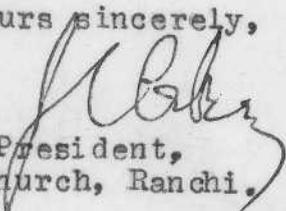
According to the letter of the Registrar Bihar University attached here, I would request you to kindly help the convocation at Ranchi on the 1st December 1954 by lending the following articles for 3 days only.

	Benches 4 seater.	Chairs including personal.
Principal Theological College.	15	20
House Master Gossner School.	15	20
Principal Gossner School.	15	30
Lady Principal Bethesda School.	15	30

Kindly inform me your compliance.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,


President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

True copy.

No. A/24036-48

From Shri B.M.K. Sinha, B.A. Hons (Oxon), M.A., B.L. (Pat.),
Registrar,
Bihar University, Patna - 4.

To Shri Joel Lakra, Lutheran Mission,
Main Road,
Ranchi.

Patna, the November, 1954.

Subject:- Co-operation, Help, Loan of Furniture,
etc. for Bihar University Convocation
at Ranchi Raj Bhawan Compound.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the next Bihar University Convo-
cation to be held at Ranchi, Raj Bhawan Compound, on the
1st of December, 1954, at 2-30 P.M., I have to seek your
good wishes, co-operation and help for the success of the
function.

I request you kindly to lend us the articles noted
on the margin for 3 days (from the 29th November to the
1st of December, 1954) as already discussed with our Su-
perintendent (Shri M. Chatterji) who approached you per-
sonally at Ranchi in the first week of October, 1954.

The Bihar University will be responsible for the safe
return of these articles to their respective places and
also for any loss or damage on the conclusion of the
Function.

The articles may kindly be released and delivered
to the Bihar University Staff workers when approached
for the purpose on the 29th November, 1954 on obtaining
proper receipts from them.

We shall make our own transport arrangements

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- B.M.K. Sinha,
Registrar.

Article	Number
1. Chairs	100
2. Benches (4 Seater)	50

30/11/54

NO. 11/11/54

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

ORISSA SYNOD.

President - Rev. Z. Khalkho
Secretary - Mr. S. Bage. B. A.
Treasurer - Mr. C. N. Tiga. Sqr.

P. O. RAJGANGPUR.
Dist. Sundargarh. (ORISSA.)

Ref No 703-012

Dated 4. 11 1954

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Rev J. P. Siga, Principal. of Theology Rec. L.

Dear Sir, I have the honour to inform you that our suggested deputation to Cuttack has been agreed by the U.C.C.C. Cuttack. The matter is being dealt now through the U.C.C. The U.C.C. Secretary has asked me immediate reply so as to call the meeting on the 19 inst. on two suggestions

(1) The President Rev. J. Prakash, the Secretary Rev. K. K. Sahu, Pralason and the Convener of Evangelistic Committee Rev. Feerabad Kharakod should sit in the joint meeting of U.C.C.C. + G.E.L.C. on 19th inst.

(2) That the travelling cost of these U.C.C.C. officers be met jointly by U.C.C.C. + G.E.L.C.

I have agreed both the suggestions and have informed the U.C.C. Secretary to call the meeting on the 19th. I see that the presence of these U.C.C. officers is very essential, so I keep the U.C.C. Executive members know well

President.

That we have no fund in our U.C.C. Treasury

I have informed both our President and Secy Ranchi on the matter. If the matter specially cost of travelling of 3 secy officers is agreed by our Church, then please start for Cuttack meeting on the 19th, if at all we are to meet, the date should not be changed or postponed.

I shall not be able to join you at Ranchi for we have our full Synod meeting on 16-19th inst. I shall start on the 17th night from Bismutrapur reaching Betampur on 18th 2 P.M. and to Cuttack by the morning on the 19th so as to be able to attend the meeting.

With best regards & assurances.

Yours truly
 J. Williams
 Synod President

Ranchi.

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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
RANCHI

PRINCIPAL:

REV. J.J.P. TIGA M.A.; B.D.; M.S.T.

Ref:

dated 195

5.11.1954

The Rev. R.K.Sahu B.A.; B.Ed.
Executive Secretary,
Christian Service Society.

Dear Mr. Sahu,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 3rd. inst. I am indeed very happy to have this opportunity to attend this Conference of the American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission at Kharagpur. I shall be quit happy to join you in the panel discussion on this very important subject of the churches in India and their financial support. I don't think I can be of much use on the subject but I shall try to say a few words. Thanks for the kind invitation.

Yours Sincerely,

Christian Service Society.
AMERICAN BAPTIST BENGAL-ORISSA MISSION.

REV. R. K. SAHU, B. A., B. ED.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Balasore November 3, 1954

Rev. J.J.P.Tiga,
Principal, Lutheran Seminary,
Ranchi.

Dear sir,

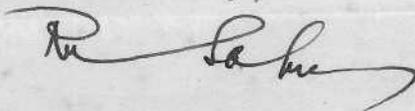
We are very happy that you have agreed to attend our Mission Conference from November 19th to 21st. Though I have not yet an opportunity to meet you yet I have so often heard about you. By the grace of God I hope to meet you .

You may know that I have been asked to lead a panel discussion on "The Indegenous Church" on the 20th afternoon. I shall highly appreciate if you will please take about ten minutes to discuss 'How the Indegenous Church can thrive if the support of the foreign Mission is withdrawn'.

I am sure your contribution will be very valuable.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



AMERICAN BAPTIST BENGAL-ORISSA MISSION

REV. D. G. VICHERT
ACTING SECRETARY

Telegraphic Address:
BAPTIST MISSION
JAMSHEDPUR

BELDIH TRIANGLE
JAMSHEDPUR
BIHAR, INDIA.
Oct. 29, 1954

Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological College
Ranchi

*Beldih
10/21/54*

Dear Mr. Tiga,

We have had to make several changes in our conference programme. Changes which will be to your advantage. The meetings will be held at Kharagpur instead of Balasore. And you will be free to leave at noon on Sunday if you wish. The revised programme for you is as follows:

Saturday Afternoon

" Night

Sunday Morning

Assist in discussion of indigneous church
Speak at open meeting in English on
"The World Council of Churches"
Assist in discussion of "The future of
missionary work in India."

Dr. Edwin Bell, our European representative, will be with us for this conference and he will speak Sunday night on "The Church in Europe."

You and Mrs. Tiga will be welcome to attend all of our sessions but we have crowded your special items into twenty four hours in case you are pressed for time. We hope this is convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence G. Vichert

117th Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission

Kharida Bungalow

Kharagpur, W. Bengal

Friday, November 19, 1954

Theme, The Kingdom

9:00 a.m. Devotions.....Mrs. Osgood

9:15 a.m. Bible Study.....Mr. Howson

9:45 a.m. Intermission

10:00 a.m. Business - Election of Reference Committee
" " Chairman
" " Nominating Committee
Correspondence
Reports

11:30 a.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Devotions.....Miss Powers

2:15 p.m. Discussion of EducationDr. Osgood

3:30 p.m. Tea

4:00 p.m. Business

5:30 p.m. Adjournment

6:30 p.m. Conference Dinner

Social Evening

Saturday, November 20, 1954

8:30 a.m. Devotions.....Mrs. Hunwick

8:45 a.m. Bible Study.....Mr. Howson

9:15 a.m. Business

10:30 a.m. Intermission

10:40 a.m. Business

11:30 a.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Devotions.....Miss Bowers

2:15 p.m. Panel - The Indigneous Church - Rev. R.K. Sahu

3:30 p.m. Tea

4:00 p.m. Business

Saturday, November 20 (Continued)

6:45 p.m. Open Meeting.....Rev. J.J.P. Tige

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Sunday, November 21, 1954

8:00 a.m. Sunday School.....Mr. Hays

10:00 a.m. The Future of the Missionary in India..Mr. Tige

3:00 p.m. Sharing Victories.....Mrs. Sanford

4:00 p.m. Conference Communion Service.....Mr. Sanford

6:30 p.m. Evening Service.....Dr. Bell

7:45 p.m. Pictures of the Holy Land.....Mr. Hays

Monday, November 22, 1954

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November 27, 1954

8:00 p.m. Open Meeting
 November 29 (continued)

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Registered Under Indian Societies Act 1860

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary: MR. N. E. HORO B. A.,

Ranchi, (Bihar) India.

No. 4101/54

The 22nd November, 1954..

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.,
Principal,
Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

As I have to attend a meeting of teachers at Khunti on 16th December, the dates you fix do not suit me. It will be alright if you fix 13, 14 and 15th December. for meeting the representatives of the Ebenezer Evan. Lutheran Church.

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Horo
Secretary,

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

B.L.22/11/54. ✓

J. J. P. Tiga

Rev. J. J. P. Tuga.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

NO. 3434/54

G. E. L. CHURCH COMPOUND,
R A N C H I.
The 24th August, 1954.

From
Secretary-Mr. N. E. Horo, B. A.,

To
Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, M. A., B. D., S. T. M.,
C/O W. C. C.
North Western University,
Evanston, Illinois, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Tiga

Thank you for your letters of Aug 11 and 12th. The full Church Council is meeting from 28th Sept. to 30th Sept. in which your letter of 11th Aug will be placed.

The Council expresses its heartfelt thankfulness to your tremendous work in securing a Scholarship for Nirmal and for a L. Th. student.

Nirmal will be informed accordingly. He will make himself ready with Greek and Hebrew if he has not studied them.

I learn from ~~the~~ a minute of the Seminary Board that one Lutheran brother in the U. S. A. has offered to pay Scholarships to 10 theological students and he wants that 10 more students be admitted. For this the Seminary Board has undertaken correspondences with the Ebenezer Church and advertisements will be made in due course. This information I gather, has been supplied by you. The Seminary Board has approached the Church Council for accomodation only. Knowing all these happening I do not know how to place this matter before the Council. May I know if the Council has any right to know, if so how?

There is some misunderstanding here so I want to get it clarified from you. I hope you see my point.

Mr. Moore wants the Bethesda Hall money back for safer investment. We had some difficulty in showing this account to the auditor Mr. Henry. The pass book ~~cannot be secured~~ could not be secured, and we could not produce the Bank's certificate. Money which the Seminary Hostel and Bethesda Hostel took as loan is still unattended to. No refund has been made as yet. It will be settled when you come back.

Wishing you a happy come back.

Yours sincerely,

W. Henry 24/8/54

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

B. L. 24/8/54.

Office of the

G.E.L. Church Council, Ranchi
16th Floor, 1954.

सभी पाद्री माइनों को धन्यसाहाय ।

नोबर कलेशा में पाद्रीयों का सर्विस रेकार्ड अब तक पूरा रूप से रखा नहीं जा सका है अतः इसे ध्यान से कि उनके सर्विस एवं जीवन का पूरा विवरण कौंसिल द्वारा रखा जाय निम्न दिये हुए फार्म आप लोगों के पास भेजा जाता है आप उक्त फार्म में दिये गये विवरण के अनुसार अपनी सर्विस रेकार्ड पूरा रूप से देने की कृपा करें। यह विवरण 15 सितम्बर तक में कौंसिल सेक्रेटरी के पास अवश्य पहुंच जाना चाहिये ॥

B.L. 1954.

K. K. Singh
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

G.E.L. Church Pastors' Service Record.

Pastor's full name and surname and qualification	Father's name	Home address.	Date of (a) birth (b) baptism and (c) confirmation	Date of joining Church Service	Date of ordination	Name of Seminary Theological College where educated.	Salary allowance at the time of joining service	Present salary + allowance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Parish, Illaka, Synod or institutions where served, Period to be given.	When pensioned? Date and year to be given.	Special Service or other record, if any, (E.B. passed, suspension, promotion or long leave, deputation etc.)	Remarks: - (A short life sketch to be given separately)
10	11	12	13

THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

No. 3808-37/54.

G. E. L. Church Compound,

From:- President, Rev. J. Lakra, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

Ranchi.

The 26th October, 1954.

To

All the Church Council Members, G. E. L. Church.

Subject:- Appointment of Rev. J.A. Kujur by the Surguja Board.

Extract from the minutes of the Surguja Board dt. Sept. 6, 1954 at Guntur.

Item 34.. Voted that Rev. John Kujur be appointed as Field Superintendent on the following:-

Gossner Basic.....	Rs. 80/-
Surguja allowance	Rs. 40/-
Supdt's "	Rs. 60/-
<u>Total</u>	<u>Rs. 180/-</u>

As the above matter is very urgent I take the note by circulation:- Those of the Council Members who in agreement with the above action of the Surguja Board, are in favour of releasing Rev. J.A. Kujur will please signify by writing their names against 'YES' and those not in favour against 'NO'.

YES

NO

The above note must reach the C.C. Office not later than 10th of November, 1954. If nothing is heard by the 10th of November, 1954, it will be taken for granted that you are in favour.

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Yours sincerely,

President,

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

B.L.26/10/54.

Report of the Surguja Lutheran Mission Board to
the FELC Enlarged Executive Council.
by Robert S. Oberly.

Extract

8-6.9.54

- 1- The "Basis of co-operation" between the GELC and the LNMS which was agreed upon to by both bodies on 10 December, 1951 provides as follows :

"New Converts - All the new converts shall form congregations affiliated to the GELC having been organised according to the GELC Constitution and care shall be taken that they grow as Self-supporting churches from the very beginning."

There is now a feeling on the LNMS side of the original agreement that the Lutheran congregations in Surguja should not be formed in to a Synod of the GELC but have direct relationships with the FELC and ultimately be a separate adhyakshamandala of the proposed Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. This is a question which will have to be decided sooner or later but it's solution is not urgent and I state it here rather to get it before you than with the intention that it should be fully discussed at this time. Please reserve discussion time for the much more urgent items to follow.

- II/ With the passing of the Rev. B.J. Krupadanam, Missionary of the LNMS, the work has lost its leader. The Surguja Board must within the next three days face the problem of what to do for a successor to Missionary Krupadanam. It is almost self-evident that the person to take over this very heavy responsibility should know Hindi or at least be capable of getting a working knowledge of it in a relatively short time.

There is strong feeling among the Gossner workers on the field, with which the President of the GELC concurs, that the work should be headed by an Oraon. All but two of the Gossner workers in the field are Oraons and the number of converts among non-Oraons is negligible.

It is a question whether Oraons are even a majority of the population in the area for which we have taken responsibility and in which, because of our presence, other evangelistic agencies are refraining from working. Even if Oraons are in the majority it is a question whether with an entirely Oraon staff, the non-Oraons of the area for which we are responsible will be reached with the Gospel in the foreseeable future.

I believe that our responsibility is for the people of an area and not for a limited group. We shall welcome expressions of opinion and advice from this body on this question.

- III Having found somebody to take the place of Missionary Krupadanam in the field, we should would request help in establishing some bases or principles for determining the support of such a person. The National Missionary Society has no uniform scale because its operations are in a variety of economic environments in all parts of India although in general "the workers in the NMS are paid in most cases lower than the workers in other christian organisation." Although the LNMS has been employing missionaries since 1016 in a rather limited area, that organisation sets salaries on the basis of "need" with no established bases or principles on which to proceed.

Any person chosen to head up ^{the workers in Surguja will come} ~~the workers in Surguja~~ of the Church bodies here represented. It would seem wise for this body to give a lead to the Surguja Board as to guiding principles fixing the remuneration of such a person. For instance, to what extent if any should the Surguja Bd. salary be related to the salary that the person would be getting were he to remain in his own church. Is it advisable to set a salary for the Surguja Board work that would make it economically difficult to revert to the standard of a parish in his own parish-?- church? We shall welcome expressions of opinion on this matter also.

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RANCHI.

(Affiliated to Serampore University)

PRINCIPAL:
THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A. B.D.; M.S.T.

office copy

RANCHI,
BIHAR, INDIA.

Ref. 1 B/24

Dated 8. 11. 1954

To
The President,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear sir,

With reference to your letter No 3808-37/54 dated the 26th. Oct. 1954. the reappointment of a Superintendent for Surguja. I want to ask:

- 1 Have the ~~President~~^{pro} Gossner work^{ers} on the Surguja ^{field} expressed strong feelings that the work in Surguja should be headed by the an Oraon?
- 2 Has the President of the G. E. L. Church expressed the same feeling, viz: that the head of the Surguja work should be an Oraon?
- 3 ~~If the C.C. has not done so, and if Nos. I & II above are true/~~
- 3 Has the Church Council ever expressed that the work there should be headed by an Oraon?

If the C.C. has not done so, and if Nos. I & II above are true are not the representatives of the Gossner Church in the Surguja Board giving wrong ideas to the other members of the Surguja Board?

4 Is it not a fact that there is a strong opinion in the C.C. that the racial feeling in the Surguja mission workers ^{and} in the ~~the~~ new christians should not be allowed to work and that it should be stopped?

5 Is there no fear of non-Oraon population of the area being ignored if an Oraon becomes the head?

6 Is there no danger of the non-Oraons taking the whole affairs to be an Oraon affair-both among Christians & non christians?

This matter should be made clear between the C.C. and the Surguja Board ^{in view of the above} before an Oraon is made the head of the Surguja mission ^{field}.

Yours sincerely

J. J. P. Tiga

Members of the G. E. L. Church.

Copy to (1) Secy C.C. - Ref 2 B/54
(2) Com. Surguja Bd - Ref 3 B/54

~~For~~ - Scholarships

~~The Rev. J. J. P. Tige
Principal~~

~~Luth. Theological College
Rauhin.~~

Leonard Theological
College, Jalalpur
M.P.

Nov 4, 1951.

Dear Sir,

Received your kind note of the
30th Oct 1951 last Monday. I was waiting
for the same reply from the C.C. Office as
you gave, in regard to my studies in U.S.A
and leaving India for the west. I am
again sending an express letter to the C.C.
Secretary asking him to send me an
official reply of correction of the information
about my leaving India for U.S.A. Will
you kindly see that there does not arise
any kind of misunderstanding between
me and the C.C. because of this matter

I take your word
authoritative enough
on this matter but
for formalities' sake
I should have the
official confirmation
of this matter from
the C.C. Office.

I hear that the
German group is
sailing by the 9th of
Jan. 1954, and also
Shri M. Pete is leaving
for the States soon. Is
it true? Kindly inform
me about these also.
I am happy about your
valuable suggestion to
use summer in U.S.A.
I will write you soon.
With love and courtesy
Sincerely M. N. Muts.



To: The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Principal
Luth. Theological
College
Ranchi (P.O.)
Raoulhi, BIHAR

Reiganpur

11/11/54

Dear Rev J.P. Singh
Jhansi

Received your two
letters, in can you
agreed to go but on
the printed letter you are
afraid of your failure
as you are already booked

I would say to take such
denial attitude is quite
unreasonable you put
first preference of your service
must be given to your mother
Church, then to some other Church,
or to the whole world

भारत डाक-टिकट शताब्दी

1954 - 1954

The three big bodies

G.E.C., W.C.C. & W.C.C.
are meeting and having
consulted at meeting

you are anxious
to get aside. Please re-

consider and readjust
your programme. Make
time to attend W.C.C.

meeting on 19th at 2 P.M.
Lethal fail. Your presence
is absolutely essential to the



Re J J P Tigo
Principal Theological
College
G. E. - C. Church Conf
Ranchi

To Whome it may concern.

I know Markus Kujas personally, a young
boy of good character and helps the Pastor
and Pracharak in their works. I hope
his future will be good. Recommend him
for sheet college.

M. Saunp
President G. E. L. Church
Whititola Synod.

27-10-57

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

President:—Rev. J. Lakra, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.

Dated the 29th Oct. 1954.

A meeting of the following gentlemen will be held at President's office tomorrow on 23rd Oct, 1954 ^{at 10 a.m.} to consider a report of the Missa Synod regarding accession of a good number of Schaeffer Christians and also non-Christians to our Church. The Secretary is absent and so, I call this meeting.

- 1 Mr. Z. Hoss
- 2 Rev. J. J. Figa
- 3 " J. D. Kujar Jankis
- 4 " Dr. Schultze
- 5 " H. Borulle H. Pa.
- 6 " Dr. Z. R. K. K. K. K.
- 7 " H. Ming - Jing

J. Lakra
Secretary
29/10/54

Rev. J.P. Tigg

Rev. Sir,

As settled we have arranged for the Pathalkudwa Mandli members to attend to your lecture as well as sermon to-morrow the 31st Oct. '54. The service as such will be started at 9 am in place of 9.30 am. May I therefore humbly request you to grant our cordial invitation. The fact that you would be coming to Pathalkudwa for this purpose was duly announced in the Church last Sunday. I believe we shall not have to be disappointed.

Thanking you,

yours faithfully

C. Lopes
29/10/54

Chairman
Pathalkudwa G.P.L.
Church
Ranchy

P.S. I had come to see you personally also for the purpose of inviting you for a lunch at my residence. Kindly accept my invitation too which of course is extended to Mr. Tigg.

C.V.

Rev. J. J. P. Ligo.
Principal, Theological College
Ravenna.

EASTERN HIMALAYAN CHURCH COUNCIL.

Allan Manse,
Kalimpong,
West Bengal,
3 November, 1954.

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Handwritten signature
7/11/54

Dear Sir,

The Church Council asked me to write to you about the non-receipt of minutes, circulars and letters from you for about a year. We sent a delegate to last year's meeting of your Council and have paid our dues but there has been no sign of the papers referred to above.

May this please be remedied?

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature
Joint-Clerk.

Extract from the C.C. minutes - Item-10(b), dated 2-10-54.

- Resolved :- (1) That the Chairman and Secretary of the Bethesda Girls' High School be asked to refund in instalments to the Church Council as the Church Council feels that the money in question be properly utilised in constructing the Bethesda Hall.
- (2) That the Principal, Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi be requested to refund the amount of Rs.2000/- Two thousand, taken on loan to purchase rice for the College Hostel, out of the Bethesda Hall money. This refund be made to the Church Council.
- (3) That the Building Committee of the Bethesda High School be asked to begin the work of Constructing the Bethesda Hall within this fall and that the Committee should treat it urgent.

It was reported that the Bethesda Hall money amounting to Rs.20,000/-, was required to be refunded to the Financial Secretary in India of the L.W.F.; Mr. Moore, wrote to the Treasurer and President to this effect. Consequently Mr. Moore has been given a suitable and satisfactory reply by the C.C. He was informed that the money has temporarily been invested locally on written assurances which is realisable with an interest @ 3%.

NB 4035-36/su dk-10 11/54

Copy to Rev J. J. P. Tige, Secretary, Bethesda Girls H.S. & Principal Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi for information and needful.

J. Blalock

J. Blalock 10/11/54
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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Rev. J. P. Tigge

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Mr. Moore's reply dated 11/2/54

Copy to Rev. J. P. Tigge, Secretary, Lutheran Theological College, Kaniakumbar, Kerala, India.
Resub for information and use.
J. P. Tigge
Secretary,
L.W.F. Church, Kaniakumbar.

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

President:—Rev. J. Lakra, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.

Dated the 10th November, 1954..

To

Rev. Z. Kalkho,
G.E.L. Church,
Kajgangpur.
(Orissa)

My dear Rev. Kalkho,

I note that the Cuttack meeting is fixed for the 19th November, 1954. We shall start from here on the 17th evening and stop at Kharagpur and catch the ~~earliest~~ earliest train for Cuttack. You may catch us at Kharagpur or proceed straight to Cuttack.

Yisnusahay.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lakra
President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

No. 4043/54.

✓ copy to Rev. J. J. P. Pige

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

NIRMAL MINZ

Jabalpur,

Ref. No.

Date Nov 8, 1951.

To, The Rev. J. J. P. Tija, M.A.; B.D. M.S.T.
Principal, Luth. Theol College
RANCHI.

Dear Sir,

I hear from many experienced people that to get a ship for the States in the months of May, June is a little difficult. I have been told that ship arrangements for these months are made pretty earlier. So, Dr. Harper just advised me to apply for pass port and ship arrangements as soon as possible. You know all about these matters, but to be sure, I just want to verify this. Do you think that I should apply for pass port even this month itself? If so, where from to get the form of application? Could I get it from the D.C. office here, or shall I get it from you? Do let me know about this matter in detail.

Further I am anxious to know about the following.

1) I have been told by many foreign return Indians in this college, that for my personal equipments I need about Rs 100/- or so. May I know from you personally, what personal equipments are essentially necessary? If I have to spend this amount before leaving I don't know how I am going to get such a big sum. I have been planning to get some thing over Rs 50/- for this

purpose, and I am almost sure
of it. In case I require more
than Rs 500/-, what would you
suggest me to get the rest amount?
I should like to know about the
passage money and other details
on this matter.

(2) As I have written to you
I should appreciate your help in
enabling me to contact the head of
Authe Seminary at St. Paul's. I should
like to know the course of study
there and the kind of academic
life in the Seminary. Shall I write
myself or do you have any other
suggestions on this matter? Kindly
write me soon this matter also.

(3) As you have written to me
that I need leave India only by
May or June, I am quite happy
about it. But I am still in
some doubt about this time of
leaving, since the C.C. office is
not confirming your version. I
wrote an express letter to Shree Hoo
along with your express letter. He
has not replied to me. I have again
dropped another express letter, both
to the secretary and the president
of the C.C. on this matter. I don't
know how things have got confused.
Will you kindly straighten them
soon, and inform me about
these matters?!

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

NIRMAL MINZ

Ref. No.

Date

I have been informed that you have raised some money for the Theological College buildings. It is really a great thing to have the College well established. Where do you plan to have the college buildings?

One more information has come to me is that the ~~S&A~~ Lutheran Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church) has expressed its desire to be united with the Goswami Church. Is it a fact? If so, what measures are being taken for its accomplishment..

One personal matter I would like to mention to you. I might come down to Ranchi in January for the preparation of my M.A. Exam. I thought of staying with you, in that small room where Members Kupin stayed for some months. Would it be possible? Or do you suggest any thing else about my lodging. Further, the problem of my finance for the four months comes. Here I work and I eat, but when I am away I can not have that privilege of earning money for my living. Could there be any possibility of any part time work for me, for Jan - April, 1955. Unless some arrangement is made I can not stay at Ranchi and sit for my exam. I hope that you would do your best to help me in this matter.

I will be glad to do any work
which would fetch me a sum which
would be sufficient for my two
meals and pocket money for
minor necessary expenses. At the
same time, I will not be able to take
any great responsibility during that
period, because I have to study
hard for my exam. Keeping these
things in mind kindly suggest
me the best way to meet the
situation before me.

I am keeping fine health
and hope you too. My regards to
you, auntie and all the brothers
and sisters. Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,
Niraul

Rev. Ti'ga,
Paullu'



GOSSNER CHURCH YOUTH ORGANISATION

CHOTA NAGPUR & ASSAM

President—Shri N. MINZ.

Sect.—Shri P. BAGE.

Treasurer—Kumari P. M. KHES..

Vice Pres.—Shri C. A. TIRKEY. Joint Sect.—Kumari H. GURIA.

Memo No. 2

Recd J 14/11/54

RANCHI

Dated 13/11/1954

To, Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

Principal Theological College
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to inform you that the meeting of the Gossner Church Youth Board is going to be held on 29th and 30th Dec, 1954 at Ranchi. In this meeting you are requested to deliver a lecture on 'youth works in the West and lesson for Gossner youths'. All youth members shall be thankful for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

H. Bage 13/11/54

Secy G.C.Y.O.
Ranchi.

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G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.

Dated the 25th Nov. 1954.

Dear Mr. J. J. ...
 Mr. B. K. Khalkho informs me that the proposed meeting with Mr. Pradhan and other Ethel members has been fixed for the 19th Nov. 1954. Thus it will be necessary for us to leave here on the 17th Nov.

There is some question about our Treasury. I understand there is no money in the Treasury. Let us see what could be done for it.

J. J. ...
J. J. ...

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Date the 8th Nov 1881

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NIRMAL MINZ, B. A., B. D.



LEONARD THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
JABALPUR

Date Oct 15, 1954.

Dear Sir, I have just come back from the South after attending the All India Lutheran Youth Triennial Conference at Perungudi. The Conference was quite successful. I had to contribute to the Success of the Conference on various capacities. I am thankful to the Lord and the leaders of the Conference that I was used during the Conference in service to the people.

In my way to Perungudi, I met Bishop Patraik at Nagpur. He told me about your passing through Nagpur on the 8th of Oct. I believe that you have safely arrived Ranchi and have settled down at work.

I have been anxiously looking forward to be hearing from the Church Council about my foreign education. I have written to the Secretary. I hope he will let me know soon. May I request you to kindly see to the matter and give me some further guidance on this matter. I feel almost in dark as to what should be done towards the arrangement

before leaving India.

I would like to know from you about the College in Minnesota (St. Pauls). I am glad and thankful to God that He has done great things for me through you. May I at the same time express my desire as regards study. I should like to take up my Th. D. if possible. I believe that that can be arranged after ~~my~~ stay at St. Pauls. What would you suggest me to do?

Can I write to the College authorities and find out the actual course of my study, as planned according to this ~~curriculum~~ syllabus? I think this will be a help to me.

I am keeping quite well and hope you, and all the members of the family to be the same. My yizusakay to all of you. Extend my greetings to all the members of the College - students and staff. Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,
N. Minz

From

THE RIGHT REVEREND

THE BISHOP OF CHOTANAGPUR

BISHOP'S LODGE

RANCHI E. R.

VII

The law regulating the entry of foreign missionaries into India ^{was} ~~has been~~ in force under the British regime for many years and applies only to missionaries from non-Commonwealth countries. We should very much like to know whether there is any intention on the part of the ~~Central Govt~~ the Union government to extend these regulations so that they will apply to missionaries from Commonwealth countries and Eire.

VIII

* Insert where indicated

During the war and for some years afterwards it was impossible to recruit new missionaries to replace those who were superannuated or had died.

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G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Secretary:- N.E. Horo, B.A.

Office of the Secretary

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

No:- 3213/54

Dated Ranchi the 16th. August 54

Rev. J.J.P. Tiga,
Delegate, W.C.C.
Evanston.

Dear Brother Tiga,

I am enclosing herewith recommendation letter granted to Mr. Nirmal Minz, related to his education abroad. Due to some unavoidable circumstances these could not be sent earlier.

I am in receipt of a copy of Schiätz's letter of July 22 addressed to you. This matter will be before the full Council which is scheduled to meet from 28-30th September.

Yours faithfully,

N. E. Horo
16/8/54
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : MR. N. E. HORO B.A.,

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 916/54

The 5th April, 54. 195

Mr. Nirmal Minz,
Jabalpur.

Dear Mr. Minz,

Your application for training abroad (U.S.A.) was considered by the Church Council. It was to let you know that there has been no call for foreign education in U.S.A. uptill now, however, since Rev. J.J.P Tiga is going to Evanston, your case is referred to him ~~XXXXXXXX~~ for exploring possibilities for your study abroad.

W. E. Horo
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

No 927/54

Copy to

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga - with a request to please explore possibilities for Mr. N. Minz's foreign study while he is at in U.S.A.

DT.

Wrote to Mr. Minz assuming him to be at Ranchi
attempts to copy for
W. E. Horo
Dr. J. J. P. Tiga
Dr. Bickel
Director
Miss Walch
Secretary
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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
TAKARMA SYNOD

REV. S. SURIN Synod President
MR. J. TOPNO Secretary,
MR. B. SURIN Treasurer.

G. E. L. Church Takarma
P. O. LASSIA
DIST. RANCHI

Memo No.

Dated 6/11/54

Fixed for
27-8/11/54
12/11/54
Dear Rev. Tigo,

I wish you to
Come to us on any day as to
your convenience. We are very anxious
to hear your tour in Europe.
I hope you will kindly inform
me.

Further, I have heard from
some reliable source, that you
have bought some expectacles
to distribute. Kindly keep
1 for me which will be the top power
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GOSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TAKARMA SYNOD

G. E. L. Church Takarma
P. O. LASSIA
DIST. RANCHI

Rev. S. Surin Synod President
Mr. J. Torso Secretary
Mr. B. Surin Treasurer

W/11/25 Dated

Dear Mr. B. Surin,
I hope to meet you in
Ranchi on the 12th inst.

Yours sincerely
S. Surin

I for we shall with the
to visit. Kindly keep
have brought some
have relatives here, but you
Julia, I have heard from

CIRCULAR NO. 256-349/55.

Dated Camp Ranchi, the 15th Jan'55.

From Rev. S. Surin, Secretary, Ministerium.

To All the members of the Ministerium, G.E.L. Church, Chotanagpur & Assam.

Church Council ki phaesla tarik 13th Janu'55 ke anusar Candidat Dharamdas Toppe, Head Quarters Congregation Ranchi ka padabhishek 17th April 1955 ko Christ girja Ranchi men hoga. Agar koi rok tok ki bat ho to is notice ko pane par 7 din ke andar batlaye. Jabab na pane par ap, ki manjuru samjhi jaygi.

B.L.

Sd/-S. Surin, Secretary Ministerium.

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RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

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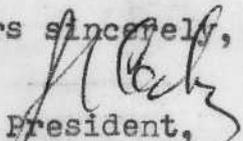
Dated the 5th January, 1955.

To

✓ Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.,
and Mr. Junas Barla, M.A., B.D., D.Ed.

Kindly come to my office for declaration of
the result of the E.B. Examination at 8.30.A.M. to morrow,
the 6th January, 1955.

Yours sincerely,


President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

B.L.5/1/55.

Minutes of the

C.C. Executive Officer's meeting Dated 17th. December 1954.

(1) American Scholarship _____ Rev. J.J.P.Tiga has informed the C.C. that 10 Scholarships have been offered through the Santhal Mission Board in Minneapolis U.S.A. for students to study in the Lutheran Theological College at Ranchi.

Resolved that this report and the offer of the Scholarship be received thankfully and that the Principal, Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi be instructed to invite applications from students from both of the churches, i.e. Gossner Church and Ebenezer Church and to submit the recommendation of the faculty to the respective churches as early as possible so that final admission may be effected by 1st. February, 1955.

(2) Accomodation in the Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi ___ In view of the fact that ten more students will be admitted as stated above the college will be in need of more Hostel accomodation. The College is already overcrowded and it will be impossible to accomodate more students unless some urgent arrangement is made.

Resolved that the Board of properties be requested to ^{take up the} repair ~~xxxx~~ of the rest of the Bhandari line north of the main college building so that accomodation to students is available by the 1st of February '55.

(3) Letter from Dr. Vilmos Vajta to Rev. J.J.P.Tiga dated 29-11-54 ___ Dr. Vajta informs that one scholarship for a well qualified student is available through the Commission on world Missions.

Resolved that Mr. Saban Surin at present studying ^{in Germany} in Berlin be selected for further studies at Gettysburg ^{in Germany} failing which at any other Seminary in U.S.A. and the Department of Theology LWF. be approached to allot a scholarship for the same as announced by the Director Dr. Vilmos ~~Vajta~~ ^{his} Vajta and particular reference made in the letter to Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, dated 29-11-54.

Further resolved that Rev. J.J.P.Tiga who has already introduced this matter to Dr. Vilmos Vajta and to the authorities of the Gettysburg Seminary U.S.A. , be authorised to correspond further in this subject.

1/6/55 dt. 5/1/55

Copy to Rev J.J.P. Tiga, Principal, Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi, for information & necessary action.

G. E. L. Church
Secretary

G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI

No. 4-97/55.

सूचना !

मिनिस्ट्रियम के सिगारिस और चर्च कौंसिल के फैसला के अनुसार गाविन्दपुर सिनाद मिनिस्ट्रियम ने पाद्री सामूएल हेमरोम को मंडली सजा का फैसला किया जिसके अनुसार पाद्री सामूएल हेमरोम ता: 29-99-58 को पाद्री कुशलमय तोपते के जरिये मर्च ख्रिस्त गिर्जे में छोटी सजा में रखा गया है।

श्री-Joel Lakra
President, 3/1/55
G. E. L. Church.
Ranchi.

श्री S. Susin. 3/1/55
Secretary Ministerium,
G. E. L. Church.

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BOOK-POST.

No 4-97/55

Rev. J. J. P. Jiga.
Ranchi

Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH
NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI

20, The Rev. J. J. P. Tija,
Principal
Lata. Theob College, Panchi;

Leonard Theological
College,
Jabalpur, M.P.
Nov 20, 1954.

Dear Sir,
I very much regret having not informed
and taken your consent in one of the greatest problems
in my life. I have stepped a little ahead without
much thought and consideration over the complications
involved in the matter. The matter is that of my
life partner. Some how I have moved to propose
Miss Kless (Paraclete) who is leaving for Germany for her
higher studies, as my life mate. This is a recent
matter only six months ago this started. I did not
know about the conditions laid down by the C.C. for
her and so ignorantly I moved this matter
personally. But the matter has not gone far there
is still time to do something about it. I believe
that you can still help me by your wise counsel
on this matter. Of course, I am not my own, I
am for the youth and for the Church. I have to
think of the needs and interests of the youth

Ranchi Flaka of the G. E. L. Church
in
Chotanagpur and Assam

Chairman.
Rev. J. J. P. Tigua B. D. Toppo

Ranchi.
P. O. & Dist. Ranchi.

No. _____

The 9th December 1954.

To

Rev. J. J. P. Tigua,
Luth. Theological College,
Ranchi
Bihar.

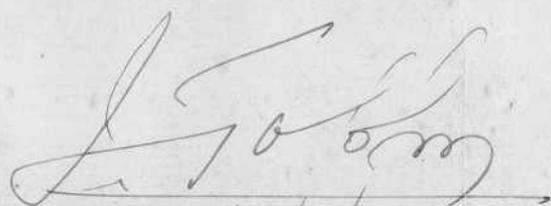
An extract of the minute of the Ranchi Flaka & Karmchhari joint meeting of 7th Dec. 1954 is herewith sent to you for information and needful action.

Item No 4:— Pathalkudwa Congregation.

संकल्प:— (a) पथलकुदवा मंडली का भार जो कि Theological College को दिया गया है आगे दिसम्बर माह से सम्पूर्ण रूप से Theological College ही को दिया जाता है। Principal साहब Rev. J. J. P. Tigua, C. C., के आगे जबाबदेही रहेंगे (रांची इलाके के आगे नहीं)। वे आगम-सर्च का हिसाब उगे - Census हिसाब सीधे C. C. को देंगे।

(b) Cate Johan Tirkey 1st January 1955 से पथलकुदवा मंडली से अलग किया जाय और आगे उनके काम का बन्दोबस्त किया जाय।

उपरोक्त संकल्प का Advance Copy C. C. को दिया जाय।


9/12/54

Secy.
M. Kundu
9/12/54.

Ranchi
12/10/54

Rev. J. D. P. Tigo,
Secretary, B.C.C.

Dear Sir,

As I am not feeling well
I may not be able to go to Jamshedpur
for the B.C.C. meeting. My absence
in the meeting be excused

Yours sincerely,

W. S. How
12/10/54

Secretary, B.C.C.

(member B.C.C.)

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Raueli

To, the Principal
Lum. Theological College
Raichur.

Dahalpur,
Dec 16, 1951.

Dear Sir, Received your express letter.
Thanks very much for the information.
I will delay for three four days in reaching
Raichur. On my way I have to see my parents
at home and spend ~~some~~ ^{time} with them.
I will be at Raichur by 26th evening.

I am not quite sure as to
where I will put up. I might go to
Sharamdas Toppe at Pathal Kudwa, or to
Rev. P. D. Sorang. I am writing to you of them.
I will see what I can do about my stay.

Rest of

Your salary,
"Happy Xmas, and
bright new year to
all the members of
the family. "

Thanks,

Sincerely yours

N. Khosla



To, The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

नाम

Principal

पता

Luth. Theological College

डाकखाना

Ranchi

जिला

BIHAR

कटनी-पर्व । ५. १२. ५४.

को : कृपा तुम्हारी, आयी छलकती सी;
कृपा तुम्हारी ।

१. मेघ गरज उठी वरसी-मुसलाधार
देती सब चली नाव जीवन जल सी,
जाते हम प्रभु हुलासी हुलासी ।
२. मुठि मुठि करी हम बीज द्विपाये
दात गुराण तेरी करुणा बढाये,
पाये हम प्रभु दान की कलसी ।
३. बीज मानहार धरती मिलाये
जीवन फल हम तेरी उम उढाये
फुले समाले हम न सोसन सी ।
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To, The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Principal
Luth. Theological College
Rauheri.

Leonard Olye
Jalalpur
M.P.

Dec 10, 1954.

Dear Sir, I am a little surprised at your
silence. This may be my second or third note.
As I have tried my best to inform you about all
my matters, I would urgently request you
to inform me about the courses of my study
and that about my passage arrangements.

I have to come to Rauheri on the
27th for Youth Board meeting. I would like to
stay with you for ~~at~~ a few days. I hope
to reach Rauheri by the fast bus.

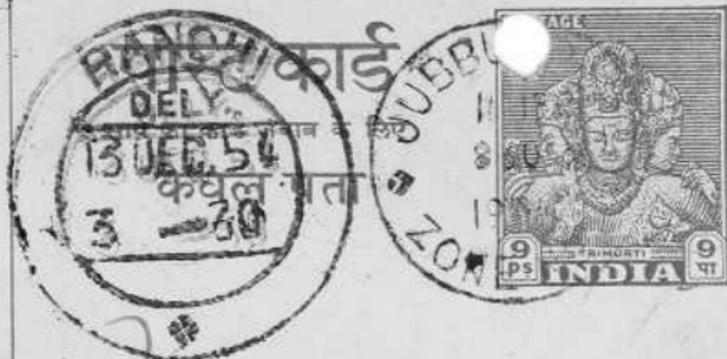
If there is any inconvenience, kindly let me know soon.

I am leaving Jalandhar for home on 21st Dec.

I am keeping well and hope you all to be the same. Xmas

A happy Xmas and a bright new year to all of you.

Sincerely,
Nival
Mishra



Rev. J. J. P. Tigar M.A. B.D.S.T.M.
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Principal

पता
Luth. Theological College
Ranchi (P. O.)

डाकखाना
जिला
BIHAR

Elphinstone Hotel,
Mehra Building No. 2.
Hornby Road, Bombay 1.

Dear Sir

4. XII. 52.
Reached Bombay safely ~~and~~

Sorry to write you this after upon
the office was closed, but God is
with us, one of the officers in Amexa
Bombay is Christian (Catholic), he met
me cordially and gave me the tickets
they have arranged for me now
the tourist class passage. But I have
to stay at London till the end of Dec 54.
Instead of "Elizabeth" ~~I was to say~~ they

have booked me in the
British ship "Seythia"
that is sailing from
London on the
first day of Jan 55.

So, please write them
to cancelled this passage
~~and~~ accepting the
Elizabeth again.

I thank you for
all the troubles you
took for me.
Yours always.

I remain
your obedient student
Martin



नाम The Principal
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Dear Sir,

Jaraeudar M. E
School.

Many thanks for your P.O. Bankibazar
Sundergarh
4-12-1954.
kind letter of last month and your good
advice. But regret to say that due to my
residence is very far from Rajgangpur I could not reply
to it earlier. At present I am at Jaraeudar I take ~~working~~
~~in the~~ of Rajgangpur Synod. Here ~~at~~ Jaraeudar M. E school
I am working in the place of Headmaster. According to your
suggestion I am told to re-write the 2nd year L. th on 1955
but sorry to say that I have spoiled my preparing
days in touring in the various Mandlies. And moreover
due to the great scarcity of food I could not accumulate
money for examination. Thus it seems very difficult
for me to give examination.

I therefore request you please excuse me for my
negligence ~~test~~ and remember me at your daily
devotion hour so that I may work hard amidst the

non-christian and I may ~~not~~
get success in my work and in
giving speech to those who are
poor spiritually.

At present I am at sound
health by the mercy of God.
I hope you would be in same.

Be my best compliment
to you as well as to all my
comrades of in Jesus Christ
of L. Th. College Ranchi.

Praying to God that your
noble work might get success
and your good teaching might
be the way of peace for
all men. Yours faithfully
Candidate J. Sugun.



To Principal
The Principal
नाम _____
पता _____
Lutheran L. Th. college
Ranchi Ranchi
डाकखाना _____
Ranchi
ज़िला _____
Bihar

Raigangpur
13.11.54

Dear Rev. J. P. Tigo
Dhushahar

Just now I got telegram
from Rev. R. K. Sahu the
VCC secretary which
reads thus:—

Rev. Sahabho Raigangpur
= Nineteenth Prakash
Feireband unable attend
Twenty second Proposed
confirm
Sahu.

Thus your problem gets
solved now you can
easily proceed to Cuttack
for meeting on 22-11-54

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after finishing
your engagement
on 19th. at Lhasarpur

Now I am glad
that I am free from
doubt of missing
you in the important
Commission meeting

Yrs
L. Jhalabhi



To
The Principal
Lhasar Theological
College
Ranchi.

Bihar



पोस्ट कार्ड

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Rev. J.J.P. Tiga

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Beldih Triangle
Jamshedpur, Bihar

Nov. 8, 1954

Dear Mr. Tiga,

Thank you for your card. It won't be necessary for you to bring your projector as we have projectors in Kharagpur to show slides. We shall be glad to see your pictures.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence G. Vickers

Whittaker School,
Samalkot, E. Godavari

Nov. 4, 1954.

Dear Pastor Tigo:

Thank you for forwarding the prayer book and vitamins. My brother mentioned your visit in a letter some time ago. They enjoyed it very much. They are leaving England on November 11th and are happy to go into Canadian Church service again.

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may God bless
you in your work.
Perhaps we too
can meet on some
occasion. I hope so

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Hartig



Rev. J. J. P. Tija

L. Th. College,
Ranchi
Bihar.

MINUTES
OF
The Meeting of the Executive Council
OF
The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India
Held in Chhindwara, M. P., February 21-22, 1955

I. DEVOTIONS

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. E. Raman and Dr. C. W. Oberdorfer. The closing devotions were conducted by Rev. Joel Lakra.

Rev. E. Raman, the Vice-President, presided over the meeting in the absence of the President.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Rev. E. Raman, Vice-President, C. P. E. L. C.
- Dr. A. N. Gopal, Secretary
- Rev. H. W. Mayer, Treasurer
- Rev. J. Thoft Krogh, Ebenezer L. Church
- Rev. F. L. D. Benja, Jeypore E. L. C.
- Rev. G. Devasahayam, A. E. L. C.
- Mr. M. Anantham, S. A. L. C.
- Dr. C. W. Oberdorfer, S. A. L. C. (Coopted)
- Miss B. V. Subbamma, A. E. L. C. (Coopted)
- Rev. Joel Lakra, G. E. L. C. (Coopted)
- Rev. Dorairaj Peter, A. L. C. (deputed by Rev. O. Horlyck)

The following members were absent and excused:

- Dr. R. B. Manikam, President
- Bishop J. Sandegren, Coopted
- Rev. S. W. Savarimuthu, T. E. L. C.
- Rev. A. Anderson, E. L. C., East Jeypore

Special Invitee:

Rev. Jacob Kumaresan, Convener, Board of Publication, was invited to report on Jubilee Publications.

Distinguished Visitors:

- Rev. J. F. Neudoerffer, Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions, U. L. C. A.—U. S. A.
- Rev. Henschen, Mission Inspector, Breklum, Germany

Rev. Wm. Dudde, Professor in Journalism, Hislop College,
Nagpur

Rev. Jongjohann, J. E. L. C.

Missionaries and Pastors from the Swedish Mission and
C. P. E. L. C.

III. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the distinguished visitors. Rev. Neudoerffer, Rev. Henschen and Rev. Dudde conveyed their greetings.

IV. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Chairman appointed the following members to serve on the Resolutions Committee:

Rev. H. W. Mayer, *Convener*

Mr. M. Anantham

Rev. Joel Lakra

Dr. A. N. Gopal

V. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held in Gurukul, Madras, on September 1-2, 1954, were approved as recorded.

VI. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Calcutta Work:

It was reported that a pastor from the A. E. L. C. is deputed for survey and his report is awaited.

Ref. 98/54 (d) - Rs. 500 for Organization

108/55 Resolved that Rs. 500 be ear-marked for Calcutta Organization Work.

b) Rawrkela Project:

109/55 It was resolved to accept the following brief report from Rev. Lakra:

RAWRKELA PROJECT

At Rawrkela on the Bombay Main Line in Orissa, the Hindustan Steel Plant is going to be established where about 300 German Engineers are expected to come to start the work. Krupp and Demag are partners in this Industry. Director Lokies informs that a German Pastor has already been found to come with the Engineers. This Pastor will also be a Missionary stationed at Rawrkela under the Joint Mission Board of Gossner Church and the Gossner Mission Society. A

Bungalow, a Church and School for Christian workers' children, including a Hospital with Christian doctors and nurses, should form the Rawrkela Project in which L. W. F. Executive is deeply interested. At the instance of the F. E. L. C. the Gossner Church has formed a strong Committee to formulate concrete proposals on the project. The Committee has not finished its work. As soon as the proposals are ready they will be submitted to the F. E. L. C. which forward the same to the L. W. F. Office in Geneva.

(Sd.) J. LAKRA
21-2-'55.

(c) Nepal Mission:

The Secretary gave the following brief report of the United Christian Mission to Nepal.

The Secretary and the Vice-President were deputed to attend the Organisation Meeting at Delhi as observers. The N. C. C. Secretary, Dr. Scott, was present. The Nepal Mission is organized under the auspices of the N. C. C. with Bishop Pickett as the Chairman. Representatives of the supporting missions and societies were present. The World Prayer League (a Lutheran Body working in the Darjeeling area) has a representative. At present the Missions and Societies in North India are supporting the Nepal Mission.

The work that is at present carried on is mainly along the line of medical relief. The Government of Nepal is behind this work. The Government wants the mission to carry on Educational work also.

The Nepal Mission is setting up a Board in India to supervise the work. A Constitution was drafted with a simple doctrinal statement. The Secretary also helped in this draft.

The Nepal Mission urged that the Constituent Churches and Missions of the F. E. L. C. cooperate in this united effort.

110/55 It was resolved that the Secretary secure the Constitution and the doctrinal statement of the Nepal Mission and forward it to the Constituent bodies of the F. E. L. C. for their decision in regard to the support of the Nepal Mission.

VII. JUBILEE COMMITTEE

111/55 a) Resolved that we pay Rs. 500 to the Jubilee Committee for film making.

- 112/55 1) Resolved that the following rules be adopted in connection with the expenses of the Jubilee Committee :
- i) Personal expenses by members of an Associated Mission should preferably be borne by that Mission.
 - ii) Personal expenses by members of an affiliated Church should preferably be borne by that Church.
 - iii) We do not assume any responsibility to pay the expenses of the American producers.
 - iv) Where number 1 & 2 are not possible the F. E. L. C. should pay.
 - v) The F. E. L. C. pay the expenses for members not connected with the F. E. L. C. (such as Mr. Lavender acting as Ziegenbalg).
 - vi) Rs. 500 granted to Jubilee Committee be paid to Mr. G. T. Williams who shall give an accounting to the F. E. L. C.
- b) *Appeal to L. W. F. for Books :*
- 113/55 1) Resolved to confirm our previous resolutions regarding books for Gurukul Library to request L. W. F. Executive to issue a specific and definite appeal to Churches and Institutions and Individuals connected with L. W. F. to contribute books or book money for the Gurukul Library.
- c) *Memorial Seals :*
- 114/55 1) Resolved to ask L. W. F. Executive to issue a Jubilee seal preferably containing Ziegenbalg picture and the words : "Quarter Millennium, Protestant Missions, 1706—1956, Ziegenbalg, Tranquebar, India."
- 115/55 2) Resolved that we inform the L. W. F. that we will be glad to receive 250,000 Jubilee Seals which shall be sold at a price to be fixed by the Jubilee Committee. The proceeds of the sale shall be used for a charitable purpose to be designated by the F. E. L. C. If there is a charge for such seals made by the L. W. F., this shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
- d) *Jubilee Publication :*
- 116/55 1) Resolved that the following be requested to translate Dr. Lehmann's book :
- Dr. Gensichen
Rev. Jungjohann

- 117/55 2) Resolved that the F. E. L. C. spend up to the maximum of Rs. 500 for clerical help in translation work, editorial work, postage and stationery. (This will reduce the price of the book. It is, of course, hoped that the translators, themselves being missionaries, will render their services free of charge).
- 3) *Calendar :*
- 118/55 Resolved that Rs.1,500 be advanced as initial outlay for the publication of the Jubilee Calendar.
The details in regard to the publication of Jubilee Calendar be left to the Jubilee Committee.
- 119/55 4) a) Resolved that we set aside from F. E. L. C. Funds Rs. 150 for about 1000 reprints of Dr. Estborn's syllabus for Pastors' Retreat, or as many copies as can be purchased for Rs. 150.
b) The printing of this syllabus for Pastors' Retreats in vernacular languages shall be left to the Constituent Churches in each language area both with regard to translation and cost.
- 120/55 5) Resolved that, due to the shortage of funds, the publication of any vernacular literature on Jubilee celebration shall be left to the Churches and the language area concerned.
- 121/55 6) Resolved that we request the Board of Publication to make plans for selling the remaining copies of the "Lutheran Enterprise in India", at the time of the Jubilee Celebrations. If a reduction in the price seems advisable we authorise the same though without loss to the F. E. L. C. investment.
- 7) In regard to the publication of the other books, viz., (1) The Song of Tranquebar, (2) Biography of Ziegenbalg, (3) Popular book on the Tranquebar Mission by Dr. Lehmann and (4) Lectures delivered at the time of Jubilee celebrations, it was
- 122/55 Resolved that we refer this to the Jubilee Committee and express our regrets that we are unable to present them with a good progress report in regard to soliciting orders and express our inability to subsidize the project.
- 123/55 8) Resolved that we record in our Minutes that the Lutheran Publishing House has declined our request to implement 17/54 (a).
- 124/55 9) Resolved that we authorise the Editor of the Gospel Witness to publish the September, 1955, issue as a special Jubilee Number.

VIII. GOSPEL WITNESS

- 125/55 Resolved that we request the Constituent Churches to increase their aid towards the Gospel Witness either by increasing contributions or by increasing the number of subscribers so as to make the income from them equivalent to the amount they have to pay as increased subsidy.

IX. ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

- 126/55 Resolved that the following recommendations of the Jubilee Committee be adopted:

- 1) That the Institute proposed should be a joint enterprise of the Protestant Churches in India serving both in India and other South-East Asian countries, sponsored through both the L. W. F. and I. M. C.
- 2) To note with gratification that the L. W. F. is to set up an institution for the training of leaders for the African Churches, but to recommend that the institution for the South-East Asia should be established separately, preferably at Madras.
- 3) That the members of the Gurukul Faculty, together with Bishop Sandegren, Dr. Manikam, Rev. Hellinger, meet Dr. Glora Wysner and present our views on the plan.
- 4) To request Dr. R. B. Manikam to represent the interests of the Ecumenical Institute at the meeting of the C. W. M. to be held in July in Finland.
- 5) To request Dr. Manikam at a time suitable to him to proceed to U. S. A. in order to win the friends of I. M. C. and W. C. C. there for this Ecumenical Institute.

X. DEPUTATION

We authorise the Jubilee Committee to arrange for the visitation of Foreign visitors for deputation work in India at the time of Jubilee.

XI. WOMEN'S WORK COMMITTEE

Miss Subbamma, Convener, reported that the F. E. L. C. Committee on the Ministry of Women met on December 5, 1954, at Guntur, and that they are working out plans for a Conference.

- 127/55 Resolved to grant Rs. 350 for the Women's Conference.

XII. W. C. C. MEMBERSHIP

We record our happiness over the fact that the misunderstandings related to the delegation to the W. C. C. are cleared up.

Evanston Travel Account: (W. C. C.)

- 128/55 Resolved that the travel account of the delegates to the Evanston be scrutinized by the Officers,

Reported that the leader of the delegation (W. C. C.) has submitted to the editor a report on Evanston and that it is published.

F. E. L. C. Contribution to W. C. C.:

- 129/55 Resolved that we state it is our considered opinion that Rs. 1,000 from the Constituent Churches of the F. E. L. C. is a fair share of the assessment against the Churches in India made of W. C. C.

XIII. F. E. L. C. CONTRIBUTION TO L. W. F.

Reported that the following resolution, passed by circular vote, is forwarded to L. W. F. Office in Geneva by the President:

Resolved that we request the L. W. F. Executive Committee to cancel the arrears assessed against the Lutheran Churches in India prior to the L. W. F. fiscal year 1953-54.

XIV. RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE W. C. C. AND L. W. F.

- 130/55 Resolved that we adopt the following rules tentatively:
1. Delegates shall represent churches and not the F. E. L. C., and shall be elected by the respective churches.
 2. In order to ensure equality and rotation of representation and to help in securing of travel funds for delegates and facilitate other arrangements, the assistance of the F. E. L. C. is desirable. The following rules are proposed:
 - a) The F. E. L. C. shall continue to serve as a liaison office between the W. C. C., L. W. F., and the Constituent Churches.
 - b) The F. E. L. C. Executive Council shall fix the priority among the Churches for sending delegates to a forthcoming Convention.

- c) The present happy arrangement by which the Constituent Churches assist each other in the financial arrangements for delegates shall remain unimpaired.
- d) If in addition to such mutual assistance a church is able to send additional delegates, it shall be free to do so provided such additional delegates are within the number allotted for the Lutheran Churches in India.
- 3) Resolved to send this report to all members of the Executive Council and to the Constituent Churches for adoption:

We request the W. C. C. Selection Committee (Rev. Mayer, Rev. Raman, Rev. Horlyck and Bishop Sandegren) to formulate rules for raising annual amounts from the Constituent Churches, and to determine annual amounts to be collected from each Church for sending delegates to the W. C. C. and L. W. F.

XV. GURUKUL COLLEGE COUNCIL

Dr. C. W. Oberdorfer gave the following report:

GURUKUL LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

1) The American Staff Member: Mr. R. A. Martin, Assistant Professor at Wartburg College, Wavisby, Iowa, of the American Lutheran Church, has accepted a tentative call to the Chair of Old and New Testament studies at Gurukul.

2) A successor for Dr. Estborn:

Dr. Gensichen, although his contract with the L. E. L. Mission expires in June 1956, offered to remain in India till July 1957, sending his family home in 1956. Heidelberg will agree to this. In the meantime Dr. Estborn will fulfill his contract with Jankoping and will become eligible for Swedish Social Service retirement pension after two years of further service. He then offers to return to Gurukul for a further term of several years unless we can secure someone else in his place in the meantime. This offer has been accepted, if his services will be needed at that time.

It is a particular pleasure to report that the Rev. P. David, Ph. D., member on the staff from the A. E. L. C., has been appointed by the College Council as Principal of Gurukul for a period of three years from the time Dr. Estborn leaves.

Since Dr. Oberdorfer's term of office as a Chairman of the Gurukul College Council expires by July 1955, and in view of the Jubilee celebrations in 1956, it was

- 131/55 // Resolved that we appoint Dr. Oberdorfer to be the Chairman of the Gurukul College Council for one more year, viz., from July 1955 to June 1956.

XVI. MEMBERSHIP ON THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

The National Christian Council has proposed an amendment in the membership of the Council as follows:

"According to the present basis, Federation of Churches can be affiliated with the N. C. C. It is proposed that this be removed. The purpose of the change is to encourage member churches the of Federation to seek direct affiliation with the Council.

- 132/55 // Resolved that we accept this proposed amendment in the N. C. C., and urge the Constituent Churches of the F. E. L. C. to seek membership of the N. C. C. directly.

XVII. TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

In view of the considerations involved, such as want of proper facilities at the time of the Tranquebar Jubilee celebrations, we deem it best not to implement the resolution of the Triennial Conference to ante-date the next conference by one year.

- 133/55 // Resolved that we request the officers of the F. E. L. C., in consultation with the Jubilee Committee, to fix the date and place of the next meeting.

XVIII. YOUTH WORK

RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT OF YOUTH COMMISSION ON ORGANIZATION, COMMUNISM AND LUTHERAN UNITY.

Lutheran Unity:

- a) That, as a next step towards Lutheran Church Unity, an attempt should be made to join different Lutheran Churches in the same linguistic area so that the number of Churches in the Federation may be simply reduced to the minimum before the actual final union is achieved.
- b) Pastors and other workers should be exchanged and their services lent from one Church to the other so that better understanding and Christian comradeship might prevail and pave the path to final union.

- 134/55 Resolved that the above two recommendations (a & b) be forwarded to the Committee on Lutheran Unity for study and report to the F. E. L. C.
- c) More youth conferences and other retreats for pastors might be held. In this connection it is suggested that every year youth representatives of the same language area should meet so that every third year we may contribute much to each other when we meet in such a Triennial Conference.
- 135/55 Resolved that we approve of this and ask the Youth Committee to arrange for Regional Conferences on their own expense.
- Annual Youth Leader's Training Course :*
- 136/55 The F. E. L. C. is not able to finance Annual Youth Leaders' Training Course. We request, however, that the Committee on Young Peoples' Work encourage the Youth of the F. E. L. C. Churches to avail themselves of Youth Leadership Training Courses offered by the N. C. C., the Provincial Christian Council, or any other such training courses that may be available from time to time.
- Full-Time Youth Secretary for F. E. L. C. :*
- 137/55 This Council believes that, in as much as some Constituent Churches have already appointed Youth Secretaries, the appointment of an F. E. L. C. paid Secretary for all the Churches will not be useful. If most of the Churches can be persuaded by the Committee on Young Peoples' Work to appoint full-time or Part-time Secretaries, as the case may be for their respective Churches, the machinery for building up the youth work will be provided for. The Committee on Young Peoples' Work will be the proper authority to coordinate the youth work of the Churches.
- Request for Christian Literature on Communism :*
- 138/55 We draw the attention of the Committee on Youth Work to the availability of several publications published in India, such as Lutheran Publishing House, Guntur, and C. L. S., Madras.
- 139/55 Resolved that we refer to the Constituent Churches the request of the Youth Convention to hold periodical conferences for pastors and the Church youth, or include the subjects in retreats and refresher course programmes so that the membership of the Churches may be educated sufficiently to avert the trap of Communism.

A recommendation was made to the F. E. L. C. to maintain regularly a Youth Forum in our monthly magazines and publish periodically useful booklets and books on topics of vital interest for youth.

- 140/55 With regard to the above request for magazines and youth publications we refer the same to the F. E. L. C. Board of Publication and to the Constituent Churches for such action as the Board and the Churches are able to take in order to meet this request. We draw the attention of the Committee on Young Peoples' Work to the availability of the publicity space in the Gospel Witness.

XIX. LUTHERAN—C. S. I. CONVERSATIONS

It is planned that the final meeting of these conversations shall take place in Bangalore during the middle of March, 1955. At this time the doctrine of the Lord's Supper is to be discussed.

The Lutherans have prepared three papers—an exegetical one on the scriptural bases by Dr. H. W. Gensichen—a doctrinal one by Dr. C. M. Doermann and an examination of the C. S. I. literature on the Lord's Supper by Dr. S. Estborn.

XX. L. N. M. S. ITEM

Correct Recording of the Nourangapur Minutes on Surguja Board.

- 141/55 Resolved to refer the L. N. M. S. request to Surguja Board for study and recommendations.
- Rev. Jacob Kumaresan, Secretary, L. N. M. S., made a brief statement on the development in Rewa Field.

XXI. COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS MISSION

- 142/55 Resolved that if the H. K. B. P. request us to continue the service with them of the Rev. S. Devanesan, whose 6-year period of service ends on 1-5-1956, C. O. M. be authorized to decide the terms of agreement for continued work. It is found that in such a case it is profitable that Rev. S. Devanesan is given 6 months' leave from 1-12-1955 till 1-6-1956, and that the new term begins on 1-6-1956.

Resignation of Mr. S. Doraisamy from Jubilee Committee and C. O. M.

- 143/55 Resolved that we accept Mr. S. Doraisamy's resignation on the above Committees.

144/55 Resolved that we appoint the following in the place of Mr. S. Doraisamy :

- a) Rev. G. G. Achariam, Kumbakonam, on the C. O. M.
- b) Dr. Pichai Robert, Coimbatore, & Rev. Jacob Kumaresan on the Jubilee Committee.

XXII. ACTING SECRETARY

Mr. M. Anantham (S. A. L. C.) is elected to officiate as Acting Secretary in the absence of the Secretary, Dr. A. N. Gopal.

XXIII. DRAFT CONSTITUTION—E. L. C. I.

Ref. 13/54 a & f; 104/54 :

145/55 Resolved that we request the Convener to prepare and distribute the existing Constitution, as amended up-to-date.

Ref. 13/54 (e) :

146/55 Resolved that we bring the above to the attention of the Theological Department of L. W. F. for their action.

XXIV. MADHYA PREDASH QUESTIONNAIRE

Rev. Lakra gave an interesting report on the M. P. questionnaire and his answers to the questionnaire.

XXV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Telegrams to the President and Bishop Sandegren :

147/55 Resolved that the Officers of the Federation send suitable telegrams to Dr. R. B. Manikam and Bishop Sandegren.

“I. S. S. U. request to send three members to the Conference on curriculum, Jubbulpore.

148/55 “Resolved that we designate Miss H. Naugle as the representative from the Telugu Area. The Tamil and Hindi areas be requested to select their representatives (one from each area.)”

The travel expenses be arranged between the sending Church and Mr. V. M. Koshy, Administrative Secretary of I. S. S. U.

Members who attend the Conference are requested to send a written report to the Secretary, F. E. L. C.

Resolution of Thanks :

149/55

Resolved that we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the M. P. E. L. C. for the invitation to hold this meeting in Chhindwara, and we offer special thanks to all of the hosts and hostesses and other friends who have contributed towards making our meeting a successful and happy one.

(Sd.) DR. R. B. MANIKAM,
President.

(Sd.) A. N. GOPAL,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I

F. E. L. C. BUDGET-1955

150/55 Resolved that we adopt the following budget for 1955:
Expected from Churches

Churches	L	W	F	W	C	F	E	L	C	Total	Contribution
A. E. L. C.	Rs. 1,520			300			720			2,540	
Ebenezer L. C.	410			90			200			700	
M. P. E. L. C.	190			48			100			338	
Arcot L. C. (1)	—			50			170			220	
East Jeypore L. C.	—			—			20			20	
G. E. L. C.	1,230			246			600			2,076	
J. E. L. C. (2)	430			50			210			690	
S. A. L. C.	345			78			170			593	
T. E. L. C.	630			138			310			1,078	
	Rs. 4,755	1,000		2,500			8,255			Total	
							Expected			Income	Rs. 8,255

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES DURING 1955

To L. W. F.	Rs. 4,755
„ W. C. C.	1,000
„ Office Expenses (3)	350
„ Travel (Officers)	700
„ Travel (Special Committees & Chairmen)	500
„ N. C. C. (3 delegates @ Rs. 100 each)	
N. C. C. Res. 53/61	300
„ Calcutta Work (FELC Res. 11/54) (4)	500
„ L. W. F. Ex. Com. Travel (Res. 53/30)	500
	Expenses Total Rs. 8,605
	Expected Income 8,255
	Probable Deficit Rs. 350

Notes :

- (1) The Arcot Lutheran Church is not a W. C. C. member, but contributed Rs. 50 for 1954.
- (2) The J. E. L. C is not a W. C. C. member, but contributed Rs. 50 for 1954.
- (3) Office expenses for 1954 amounted to Rs. 492-0-9 against Rs. 300 budgeted. Most of excess expenditure due to printing Triennial Minutes and Inter-Church Group papers.
- (4) Rs. 600 was earmarked in 1954 from F. E. L. C. balances. This amount is included in the general balances on 31-12-1954. Res. 11/54 seems to envision opening of work, hence the inclusion in this budget.

H. W. MAYER,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX II

FOR INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT OF THE F. E. L. C. FOR THE
PERIOD APRIL 4, 1954 TO DECEMBER 31, 1954. (NOT AUDITED)

Details	Receipts	Expenses
Opening balances :		
1. Bank balance B/F	1,431 4 8	
2. Post Office Savings Bank account cashed	4,045 4 0	
Interest on Post Office Bank Acct.	23 11 0	5,500 3 8
Travel (general)		611 7 9
Office Expenses (for the Executive Committee members)		480 6 9
Memberships account	6,409 0 0	1,054 0 0
Special Committee Travel acct.		677 12 0
Miscellaneous receipts	194 10 3	
Evanston Travel account		18 14 6
Publications account		155 8 0
Closing Balances :		
1. National Bank	8,918 7 5	
2. Cash	187 5 6	
	9,105 12 11	9,105 12 11
	12,103 13 11	12,103 13 11

H. W. MAYER,
Treasurer, F. E. L. C.

DETAILS : F. E. L. C. MEMBERSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS
ACCOUNT

Receipts :

S. A. L. C.	Rs. 593	0	0	
T. E. L. C.	1,078	0	0	
E. L. C. in M. P.	338	0	0	
Ebenezer L. C.	700	0	0	
E. L. C. in East Jeypore	20	0	0	
A. E. L. C.	2,540	0	0	
Arcot Lutheran Church	300	0	0	
J. E. L. C.	690	0	0	
Andhra Lutheran Conference	150	0	0	6,409 0 0

Payments :

To N. C. C. Membership for 1954	Rs. 300	0	0	
To W. C. C. through NCC	754	0	0	1,054 0 0
				<u>Cr. Bal on 31-12-54</u> 5,355 0 0

DETAILS : W. C. C. EVANSTON TRAVEL

Paid by the following Churches :

1. T. E. L. C.	Rs. 1,000	0	0	
2. S. A. L. C.	500	0	0	
3. From L. W. F. for C. E. L. C.	1,115	10	0	
4. G. E. L. C.	169	0	0	
5. A. E. L. C.	2,100	0	0	
6. J. E. L. C.	150	0	0	
7. Subsidy from W. C. C. Geneva Office	5,912	8	0	10,947 2 0

Less :

Paid to Rev. G. Paul David	Rs. 5,000	0	0
Paid to Rev. Tiga	5,000	0	0
Paid addl. amount \$ 200.00 in U. S. A.	950	0	0
Telegram	16	0	6

Total expenses 10,966 0 6

LESS Receipts as listed above 10,947 2 0

Debit balance on }
31-12-54 } 18 14 6

DETAILS : MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Received from Kodai Federation Sundry Offerings	Rs. 176	0	3
Received from Renigunta F. E. L. C. Youth Conference Sunday Offerings		20	0
		196	0
	Total	196	0
Less Excess Post Office Bank interest paid back		1	6
		194	10
	Credit Balance on 31-12-54.	194	10

(Sd.) H. W. MAYER,
Treasurer, F. E. L. C.

canals and in-
hotels and restaurants run by
railways, were nationalized. The
rk of the entire London passen-
r system was transferred in the
me year to a new body called the
ansport Commission. The Elec-
city Act of 1947 completed the
ovement towards the nationaliza-
on of electric supply which had
egan in 1926. In the sphere of in-
dustries, the entire coal mining in-
dustry was brought under public
wnership and control in 1946. The
on and Steel Act, providing for
e establishment of an Iron and
eel Corporation for Britain and
r the transfer to the Corporation
the securities of some 96 com-
panies engaged in the iron and steel
dustry, was passed in 1949. The
urn of Conservatives to power in
1950, however, put a stop to the
templated nationalization of this
dustry.

In France and Italy, the trend to-
wards public ownership or control
of certain basic industries and ser-
vices has been more pronounced and
rapid. Over a long period, the Gov-
ernment has been holding in France
a majority of stocks in all but the
very small units in certain specific
industries and public utility under-
takings. The movement towards a
new form of nationalization, how-
ever, can be traced only since 1944
when the Council of Resistance laid
down the principle that the State
should own and direct the econ-
omy in order to increase production
and reduce social inequalities. By
1946, almost the entire coal mining
dustry was nationalized; so also
were all undertakings engaged in
the production and distribution of
gas and electricity. The Bank of
France and several other big banks
and most of the bigger insurance
companies were transferred to pub-
lic ownership between 1945 and 1946.
The participation by the State in
key enterprises became more
widespread. Today, the State holds
stocks in companies engaged in such
various activities as mining for ore,
motion-picture production, broadcas-
ting, news agency, petroleum pro-
duction and distribution, chemical
manufacture, the merchant marine
and river navigation.

ITALIAN EXAMPLE

In Italy also, Governmental own-
ership and control of economic ac-
tivities has made tremendous head-
way during the past 25 years. As
private investors were extremely
reluctant to risk their money in in-
dustrial enterprises beyond certain
well-established fields, the burden
of the country's development was
assumed largely by the Industrial
Construction Institute, a State
corporation, set up by Mussolini.
Socialism, however, adopted a quasi-
private concept of nationalization,
giving, to a very great extent, on-
ly to the old managerial class, and, in
some instances, admitting continued
private participation in stock own-
ership. Even after the termination
of World War II, this pattern of
control has remained substantially
unaltered.

In the Scandinavian countries
Norway, Sweden and Denmark),
measures of child welfare, labour
security and health insurance, and
services given by the State to agriculture
and housing projects have been far
in advance of those in Britain,
France or Italy, while their co-
operatives are well-known for the
production and sale of quality goods
at the lowest price. As a result, the
State finds it "unnecessary" need-
lessly to "disturb" the private sec-
tor; as a matter of fact, the various
State schemes for the promotion of
social welfare as well as the co-
operatives flourish side by side with
their private and also publicly owned
enterprises. None of them en-
joys a monopoly. All compete keen-
ly with one another, with resulting
benefits in the form of moderate
prices, better quality, and able man-
agement alert to the needs and de-
sires of a critical public.

(To be concluded.)

us stress the basic
land reform measures in their
broadest concept.

"If spokesmen for the Kremlin
dare to offer the bait of more
widespread opportunity for land
ownership to the landless and hung-
ry peasants of Asia and Africa, let
us openly challenge the Soviet to
apply such land reform principles
in their own country and extend to
the Russians the opportunity to
own and farm their own land
instead of being compelled to
accept a collectivized State agricul-
tural pattern."—Reuter.

**FRENCH DESERTERS
HANDLED BACK**

PARIS, April 9.—North Viet Nam
today handed over 69 deserters
from the French expeditionary
force who went over to the Com-
munist side during the Indo-China
war, the French news agency re-
ported from Hanoi.—Reuter.



**75 YEARS
AGO TODAY**

FROM THE STATESMAN OF
APRIL 12, 1880

(News Items)
A BRANCH RAILWAY

On the 23rd August the Pondi-
cherry Government appointed a
commission to report upon the
question whether it would be
advisable to connect Karikal
with the railway system of Bri-
tish India as has been lately
done in the case of Pondicherry.
The commission, in their report,
assert that since Negapatam be-
came a railway station, Karika-
l, which is twelve miles to the
north of that town, has lost much
of the commercial importance it
formerly enjoyed. The trade
which once existed between Kari-
kal and the districts in the rich
delta of the Cavery is now turned
to the profit of Negapatam, as
this town is in railway commu-
nication. Karikal, under the cir-
cumstances, the commission re-
port, would for trading purposes
be left in a disastrous state of
isolation, and they propose that
the line should run through the
small towns of Mayaveram and
Collimangum, and be linked with
the South Indian Railway at the
port of Negapatam.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW—
The painted window to be erect-
ed in the cathedral by the Gov-
ernment of India, in memory of
the late Bishop Milman, has
arrived in Calcutta at last, and
is to be put in its place in the
east gable without further de-
lay. An inscription in English,
Latin and Bengali will be placed
on a brass beneath the window.
The delay in this matter is not
due in this instance, as people
may be disposed to consider, to
the circumlocution office, but is,
to a considerable extent, due to
the makers. Clayton and Bell's
work, however, is much in de-
mand, and is generally worth
waiting for.

Politically, they
made to feel a part of
economically, they must
made to become creative indus-
trialists. But I would plead
strongly that refugees should not
be reduced to the status of an in-
dustrial working class for the
benefit of industrial magnates.

I say this not only because such
a course would be entirely hostile
to the spirit of the Avadi resolu-
tion but also because it will not
achieve economic rehabilitation.
The spirit of the refugee will not
be roused if he feels that an ar-
rangement has been made by
which he can earn a pittance by
selling his labour to captains of
industry. He will be enthused if
he is made to feel that the indus-
try he is serving is his own.

Let the Government try the
S. K. Dey scheme, which offers the
maximum assistance to the refu-
gees if they are willing to exert
themselves. This scheme has to
be adopted and streamlined to
suit the problem in East Pakistan
refugee colonies, and made more
flexible so that medium and even
large-scale industries can be fit-
ted into it. The present drive
will only create large establish-
ments run by big industrialists
and a large body of disgruntled
industrial workers.—Yours, etc.,
J. P. GHOSE. (General Secretary,
Displaced Persons' Federation).
Calcutta, April 4.

HAZAR DASTAN

Sir,—Mrs Ailsa Quinlan's
charming account of the Himala-
yar. Whistling-Thrush and the
photograph reproduced by you
(The Statesman, April 6) relate
to the familiar bird of the Hima-
layan streams whose loud and
melodious whistling may be heard
far above the resounding gurgle
of the hill torrents. During sum-
mer when the streams become
dry, the bird comes up to the
outskirts of the hill stations
along the course of the streams
in search of food, and is often
seen in Simla.

Admittedly, it has been named
Hazar Dastan by the Kashmiris
as mentioned by Samsar Chand
Kaul in his *Birds of Kashmir*, but
Douglas Dewar, in *Glimpses of
Indian Birds* (page 146-147),
states that the Persian nightingale
is called both Hazar Dastan, and
Bulbul Basta.

The Himalayan Whistling-
Thrush is not known to have been
brought to Calcutta for sale by
Kabulis or Kashmiris. Moreover,
it is not an easy bird to rear in
captivity as it requires a large
aviary, with plenty of water for
baths and a liberal supply of
shrimps, snails and cockroaches,
as mentioned by Frank Finn in
Garden and Aviary Birds of India
(1906). Frank Finn, Douglas De-
war and W. T. Blanford (*In East-
ern Persia—1876*) refer to the
Persian nightingale as being
brought for sale to Calcutta at
fancy prices.

Thus the name Hazar Dastan
applies both to the Persian night-
ingale and the Himalayan whis-
tling-thrush, but the bird brought
for sale to Calcutta is the former.
—Yours, etc., P. K. SEN GUPTA.
Calcutta, April 6.

MONKEY EXPORTS

Sir,—The letter from "Animal
Lover" in your issue of March 30
seems to be prompted more by
sentiment than by reason. In the
human society, the welfare of the
human being is the primary con-
sideration; love for the animal
cannot override love for the
human being.

Stray dogs in Calcutta cannot
certainly be allowed to exist and
multiply. There are differences
of opinion about cow-slaughter;
the economic import of a ban
should not be overlooked. And

Behala,

DECIMAL SYSTEM

Sir,—Occasionally news reaches
us from Delhi that this commis-
sion, that council, or the other
committee is considering, or has
recommended, the immediate in-
troduction of the decimal system
for measuring value, weight,
length, surface, etc. Then nothing
happens, as has been the case for
the past decade.

Unless the prime units of mea-
surement are remodelled on inter-
national lines, no appreciable im-
provement in our affairs can be
expected.—Yours, etc., PHANIN-
DRA NATH SETH. (Secretary,
Indian Decimal Society).
Calcutta, March 24.

ALL INDIA RADIO

Sir,—There has been much pub-
lic discussion on the question of
control over the Indian broadcast-
ing system. The main trends of
argument have been directed to-
wards the news bulletins and the
service conditions of the staff.

Excessive control by officers and
top men is said to be exercised on
the news bulletins. The Congress
Party being in office, let us remem-
ber that during the election cam-
paign in 1951-52, or again in the
recent elections in Andhra, no
propaganda activity was under-
taken by the A.I.R. on behalf of
it. If official control is excessive,
why were the news bulletins on
the election days not tainted by
propaganda?

I am not informed as to day-to-
day working, but I have a feeling
that in cases where news bullet-
tins tend to run counter to na-
tional interests—as for example
in foreign policy, which requires
delicate handling—there is and
should be some official control.

The service conditions of A.I.R.
employees are of course adminis-
trative matters; the creation of a
corporation will not mean the
elimination of grievances. Ser-
vice conditions in many private
firms are bad, if not worse, than
in Government service.

Under a corporation there is
no guarantee that the diverse
needs of the country will be met.
There is no certainty that regional
languages will receive the same
attention as they do now. Under
a corporation, the present controls
—about which there is so much
complaint—will not cease to exist.
—Yours, etc., INTERESTED.
Calcutta, March 29.

MALARIA.—There seem to be
more mosquitoes these days in
Calcutta than ever before. This
should not be so, especially when
we are said to have declared war
on this carrier of disease. Is not
this city within the area in which
the battle is being fought?—T. D.
Calcutta.

UNSHADED.—May I draw the
attention of the authorities to the
need for sun-shades at the bus-
stops on the new C.I.T. road in
the Entally area? In these hot
days they are essential.—JAGAN-
NATH GANGULI
Calcutta, March 26.

THE UNIVERSITY MAN.—
With reference to Mr Jonathan
Boswell's analysis of the mental
condition of the Indian university
man, confusion and frustration are
not peculiar to Indian students;
they are at present a universal
malady. Sir Walter Moberly in
his book, *The Crisis In The Uni-
versity*, complains that British
universities now fail to give their
students a philosophy of life and
that the students usually suffer
from lack of faith, purpose and
direction.—KHWAJA AHMAD
FARUQI.
Delhi, March 30.

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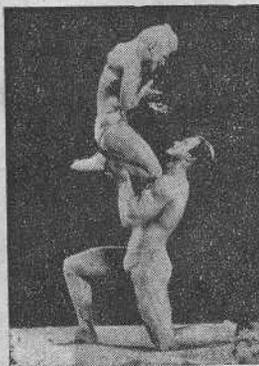


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Geet. 7-30—Talk in Hindi. 7-45—
Khayal. 8-15—News in Hindi. 8-30
—National Programme: Relayed
from Delhi. 8-50—Violin. 9—News
in English. 9-15—Music. 9-30—
Geet. 9-45—Violin. 10—Khayal
10-30—Close Down.

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222.2 metres (1,350 Kc/s).
6-45 a.m.—Mangalika. 6-55—Pro-
gramme summary 7—Chhanda. 7-15
—News in Oriya. 7-30—Lessons on
Hindi. 7-45—Veena. 8—News in
English. 8-15—News in Hindi. 8-30
—Close down. 6 p.m.—Bhajan. 6-10
Programme for children. 6-30—
Programme for the countryside. 7—
Local announcements and weather
report. 7-5—Dance music. 7-15—
News in Oriya. 7-30—Veena. 7-45—
Talk in Oriya. 8—Adhuri and Bha-
jan. 8-15—News in Hindi. 8-30—Na-
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English. 9-15—Veena. 9-30—Talk in
Oriya. 9-45—Odissi and Champu. 10—
Close down.

Hindu Mahasabha Council's Resolutions

By a Staff Reporter

The annual meeting of the Ben-
gal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha
Council was held in Calcutta on
Saturday.

The meeting passed a resolution
stating that agricultural land up to
15 bighas in possession of an indi-
vidual should be made rent free
and that the annual land revenue
from the remaining land should not
exceed the total amount of land re-
venue so far received annually by
the Government.

Referring to the problem of East
Bengal refugees, the meeting in
another resolution, urged the West
Bengal Government to demand ade-
quate land from East Pakistan ad-
joining West Bengal for rehabili-
tation of displaced persons from
East Pakistan and to stop the "one
way traffic by putting pressure
upon Pakistan."

Mr N. C. Chatterjee, M.P., was
elected president, and Mr Nitay
Narayan Banerjee secretary for the
current year.

INDIAN M.P.s' COMING VISIT TO RUSSIA

NEW DELHI, April 9.—The
Indian Parliamentary delegation,
which will visit Russia in May in
response to an invitation from the
Supreme Soviet, will be led by Mr
Krishnamoorthy Rao, Deputy Chair-
man of the Rajya Sabha.

It will include Diwan Chamanlal,
Professor Ranga, Mrs Parvathi
Krishnan, Mr Natesan, Pandit Algu-
rai Shastri, Mr Digvijaya Narayan
Singh, Mr Rameshwar Sabu, Dr
Ansari, Mr K. K. Basu, Sardar Hu-
kam Singh, and Mrs Indira Maydeo.
Mr S. N. Mukherjee, Secretary of
the Rajya Sabha, will accompany the
delegation.

The delegation is expected to leave
Delhi on May 5 and will tour
Russia for about three weeks.—P.T.I.

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*Replied you
of 18/4/55*

April 3, 1955

The Rev. J.P.P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological College
Ranchi
Behar

Dear Reverend Tiga:

Under the auspices of the India Ecumenical Study Commission a post-Evanston Consultation is to be held at this Centre on June 2-4. Dr. Robert Nelson, Secretary of For Faith and Order of the Division and Studies of the World Council of Churches, will be present at this meeting. The major aim of this consultation will be to examine the Evanston Assembly Reports in relation to conditions within India today, and to plan for conferences in various parts of North India.

I am writing to invite you to attend this consultation. Your name has been suggested to me because of your active relation to the Christian Council in your area.

I hope very much that it will be possible for you to come. Further information about the consultation will be sent to you within the next few weeks. I might say that this Centre, through funds provided by the World Council of Churches, will be able to pay your round-trip inter-class railway fare and terminal charges. Each delegate will be asked to contribute what he or she can afford towards the hospitality expenses.

I am enclosing a post card for your convenience in letting me know whether we can expect you to attend on June 2-4.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Alter

James P. Alter

JPA/mk

John
13/4/53

छोटानागपुर एवं आसामस्थ गोस्सनर एवं जेलिकल लूथेरान कलीशा

की
राँची में होनेवाली १९५५ की द्वयवर्षीय महासभा
एवं चर्च कौंसिल बैठकी
का
कार्यक्रम ।

मंगलवार	१२ अप्रैल ५५	संध्या तक कौंसिल सदस्यों का आममन ।	
बुधवार	१३ " "	पूर्ण कौंसिल की बैठकी	पहली बेला ८-११ बजे
बृहस्पतिवार	१४ " "	" " " " " " "	दूसरी बेला २-३०-४-३० बजे
सुकवार	१५ " "	कलीशा मिनिस्ट्रियम की बैठकी	" " "
शनिवार	१६ " "	कौंसिल-मिनिस्ट्रियम सम्मिलित बैठकी	" " "
		महासभा प्रतिनिधियों के लिये तैयारी आराधना रांची ख्रिस्त गिरजे में	
		जहाँ सर्वसाधारण भाई-बहन भी शामिल हों ।	
		चलानेवाला—पाद्री हबिल तोपनो	समय शाम—६-३० बजे ।
रविवार	१७ " "	सुबह ६ बजे आराधना—	पाद्री एस० कुला ।
		उपदेश—	पाद्री मनसिद्ध हेमरोम ।
		पदाभिषेक अनुष्ठान—	प्रेसिडेन्ट जे. लकड़ा ।
		सहायक—	पाद्री जे. जे. पी तीगा ।
			पाद्री मनसिद्ध हेमरोम ।
		सा २-३० बजे प्रसुभोज अनुष्ठान—	पाद्री मसीहदास लकड़ा ।
		सहायक—	पाद्री जुनस किंडो: अथवा धर्मदास टोपो ।

महासभा

१८-४-१९५५—२०-४-१९५५

प्रति दिन सुबह ७-३० बजे से ११ बजे तथा दूसरी बेला २-३० बजे से ५-३० बजे तक महासभा का कार्यक्रम रहेगा । ७-३० से ८ बजे तक उपासना होगी । ता: १६ और २० अप्रैल को क्रमशः पा० बिलोकन एका और पा० जुनुल तोपनो सुबह का आराधना लेंगे ।

कार्यक्रम :-

- १ प्रेसिडेन्ट का विशेष उपदेश ।
- २ प्रतिनिधियों और विजिटरो का स्वागत एवं परलोकगत अंगों के प्रति समदुःख प्रकाश — प्रेसिडेन्ट ।
- ३ प्रतिनिधियों एवं विजिटरो की हाजरी व नामदर्ज सेक्रेटरी ।
- ४ विभिन्न संस्थाओं एवं व्यक्तियों का समाचार सेक्रेटरी ।
- ५ महासभा कार्यविवरण के लिये लेखक एवं कमिटियों का निर्वाचन
(क) रेकार्डिंग सेक्रेटेरियों का निर्वाचन । (ख) एडजुडिकेशन कमिटि का निर्वाचन ।
(ग) रिजोल्यूशन कमिटि का निर्वाचन ।
- ६ चर्च कौंसिल का रिपोर्ट (सब एकजिब्यूटिव अफसरों का सम्मिलित रिपोर्ट):-
(क) चर्च कौंसिल का रिपोर्ट
(ख) नियमावली सुधार प्रस्ताव और संकल्प
(ग) एबेनेजर चर्च के साथ जी० ई० एल० चर्च का जोइन्ट कांफरेंस का रिपोर्ट } सेक्रेटरी
(घ) वजट १९५५ और १९५६ खजांची

- ७ राज्य वृद्धि का रिपोर्ट:—
 (क) जोइन्ट मिशन क्षेत्र जोइन्ट मिशन सेक्रेटेरी
 (ख) सुरगुजा क्षेत्र सुरगुजा बोर्ड में कलिशा प्रतिनिधि
- ८ बोर्ड ऑफ प्रोपर्टी का रिपोर्ट:—
 (क) जयदाद संबधी बोर्ड सेक्रेटेरी
 (ख) जी० ई० एल० चर्च प्रेस प्रेस सुपरिन्टेन्डेन्ट ।
- ९ लूथेरान थेओलोजिकल कॉलेज का रिपोर्ट:— प्रिंसिपल
- १० तबीता स्कूल का रिपोर्ट:— मिस्स डिल्लर
- ११ स्कूलों (हाई, मिडिल और प्राईमरी स्कूल) का रिपोर्ट:— हेड सुपरवइजर
- १२ चिकित्सा विभाग का रिपोर्ट:— सेक्रेटेरी
- १३ महिला सम्मेलन का रिपोर्ट:— महिला सेक्रेटेरी
- १४ युवा-संघ का रिपोर्ट:— युवा-संघ सेक्रेटेरी
- १५ आलोचक कमिटी का शिफारिस:— सेक्रेटेरी
- १६ अंतिम उपदेश और प्रार्थना:— प्रेसिडेन्ट

- नोट—(क) महासभा प्रतिनिधियों को १७ ता: (रबिबार) शाम तक पहुंच जाना चाहिये। स्तोश हॉस्टेल में प्रतिनिधियों के हर प्रकार की सूचना के लिये दफ्तर रहेगा। इस दफ्तर में श्री मसकल्यान होरो से सभी सूचना आप ले सकते हैं।
- (ख) कई एक सिनदों ने ४० रु० डेलिगेटस फीस न दे सकने की असमर्थता प्रगट की है। इसलिये यह हिदायत दी जाती है कि हर सिनद के प्रतिनिधि अपने अपने खर्च से महासभा आवें।
- (ग) जो प्रतिनिधि या विजिटर मेस में खाना चाहते हैं उनके लिये मेस का प्रबन्ध होगा अतः जो मेस में खाना चाहते हैं वे अपना नाम और मेस चार्ज श्री प्रभुदयाल बागो कौंसिल आफिस को अगोत्र दें। प्रतिनिधिगण ५ दिन का खर्च प्रतिदिन १।। के हिसाब से ७।। रु० ले कर आवे। (१७ और २१ ता: आधा आधा बेला, १८, १९ और २० पूरा दिन)।
- (घ) जो प्रतिनिधि यह चाहते हैं कि उन के लिये डेरा का वन्दोबस्त हो, वे अपना नाम शीघ्र श्री मसकल्यान होरो, कौंसिल आफिस को दें।
- (ङ) जहां तक बन पड़े प्रतिनिधि अपना थाली, कटोरा, गिलास आदि लेकर आवें।
- (च) डेलिगेट या विजिटर अपने साथ कागज-पेंसिल, कलिशा नियमावली गत महासभा मिनिट लेकर आवें।
- (छ) हर सिनद का रिपोर्ट, संस्थाओं का रिपोर्ट, १९५३ एवं १९५४ का आमद-खर्च का ब्योरा तथा सिनदों का १९५५ बजट कौंसिल सेक्रेटेरी के पास ४ अप्रैल तक पहुंच जाना चाहिये।
- (ज) हर एक सिनद प्रेसिडेन्ट अपने सिनोद के अन्दर जो पाद्री, प्रचारक, माष्टर, प्रचीन वा साधारण भाई-बहन जो मंडली में विशेष काम किये हों और जो बीते दो वर्षों में परलोक-वासी हुए हों उनका संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट कौंसिल सेक्रेटेरी को ४ अप्रैल तक में भेज दें।
- (झ) जो विजिटर महासभा में बैठना चाहते हों वे अपना नाम अपने सिनोद प्रेसिडेन्ट और सेक्रेटेरी की सही के साथ कौंसिल सेक्रेटेरी को १७ अप्रैल तक भेज दें। हेडक्वार्टर के विजिटर हेडक्वार्टर चेयरमेन और सेक्रेटेरी की सही के साथ अपना नाम उक्त तारिख तक दे दें।

मेस का समय ॥

सुबह की चाय...	६ बजे।
कलेवा	११-३० बजे।
साम चाय	४ बजे।
वियारी	८ बजे।

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सेक्रेटेरी।

जी० ई० एल० चर्च, रांची।

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the full Church Council and Joint meeting preceeding to the Mahasabha will be held in the Christ Church, Ranchi, on the 13th and 14th April, 1955 and 16th April, 1955 respectively and meeting of full C.C. after the Mahasabha on the 21st April, 1955. All the members are requested to attend the meeting.

TIME:- Morning Session from ^{7.30} 8 A.M. -11 A.M. | daily.
Evening Session from 2.30 P.M. -4.30.P.M. |

Tentative AGENDA for
full C.C.meeting preceeding to Mahasabha 13th & 14th April, 55.

1. Matters arising out of last minutes.
2. Council's Report for Mahasabha 1955 including Budget Estimate for 1955 and 1956.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Proposals for amendments of the Constitution
5. Board of Properties' Report.
6. Head Supervisor's Report.
- Joint meeting of C.C. & Ministerium on 16th April '55.
7. Union of Ebenezer and Gossner Churches.
Full C.C.meeting after the Mahasabha on the 21st April '55.
8. Matters from Mahasabha.
9. Any other matters.

B.L.2/4/55.

W. S. ...
2/4/55
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Govindpur, the 23. March 1955.

COPY!

Dear President Lakra!

According to your letter dat. 19.3.55 we are sending herewith Parakleta Khess and Daisy Hemrom. As the C.C. now decided to send them to Germany, we can only pray that the Lord may lead them and He Himself may teach them to become useful and blessed workers in His kingdom.

We regret that both have been only for so short a time at Tabita Training School as Daisy Hemrom is still very young and unexperienced for foreign study and Parakleta Khess could have been prepared in such better way for Germany. It would have been much better if they would have stayed for one year at Tabita and would join German training next year.

Till their departure they can stay at Tabita School

Yours sincerely

S. Schmidt A. Diller.

Dear Mr. Tija,

we send you this copy for your information. The C.C.-meeting in Jan. was quite uncertain in this matter. But you are free to choose whom you want to send to Germany. Please, keep in mind, that we want to hand over the leadership of Tabita to Indian ladies.

How is Mrs. Tija? We would like to have her here. But it will be very difficult for your home. Our hearty greetings to her! God bless you and your dear family.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
Govindpur - Sisters.

NO. 869-899/35.

All Council Members.

The 21st March, 1955.

Ap sabhon ko malum hai ki Mahasabha ka karyakam Council
dwara taiyar kiya jata hai. Is bar samay ke abhaw se Council nahin
baith saki aur karyakam taiyar nahin kiya ja saka. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Is
liye yah tentative karyakam jo ap ke pas bheja ja raha hai ap
phirti dak se iski manjuri nahi kiye kard men Council ko den
jisten yah karyakam Press men chhapa ja saka. Yah manjuri chitti
31st March tak mere pas a jana chahiye. Agar ^{WKT} usait tarik men koi
khabar nahin milegi to yah samjha jayga ki ap ki manjuri ismen hai.

WKT

W. S. Evans
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Secretary.

B.L.21/3/55.

G.S.L. Church, Ranchi.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOSSNER-EBENEZER DISCUSSION ON
PROPOSED UNION.

BENAGARIA - MARCH 11th & 12th
1955.

After a number of suggestions that the Gossner Church and the Ebenezer Church be merged into one united body, a Committee composed of members appointed by the Church Council of the Gossner E.L. Church on the one hand, and by the five Church Councils of the Ebenezer E.L. Church and of the Missionary representatives of the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches on the other hand, met at Benagaria on the 11th and 12th March 1955 for a preliminary talk to explore the possibilities of the merger and to adopt resolutions for consideration by the two Churches concerned.

The following members were present:-

FROM THE EBENEZER CHURCH: 1. Rev. Naran Soren 2. Rev. K. Clausen.
3. Mr. Daniel Soren. 4. Mr. Thanéswar Basumatary.
5. Rev. K.R. Ghose. 6. Rev. O. Eie.
7. Rev. O.S. Bjerkstrand. 8. Rev. P. Kjolberg.
9. Rev. J. Gausdal.

FROM THE GOSSNER CHURCH: 1. Rev. J. Lakra. 2. Mr. N.E. Horo.
3. Mr. P.D. Kandulna. 4. Rev. S. Kulav.
5. Rev. Z. Khalkho. 6. Rev. S. Bagey.
7. Mr. Lalit Mohan Sandil. 8. Rev. M. Hemrom.
9. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.

Rev. J. Gausdal, the General Superintendent of the Ebenezer Church, welcomed the members and led in the opening devotions with a message for the occasion using the following texts from the Holy Scriptures: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain." (Ps. 127:1), "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown, but if it be of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them, lest haply ye be found even to be fighting with God" (Acts 5:38-39), and "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God afore prepared that we should walk in them" (Ephes. 2:10). The devotions were concluded with prayers offered by Rev. J. Lakra and Rev. Naran Soren.

The following were elected Chairman to preside over the proceedings of the four sessions of this preliminary conference:-
1. Rev. J. Gausdal. 2. Rev. J. Lakra. 3. Mr. P.D. Kandulna. and 4. Rev. O.S. Bjerkstrand.

Mr. N.E. Horo of the Gossner Church and Rev. K.R. Ghose of the Ebenezer Church were elected to be the Recording Secretaries.

MARCH 11th; MORNING SESSION.

Chairman: Rev. J. Gausdal.

The Rev. J. Lakra, the President of the Gossner Church, gave a survey of the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam, and traced out the developments that have taken place since the Church was re-established on an autonomous basis at the outset of the First World War. The main burden of his message was to show how the Gossner Church grew up amidst sufferings and tribulations to its present dimensions. He also gave a brief statement on the organic and administrative functions of the Church.

MARCH 11th AFTERNOON SESSION

(Chairman: Rev. J. Gausdal)

The Rev. J. Gausdal, the General Superintendent of the Ebenezer Church, gave a survey of the Ebenezer Church with the background and history of the Mission from the days of its pioneers and briefly indicated how the work begun in the Santal Parganas was extended out to Assam and to other districts and areas in North-East India. He also gave a statement of the re-organization and of the administration of the E.E.L.C. as it stands today.

At the close of Rev. Gausdal's talk, discussions on the subject of the desirability and possibility of an union of the two Churches followed, in which several members participated. It was thereupon decided to appoint a small sub-committee to draft such resolutions on the subject as it would enable this Conference to take steps towards preparing the way for the proposed union.

The following were appointed to compose this Resolution Sub-Committee:- 1. Mr. P.D. Kandulna (Convener) 2. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga. 3. Rev. S. Kula. 4. Rev. K.R. Ghose. 5. Rev. Naran Soren. 6. Rev. O.Eic.

MARCH 12TH MORNING SESSION.
(Chairman Mr.P.D. Kandulna)

The Chairman opened the meeting with devotions and gave a brief but inspiring message from the Book of Joshua stressing the necessity of surrendering ourselves fully under the guiding Hand of God to enable Him to lead us in our thoughts and plans for the future.

The resolutions Sub-Committee presented their draft Resolutions to the Conference which were discussed fully and at length. After several alterations and amendments the following Resolutions were adopted by the Conference:

- RES. " WHEREAS this Conference proposes that the Ebeneser and the Gossner Churches be united into one Church, it is
 " RESOLVED that a Drafting Committee be formed in order to
 " draft a Constitution for such an united Church on the
 " following terms of reference:-
 " (1) Consideration be given to all aspects of the Church
 " with due reference to the existing Constitutions,
 " Trust Documents, the Comparative Studies on Consti-
 " tutions of Lutheran Younger Churches prepared by the
 " Lutheran World Federation, and the suggestions made by
 " the Rev. J. Gausdal.
 " (2) The Draft be made ready and circulated among the members
 " of this Conference by the end of July 1955.
 " (3) That this Conference be called upon to consider the Draft
 " by the end of September 1955."

The following were elected to be the Members of the Drafting Committee:-

- A. Gossner Church: (1) Rev. J. Laker. (2) Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
 (3) Mr. N.E. Hore (4) Mr. P.D. Kandulna.
 B. Ebeneser Church: (1) Rev. O. Eic (2) Mr. M.M. Tidd
 (3) Rev. K.R. Ghose (4) Mr. Thanewar Basumatary.

The Rev. O. Eic is to act as Convener of this Drafting Comm.

The place of the meeting of this Drafting Committee was tentatively fixed at Mornai Tea Estate in Assam and the time from the 13th to the 20th of June 1955.

MARCH 12TH AFTERNOON SESSION.

(Chairman: Rev. O.S. Bjerkestrand)

The Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, the Principal of the College, in giving a report of the Lutheran Theological College at Ranchi, stated that this was one of the oldest institutions of its kind and described how in spite of many set-backs and difficulties this institution has continued to fill up a great need in training leaders for the Church from the time it was first established as a small seminary. Stressing the need for a fully-developed theological college to serve the two Churches, Mr. Tiga read out before the Conference the proceedings of the joint conferences held during the last 2 years or so in this connection and informed this Conference the helps and the co-operation that were being given to this College by the two Churches and also by the American Board of the S.M.N.C. in various ways. He hoped that ways and means will soon be made available which would enable the College to have its much-needed Campus and buildings in the Ranchi Gossner compound.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Tiga and also the members for the trouble they had taken to come and join in this preliminary talk for a possible union of the two churches.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. J. Lakra for the hosts and hostesses who had taken great pains to make the stay of the members so comfortable and enjoyable in every way which was very cordially and unanimsly carried by the Conference.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting with a Scriptural message and prayer.

Sc/-	N.E.HORO	|	Recording	S/-	J.GAUSDAL	|
"	K.R.GHOSE	|	Secretaries	"	P.D.KANDULNA	|
				"	J.LAKRA	| Chairman.
				"	O.S.BJERKESTRANDI	|



अनेक श्रम-संघटन और स्वार्थबश संघर्ष—मारपीटों द्वारा धर्म परिवर्तन कार्य—सरकार ध्यान दे—खाद्य पद आवश्यकता—गिरिडीह नगरपालिका—अस्पताल खोलने कर्मचारी—भीषण ठंडक—कृषि भी नष्ट ।

पिछले कुछ वर्षोंके भीतर हजारीबाग जिलेमें इसाई मिशनरियोंने अपना अच्छा जाल बिछाया है । हरिजनों और आदिवासियोंको विभिन्न प्रकारका प्रलोभन देकर वे उनका धर्म परिवर्तन करते जा रहे हैं । यह कार्य इस जिलेमें संघटित रूपसे इस प्रकार चल रहा है कि कुछ ही वर्षोंमें इसाईयोंकी संख्या काफी बढ़ गयी है । छोटानागपुरका इलाका अत्यन्त पिछड़ा तथा उपेक्षित होनेके कारण कई दृष्टियोंसे मिशनरियोंने इसे अपना कार्यक्षेत्र चुना है । पहले तो विदेशी पादड़ी ही धूम-धूमकर यह कार्य करते थे परन्तु धीरे धीरे उन्होंने यह कार्य अपने चेलोंसे ही कराना शुरू कर दिया है । खेदका विषय है कि मिशनरियोंकी इन हरकतोंकी ओर अभीतक सरकारका ध्यान आकृष्ट नहीं हुआ है । अभी हालमें आर्य समाजकी ओरसे इसाईयोंकी काररवाइयोंसे जनताको सावधान करनेका कार्य प्रारंभ किया गया है । अभी हालमें स्थानीय रक्षिणी भवनमें आर्य समाजकी ओरसे एक सभा बुलायी गयी जिसमें शुद्धि आन्दोलनपर जोर दिया गया । सभामें विदेशी मिशनरियोंकी हरकतों पर विचार किया गया तथा इस बातकी आशंका प्रकट की गयी कि यदि सरकारने मिशनरियोंकी काररवाइयोंपर ध्यान नहीं दिया तो कभी भी सामाजिक तथा धार्मिक अशान्ति उत्पन्न हो सकती है । हिन्दुओंसे भेदभाव भूलकर अपने ब्रिछड़े हुए भाइयोंको पुनः हिन्दू बनानेके लिए तैयार हो जानेको कहा गया । साथ ही सरकारसे भी अपील की गयी कि वह

आंख खोलकर मिशनरियोंके अराष्ट्रिय कार्योंको देखे और इस संबंध में उचित काररवाई कर देशका भविष्य बिगड़नेसे बचाये ।

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गिरिडीह व्यापारी संघने खाद्य पदार्थोंमें मिलावटके विरुद्ध अभी हालमें एक महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय किया है । यों तो सीमेंट-चूना आदिकी मिलावटसे जनता परीशान रहती ही है, परन्तु खानेकी चीजोंमें मिलावट हो जानेसे जनताके स्वास्थ्यपर उसका बड़ा भयंकर परिणाम होता है । अभी हालमें स्थानीय एक खुदरा दुकानदारको मिलावटी तेल बेचनेके अपराधमें एस०डी०ओ० द्वारा १००) का अर्थ दंड तथा एक महीनेके कारावासकी सजा दी गयी । संघने एक प्रस्ताव पास कर नगरपालिकाके अधिकारियोंसे अनुरोध किया है कि बाहरसे जितना भी सरसोंका तेल, आये, उसकी स्टेशनपर ही जांच करा लिया जाय । इसके बाद ही बाजारमें बिक्रीके लिए लाया जाय । दुकानदारोंकी यह शिकायत है कि बाहरसे जो तेल आता है उसमें मिलावटकी शिकायत रहती है । सस्ता माल बेचनेकी प्रतियोगितामें मिलवाले चीजको खराब कर देते हैं । ११ दुकानदारोंकी एक समिति भी बनायी गयी है, जो मिलावट रोकने की दिशामें प्रयास करेगी । स्थानीय मिलवालोंसे भी अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे आटा, बेशन, सतू इत्यादि चीजों में मिलावट न करें । यहां यह स्मरणीय है कि कई खुदरा दुकानदारोंपर मिलावटी तेल बेचनेके अभियोगमें कानूनी काररवाइयां की गयी हैं । जिससे दुकानदारोंमें काफी हलचल है । खुदरा दुकानदारोंका कहना है कि बड़े बड़े थोक व्यवसायी ही मिलावटका काम करते हैं तथा बाहरसे खराब तेल लाकर बेचते हैं । खुदरा दुकानदार तो भला या बुरा उन्हींसे लेकर बेचते हैं ।

आक्रमणकारियोंने उन्हें फिर घेर लिया । इस संघर्षमें कई निष्पक्ष लोगों

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सरकार अपनी दयाका स्टाक क्यों खाली करे?

अजी सम्पादकजी महाराज,

जय आर्यावर्तकी । पटनेकी सड़कोंपर या समस्त भारतकी सड़कोंपर यदि अंधे, लंगड़े, लूले, कोढ़ी, आदि अपाहिज लोगोंसे भीख मांगते फिरते हैं तो आपको बुरा क्यों लगता है ? बाबाको ये दृश्य बिल्कुल बुरे नहीं लगते । दीन-दुःखियोंको दान देना पुण्यका काम है । दीनबन्धु भगवानने बड़ी कृपा करके बहुतसे लोगोंको दीन बनाया, दुःखी बनाया, उनकी आंखें फोड़ीं, शरीरमें गलित कुष्ठके कीटाणु भरे, हाथ-पांव तोड़कर उन्हें निकम्मा और अपाहिज बनाया । आखिर क्यों ? क्या कभी सोचा है आपने ? बस इसीलिए तो कि कुछ लोगोंको पुण्य कमानेका सुअवसर मिले, दानियोंको दानी बनने और कहानेका मौका मिले । एक और यदि भिखारी न रहें तो दूसरी और कोई दाता कैसे बन सकता है ? इसलिए भारतका यह परम सौभाग्य है कि यहां बहुत बड़े बड़ेसे लेकर छोटे-छोटेतक भिखमंगे मिलते हैं । पड़े-लिखे और जाहिल दोनों तरहके भिखमंगे मिलते हैं । भिखमंगे जटिल-मैन भी होते हैं और लफंगे भी । हूष्ट-मुष्ट भी भिखमंगे होते हैं और क्षीण हीन दुर्बल भी । सारांश यह कि इस विशाल भारतमें जितनी भी श्रेणियां और वर्ग हैं, प्रायः सबमें भिखमंगे पाये जा सकते हैं । बाबाने तो अपनी आंखोंसे बड़े-बड़े डिग्री-धारी भिखमंगे देखे हैं । कितने

भिखमंगे तो ऐसे हैं कि वे भिखमंगे हैं भी किन्तु उन्हें अपने भिखमंगे-पनका ज्ञान नहीं । किसीका माल मारकर मुफ्त काम चलाना आज बहुतसे लोगोंका अपना धर्म हो गया है ।

खर ये सब बातें जाने दीजिये । अब प्रश्न उठता है कि सड़कोंपर बेचारे कोढ़ी और अपाहिज रंग रंगकर भीख मांगते फिरते हैं तो इसके लिए किसीको दुःखी नहीं होना चाहिये । यह ईश्वरकी परम कृपा है कि उन्होंने कुछ लोगोंको दाता बनाया, तो कुछ लोगोंका दान लेनेके लिए भिखारी भी पैदा कर दिये । नहीं तो पता नहीं, बेचारोंकी दानशीलताकी महत्वाकांक्षा कभी पूरी होती भी या नहीं, इसमें सन्देह ही था ।

बेचारी सरकारको इन लंगड़े लूले और अपाहिजोंपर इसीलिए दया नहीं आती कि बेचारी देखती है, भारतमें दयावानोंकी कमी नहीं है । इस पवित्र भारतमें कितने दयावान तो ऐसे हैं जो राह चलते दयाका स्टाक लूटाते चलते हैं । जब यह बात है तो बेचारी सरकार अपनी दयाका स्टाक क्यों खाली करे ? अपाहिज मरते हैं तो मरें । उनके जीनेसे सरकारको कौन लाभ है जो उनके मरनेपर क्षति पहुंचेगी ?

भवदीय,

श्रीमान् चुटकुलानन्दजी महाराज,
चुटकुलानन्दपुरी ।

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रूस निवासीकी नियुक्ति

वाशिंगटन, ६ जनवरी । अमेरिका के विदेश कार्यसंचालन प्रशासनने यह घोषणा की है कि टोकियोमें अमेरिकाके भूतपूर्व कृषि सम्पर्क अधिकारी वुल्फ लैंडजिन्स्कोको वीतनाममें भूमि सुधार कार्यक्रममें योग्य प्रदान करनेके लिए नियुक्त किया गया है ।

अमेरिकाके विदेश कार्यसंचालन प्रशासनके निदेशक श्री स्टार्सिनने कहा कि श्री लैंडजिन्स्कीके रूसके निवासी होनेके कारण नियुक्तके

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पटना, ६ जनवरी । विहार राज्य ट्रान्सपोर्ट कर्मचारी यूनियनकी एक बैठक श्री बालेश्वर लाल झाइवरके समापतित्वमें हुई जिसमें सर्वश्री फजलुर्रहमान एम० एल० ए० और रघुनाथ ठाकुर झाइवर उपाध्यक्ष एवं श्री रामलखन सिंह यादव एल० एल० ह० अध्यक्ष चुने गये । श्री श्री दारोगा राय एम० एल० ए० प्रधानमंत्री तथा श्री ब्रजनन्दन सिंह यादव, कपिलदेव सिंह एवं श्री रामचन्द्र सिंह संयुक्त मंत्री निर्वाचित हुए ।

श्रीमान सेक्रेटरी - चर्च कौन्सिल, रांची,
जी० जी० एल० चर्च,

महाशय

खड़िया सभा की ओर से इस दरखास्त के द्वारा चर्च कौन्सिल को स विन्य प्रार्थना करती है कि रांची में एक खड़िया पाठशाला होवे और मिशन प्रेस में ही एक खड़िया लड़का काम करता होवे फिर प्राथमरी स्कूलों के हजरत बही में जब लैबर होता है तो केवल हिन्दु, मुसमान, मुन्डा, उरांव, और दूसरे जात कह के खाना रहता है तो उससे खड़िया का भी खाना होना चाहिये, कि बराबर हिन्दु, मुसलमान, मुन्डा, उरांव, खड़िया को दूसरे जात लिखा हुवा होवे। और कही पर एक खड़िया, सिनादे ^{प्रेसिडेंट} ~~का~~ होवे। को कि खड़िया लोगों का उद्धार करने का अचिन्कार फाय लोगों के हाथ में है। हम खड़िया लोग इस वर्तमान काल में गिरी हात में हैं इस लिये चर्च कौन्सिल को खड़िया सभा बहुत ही बर्ज करती है कि महाशय जम खड़िया लोगों का उचार करे।

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RANCHI,
BIHAR, INDIA.

Ref. 71/55

Dated 14. 2. 1955

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

Dear Mr. Horo,

This is to inform you that I have to attend the 2nd. Audio Visual conference organised by the A-V-A Committee of the National Christian Council. I have been asked to represent the Bihar Christian Council. As the subject is very important in the present methods of evangelism, I have accepted to go. I have also been asked to participate in the programme. I am leaving today by the evening train for where the conference is going to be held for from the 16th. to 19th. inst. I shall be back the 20th. The following arrangements have

1. until recovery of rev. pr. schultz rev. S. A. B. Lahon will officiate in my place.
2. Arrangements for the hostels have been made so that there will be no trouble re. their food etc.
3. Mr. C.M. Horo, Asst. treasurer has been requested to come to the college on Thursday and Friday (17th + 18th) to at 2.30 p.m. to lecture for one and half hrs. daily on keeping of parish and other church accounts.
4. Rev. S.K. has been requested to take a period daily in
5. The students have been assigned so much as to keep them busy.

I request you to kindly grant me excuse of absence from the college for four days.

yours sincerely

J.J.P. Tiga

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From

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

To

The Principal,
Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI.

Dear Rev.Tiga,

Please submit your indent to the C.C.
Secretary for your requirements as noted in your bill
for January 1955 for necessary orders.

Please give an estimate of cost also.

Yours sincerely,

P. B. S. S.
for Treasurer,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

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NO. 519-27/55.

G.E.L.Church Compound,
RANCHI.

The 1st February, 1955.

To

Rev./Mr. *J.J.P. Tiga*

Members of the Gossner Committee for
Joint negotiation with the Ebenezer E.L.Church
for Church Union.

Dear brethren,

I am enclosing a letter dated 25/1/55 from Rev. J. Gausdal in which he says that they have tentatively fixed the first meeting for 11th -13th March, 1955 at Benagaria, S.P.

Since most of us will be busy in this month and in April next I understand that these dates will be acceptable to you all. I am, therefore, informing Rev. J. Gausdal accordingly.

There will be joint ordination service on 13th March and so Pastor members of our Committee are requested to take along with them their clerical gowns (Thalare).

You are requested to study the suggestions offered by Rev. Gausdal for a constitution joining the two churches which is being enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

B.L.1/2/55.

Members of the Gossner Committee for Joint negotiation with
the Ebenezer E.L.Church for Church Union.

1. Rev. Joel Lakra, President, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.
2. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, Principal, Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi
3. Mr. N. E. Horo, B.A., Secretary, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.
4. Mr. P. D. Kandulna, B.A., Manager & Secretary, Board of Management, G.E.L.Church Properties, 27, Hime Pipe Road, Jamshedpur.
5. Mr. Lalit Mohan Sandil, Member of G.E.L.Church Council, Birda, P.O. Birda, Dist. - Manbhum.
6. Rev. Saleman Kula, Chairman, H. Q. Congregation, Ranchi.
7. Rev. S. Bage, G.E.L.Church, Jatatoli, P.O. - Tainser, Dist. - Ranchi.
8. Rev. Z. Khalkho, Synod President, Orissa Synod, Rajgangpur.
9. Rev. M. Hemrom, G.E.L.Church Tezpur (Assam)

From
The General Superintendent.

Church Office,
P.O.-Benagaria,
Santal Parganas.
23th Jan. , 1955.

To

Mr. N. S. Boro, B.A.,
Secretary, Gossner A.L. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Brother,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th instant, No. 125/55.

The delegation from our Church for joint negotiations has now been selected, and here are the names:

1. Rev. Haran Boro, Santal Parganas Church Council representative.
2. Rev. K. Clausen, North Bengal Church Council "
3. Mr. Daniel Boro, Assam Santal Church Council "
4. Mr. Thaneswar Bokusmatary, Boro Church Council "
5. Rev. K. R. Ghose, Bengal Church Council "
6. Rev. G. Aie, Mission Conference "
7. Rev. P. A. Jolberg, do "
8. Rev. G. S. Bjerkestrand, Synod Vice President, ex-Officio.
9. Rev. J. Gausdal, General Superintendent, do.

In your letter referred to above, you say that "my delegation would like to come your side for the first meeting."

We have tentatively fixed the first meeting for 11-13. of March here at ~~xxxxx~~ Benagaria. If there is no objection from your side, kindly inform your members accordingly.

Benagaria is 14 miles from the Rampurhat Railway station on the Sahibganj loop line. Every morning the Mail Bus starts from Rampurhat about 8, and is here in half an hour's time or so.

Kindly inform Pastors that they should take clerical gowns along as I hope there will be a joint ordination service on the 13th.

With kind regards to you all.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/. J. Gausdal

(J. Gausdal.)

Dear Reader!

When Church President Lakra of Ranchi and Mission Director Lokies of Berlin paid a short visit to Benagaris, the latter repeatedly looked earnestly into my eyes and asked: "How can we come together?"

At the time I felt unable to say anything. I have not, however, been able to forget that question and those searching looks, and therefore at times considered the problem so far as to put down on paper suggestions relating to this matter.

The attached sheets contain such suggestions. Much more has to be drafted in order to get a complete Church Constitution, and such more thought, prayer and scrutiny has to be brought to bear on what has been drafted. But the attached should in my opinion be sufficient to show that it is possible so to work up a frame that our whole work - extending from Orissa and Madhya Pradesh across Chota Nagpur Santal Parganas, West Bengal, East Pakistan, Lower Assam to Upper Assam - can grow and develop to the glory of our Lord. In order to stimulate thought I therefore place this before you.

P. T. Welsh Mission, Mawkhar, Shillong, May 25th, 1954.

Yours sincerely,
sd/-Johannes Gausdal.
(Johannes Gausdal)

SUGGESTIONS.

For a Constitution joining the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam and the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church into one united Church Body.

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P R E A M B L E

WHEREAS in God's infinite mercy the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was brought to Chota Nagpur by devout Missionaries of the German Evangelical Lutheran Mission later call Gossner Mission and the living faith kindled souls and spread far and wide and congregations were founded in many places so tha in the days of great travail in 1919 the autonomous Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam was instituted, and

WHEREAS in God's infinite mercy the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was brought to Santal Parganas and Lower Assam by the Reverends H.P. Bierresen and L.O. Skreferud, and their action so inspured Christians that first the Indian Home Mission to the Sonthals and later the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches were formed and the work prospered and grew so that the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church was instituted in 1950, and

WHEREAS after due consideration it has been deemed proper and profitable by both these Churches of the same Evangelical Lutheran confession and of contiguous regions for the greater glory of our Lord and Saviour and for thestrengthening of His body on earth to join into one organised Church under the terms of this Constitution.

WE, the undersigned constitutionally elected and responsible leaders have on behalf of our respective bodies signed and set our seals to this constitution on the day of..... in the year of Our Lord.....

ARTICLE 1: NAME.

The name and title of this united Church body organised by this constitution shall be the UTTAR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTHERN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MARANG EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ARTICLE 2: DOCTRINE.

A. This Church receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired word of God, and the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which al doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

B. It accepts as important testimonies in conformity with the Holy scriptures the three ecumenical creeds, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian.

C. It receives and holds the unaltered Augsburg Confession together with Luther's small Catechism as a correct exhibition of faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God.

D.

On this doctrinal basis the Church recognises church-fellowship with all Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, Pakistan and throughout the world. It also acknowledges Christian fellowship with all believers in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and desires and works for cooperation and mutual understanding with all such. *and growth together*

ARTICLE 3: OBJECT.

The object of the Church is to provide in every way for the spiritual need of members of the Church till they 'attain unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ', by preaching the word of God and administering the Sacraments, and

building further on the evangelical foundation laid in times past by the missions, work for its own growth in grace and knowledge, and also to extend the kingdom of God by energetic evangelistic efforts among all people within the reach of the Church.

Article 4 means to achieve the above object

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP.

Church members are those who have received baptism in any one of the two churches.

Communicant membership is attained on admission to the Lord's supper.

Christians baptized in other churches may be enrolled as members when accepted by the Church according to rules.

ARTICLE 5: ACTIVITIES.

with a view to achieve the above object and follows, Care in Article 3

The activities of the Church shall be as follows:

- A. To preach the Word of God.
- B. To administer the Sacraments.
- C. Pastoral care of the flock.
- D. Training of congregational workers.
- E. Religious instruction of the children.
- F. Work among young people.

- G. Care of the sick and poor.
- H. Collections and distribution of funds and administration of property.
- I. Education and all other activities that will promote a sound and moral life. *fully developed spiritual*

ARTICLE 6: RITUALS.

We mutually recognize the rituals prepared and used in the different languages, and there shall be no other changes in such than those desired and approved by the users of the same or a majority of them as expressed through the responsible church bodies.

ARTICLE 7: TRUSTS.

We mutually respect Trust obligations regulating temporal affairs for defined purposes as inviolable as long as administered in conformity with law.

The Episcopal Synod is empowered to demand retirement of the Trustees or a Trust Body and appointment of new Trustees or Trust Bodies when deemed necessary for the carrying out of the terms of the respective Trust.

ARTICLE 8: ORGANIZATION.

It is recognized that all power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and that all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and the Sacraments among all people as far as possible in their own language.

For the purposes of the administration of the Church the following units are recognized:

A. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION consists of those local members of the Church who ordinarily meet together for Divine service and administration of the Sacraments in one church building or place of worship. It has for its guidance a pastor and an elected Congregational Committee.

B. THE CIRCLE is composed of a number of Congregations within a certain area. A Circle Conference with an Executive shall be established.

C. THE CHURCH DISTRICT consists of a number of Circles composed as a geographical or linguistic unit under one Church Council with several important standing committees.

In every Church District Circle Conferences shall elect their Church Council members for a period of three years. This Council shall consist of at least one pastor and one lay member from every Circle in the District.

The duly elected and installed President of a Church District is the ex officio chairman of the District Church Council. He calls the members together for meetings whenever needed. It shall ordinarily meet twice a year and record all its decisions in writing.

A newly elected Church Council elects from among their own number of Secretary and a Treasurer.

D. THE CHURCH is the united body of all Congregations and all Circles and all Church Districts upon the terms of this declaration.

ARTICLE 9: THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD.

A. The Episcopal Synod shall consist of all District Church Council Presidents in office supplemented by the Principal of the Theological College at Ranchi and the Managers of the Trust Bodies within the Church.

B. At the first session and in cases of vacancy the senior Church Council President acts as chairman of the Episcopal Synod until the head of the Central Church Office is elected.

C. When the head of the Central Church Office has been elected, he is the ex officio Chairman of the Episcopal Synod.

D. The head of the Central Church Office located at Ranchi shall be a District Church Council President elected by the Episcopal Synod by ballot for 5 years. He can be re-elected.

BYE - LAWS.

1. At the time of union this Church comprises all congregations and groups of Christians of the former Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam and the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church arranged into the following District Church Council areas:

1. The Uraon Church District with Lohardaga as seat.
2. The Wanda Church District with Govindpur as seat.
3. The Orissa Church District with Chaibassa as seat.
4. The Santal Church Council with Benagaria as seat.
5. The Bengal Church District with.....as seat.
6. The Lower Assam Church District with..... as seat.
7. The Upper Assam Church District with Tezpur as seat.

2. Voters and Elections:

All communicant members who are more than 18 years of age and make regular contributions to the Church funds, have the right to vote and are eligible to membership of committees and governing bodies in the Church.

SIGNED, sealed and delivered on behalf of the former Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur and Assam on the date above set by us members of the Church Council in Office on the date of Union :

SIGNED, sealed and delivered on behalf of the former Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church on the date above set by us members of the Synod in office on the date of union :

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

No. 562-71/55

G.E.L. Church Compound,
Ranchi.

From:- Secretary Mr. N.S. Horo, B.A., The 2nd February, 1955.

The under mentioned document is forwarded to persons concerned and Synod Presidents of the respective synods for information and needful.

B.L.2/2/55.

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

Extract from the minutes of the Full C.C. meeting held on 12th January, 1955.

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9. Efficiency-Bar Examination Result.

E.B. Examination Committee ne apna report Council men pesh kiya. 33 pariksharthiyon men 32 pass kiye. Rev. C.K. Bhengra pariksha men nahin baithe par unhen Committee ne unhen saphal karar diya gaya. Committee ki report is prakar hai:-

Padri Junul Bage, Nicodim Bhuiyan, Zakariah Bodra aur Purnaprasad Toppo E.B. ke star par nahin aye hain chunki unka service 5 barash ke niche hai. Jaubai we pass hain.

28 Padriyon ne E.B. Examination pass kiya suriph Padri Paulus Purti asaphal huwe.

Byawharik kamon ke bishay chetron ke Padriyon ke bare Synod Presidenton ki snipharish li gayi. Synod Presidenton ke bare Church President ne snipharish di.

Padri Christ Kalyan Bhengra intihan men upasthit nahin huwe par unki lambi awadhi tak ka kam ke record aur umar ko bichar men la kar unhen saphal karar diya gaya.

Nimin likhit Padri turant hi nimin scale ke mutabik betan pane ke adhkari honge chun ki unhon ne 20 barash se adhkam kiya hai.

1. Padri Samuel Bage.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
2. Padri J.A. Kujur.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
3. Padri Sulenam Kula.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
4. Padri Laurentius Lakra.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
5. Padri Masihdas Lakra.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
6. Padri Markas Banga.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
7. Padri Samuel Tirkey.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
8. Padri Johan Toppo.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
9. Padri Christi Kalyan Bhengra.....Rs. 80/-p.m.
10. Padri S.A.B. Lakra.....Rs. 90/-p.m.

Anye Padri prati mah Rs. 72/-p.m. ke dar se betan pane ke adhkari honge.

Note- Rev. J. Kiro, Rev. Thomas Topno, Rev. Habil Topno short Course training wale mahwari Rs. 62/- p.m. ke dar se betan ke adhkari honge.

Sankala - The Report of the E.B. Examination be adopted.

The pastors who have not yet appeared at the E.B. Examination shall be given a supplementary chance within 1955.

The E.B. Examination Committee shall continue to work.

Prizes be given to the first three successful candidates of the E.B. Examination. Sermon of the first candidate be printed in the Gharbandhu.

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Copy to Rev. J.J.P. Tiga and Rev. S.A.B. Lakra fax and Treasurer, C.C. for information and needful-

अपील

आप परिचित हैं कि हमारे लूथेरान क्लेशा के रेड क्वार्टर कॅम्पेस की छोटी घन्टी जो बैथेसदा स्कूल के निकट थी चोरी होने के पश्चात करीब दो वर्षों से हमारे प्रिय मूलकों को बिना घन्टी हुलायेही मिट्टी दी जाती है . यह अति शोचनीय है . इस घन्टी की पूर्ति के निमित्त एक विशेष बैठकी ता: ११ . १२ . ५४ को हुई थी जिसमें एक बड़ी घन्टी खरीदने का निश्चय किया गया . इस के लिये एक फण्ड की अति आवश्यकता है ल अतः आप सभी से नम्र निवेदन है कि प्रत्येक भाई को बहन यथाशक्ति चन्दा देने की कृपा करें . ताकि शीघ्रातिशीघ्र एक घन्टी का प्रबन्ध किया जा सके . आप अपना चन्दा ^{संपूर्ण} नियुक्त ~~किये~~ जन के पास जमा देने की मेहरबानी करें और इस कार्य को सफल बनावें .

दिनीत

समापति

समाधि घन्टी फण्ड कमिटी. रांची.

Copy forwarded to the Principal, Theological College, Ranchi, to consider the point and give some help from his college to make an attempt successful.

Secretary

Sandhi Ghanti Fund Committee
Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Circular NO.438-467/55-CC19A

G.E.L.Church Compound,
Ranchi.

The 27th January, 1955.

To

Rev./Mr.

Council Member of G.E.L.Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam,

Mahasay,

Is patar se nathi kiya hua patar Council sadasyon ke samne bichar nimit rakha jata hai. Ukt patar ka sarans yahi hai ki America se Theological College ke liye 10 scholarships char barshon ke liye prapt ho raha hai. Jismen sat scholarships Gossner Kalisha ke liye aur tin scholarships Ebenezer Kalisha ke liye diya ja raha hai. In sat scholarshipon ke liye hamko sat bidyarthi ki awashyak thi jise Theological College Faculty ne niyamansar chuna hai aur natthi kiye huwe patar ke ansar Council ki manjuri ke liye bheja hai. Atah ap ke samne in bidyarthiyon ka nam pesh kiya jata hai ki inki manjuri kijiye. In saton ki shipharish Synod Presidenton ke jariye bakaede hui hai. Ap apni ray nathi kiye huwe kagaj/kard par likh kar turant bhejen.

Ap ka bishwast,

S. P. 271
Secretary,

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

B.L.27/1/55.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

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Secretary: MR. N. E. HORO B, A.,

Ranchi, (Bihar) India.

No. 472/55.

The 28th/January, 1955.
29/1/55

The under mentioned document is forwarded to Rev.J.J.P. Tiga, for information and necessary action.

B.L.28/1/55.

W. S. Singh
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Extract from the minutes of the Gull C.C.meeting held on 13th January, 1955.

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13. Head Supervisor's matter -Bible Syllabus for Primary and High Schools.

RESOLVED.- That Rev.J.J.P.Tiga be authorised to review the syllabus of the Primary, Middle and High schools.

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True copy.

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RANCHI.
(Affiliated to Serampur University).

PRINCIPAL:
THE REV. J. J. P. FIGA? M.A., B.D., M.S.T.

RANCHI,
BIHAR, INDIA.

ref. 42/55.

Dated 25th January 1955.

The Secretary,
G.M.L. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Moro,

The Faculty of the Lutheran Theological College beg to report that at their meeting today decided to recommend to the Church Council the following applicants for admission to the College:-

1. Yakub kerketta, Panisani, Knutitoly Synod.. Read up to Class X, Admission Examination marks 56 %.
2. Christanti Biranim Figa, Ranchi, Headquarters Congregation, Matriculation Test exam. failed, Admission Exam. 76 %.
3. Christ Jiwan Bushil Kumar Wungdung, Konmenjra, Knutitoly Synod, Matric, Test exam. failed, Ad. Ex. 58 %.
4. Christ Promoday Kujur, Bagndega Nawatoly, Kinkel Synod, Read up to Matric Standard, Adm. Exam. 53 %.
5. Christ Sutugan Barnabas Bage, Itae, Govindpur Synod, Has appeared at the last matric, Sup. exam. held in Oct. '55 Ad. Ex. 56 %.
6. Anandmasih Kindo, Bishrampur, Cnnechhari, Western Synod, Read up to Matric standard, Ad. Exam. 37 %.
7. Martin Jojo, teacher U.P. School, Bansjor, Koronjo Synod, Matriculate.. Details and Ad. Exam. answer books not yet received from the Synod President.

note : 1. No. 7 is subject to all necessary documents being submitted by the bynod President satisfactorily.
2. Four applicants namely, Hallan Ekka, Erus Ekka, Ph. Emmanuel Tirkey and C. Kumar Kujur are rejected.
3. Only seven have been selected. Three scholarships are kept in reserve for the applicants from the Ebenezer Church as none have been received until now.
If no students come from the Ebenezer Church to claim these scolarships fresh applications will be invited after the results of the last matriculation exam. are out. Matriculates will be preferred to fill up these three vacancies.

It is kindly requested that the Church Council may give its approval to these selections immediately so that students selected may be asked to report here by the 1st. of February, 1955 as planned by the Seminary Board at its last meeting and reported to the Church Council this month.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- J.J.P. Figa.
25-1-55.

PRINCIPAL.

- 3 - I have to say that

13, On my part, I do not see the best course for me as there is no hope on the inside of Rev. M. Sanga

14, Even then, for the sake of the Church, I request you both to tackle the matter once more before refiling the case.

15, I suggest that a meeting of - both of you, myself (two of my brothers) ~~and~~ Rev. M. Sanga and Rev. Sankar Das be organized by you and let us sit at Takasman khuntia on 22-1-53 or 23-1-53.

16, Please, therefore write to me at length - relation of post, so that I may be sure of your coming or doing something towards the settlement of the case. For the time -

17, Time is short, + I must settle my ~~own~~ course soon.

18, I have also reported the unfortunate lion of situation to the Secretary G. E. L. Church Ranchi on that very day 9-1-53.

I have also informed my lawyers too.

I am sending this letter - yours. Sincerely

under postal certificate

E. N. Das
H.S. Patak, P.O.
Dt. Ranchi

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Under postal certificate
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इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ न रहिये

Rev.



Handwritten signature/initials, possibly 'S. N. Das'.

J. J. P. Tiga.
Principal
Theological College
G. E. L. Church
Ranchi

← इस पत्र →

भेजते-वाले का नाम और पता:-

Handwritten signatures and initials at the bottom of the envelope flap.

5/1/55 Gope Lane,

Calcutta - 14

D. 14.1.55.

Dear Tiza,

As the circumstances forced me to pen you this I am going through some few lines.

Due to the non-payment of the C.C. Grants the Congregation needs money sooner. If you don't mind I may request you to kindly send by return Post the amount you loaned from the poor Congregation of Calcutta last time.

You will wonder that my payments are due for last several months and the Congregation is unable to help me. I had written to the President & to the Secy about my condition, but nowhere yet and I don't know how to solve out my financial position here at Calcutta. So please think over the matter seriously and help the Congregation to aid something for my finances.

We are well and hope you not otherwise.

With best wishes for the new

year to you all
Gishusahay

Yours sincerely,

R.S. Jay

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Mr J. J. P. Tiga
Principal
Luth. Theol. College
Ranchi
(Bihar)
E.P.

पहला मोड़

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता :-

Rev. R.S. Jay
57/1, Gopal Lane
Cal - 14.



पत्र काट कर वापस न करें