

Archiv der Gossner Mission
im Evangelischen Landeskirchlichen Archiv in Berlin



Signatur

Gossner_G 1_0120

Aktenzeichen

1/20/0

Titel

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (GELC), Schriftwechsel und Berichte 1975-1976

Band

Laufzeit

1975 - 1977

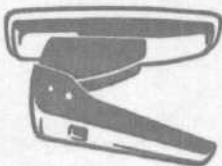
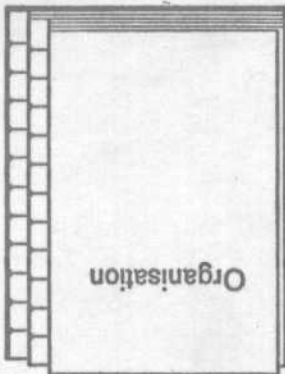
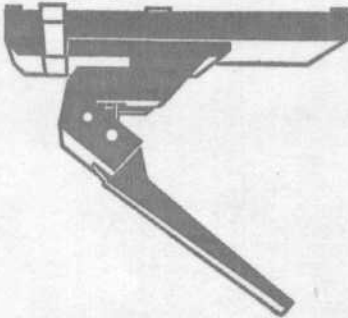
Enthält

Allgemeiner Schriftwechsel sowie mit d. amtierenden Präsidenten Dr. Paul Singh; Kirchenstreit 1975, auch Bericht über Vermittlungsverhandlungen Dr. Seeberg; Finanzen; Social Service; Printing Press (Druckerei); Lutherischer Weltbund; Schriftwechsel mit E

Digitalisiert/Verfilmt 2009 von Mikro-Univers GmbH

- 0 Allgemein
- 01 Kirchenstreit 1975
- 1 Pramukh Adhyaksh
- 2 Finanzen
- 3 Education
- 4 Verfassung (besonderer Ordner)
- 5 Social Service
- 6 Pensionsfonds
- 7 Printing Press
- 8 LWF
- 9 Korrespondenz mit Einzelpersonen
- 10 Gharbandhu → s. Extragmappe

LEITZ



00	Allgemein
01	Pramukh Adhyaksh
02	Finanzen
03	Education
04	Verfassung
05	Social Service
06	Pensionsfonds
07	Printing Press
08	LWF
09	Korrespondenz mit Einzelpersonen
10	Gharbandhu

1

0

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

0

LEITZ

1650 Trennblatt ohne Ösen
1654 Trennblatt mit Ösen
zum Selbstausschneiden
von Registertasten

[illegible][illegible]
$$\frac{1}{10}b - \frac{1}{10}H$$

Chakradharpur
Dated 1st 21st Sept '76.

To

Rev. Martin Seeberg, (Director),
1 - Berlin - 41.
Handjerysstr. 19/20
West Germany.

Yeshusahay!

In continuation of our letter dtd. 13.9.76 we are sending a recent photo of Ho Hostel, G. E. L. Church, Chakradharpur for your information. Further we would like to mention here that the roof portion of the building is little bit incomplete and it is due to the lack of funds. Water pipes to exist the water of the roof are stocked but it has also not been fixed up as yet due to the same reason. Rests all information regarding construction of Ho Hostel have already been sent to you under our previous letters.

Our best wishes to you all.

Yours Faithfully,
Goto an Bolderchiv

12.8.77

Yours Faithfully,
12/9/76
Secretary,

Property Committee & Buildg. Comm.
G. E. L. Church,
Chakradharpur.

From: -

Chakradharpur.

Dated 13.9.1976.

Sri C.B. Dzungdung,
Secretary, Property & Building Committee,
G.E.L. Church Chakradharpur.
Dist Singhbhum - Bihar - India.

To

Rev. Martin Seeberg (Director), ✓
1 - Berlin - 41.
Hondjerysste 19/20 (West Germany).

Yeshusahay!

We the Committee and whole Congregation of G.E.L. Church Chakradharpur are very glad to inform you that that the main building of Ho Hostel at Chakradharpur is completed now. We are sorry, the whole sanctioned amount of Rs 50,000/- and 2,000/- sm. have been fully spent by and still we are creditor of Local Merchants. We have to pay them the balance money as they have supplied necessary materials.

No electrification has so far been done in the main Hostel building as there is no money at hand at present. More-over we are facing much difficulties to start the Hostel by accommodating the students due to the lack of Latrine-cum-bath rooms and kitchen. Even though, there is a proposal to inaugurate the Ho Hostel on 4.11.1976 when the Germany Brothers will visit Chakradharpur during their tour programme as fixed up by them on 3.11.76 and 4.11.76 for Chakradharpur. You are, therefore, invited herewith to attend the same on 4.11.76 as proposed and inaugurate the newly built Ho Hostel at Chakradharpur. Please convey our invitation to (i) Dr. med Annedore Stumpf, 44 - Straubing Aussere Passaner Str. 86, West Germany, (ii) Fran Christa Teigelen, 3262 - Exten Rinteln West Germany (iii) Rev: Hasselhorn, Ober Landeskirchenrat 3-Honnover 1, Rote Reihe 6, West Germany and (iv) Rev: Dr. W. Hess, West Kilven Via Beinde West Germany. also.

In the conclusion para, we like to draw your attention to our further Estimate for
contd. page (2).

(2)

Latrine-cum-Bath rooms and kitchen for which we want your kind advice and help to complete the same so that we may start the Hostel at an early possible date.

Our best wishes to you and to the Curatorium.
Yours Faithfully,

13/9

Secretary,
Property Committee & Building Committee
G. E. L. Church.
Chakradharpur.

Copy to Pastor iR. Helmut Borutta, Brandstr-
23 - 85 Nürnberg / West Germany. This has the refer-
ence to his letter - Nürnberg dated 13.4.1976. He is
invited herewith together with Mrs Borutta to attend
the inauguration function of Ho Hostel on 4.11.1976
at Chakradharpur as proposed. He is also requested
to advice and help us in paying the credit-
money to the local merchants as well as to
building up the latrine-cum-bath rooms and
kitchen.

Our best wishes to him and Mrs Borutta.

Copy to Dr. C.K. Paul Singh, Caretaker,
G. E. L. Church - Ranchi for information and
necessary early action. Our best wishes to him
and to his family.

Yours Faithfully,

SD/

Secretary,
Property Committee & Building Committee
G. E. L. Church.
Chakradharpur.

二

THE UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL



Telephone: 12179
14580

Telegrams: UMNEPAL

POST BOX NO. 126

1/29 THAPATHALI

KATHMANDU, NEPAL.

President: ~~Mr. M. Roemmele~~ Mr. M. Roemmele
Executive Secretary: Mr. F. Wilcox
Personnel Secretary: Mr. A. Voreland
Treasurer: Mr. R. Havens

11th May, 1976

Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz,
Adhyaksh, N.W. Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi,
Bihar, India.

Dear Friend, Dr. Nirmal Minz,

Your letter of 8th April regarding the application for membership in the UMN on the part of the North West Anchal of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church reached us only on 19th April, about ten days after the close of our UMN Board of Directors meeting here in Kathmandu. The UMN Board of Directors is, of course, the only body which can consider and act upon such applications for membership. Therefore I have placed the letters which you have sent in the file of our Board of Directors, and am drawing the attention of Rev. Gordon Ruff, the Executive Secretary elect, to this matter, and he will take it up in due course with the concerned authorities, with the UMN Executive Committee, and of course with the UMN Board of Directors. I should also call your attention to the fact that membership in the United Mission to Nepal requires participation either through the sending of an annual grant of funds or the sending of workers to fill approved posts in the United Mission to Nepal. I will notify our Personnel Secretary, who will be able to send you Personnel Needs Lists as they are published, and also point out that the constitutional requirement for an annual grant is Rs.10,000 Nepali currency to be the contribution of participating members of the United Mission to Nepal.

I should also like to say ~~that in an earlier letter~~, that the United Mission to Nepal believes that it would be inappropriate and indiscreet for the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, the North West Anchal, to think in terms of beginning work directly among the Dhangars in Nepal without consultation with the Summer Institute of Linguistics and the United Mission authorities here in Kathmandu. None of the Christian agencies at work in Nepal are engaged in direct evangelistic work among any of the people in whose areas we live, serve and witness. You, as a concerned leader of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, and also as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the United Mission to Nepal, are well aware of the restrictions and limitations which have been imposed upon Christians who live and work in the land. In view of the limitations which are part of the General Agreement between His Majesty's Government and the United Mission to Nepal, it would be unwise to think of beginning any work among the Dhangars without full consultation with leaders of the UMN, and discussion of what sort of work might be done among them.

The United Mission would welcome further correspondence with you, Dr. Minz, about this matter, and I trust there will be possibility to discuss the matter fully in correspondence, and possibly in a personal meeting between yourself and the Executive Secretary some time this year. I remain

Sincerely,

cc: Rev. G. Ruff
Dr. M. Seeberg

Frank Wilcox
Executive Secretary

हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME



Dr. Martin Seeberg,

Director, Gossner Mission,

Handjerystrasse 19/20,

D 1000 Berlin 41,

West Germany

पठाउनेको नाम र ठेगाना ।

P. Wilcox

Box 126

Katmandu, Nepal

यस पत्रमित्र केही खासिएका साधनहरू राखेर चलाउन गरिन्छ ।

19 MAY 1976
KATMANDU
Nepal

April 21, 1976

psbg/sz

Rev. Dr.C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Brother Singh,

thank you for the last letters I received by mail and through Miss Friederici, unfortunately without good news.

In the meantime I got a copy of the North West Anchal letter to the United Mission to Nepal. I am uncertain whether I should interfere or not. Of course the application of a part of the GEL Church is illegal, and only possible after there are official declarations that the one GEL Church had ended and that from a certain date there are new churches with the right and duty to make applications and agreements with outside authorities. Until this has not happened the United Mission can not accept the application of the North West Anchal. But as long as the United Mission to Nepal is not investigating the legal situation and is not requiring Gossner Mission for comments I will not interfere but only send a copy of this letter to Dr.Nirmal Minz as he sent a copy of the North West Anchal letter not only to you but also to me.

As I have heard the application of the North West Anchal was too late for the springtime session of the United Mission to Nepal. Therefore in autumn only the executive committee and in springtime 1977 the Board of Directors can discuss the application.

Yours sincerely,

Sg.

cc: Dr.Nirmal Minz, Ranchi

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 155/76/F-93.

20 APR. 1976

G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.
8th April, 1976.

To,

Rev. Frank Wilcox,
Executive Secretary, U.M.N.
Thapathali, Kathmandu,
N E P A L.

Sir,

The North West Anchal of the G.E.L. Church whose jurisdiction touches boarder of Nepal in the South has decided to join the U.M.N. and expresses its desire to take the membership of it and participate in the mission among the people of Nepal, particularly among the Dhangars.

May I, therefore, request you to kindly take steps to move the concerned bodies in accepting our membership to U.M.N. and enable us to cooperate in the task of U.M.N. in Nepal, particularly among the Dhangars of that country.

The North West Anchal of the G.E.L. Church will be thankful to you for your kind consideration and favourable action in admitting it to the membership of U.M.N.

Faithfully yours,

(Signature)
(Rev. Dr. N. Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

CC: Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh,
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh, GELC, Ranchi.

Rev. Pastor M. Seeberg, Director,
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 118/76/F-93.

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, Bihar.
24th March, 1976.

To,

Rev. Franke Wilcox,
Executive Secretary - UMN.
Thapothali,
Kathmandu, Nepal.

Sir,

The resolution item No. 2, of the North West Anchal Samiti Executive committee meeting, held on 19-3-76 is forwarded to you for information.

Item No. 2: Membership to the U.M. of Nepal.

Letter received from Director Gossner Mission dated 5-3-76 was placed in the meeting. The Adhyaksh explained the contents of the letter and the possibilities for the Church for the early compliance of the same. The present situation of the Church is not congenial to deal with this matter as a Church, but the North West Anchal of the G.E.L. Church is directly concerned in this matter as ultimately the personnel and interest naturally lies within this Anchal. In view of this the committee resolves:-

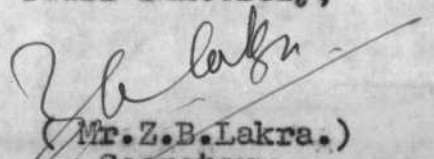
(1) The North West Anchal should apply for the membership on behalf of the G.E.L. Church. The application should reach the Executive Secretary U.M. to Nepal, Kathmandu before its Board's meeting early April 76, under intimation to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, Director BEL, and Director G.M.

.....

Sd/- N. Minz.
19-3-76.

Sd/- Z.B. Lakra.
19-3-76.

Yours sincerely,


(Mr. Z.B. Lakra.)
Secretary.
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church Ranchi

CC: The Actg. Pr. Adhyaksh GELC.
Director BEL/GELC.
Director E.M. ✓

October 23, 1975
psbg/sz

To:
KSS of the GEL Church
R a n c h i / Bihar / India

Zur Ablage
Aktenplan-Nr. 1200
Datum 24.11.75
Handzeichen

Dear Brethren,

on November 2nd the first meeting of the new KSS will take place. On behalf of Gossner Mission I send brotherly greetings and I wish you God's blessings for this meeting and each member. Jesus says:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". (Matth. 18.20)

Consequently all deliberations may be in the spirit of his love, in a mutual understanding and in the faith in the forgiving of sins.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed; behold all things are become new". (2.Cor. 5.17)

The friends of the GEL Church in Germany are anxiously awaiting the news about this first meeting of the new KSS and its results.

On October 10th the Kuratorium of Gossner Mission held its regular meeting. We prayed for the propagation of the gospel in India and for the welfare of the GEL Church.

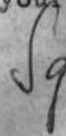
With thanks the Kuratorium received the letter from Ranchi (April session) informing that the KSS wants to enter into new negotiations regarding the relationship between Gossner Mission and Gossner Church. The Kuratorium discussed at length the present relationship and reports were given about the new development in the GEL Church. The Kuratorium wants the KSS to know that new negotiations are welcome and that a delegation of the Kuratorium is ready to come to India to meet representatives of the Church between February 21st and 29th. For a good exchange of news it seems advisable to

to get in the meantime some more explanations about the general line formulated in the April session of KSS, so that the agenda of the meeting to come on February 24th can be thoroughly prepared.

On behalf of the Kuratorium I beg to ask whether the proposed date is suitable to the GEL Church and whether beforehand some detailed proposals from Ranchi could be sent to Berlin.

I am,

sincerely yours,



Martin Seeberg

To,

The Director,
Martin Seeberg,
Berlin.

Ranchi, Dated 16th Sept. 1975.



Dear Sir,

After a long time I am writing this letter from Ranchi. You would perhaps wonder to know that I have been at Ranchi since March, 75.

In the month of March with two month's leave I had been sent to put up the Andamans Church problems in KSS office.

During my stay at Ranchi the Pastors' refresher course was arranged and hence I was fortunate to attend the same. So after the Pastors' refresher course I started my journey back to Andamans.

On the 15th June I went to Calcutta and waited there for the ship for 20 days, but yet I could not get the shipping pass or ticket.

So I came back to Ranchi waiting for the next shipping programme. Again I went to Calcutta at the end of July but even this time I could not get the ticket. My failure in getting ticket was due to the fact that no reservations was made for me in Port Bihar (which had to be done from there).

In this way two travels up to Calcutta and Boarding and lodging in the city required a heavy amount in which I exhausted almost all the amount, I had for my journey to Andamans.

Therefore now I am helpless to go there because neither the South East Anchal nor the Andaman Church is in a position to bear my travel expenses. Hence although I am ready to serve the Church in a far country, I am unable to fulfil this.

Now-a-days I am keeping well with my family and remember you all in my prayers.
YISHUSAHAY,

Yours sincerely,

S. M. Topno

(Rev. S. M. Topno)

C/o Mrs. Shilwanti Topno,
Bethesda Girls' Middle School,
Ranchi, Bihar.

85P 85P
AEROGamme



To,
Pastor Martin Seeburg, Director, MI

1 Berlin 41, (Friedenau)

Handjerysstr 19/20

West Germany.



दूसरा मोड़ SECOND FOLD

इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ भी लिखें NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Rev Saban Martin Topno.

C/o Mrs Sulwan Ti Topno (Teal)
Bethesda Girls' Middle School

Ranchi.

(Bihar)

पिन PIN

भारत INDIA

53 FEB 1982
GANGEN

पहला मोड़ FIRST FOLD

T e l e g r a m m

frie/sz 7.7.1975

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 1200

Datum

Handzeichen

Gossner Theological College, Ranchi/Bihar/Indien

On this auspicious day we send you our greetings. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all who came to celebrate this happy occasion. His blessings also on all who will live in this new building.

Yours in HIM

Gossner Mission Berlin

Aufgegeben durch Frau Friederici am 7.7.75 14.45 Uhr

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH
SECRETARY
REV. P. D. SORENG
TREASURER
REV. M. JOJO



HEAD OFFICE
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone : 23358

No. 757/75/KSS-53

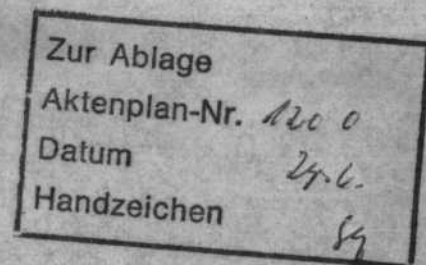
Ranchi Dated 21st June 1975.

To

Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia LWF.

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg
Director Departt. of Church Copn. LWF

Pastor M. Seeberg ✓
Director Gossner Mission.



Dear Brothers,

I am very much thankful to you all for your kind cooperation by sending us your subsidy for the Pastors' Refresher's course of the Gossner Church. With this subsidy and with our own contribution we could conduct the Pastors' refresher's course efficiently and satisfactorily in 1975.

I am sending herewith a brief report on the Pastors' refresher's course, statement of expenditure and a routine for the Pastors' refresher's course for your information, which are self explanatory.

Thanking you all and with greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. President
GEL Church Ranchi. Bihar.

Enclos; as stated above.

**REPORT ON THE PASTORS' REFRESHER'S COURSE
OF THE GEL CHURCH FOR 1975.**

INTRODUCTION:

In the kingdom of God every one of us is called to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. We all are not efficient by birth. So we need training and teaching in all fields. We become efficient only when we are trained and taught. The Pastors of the GEL Church have been dedicated and ordained to work specially in His vineyard for life but still they require education from time to time. This is the reason why the Pastors of the GEL Church are called for refresher's course in every two years to make them afresh.

In the previous refresher's courses the church had the problem of accommodation for 150 Pastors. This year the problem was solved as the Principal of the Gossner Theological College was kind enough to let the buildings for accommodation of the Pastors in Theological campus, where there are sufficient buildings for the purpose.

The Pastors' refresher's course is generally held in the months of March/April or October of the year. The refresher's courses are subsidised by L.W.F. or Gossner Mission. This year the high prices of commodities and scarcity caused higher expenditure and the LWF granted the amount for 1975 too. This amount reached in time but the date of holding the refresher's course in March was postponed due to unavoidable reasons. As soon as the intimation of subsidy reached us the refresher course was fixed and scheduled for June 6-12, 1975. Pastors were notified accordingly. They were also requested to contribute 50% of their mess expenses out of their Ilaka funds, which they gladly responded. The attendance of the Pastors was fairly well as out of 142 Pastors 126 participated in the course.

To conduct the refresher's course smoothly and efficiently the head office of the GEL Church chalked out a routine for the classes held. Local lecturers as well as outside lecturers were invited to deliver their lectures on different subjects given to them. To make their lectures more easy to be understood they were asked to give their written lectures which were printed and distributed among the audience before the lectures were delivered. The main theme of the refresher's course was "RENEWAL OF GOSSNER CHURCH FOR MISSION". The subjects were Old testament, New testament, Church History, Dogmatics, Missiology, Laity (men & women) Administration and Practical Theology. In dealing with these different subjects, main theme was always kept in mind, and each speaker tried his best to clarify the theme in the view point of his subject. Since the Pastors belonged to different communities, speaking different languages the lingua franca of the course were made Hindi & English.

Although the climate of Chotanagpur was very hot all precautionary measures were taken to safeguard the health of Pastors and due to that reason the Pastors did not become ill. Only one or two Pastors had suffered from minor illness. Thus the Pastors' refresher's course of the Gossner Church for 1975 was concluded successfully. We thankfully acknowledge the contribution from LWF, Pastors, Speakers as well as organisers and helpers for this refresher's course and hope that in future also we shall be able to have such cooperation and contribution for His work and glory.

Ranchi Dated 20th June '75.

C. K. Pant S/s
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
(President)
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

20 June, 1975.

THE STATEMENT OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE RELATING TO THE PASTORS' REFRESHER COURSE (CONTINUING EDUCATION) HELD AT RANCHI FROM 6TH TO 12TH JUNE 1975.

RECEIPTS

1. LWF Grant:-
1974 = Rs. 5300.00
1975 = Rs. 5600.00 Rs. 10900.00
2. Registration Fees
from Pastors:- Rs. 126.00
3. Contribution from
Pastors. (Church
Contribution):- Rs. 2370.00
4. Sale Proceed of
remaining Mess
Articles:- Rs. 116.50

Total:- Rs. 13512.50

PAYMENTS

1. Travel Expenses of
Pastors attending- Rs. 5465.46
2. Fooding Expenses- Rs. 5005.³⁵~~00~~
3. Stationary- Rs. 834.50
4. Printing- Rs. 167.00
5. Medical- Rs. 94.00
6. Postage- Rs. 30.00

Total - Rs. 11596.31

Balance - Rs. 1916.49

Income Total:- Rs. 13512.50

Rs. 11596.31 = Doller 1500

Note:- Number of Pastors attending - 126
Number of days classes held - ^{per} 7½
Mess expenses - Rs. 5/- per day head approximately.
Travel Expenses of only Assam Anchal Pastors = Rs. 2500.00

S. Bhengra
HEAD ACCOUNTANT,
G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI

TIME TABLE FOR PASTORS' REFRESHER COURSE G. E. L. CHURCH 1975.

Theme :— *Renewal of the Gossner Church for Mission*

Date	7.30—8 AM Morning Devotion	8—9 AM Class	9—10 AM Class	10-10.30 AM Tea	10.30—11.30 Class	11.30—12.30 Class	12.30—2.30 Lunch & Rest	2.30—3PM Prayer	3—4PM Class	4—5PM Class	5—5.30 PM Tea	Note:— प्रत्येक शाम में आधे घण्टे के लिए मिनिस्ट्रियम की बैठकी होगी जिसके लिए निम्नलिखित महानुभवी पाद्रीगण सभापति होंगे
6.6.75 Friday	Morning Devotion by Actg. Pr. Adh. Rev. Dr. C. K. P. Singh	N. T. by Rev. D. Hecker	O. T. Rev. R. Dang		Church History Rev. M. Tete	Dogmatics Systematic Theology Rev. Dr. N. Minz	L	P	Missiology by Rev. Dr. CKP Singh	Practical Theology by Rev. Dr. M. Bage	Tea	1 Rev. C. B. Minz 6.6.75 2 Rev. C. B. Aind 7.6.75 3 Rev. L. Topno 9.6.75 4 Rev. Eliazar Kindo 10.6.75 5 Rev. L. Kongari 11.6.75
7.6.75 Saturday	Morning Devotion by Rev. Dr. N. Minz Adhyaksh NWA	N. T. by Rev. D. Hecker	O. T. Rev. R. Dang		Church History by Rev. M. Tete	Dogmatics Systematic Theology Rev. Dr. N. Minz	U	R	Missiology by Rev. Dr. CKP Singh	Practical Theology by Rev. Dr. M. Bage	Tea	मिनिस्ट्रियम सभा में विशेष विषय होंगे जिन पर प्रस्तावना देंगे, विषय के बगल में दिये गये महानुभवी पाद्रीगण
8.6.75 Sunday	S	U	N	D	A	Y	N	A				१ दण्ड विधान—पाद्री एम. टेटे २ जी. ई. एल. चर्च मिनिस्ट्रियम में आर्डिनेशन ग्रहण—पाद्री डी. हेमरोम ३ लेमेन लोगों की आर्डिनेशन—पाद्री डा. म. बागे
9.6.75 Monday	Morning Devotion by Rev. N. Bhūinya Adh. SEA	N. T. by Rev. D. Hecker	O. T. by Rev. R. Dang		Church History by Rev. M. Tete	Dogmatics Systematic Theology Rev. Dr. N. Minz	C	Y	Missiology by Rev. Dr. CKP Singh	Practical Theology by Rev. Dr. M. Bage	Tea	४ बहनों की आर्डिनेशन—श्रीमती पी. मिंज ५ आदिवासी राग में आराधना—श्री जस्टिन एका ६ पाद्री ओर राजनीति—पाद्री मार्टिन जोजो " पी. डी. सोरेंग (यदि समय हो)
10.6.75 Tuesday	Morning Devotion by Rev. CSB Horo Adh. Assam Anchal	N. T. by Rev. D. Hecker	O. T. by Rev. R. Dang		Church History by Rev. M. Tete	Dogmatics Systematic Theology Rev. Dr. N. Minz	H	E	Missiology by Rev. Dr. CKP Singh	Practical Theology by Rev. Dr. M. Bage	Tea	रिफ्रेशर कोर्स के समय :— अपने साथ टोर्च, मच्छड़दानी, मग, लोटा, बेंबल- नोट बुक, कलम, आदि लेते आते गोस्नर थेओलॉजिकल कॉलेज के इस्तिहार अनुसार पेरिश इलाका या दूसरे संस्थाओं का पुराना मिनिट बुक डायरी आदि लेते आते।
11.6.75 Wednesday	Morning Devotion Rev. M. Jojo Adh. Orissa Anchal	Church Discipline by Rev. M. Tete	Planned Parenthood Dr. Moss M. P.		U. I. M. Mr. Ramteke Durgapur	Church Administration by Rev. Dr. M. Bage	R	R	Development Mr. Larsen Indo-German Project	Laity by Dr. P. Kerketta Marine Diesels	Tea	सब पाद्रीयों के लिए थेओलॉजिकल कॉलेज के अन्दर रहने-सोने आदि का प्रबन्ध रहेगा
12.6.75 Thursday	Morning Devotion by Rev. PD Soreng Adh. M. Anchal	Church Discipline by Rev. M. Tete	Planned Parenthood Dr. Moss M. P.		U. I. M. Mr. Ramteke Durgapur	Church Administration Rev. Dr. M. Bage	S	T	Development Mr. Larsen Indo-German Project	Laity (Women) Mrs. P. Minz Secy. Mahila Sangh	Tea	१० बजे रात के बाद कम्पौन्ड से बाहर रहना अनुचित होगा। बीमार या दूसरी घटनाओं का रिपोर्ट पाद्री सुनील तिकी और साथी को तुरत देवे।

Rising Bell at 5 A.M. Break fast at 7 A.M. Morning Devotion at 7.30 A.M. Visiting the families of
H. Q. Congr. by Pastors GELC 5.30—6.45 Evening services 7—8 P.M. Ministerium 8—8.30 P.M. Supper 8.30 P.M.

Sleep Well Good Night 10 P. M. Light off.

सही—पाद्री पी. डी. सोरेंग
सेक्रेटरी के. एस. एस. एवं
मिनिस्ट्रियम सचिव
जी. ई. एल. चर्च रांची।

June 19, 1975
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul S i n g h
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	1200
Datum	28.6.
Handzeichen	5

Dear brother Singh,

two- or threetimes I got a letter from Rev. Topno of the GEL Church congregations in the Andamans. He did not request for any help but told me the good news that the GEL Church congregations in the Andaman Islands are growing and that the GEL Church officially was acknowledged by the Government Authorities.

From the last minutes of the KSS meeting I learned that you dealt with those congregations but no details were mentioned. I would be thankful if I could hear something from Ranchi about the plans of the KSS re the future of the Andaman Islands and whether special needs are wanted. Gossner Mission wants to encourage the brethren on these Islands, I already did this by two letters.

Yours sincerely,

sg
(Martin Seeberg)

cc: Rev. Martin Topno, Port Blair



From

Rev Sabar Martin Topno.
% Shanti Prakash Kujur
Bahadur line - No-2
Port Blair
South Andamans.

To

The Director.

Pastor Martin Seeberg.

Dear Sir,

By the Grace of God I am quite well and hope the same to you. In this letter I would like to tell about the land new settlement of Andaman which is going on. So we have to purchase lands for the Church. This is the time for purchasing the lands. After two years the lands are not available for us. So in this matter I am coming to Ranchi on the next month of March 1975.

Really I am getting dis-couragement
because the higher authorities of the
Church are not corresponding
about ^{the} Church matters.

But-because this is the Golden time
to establishment of G. E. L. Church
in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

I hope you will take initiative

Expecting many thing for the Church
Attempting many thing for the Glory
of God.

Yours Sincerely, in Christ

G. M. Topno

President
G. E. L. CHURCH.
A & N Islands.

हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME



To

The Director, Pastor Martin
Seeberg,
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerysstr 19/20
West Germany.



दूसरा मोड़ SECOND FOLD

इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ न रखिये NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Rev. Saban Martin Topno
c/o Shanti Prakash Kujur

Behadar line No-2

Port Blair, South Andaman.

पिन PIN □□□□□□

भारत INDIA



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANDAMAN, & NICOBAR.

Regd. No-31

Ref. No



Date 30.12.74

WV

1.6.75

PRESIDENT:- REV. SABAN MARTIN TOPNO.
C/O SHANTI PRAKASH KUJUR.
BAHADUR LINE No-2.
PORT BLAIR - SOUTH ANDAMAN.

SECRETARY:- SHRI; HALEN MIDJ,
BAKUNTALA - MIDDLE ANDAMAN.

JOINT, SECRETARY:- SHRI MARCEL KERKETTA,
BORNIOL No-6-MIDDLE ANDAMAN.

TREASURER:- SHANTI PRAKASH KUJUR,
BAHADUR LINE No-2.
PORT BLAIR,
SOUTH ANDAMAN.

From —

Rev Saban Martin Topno. Sq 13/1/75

% Shanti Prakash Kujur.

Bahadur line No - 2

Port Blair - South Andaman

India.

To

The Director,

Pastor Martin Seeberg.

Dear Sir,

I am Sending the news that we have spent with joyful in Christmas Eve & Day by glorify of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have broadcasted for Christmas day "The message of Christ" in Hindi language from Port Blair Radio Station.

We have formed the Governing body (com Executive Committee) for the Church of G.E.L.C

in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

If it will be possible, on the month of March 1975

I will be going to Ranchi K.S.S. Office for submitting the A & N. G.E.L.C. matt report to put up the church's matters.

$\frac{3}{4}$ part of Islands already I have visited up to month of December 1974. On the month of February I will be going to the other part of Islands.

This is my humbleful request please come to our Islands and give me more suggestions.

In Andaman & Nicobar Islands many things are open for the sake of Christ's Glorify and a lot of lands are available for opening and establishing our G.E.L.C..

Kindly inform me which year you coming to A & N Islands. We are very anxious to see you.

Remember us in your daily prayer.

Yours faithfully in Christ.

Rev Saban Martin Topno

30.12.74

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

0

01

LEITZ

1650 Trennblatt ohne Ösen

1654 Trennblatt mit Ösen

zum Selbstausschneiden
von Registertasten

B e r i c h t

über die Verhandlungen in der Gossnerkirche im
Frühjahr 1977

Im Oktober 1976 beschloss das Kuratorium der Gossner Mission, dass der Missionsdirektor der Einladung der Gossnerkirche folgen möge, um Verhandlungen einzuleiten, die den Frieden zwischen den Parteien wiederherstellen oder doch den Zwiespalt in der Kirche vermindern könnten.

Dies ist der Bericht der Reise. Am 12. Januar 1977 kam ich in Ranchi an; am 15. März 1977 verliess ich die Gossnerkirche.

Alle meine Bemühungen blieben ergebnislos.

1. Die Situation vor dem 13. Januar 1977

1975 war der Versuch gescheitert, eine neue Verfassung einzuführen. Da im Herbst die Amtszeit der bisherigen Kirchenleitung abgelaufen war, mussten nach den Regeln der alten Verfassung Neuwahlen stattfinden und demgemäss eine neue Kirchenleitung (KSS) gebildet werden; d.h. alle fünf Anchals (Bezirke) hatten zunächst ihre eigene Exekutive und dazu je drei Mitglieder zu wählen, die zusammen mit einigen berufenen Mitgliedern die neue Kirchenleitung bildeten.

Jedoch: Der Nordwest-Anchal - er repräsentiert etwa 25 % der Kirche - weigerte sich beharrlich, dieser Prozedur zu folgen und forderte, dass vorher alle strittigen Verfassungsfragen geklärt werden müssten. Man sei nicht bereit, in der bisherigen zentralen Kirchenverwaltung mitzuarbeiten, weil die Erfahrung gelehrt habe, dass alle notwendigen strukturellen Veränderungen durch die Mehrheit der Stimmen der Vertreter der vier anderen Anchals verhindert wurde. Der Vorschlag des Nordwest-Anchals für eine Neuordnung der Kirche sah deshalb zwei autonome Synoden vor, die zusammen die Gossnerkirche bilden sollten.

Die vier anderen Anchals erklärten sich zu Gesprächen dieser Art nur bereit innerhalb der legalen Kirchenleitung.

Dieser fruchtlose Disput hatte jetzt 15 Monate gedauert. Alle zentralen Aufgaben der Kirche (Ordinationen, theologische Ausbildung, Verwaltung des Grundbesitzes, Aussenbeziehungen u.v.a.) konnten während dieser Zeit nicht wahrgenommen werden.

2. Die neue Kirchenleitung wird gebildet

Dr. Singh hatte als amtierender Kirchenpräsident vor meiner Ankunft alle Anchals aufgefordert, ihre Vertreter nach Ranchi zu entsenden, damit die Kirchenleitung gebildet werden könnte. Vier Anchals folgten der Aufforderung, nicht aber der Nordwest-Anchal.

Ich ermutigte die Vertreter der vier Anchals, die in der Verfassung vorgeschriebenen Regelungen zur Bildung der neuen Kirchenleitung zu befolgen unbeschadet der Abwesenheit der Vertreter des Northwest-Anchals. Zunächst wurde der neue Kirchenpräsident gewählt: Rev. Barla, bisher Adhyaksh im Orissa-Anchal, dann sein Stellvertreter Rev. Soreng, Khuntitoli, sowie andere "officer"; die Vorsitzenden und Mitglieder der sog. Boards - zuständig für Erziehung, theologische Ausbildung, Mission, Grundbesitz - wurden ebenfalls gewählt.

Bezüglich des Northwest-Anchals nahm man dankbar mein Angebot für Vermittlungsdienste zur Kenntnis und liess im Protokoll vermerken, dass der KSS die Türen offen halte für das Kommen des Anchals.

In der Zwischenzeit hatte ich die ersten Kontakte zur "Gegenpartei" aufgenommen. Auch dort wurde ich freundlich aufgenommen, obwohl man von mir erwartete, dass ich mich gegen die Bildung der neuen Kirchenleitung aussprechen würde, was ich nicht tat. Man sah in der Aktion der anderen Anchals eine feindselige Haltung und die endgültige Missachtung der Forderungen des Northwest-Anchals. Die vier Anchals hätten nicht das Recht, die ganze Kirche zu vertreten. Der Northwest-Anchal werde jetzt konsequent seinen Weg fortsetzen und eine eigene Kirche gründen. Allein zu diesem Zweck sollten bis Ende Januar die bislang aufgeschobenen Wahlen innerhalb des Northwest-Anchals zu Ende gebracht werden.

3. Zwei Kirchen?

Während der weiteren Verhandlungen mit den Kontrahenten hatte ich mich mit dem Gedanken zu befassen, ob eine Teilung der Gossnerkirche den jahrzehntelangen Konflikt lösen könne. Ich diskutierte diese Möglichkeit unter dem Stichwort: Frieden ist notwendiger als Einheit. Beides sei wünschenswert, aber wenn nur jeweils eines erreichbar sei, möge man ersteres wählen. Voraussetzung sei aber, dass man zu einer gütlichen Vereinbarung käme wie Lot und Abraham. Dabei sei die erste Grundbedingung, dass die beiden Kirchen geographisch voneinander getrennt seien, etwa nach den Grenzen des jetzigen Northwest-Anchals, so dass eine Trennung quer durch das Kirchengebiet oder gar innerhalb der Gemeinden verhindert werde.

Die Vertreter des Northwest-Anchals nahmen diese Gedanken gern auf und sahen darin einen ersten bedeutsamen Schritt auf dem Weg zu ihrem ersehnten Ziel.

Die Vertreter der anderen Anchals waren eher skeptisch. Dies wurde mir noch deutlicher, als ich begann, alle Anchals zu besuchen und den Vorschlag auf Gemeindeebene diskutierte. Abgesehen von der instinktiven und emotionellen Abneigung, die historisch gewachsene Einheit der Gossnerkirche aufzugeben, wurden vor allem zwei Argumente laut, die gegen den Vorschlag sprachen: einmal die Erfahrung, dass Vereinbarungen nicht eingehalten werden, d.h. dass vermutlich beide Kirchen in dem jeweils anderen Gebiet Einfluss nehmen würden, zum anderen: ein Teil der Gemeinden innerhalb des Northwest-Anchals sei gegen eine Zweiteilung der Kirche. Letzteres wurde bestätigt durch eine Anzahl von Oraons, die mich eindringlich baten, nicht auf die Forderungen ihrer Führer einzugehen.

4. Ein erfolgversprechender Ausgleichsversuch

Anfang Februar versammelte sich der neu gewählte Samiti des Northwest-Anchals (Bezirksvorstand). Als neuer Adhyaksh wurde Rev. Ekha, Lohardaga, bestimmt. Es kam zu heftigen Diskussionen um den zukünftigen Weg des Anchals. Die Falken siegten, doch schien man jetzt etwas vorsichtiger zu argumentieren.

Es gelang mir, zweimal je vier Vertreter der beiden Gruppen zusammenzubringen. Bei dieser Gelegenheit äusserten die Vertreter des Northwest-Anchals überraschend, dass sie möglicherweise bereit seien, sich dem KSS anzuschliessen, und zwar, falls zwei Bedingungen erfüllt würden. Erstens müsste der Northwest-Anchal das Recht zur Ordination bekommen und zweitens das Recht, mit Kirchen und Organisationen innerhalb und ausserhalb Indiens zu korrespondieren sowie eigene Vertreter dorthin zu entsenden; kürzer formuliert: das Recht auf eigene Finanzzuwendungen.

Sonderregelungen für einen der fünf Anchals sind nach der Verfassung der Kirche nicht möglich, wohl aber Verfassungsänderungen, die allen Anchals eine grössere Autonomie geben. Dementsprechend verbreitete ich Formulierungsvorschläge, über die im März die Kirchenleitung während ihrer zweiten Sitzung entscheiden sollte. Bei den Vorgesprächen über dieses Thema - etwa im Madhya-Anchal und in Assam - meinte ich eine grosse Bereitschaft zu einem solchen Kompromiss erkennen zu können. Dass gewisse Verfassungsänderungen notwendig seien, um den Frieden wiederherzustellen, war ohnehin jedem klar; und diese schienen akzeptabel zu sein. Im Grunde handelte es sich lediglich um zwei kleine Veränderungen im Pflichtenkatalog des Kirchenpräsidenten.

5. Die enttäuschenden März-Sitzungen

Mitte März fand die zweite KSS-Sitzung statt, und gleichzeitig traf sich der Anchal-Samiti des Northwest-Anchals in Ranchi.

Der KSS bedauerte, dass wiederum die Vertreter des Northwest-Anchals die Sitzung boykottierten. Deren Forderung nach völliger Unabhängigkeit wurde zurückgewiesen, gewisse Veränderungen der Struktur der Kirche zugunsten einer grösseren Autonomie aller Anchals jedoch für möglich gehalten. Schwierig begannen die Beratungen zu werden, sobald die "gewissen Veränderungen" konkret beschrieben werden sollten. Nur sehr zögernd und eigentlich unwillig diskutierte man schliesslich über die einzige konkrete Vorlage, nämlich über die von mir formulierte Empfehlung zur Änderung der Verfassung. Einige sprachen dafür, einige dagegen, die Mehrheit hatte keine Meinung. Meine beschwörenden Bitten, der Forderung nach einer 100 %igen Autonomie doch wenigstens ein kleines "Gegenangebot" - als Zeichen des guten Willens - gegenüberzustellen, verhallten. Es kam zu keiner Abstimmung und zu keiner Entscheidung. Frieden in der Kirche kann es im Sinne der Kirchenleitung also nur geben - wider besseres Wissen -, wenn alles beim Alten bleibt. Obwohl für die bessere Zukunft einige grosse Schritte nötig wären, konnte die Kirchenleitung nicht einmal einen kleinen Schritt tun. Unfähigkeit und Mangel an gutem Willen und Mut behielten die Oberhand.

Damit war meine Mission beendet, und ich machte kein Hehl aus meiner grossen Enttäuschung; der KSS trage in vollem Masse die Mitverantwortung für den Zwiespalt in der Kirche, der nun unüberwindbar geworden sei.

Als ich dem Northwest-Anchal die negative Entscheidung überbrachte, freuten sich die Falken, weil sie sich bestätigt fühlten, und die anderen, die nur zu gern die Einheit der Kirche in Frieden bewahren wollten, verstummten.

Ich erklärte beiden Parteien, dass ich nicht mehr als Vermittler zur Verfügung stünde und dass ich dem Kuratorium empfehlen würde, die Beziehungen zur Gossnerkirche einzuschränken, weil bei den Auseinandersetzungen in aller Deutlichkeit angesprochen worden sei, warum gekämpft werde: um die Verteilung der ausländischen Geldmittel, des Grundbesitzes und der Ämter; und zwar in eben dieser Reihenfolge.

6. Ungewisse Zukunft

In den nächsten Monaten wird es sehr wahrscheinlich zu unerfreulichen Szenen in der Gossnerkirche kommen. Die Zeit des Abwartens ist vorüber, und jede Gruppe wird sich auf Kosten der Gegenpartei zu konsolidieren versuchen. Der Northwest-Anchal wird sich vermutlich als "Ev.Luth.Gossnerkirche in Indien" etablieren, sie wird auch das Gebiet der Ranchi-Gemeinde für sich beanspruchen. Der KSS wiederum wird wohl die finanziellen Zuwendungen von der Gossner Mission für die Missionsarbeit im Nordwesten sperren, - das ist etwa die Hälfte der Gesamtmittel. Es ist zu erwarten, dass der Northwest-Anchal sich dann an die Gossner Mission wenden wird ; und jede Entscheidung, die in Berlin getroffen wird, wird falsch sein. Gerichtsverfahren und einstweilige Verfügungen sind ebenfalls zu erwarten, und, wie auch immer die Urteile lauten werden, die Kirche wird grossen Schaden nehmen.

Mein Abschiedswort war die Herrenhuter Losung des letzten Sitzungstages

Ach Herr, unsre Missetaten haben's ja verdient;
aber hilf doch um deines Namens willen! denn
unser Ungehorsam ist gross, damit wir wider
dich gesündigt haben.

EINGEGANGEN
23. DEZ. 1976
Erledigt

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL GEL CHURCH RANCHI.

Memo No.375/76/F-48.

Dated Ranchi, 18th Dec.1976.

To

Dr. Carl J.Hellberg, Director DCC/LWF Geneva
Dr. K.Rajaratnam, Asia Secretary, DCC/LWF Geneva
✓ Pastor M.Seeberg, Director, GM, Berlin
Rev. Dr.Thomas Edward, Secretary, UELC(I).

Dear Sir,

With reference to letter No.211/76/KSS-134 dated 17th November, 1976, addressed to you by Dr. C.K.Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha GEL Church, Ranchi, I have to inform you that the letter under reference along with other letters of Dr.Singh was placed on 2.12.'76 before the Executive Committee of North-West Anchal-1 of GEL Church, Ranchi.

The Committee considered all aspects of the situation and came to the conclusion that the formation of the KSS is necessary only when a viable solution to the causes of the problems are arrived at.

A copy of the proceeding of the meeting is enclosed herewith for your kind information.

With Greetings and well wishes for the Christmas Season. May God grant us His Blessings in our efforts for bringing peace in our Church.

Yours Sincerely,

S.Kujur
18.12.76
(Rev.S.Kujur)

Acting Adhyaksha,
North-West Anchal,
GEL Church, Ranchi.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF NORTH WEST ANCHAL OF G. E. L. CHURCH,
HELD AT ANCHAL OFFICE, RANCHI ON 2ND
DECEMBER, 1976

The meeting started with a short prayer by the Chairman Rev. S. Kujur.

2. Attendance:- Following members were present:-

1. Rev. S. Kujur, Acting Adhyaksha
2. Sri Z.B. Lakra, Secretary
3. Sri C.A. Tirkey, member
4. Rev. Dr. N. Minz, member
5. Sri B. Kujur, member
6. Rev. S. Mohan, M.G., member
7. Rev. S. Bakhla, Finance Secretary
8. Rev. M. Tete, Principal, Gossner Theol. College - invitee.

3. Emergency situation in the Church:-

(a) Anchal Adhyaksha reported about the Adhyakshas meeting held on 10/16 Nov. 76 and letter Nos. 207/76/KSS-134 dated 17.11.76, No 208/76/KSS-134 dated 17.11.76 and No 211/76/KSS-134 dated 17.11.76 from Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha was placed before the house along with the reply sent to him by this office No 360/76/F.48 dated 20.11.76.

(b) Rev Dr N. Minz, gave an outline of his discussion on the Church matters along with the Officers of LWF/CC Geneva and G.M. Berlin.

(c) After going through the verbal reports from Anchal Adhyaksha and Dr N. Minz on the present situation and developments within our church, the committee went through all the resolutions of this Anchal passed in different meetings and reconsidered its stand in view of the present situation. The Committee resolved to reiterate its stand taken that the formation of the KSS is necessary only when a viable solution to the cause of the problems within the church is found out.

The committee also reiterated and resolved to point some of these resolutions of the Anchal making its stand clear, viz.

(i) The absence of South East Anchal representatives on the KSS meeting on 30.10.75 clearly shows that there exists an unbridgeable gap, between two camps for and against implementing the New Constitution unanimously adopted on 11.7.75 to be effective from 1.11.75.

(ii) That any step taken by the 3 or 4 Anchals to constitute KSS and other Central Boards will be unconstitutional and ineffective and not binding on the church.

(iii) That any office or bodies created by only 3 or 4 Anchals of the church can at best belong to only three or four electing Anchals and not of the whole church as it will not be according to the constitution. North West Anchal and Ranchi Headquarters congregation shall not be effected at all.

(Vide Resolution item No 2(1)(b), (e) and (f) of Anchal Samiti meeting dated 31.10.75).

(iv) The North West Anchal Sabha ----- finds that the formation of KSS before the New Constitution is drafted and approved by all the Anchals concerned will only further complicate and delay the matter and bring obstacles in the smooth and unhampered functioning of the office of Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, towards achieving viable solution to the present deadlock.

(v) ----- The Anchal Sabha, therefore unahimously resolved as follows:-

1. It records its negative corroborative vote to the formation of KSS at this stage.

(Vide Resolution item No 7(II) and 8(1) of the Anchal sabha meeting dated 15-16 March 76).

(vi) That the Samiti reiterates the stand of Nort West Anchal already taken that no useful purpose will be served by formation of KSS before any viable solution to the causes leading to the present deadlock is found out as already resolved by Anchal Sabha Meeting dated 15-16 March 76.

(vii) The North West Anchal Samiti believes that the presence of Dr Carl J. Hellberg, Director, DCC/LWF and Dr K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secretary DCC/LWF, along with Pastor M. Seeberg, Director G.M. at Ranchi to help solve the present difficulties in the church, will be essential and helpful to the GEL Church and Gossner Mission.

(Vide Resolution item No 3(2) and (5) of Anchal Samiti meeting dated 3.10.76).

4. Election of the N.W. Anchal:- The committee asserted and made it clear that the Anchal is not against the formation of the KSS, but the election of the Anchal has been deferred for discussion and finding a solution outside the KSS. The Committee also noted, that elections held by other Anchals when the T.S. No 232/73 was still pending are all null and void and are not legal.

5. The Committee resolved readiness of the autonomous church to solve the problems by making autonomous decisions without any pressure of finance or other thing according to its own connection. On these lines the committee decided to request LWF and G.M. to intervene to salvage the church, as any unilateral action by either of the Anchals will only aggravate and complicate the problems beyond solution.

6. Other matters: (a) The Chairman placed the matter of leave salary to Rev B. Minz, Office Secretary. It was resolved to grant him leave salary as per rules followed by the Church Office.

(b) The Committee decided to meet again on 12.1.77 at 5 P.M. along with all Ilaka Chairman,

Therefore meeting came to an end with a short prayer by the Chairman.

C.C. to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha
GEL Church

2. All members of Ex Committee.

3. All Ilaka Chairmen, NWA

4. All Parish Chairman "

Secretary
Executive Committee
North West Anchal,

GEL Church Ranchi

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone 23358

Ref. No. **217/76/KSS-134**



Date **17th Dec. 76.**

To

Dr. Carl J. Hallberg
Director DCC/LWF

Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Asia Secretary DCC/LWF

Pastor M. Seeberg
Director G.M.

Dear Brothers,

Whereas the N.W. Anchal is determined not to participate in the KSS formation in the next meeting as scheduled for Jan. 10-14, 1977 by me in the presence of all Anchal Adhyakshes. The "Executive Committee" of N.W. Anchal which is actually not formed as per constitution (1960) reiterates for the viable solution before any election or formation can be completed. I presume that you have received the minutes of the said committee meeting dt. 12.12.76. Whereas the N.W. Anchal has not even completed the election to form the Anchal Sabha and Anchal Samiti as per constitution in order to give its function legal status.

Whereas the Anchals have not followed the instruction of the central office (KSS) for audit and submission of accounts etc.

Whereas the "Executive Committee" of the N.W. Anchal is afraid of and threatening of aggravation and complication of the problem beyond solution.

Whereas I feel legal threatening from some of the corners in regards with disbursements of foreign amounts, specially due to the new Act of the Indian Government,

I request all the friends in abroad not to transfer any amount to the main account of the GEL Church in Chotanagpur and Assam till a KSS/central legal body is formed. Herewith I also express my concern that if any of the foreign friends starts giving foreign amounts direct to any person, institution or group of the GELC he shall be just adding petrol in the fire.

I have already received letters from some of you and I am happy to hear about the possibilities of your help. However when I go through the items of the minutes as mentioned above, specially item (5) in which two words are mentioned "autonomous" and "intervene" I actually do not grasp whether the said committee would like the intervention or to keep the status of autonomy of the GELC.

As I have requested you all already to help solve the situation in the GELC you are welcome to do the same, but I am not sure what the others (Anchals) would say because the NW Anchal has not even elected its officers constitutionally.

Contd.....

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

HEAD OFFICE

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone 23358

Ref: No.

Date

Page-2.

As I have already mentioned in other connection that I am not going to chair any informal meetings and shall not sign any document which are agreed upon in any informal talks. As per decision of the court I have nothing to do than to hand over the charge to the KSS and its chairman.

With seasonal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

CC: All Anchal Adhyakshes.

Secretary UELC(I).

Ps Dear Broth Seeborg,

Your letters have been received informing me about coming. Ich wollte Sie schonen, so daß Sie wieder nicht beschuldigt werden, wie oder was in der Kirchenleitung hier gemacht wird. Ich glaube NWA ist notwendig um die Teilung der Kirche, aber ich bezweifle noch ob die ganz NWA das möchte, so wird NWA wieder zerteilt.

Daher möchte ich daß Sie doch kommen möchte, um zu helfen, aber nicht um die Teilung anzuerkennen. Ich hätte fast sagen müssen, daß Sie am 13. zu der Sitzung kommen möchten und gerade am 10. oder 12. Januar. Leider habe ich mit Herrn Larsen noch nicht sprechen können, ob oder wie Sie in Halbburgaw eine Unterkunft bekommen können.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen.

C.K. Paul Singh

November 30, 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Brother Singh,

Yesterday your letter of November 17th arrived. I already expected some message from your side. I very well understand that you only could write me after the meeting with the Adhyakshas on November 10th.

I noticed that obviously the negotiations between the Adhyakshas and with the advocate where on the line we had foreseen when we were talking about in Berlin. By the end of December everybody will see what has happened with the NW Anchal. My discussions with Dr. Minz make me feel that the brethren of the NW Anchal will not participate in forming the KSS.

Regarding the visits of your friends abroad I want to assure that Mr. Montag was mistaken when he announced my coming already in December. I only mentioned to him that this could be possible if the GEL Church wants me to come that early date already. It is now clear to me that it will be better to come during the days of the KSS meeting, and accordingly I yesterday sent a cable to Ranchi announcing my scheduled arrival on January 11th or 12th.

Meanwhile I got a copy of a letter from Dr.Rajaratnam to you. I see that he obviously has difficulties to find a suitable date for his visit to Ranchi during the month of January. Whether this is a reason for you to postpone the KSS meeting I do not know. Most probably the KSS members have been informed already and therefore I guess it is almost impossible to postpone the date. It is, of course, quite understandable for me that you can not attend the meeting in Germany in the month of January. I therefore will inform the authorities that you can not participate. You certainly will be excused.

May I request you to feel responsible for my accomodation in Ranchi. It would be convenient for me to stay in the Lal Bungalow if I would find facilities for being served by somebody who will prepare my meals. It would not be comfortable for me to live under the care of the Larsson family. In this case I would prefer to stay in a hotel.

Please expect my answers to some more of your questions mentioned in your letter within the next days.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Seeberg
Martin Seeberg

cc: Dr. Rajaratnam, Genf

With special greetings!

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 210/76/KSS-73



17th Nov. 76.

Date.....

To
The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Berlin.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Please excuse me that I could not write you earlier. I was very much busy with many engagements and thereafter with the German guests. I was also waiting for the outcome of the meeting with the Adhyakshes on Nov. 10 '76.

This time Assam also attended the meetings. We took legal ~~advice~~ advice for the formation of the KSS electing the officers. I have been advised that new elected members should form the KSS and if NW Anchal does not co-operate even after final letter of requests for election four Adhyakshes may elect Pramukh Adhyaksh and form the KSS. Accordingly I have issued notice for election of Pramukh Adhyaksh and the meeting of KSS dt. January 10 (arrival of Adhyakshes and election etc.) till Jan. 14, 1977. I hope NW Anchal would take positive step for joining the KSS, but I am not quite sure.

Herewith I would like to mention some other points also for your kind consideration and actions.

In previous years we have received help from the GM for theological studies outside Ranchi (for Serampore and Bangalore). This year we have not yet received any amount, I also did not talk with you during my visit. Will you please kindly do the same as far as possible.

The pastors' widows are also expecting some help for the coming Christmas. For ~~this~~ Christmas gift also you had given some amounts (Rs. 2000/-) in previous years.

To-day I received the letters of money transfer (last instalment) for BEL. Thank you very much for the same. I am also expecting for the transfer of the amount of cash money as given by Dr. Hess and handed over to you by me as the congregation for which it was partly meant has been informed by Dr. Hess and they would like to have the amount.

I am very sorry to let you know that I could not accompany the guests up to Amgaon and I hear that they had a lot of difficulties in their trip to Amgaon. I am very sorry for the same.

.....contd.....

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No.

--Page-2--

Date.....

As the KSS meeting is scheduled for Jan.10-14,1977 it seems impossible for me to attend the consecration of the new Bishop in Berlin and also to comply with other programmes.

For the visits of friends from LWF and GM etc. we are of divided opinions NW Anchal wants that the guests and friends should come before the formation of the KSS but other Anchal Adhyakshes expressed that the guests may come during the meetings but not before formation.

I think that if NW Anchal completes the election before Christmas as I have given them ultimatum it will be alright if you come before the formation of the KSS. This is for your information and consideration.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 211/76/KSS-134



Date 17th Nov. 76.

To

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg Director DCC/LWF Geneva.
Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secy. DCC/LWF Geneva.
Pastor M. Seeberg, Director Gossner Mission, Berlin.
Rev. Dr. Thomas Edward, Secretary UELC(I)

Dear Sirs,

After a long silence I am writing this letter. After the decision dt. 7.7.76 by the Court in regard with a case against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and others now it has been urgent to form the KSS of the GEL Church for the function of the administration, and till the formation of the KSS as per Constitution I have been asked to carry on the functions of the GEL Church as Care Taker.

Since then I am trying that the Anchal Adhyakshes should elect the Pramukh Adhyaksh and form the KSS, but till now with good result.

Now after taking legal advice along with all Anchal Adhyakshes and consultation with them I have finalised the date for formation of the KSS, 10th Jan. arrival of Adhyakshes and election of Pramukh Adhyaksh etc. Jan. 13-14 meeting of the KSS.

I have also requested the NW Anchal to complete the election in order to be able to join the ~~function~~ formation of the KSS so that the legality of the functions of the church be established.

I shall be glad if you would be able to help us with your advice and presence in solving the stalemate of our church. But I think your help and advice will be fruitful if the NW Anchal would at least complete its election by that time. For this I have urgently requested the N.W. Anchal.

Thanking you all,

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

CC: Adhyaksh NW Anchal.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH



HEAD OFFICE
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone : 23358

Liebe Bruder Pastor Seeberg,

Obwohl ich fast alles in meinem Brief geschrieben, aber doch möchte ich einigen auf dieser Weise Ihnen sagen. Mr Montag erzählte mir, daß Sie am 5. Dez. auch Ranchi kommen möchten ; persönlich bin ich nicht dagegen, aber einigen von den Adhyakshes haben Bedenken: Wie wir jetzt dem NWanchal Ultimatum gegeben haben, mag der NWanchal die Wahlen durchführen, aber wenn die Freunde von LWF und GM kommen, wird NWanchal die Wahl noch verschieben! ich weiß nicht so genau ob dies der Fall sein kann. Aber andererseits können Sie den NWanchal klar machen, daß sie doch die Wahl durchführen müssen um die Legalität der Administration der Kirche begründen zu können. Wenn Sie am 5/6. Dez schon in Ranchi sind möchte ich Sie bitten, daß Sie zwischen 8 bis 14. Dez nach Lureg/Missionsgebiet Udaipur zu den Refresher Course kommen möchten.

Ich habe geschrieben, daß wegen der KSS-Sitzung in Jan 76 kann ich nicht nach Berlin kommen, weil die Sitzung bis 14. Jan gehen soll, aber wenn Sie das für wichtig halten wegen anderen Sitzungen und Tagungen kann ich spätestens am 14. Nachmittag nach Kalkutta fliegen und von dort weiter nach Bombay-Rom-Frankfurt-Berlin fliegen. Aber ob dies durchführbar ist und ob mein Besuch so wichtiger ist als die Sitzung und dabeisein in Ranchi.

Ich möchte Sie auch dafür bitten, daß Sie sich in Verbindung mit der LWF freunden setzen und überlegen ob die Besuch von Freunden vor der Sitzung oder nach der Sitzung besser und hilfreich sei. Von mir aus sind Sie jeder Zeit Willkommen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr

C. K. Paul Singh

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

OFFICE OF THE ASIA SECRETARY

Rev. Dr. C.K.P. Singh
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi
Bihar
India.

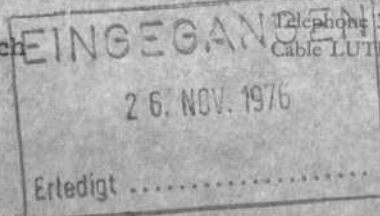
P.O. Box No. 66

Route de Ferney 150

1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23423 OIK CH

Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA



Geneva, 24 November, 1976.

Dear Dr. Singh,

Your kind letter of 17 November received here yesterday: thank you.

It is indeed good to know that you are moving to have some consultations to resolve the constitutional deadlock obstructing the normal life of GELC. Dr. Hellberg will not be able to be present at this meeting nor will I be able to be there at the time you suggested namely 10th January. Sometime in the latter half of January might be possible but I am unable to indicate the exact dates-but I will send you a cable from Singapore after consulting with church leaders who also want me in Delhi sometime in the last week of January. If you can keep the dates open until you hear from me next week I would appreciate it.

I had talks with Dr. Nirmal Minz who is here, and who agrees that this kind of adjustment would be helpful. He had also similar talks in Berlin with Rev. Seeberg I believe.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Kunchala Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia

c.c. Rev. M. Seeberg

KR/jec

Pastor Martin Seeberg
Director, Gossner Mission.

EINGEGANGEN

Erledigt

29. NOV. 1976



Dear Brother Seeberg,

May I write the following for your kind study;

1. The administrative crisis began in our church when you came in October 1973. The four officers viz... Pramukh Adhyaks, Rev. J. Topno, Up-Pramukh Adhyaks, Rev. Dr. N. Minz, Treasurer Rev. N. Bhuinya, Secretary, Mr. C. A. Tirkey, on the pretext of financial crisis, tendered resignations of their respective offices in your presence. They have yet to explain the financial crisis to our friends at home and abroad. Your good intentions to bring reformation to our administration were challenged by the majority of the members including a few members number of members of officers. Therefore the matter was brought to the knowledge of the Ranchi court.
2. Again in February, 1974, in the presence of Dr. Rajaratnam yourself, the Adhyaks elected Rev. Dr. N. Minz as Acting Pramukh Adhyaks of Gossner Church. In the history of Gossner Church for the time being we had two Acting Pramukhs. Dr. Singh accepted both by the church and the Ranchi court and Dr. Minz was recognised only by the church, started functioning side by side.
3. Under the able chairmanship of Dr. Minz, a new committee for drafting a new constitution was formed. The constitution drafting committee under the able chairmanship of Rev. C.B. Aind, Director, T. T. C. Fudi, drafted a new constitution which was adopted by the K. S. S. on 11.7.1975. On the same day photograph of the members of the K.S.S. was taken in remembrance of their great achievements. In order to make preparation for implementing the new constitution, the secretary of K. S. S. convened a meeting on 30.10.75, which was not attended by the S.E.A.
4. The officers and members willfully neglected the court case. Nevertheless the Ranchi court with all due respect and honour and to be helpful to church decided that Dr. Singh continues to be the care taker or the acting Pramukh Adhyaks till the four offices are constitutionally filled up.
5. Your presence in October 1973 made you helpless to help the church, because the church was misguided in her administrative affairs. Nevertheless you may help the church through friends like Mr. Robert Montag or others who are familiar with our problems. I am afraid that your personal appearance at present would cement the divisions of the church. This is my personal feeling. It is up to you to reject or honour my feeling.
6. The presence of Dr. Rajaratnam in February 1974, made him himself helpless to deal with the present situation of our church. His presence also misguided the church in her administrative affairs. However, Dr. Rajaratnam can help us through the Officers of the U.E.L.C.I. The officers of U. E. L. C. I. have never been requested to play their

role in our critical situation.

7. All the members of the constitution committee and a few members of the K. S. S. could not remain faithful to what they did. Rev. C. B. Aind, Chairman and Mr. Gerson Tiru, member of the constitution drafting committee went on canvassing after 11.7.75 against the child, the new constitution, they produced. Our sincere friend Adhyaks Bhuinya held secret meetings for not implementing the new constitution. These are some of the reasons of the absence of S. E. A. in the meeting of 30.11.75. Their absence betrayed the confidence of N. W. A.
8. On February 19-20/1976, an informal meeting of the K.S.S. was convened. They agreed to have elections and to have three synods as three administrative units of the church. This was signed and widely through Gharbandhu by Dr. Singh. Later on he expressed his regret by saying that he betrayed his conscience by signing on an agreement to divide the church into three units. This historical proposal of NWA, for two or three administrative units in the church created doubts in the mind of the members of all the rest of the Anchals. For they have no other proposition than to make a backward move.
9. On 10.11.76 the Adhyaks met and consulted the lawyer in charge of the court case. It has been notified that the four Adhyaks are to go on electing officers even if NWA does not participate in the affairs. If they act excluding the NWA, an endless unhappy events would come to the church and they would be responsible for cementing the division in the church.
10. The four Adhyaks are in favour of bringing the KSS to life again. They think that financial crisis will be overcome by the K.S.S., and they will have legal status to receive money from Germany and Geneva. This is their narrow view. The K.S.S. has failed and will fail as long as Adhyaks and leaders do not change their attitude towards the church of Christ in Chotanagpur and Assam. They played all the mischievous game through the K. S. S. in the name of the church. God's money received from Germany and Geneva has been spent through unlimited democratic pattern. Hope and pray that in future Gossner Mission ceases to be an court of appeal because of God's money which is channelled through them to Gossner Church.
11. I personally feel that including NWA K. S. S. be formed with a clear resolution in the first meeting of the K.S.S. to bring possible amendments to existing constitution. It is urgent for the peace and unity of the church and for the remedy of the existing unhappy situation in our church.
12. I have been misunderstood for my free and frank writing. Members have written letters to you as regards our situation here. I have expressed my personal views in this letter. My views should not be treated as official views of the church. You are free to accept or reject them.

With all good wishes.

C.C. Dr. Rajaratnam
Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

M. Tiru

23. 11.76

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, GEL CHURCH.

Memo No. 345/76/F-48

Ranchi

15.10.1976

To,

Rev. M. Seeberg, Director,
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

The resolution item No. 3 of the North West Anchal Samiti meeting held on 2nd & 3rd Oct. 1976 at GEL Church Lohardaga is forwarded herewith for your kind information and needful.

Item No. 3:- Emergency situation in the GELC:-

The Secretary Sri Z.B. Lakra, placed before the house all the events up to the present day, particularly after the last Anchal Samiti meeting. Special references were made to the Court decision, the joint letter of all Anchal Adhyashas to Mission Director GM., and the letter dated 21.9.76, received from Dr. M. Seeberg and the letter No. 339 dated 14.9.76, containing the decision of the Anchal Executive Committee held on 5th August 1976.

Thereafter Rev. N. Minj and Sri C.A. Tirkey explained before the house all the possible implications and consequences arising out of the above matters for consideration before the house.

After considering all the matters and hearing the views of different members the Samiti resolved that:-

(1) the resolution of the Executive Committee on 5.8.76, the copy of which have been sent to all friends inside and outside the Church is approved.

(2) that the Samiti reiterates the stand of N.W. Anchal, already taken that no useful purpose will be served by formation of K.S.S. before any viable solution to the causes leading to the present deadlock is found out, as already resolved by Anchal Sabha Meeting dated 15+16 March 1976, item No 7, copy already sent to all concerned.

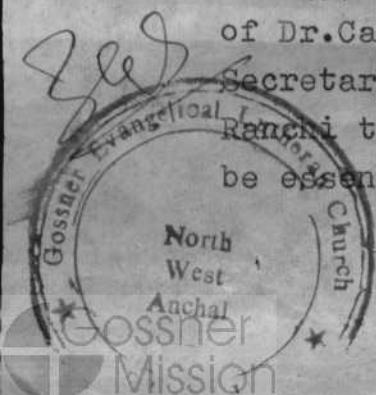
(3) Barring two separate Churches, creation of two independent Synods within the Church, as already proposed and explained, is the only solution for the present problem within the church.

(4) If any fruitful and useful result is to be expected out of the visit of Pastor M. Seeberg to Ranchi, he must come to us before any action for implementing the Court decision is considered by the Church.

(5) the North West Anchal Samiti believes that the presence of Dr. Carl J. Hellberg, Director, DCC/LWF and Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secretary, DCC/LWF, along with Pastor M. Seeberg, Director, GM. at Ranchi to help solve the present difficulties in the Church, will be essential and helpful to the GEL Church and Gossner Mission.

P!T!O.

EINGEGANGEN
- 1. NOV. 1976
Erledigt



sd/-S.Kujur,
5-10-76.
Chairman.

sd/-Z.B.Lakra
4-10-76.
Secretary.



yours Sincerely,

(Z.B.Lakra.)

Secretary,
NWA.GEL Church Ranchi.

CC.-

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksha, GEL Church, Ranchi.
Dr. J. Hellberg, Director, DCC/LWF, GENEVA
Dr. K. Rajarattnam, Asia Secretary, DCC/LWF, GENEVA.
Rev. Dorairaj Peter, President, UELC-I
Dr. Thomas Edward, Secretary, UELC-I.

A BARE OUTLINE FOR SYNODICAL ARRANGEMENT!

- Article One. - Name & Registration - (As in the 1960 Constitution.)
Article Two. - Doctrinal Basis. - (As in the 1960 Constitution.)
Article Three.- Membership - (As in the 1960 Constitution.)
Article Four. - Part - I. Basic Principle.(As in the 1960 Constitution.
Part -II. Duties & Activities - (To be re-drafted &
recast.)
Article Five.- Organisation - Part - I. Synod.
Part - II. Moderator.
Article Six - Amendments & Byelaws.
Synods to have power within their jurisdiction under
Article Five item - 9.
Appendix - Transitional period - To be decided and agreed upon at the
finalisation.

.....

Part - I: Synod.

1. There shall be three Synods of the G.E.L.Church with present South East Anchal, North West Anchal and Madhya Anchal as nucleus.
2. The constituencies of Assam and Orissa Anchals shall merge with any of the three Synods according to their convenience.
3. In case any of the nuclei forming the Synod becomes unworkable its constituencies shall merge with either of the remaining Synods
4. Bordering constituencies of a nucleus may have the option to decide and join any of the bordering Synods.
5. The Spiritual authority of the G.E.L.Church is vested in the Moderator together with the heads of Synods.
6. Each Synod shall be a self contained autonomous body with full right to and exercise the power to deal and administer its membership, organisations, Ecclesiastical, movable and immovable property, institutions and all other related matters within its jurisdiction which shall be vested in the Synods.
7. Synods shall have full powers to deal with friends and bodies inside and out side India for the effective implementation and fulfilment of basic principles and objectives of the G.E.L.Church.
8. The Synods shall have the authority and be the main organisation to initiate and carry out duties and activities of the Gossner Church fulfilling all the aims and objects of the G.E.L.Church on the basic principles of the Church.
9. All the movable and immovable properties of the Gossner Church shall be vested in the Synods within their jurisdiction and the Synods shall have full powers to frame and adopt constitution and Bye-laws for the administration of organisation, ecclesiastical, movable and immovable properties, institutions and all other matters within their jurisdictions.
10. Article 7 to end of the 1960 constitution stand abrogated in view of the powers vested in the Synods for framing constitution and Bye-laws for the internal administration as given in Articles.....

.....

II.

Part - II : Moderator.

1. Full time paid post for a ~~period~~ 5 Year term.
 - (a) For the first term of five years the Moderator will be nominated by the Synod which will be prepared to support him.
 - (b) In the mean time, a Moderator's fund be raised by all the Synods.
 - (c) In subsequent term the Moderator will be nominated in the Alphabetical order of the Synods.
2. Headquarters - Moderator's headquarters shall be at Ranchi.
3. Functions:-
 - (a) Moderator shall serve as a Spiritual link among the Synods and will be the Symbol of expression and unity of the Church together with the heads of Synods.
 - (b) He shall participate in ordination of Candidates for ministry, in Refresher course, Bible class, Dharam Mela and other ceremonial functions of the Synods.
 - (c) He shall arrange inter Synod Refresher Courses for Pastors, Laymen, Youth and other Church workers in consultation with the Synods.
 - (d) He shall be the Ex-officio Chairman of Gossner Theological College / Governing Body.

.....

Points to be noted for discussion.

1. Jurisdiction of Synod - For North West Anchal - It will be a Synod and may include if any other is willing.
2. Provision - If any Synod finds itself in difficulty, it may merge with the adjacent Synods or Synods.
3. Synod is -
 - (a) Self contained autonomous unit with all ecclesiastical and temporal powers within its jurisdiction and competent to frame and adopt its own constitution for its internal administration.
 - (b) It shall have powers to deal with other bodies within India and out side India.
4.
 - (a) Final proposal accepted by the informal meeting shall have to be endorsed and approved by each Anchals before it is adopted.
 - (b) After election in North West Anchal, it has to be adopted by Anchal representatives under the Chairmanship of Dr.C.K.Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh.

.....

GOSSNER MISSION

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

Handjerystraße 19-20

Fernsprecher: (030) · 851 30 61 · 851 69 33

Postscheckkonto: Berlin West 520 50-100

Bankkonto: Berliner Bank, BLZ 100 200 00

Kto.-Nr. 0407480700

September 21, 1976

psbg/sz

To:

Rev. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh SEA

Rev. Kujur, " NWA

Rev. Soreng, " Madhya Anchal

Rev. Barla, " Orissa Anchal

Rev. J. Lugun, " Assam Anchal

Rev. Dr. C. K. P. Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh

Dear Brethren,

thank you very much for the joint letter dated September 3rd, 1976 in which you requested me to come and mediate and help to find out the solution from the present crisis.

I want to assure you that your friends abroad - including myself - are worried about the situation as well, that they continued to pray for you and that they support all efforts which may bring a solution of the crisis. We do not want to interfere and to give any direct advices knowing the responsibility of the leaders of an autonomous church.

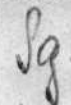
However, if you need the presence of a friend and brother in Christ I am personally ready to come to Ranchi accepting your invitation.

After I have seen the reading of the Ranchi Court decision dated July 7th, 1976, it is quite clear what has to be done before any solution may come: To form the KSS according to the constitution of 1960 and to elect the four officers - at least for the time being.

So may I request you to do the needful and after forming the KSS give me a suitable date for my coming.

Yours in Christ,

sincerely



Martin Seeberg

D/ (blind) Dr. Minz zur Information

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

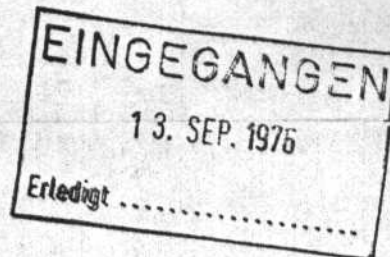
HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 171/76/KSS-134



Date 3rd Sept. 1976.

To

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

As the crisis in the GEL Church is still prevailing and even after the court decision on 7.7.76 has been announced we are unable to solve the crisis. Even after the court decision Anchal Adhyakshes Assam is not able to attend the meeting with other Adhyakshes, we are unable to find out ways to solve the situation. Moreover the NWA still stands strong on its point of viable solution.

Due to lingering of the situation the Gossner Church is in a great danger of going into pieces in all respects.

Therefore you are very kindly requested to come and mediate and help in the situation to find out the solution from the present crisis.

We hope the Kuratorium, Gossner Mission will consider our requests sympathetically and favourably.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Adhyaksh SEA

V. Bhunia 3/9/76.

Adhyaksh NWA

Skur 3/9/76

Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal

P. S. Singh 3-9-76

Adhyaksh Crissa Anchal

Shankar 3.9.76

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 339/76/F-48.

Ranchi.

14th September, 1976.

ERNEST GANGE

21. SEP. 1976

Erledigt

To,

Rev. M. Seeberg, Director,
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

Sir,

The resolution item No. 15, of the North West Anchal Samiti Executive Committee meeting held on 5th Sept. 1976 is forwarded to you for information and needful action.

Item No. 15: The Chairman reported about the discussions held on 3-9-76 of the Adhyakshas along with Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Church. It was reported that a joint letter has been sent to G.M. by the Anchal Adhyakshas. The Executive Committee decides to reiterate its stand taken on the Church Problems as decided on 10 + 11, Feb. 76 by the North West Anchal Samiti meeting resolution item No. 3(a)-(ii) & (iii) regarding two separate independent Synods in the Church, an outline of which has been sent to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh in this office letter No. 166/76/F-48, dated 29-4-76. The Executive Committee strongly believes that barring two separate Churches, this is the only solution for the present problems within the Church.

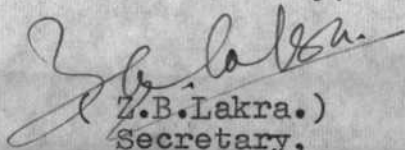
It was further resolved that the copies of the resolution along with the copies of resolution item No. 3(a)-(ii) & (iii) of 10 - 11, Feb. 76 be sent to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, Director G.M., Director DCC/LWF., Asia Secretary DCC/LWF. and other friends for information and needful.

.....

sd/- S. Kujur.
5-9-76.
Chairman.

sd/- Z.B. Lakra,
5-9-76,
Secretary.

Yours sincerely,



Z.B. Lakra.)
Secretary,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

CC: Rev. Dorairaj Peter, President, UELC-I.
Rev. N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh, SE Anchal, Khunti.
Rev. S. Barla, Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal, Rajgangpur.
Rev. P. D. Soreng, Adhyaksh, Madhya Anchal, Khutitoli.
Rev. J. Lugun, Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal, Tezpur.
Dr. Thomas Edward, Secretary, UELC-I.

Encl: Resolution Item No. 3(a)-(ii) & (iii) dt. 10+11, Feb. 76.

Resolution Item No. 3-(a)-(ii) & (iii) of the
North West Anchal Samiti Meeting, held on 10 + 11, Feb. 76.

Item No. 3-(a) Emergency period in the Church:-

- (ii) Since no attempt has been made as yet for any informal discussion for finding a viable solution to the present dead-lock in the Church, the Anchal Samiti feels that a proposal be sent for informal discussion.

The Anchal Samiti believes that two separate independent Synods with a common Moderator within the Church with an independent constitution for their own to their suitability with full powers within their jurisdiction, having full right to deal with friends inside and outside India, may go a long way to solve the difficulties leading to the present dead-lock in the Church.

- (iii) On acceptance of the above out line of the proposal by the other constituting Anchals of the Church, the North West Anchal is ready to send representatives for detailed discussion and the Steering Committee formed for this purpose may join the talk.

.....

sd/- N.Minz.
17-3-76.
Chairman.

sd/- E.Bara.
11-2-76.
Secretary.

Heading of Decision of the Original suit.

In the Court of 1st Addl. Munsif, Ranchi.

Title Suit No. 232/85 of 1973/75.

Phulchand Panna and others..... Plaintiffs.

Yrs.

Rev. Dr. Christ Kumar Paul Singh and others....Defendents.

Lawyer for the Plaintiffs:- Shri L. Narayan, Advocate.

Lawyer for the defendents: Shri Z.B. Lakra, Advocate.

Present:- Shri S. Abul Qadr.

1st Addl. Munsif, Ranchi.

The 7th July, 1976.

J U D G M E N T

1. This is a suit for declaration that the defdts. have no right to interfere with the administration and control of the Gossner Church or to affect its constitution or to the impugned acts or any act contrary to the constitution of the Gossner Church, and also for a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from acting as Pramukh, Adhyaksha or constitution making body or from acting in any manner contrary to the constitution of the Gossner Church which for ~~jure~~ directly affect the Gossner Church or any of its Organisational ~~rival~~ or parts or from interfering with the constitution of the Gossner Church and also for the costs of the suit.

2. The case of the plaintiff in brief is that they are members of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church shortly known as Gossner Church or the G.E.L. Church which is an autonomous Organisation duly registered under Societies Registration Act on 30.7.1921 having its Head-Quarter at Ranchi being goverened by its revised, passed and adopted constitution of 1960 by the Maha Sabha now Kalishiya Sangh of the Christian members of the said Church and they filed the suit in representative capacity. The Gossner Church has movable and imovable properties in various parts of India namely Ranchi and other parts of Chotanagpur, Bihar, Orissa, M.P. and Assam. It has Schools, Hospitals, Churches, Printing Press, Agricultural and non-agricultural land and buildings, There are several Anchals with Anchal Organisations, and Central Boards which are elected bodies which work in co-ordination to goveren the said properties. There are accordingly five Anchals of Assam, North-west Orissa, South-east and Madhya, out of which North-west Anchal comprises of Ranchi, Hazaribagh, M.P. and W.B.. There are four Central Boards of Evangelism & Literature, Property, Education and Theology according to the Church's Constitution. Article 1 & 2 of the said constitution gives the name and doctrinal basis respectively and Article 3, the provisions regarding membership of the Church and Article 4, the basic principle and organisation. The constitution gives authorities and takes for working for the Church to its various bodies. The constitution members the organisation of the Church which are Pracharakpan, Padripan, Synod and Anchals and the administrative authority to the Kendriya Salahkari Sabha:-

Kendriya Salahkari Sabha: The movable and imovable property vests in the Kendriya Salahkari Sabha. The different articles of the constitution of the Church differs the object, the duties, and activities, details regarding election of members and office-bearers and their duties and responsibilities in respective organisation. The constitution mentions the safeguard for the rights of the communities and authorities of the Anchals. The constitution also makes provisions for head of the Church called Pramukh Adhyaksh and also for Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, Secretary and Treasurer regarding their election tenure of Office and functions. The Constitution also provides for composition of Ministerism and Kendriya Salahkari Sabha shortly known as K.S.S. and their authorities and duties. The KSS consists of one Pramukh, five Adhyaks of five Anchals and five laymen representatives. The constitution also provides for composition of Central Boards, Kalishiya Sangh and makes provisions to deal with the foreign Missionaries and also gives procedure for amending constitution and making bye-laws.

3. The further case of the plaintiff is that the defdt. No 2 became Pramukh Adhyaksh on 2.11.72 and defdt. No 3, 8 and 9 the members of the KSS were elected as Up-Pramukh, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for three years. The defdt. No 2 became the chairman of the KSS by virtue of his office. The further case is that on 31.10.73 defdt. Nos 2, 3, 8, and 9 issued a pamphlet under their signatures for circulation among the christian members of the church showing that they had resigned from their posts as such they become functus officio and ceased to be office-bearers and did not wait for bye-election for their vacant posts. But assumed power in themselves in collusion with other defdt. and committed various omissions and commissions and without jurisdiction. The instances are that they destroyed the KSS and Central Boards with effect from 6.11.73, defdt. No. 1 who was not Adhyaksh of any Anchal was appointed as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh since the said date while under the constitution as Adhyaksh of an Anchal in the KSS can only be appointed as Pramukh Adhyaksh, a new constitution drafting Committee consisting of defdt. No 1, to 8 and 10 to 15 was formed and the defdt. No 1 was made its convener. The constitution making body was to hold its first meeting on 20.11.73 and procedure for acceptance of the proposed constitution was prescribed. The corroborative votes of the Anchals given under constitution was superceded. The defdt. no. 2 and 16 was appointed Padris of South Eastern Anchal and North-Western Anchal respectively against the constitution.

4. The plaintiff alleged that if the Defdt. are allowed to act unconstitutionally the whole Gossner Church, its constitution, its organisational administration and control, its civil rights, its properties existing in various Anchals, will be prejudicially affected and its peaceful life will be disrupted and violence and chaos will prevail. It is therefore, necessary that the defdt. be stopped from functioning as Pramukh Adhyaksh, constitution making body and during any arbitrary unconstitutional Acts and from framing new constitution. The plff. alleged the cause of action within the Court's jurisdiction on 31.10.73, the date of circulation of the said pamphlets and on 11.11.73 when plffs received the said pamphlets and on subsequent dates when the defdts. not argued to abide by the constitution of the church inspite of repeated request.

Kendriya Salakart Sabha: The movable and immovable property vests in the said Kendriya Salakart Sabha. The different articles of the constitution of the Church differs the object, the duties, and activities, details regarding election of members and office-bearers and their duties and responsibilities in respective organisation. The constitution mentions the safeguard for the rights of the communities and authorities of the Anchals. The constitution also makes provisions for head of the Church called Pramukh Adhyaksh and also for Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, Secretary and Treasurer regarding the election tenure of Office and functions. The Constitution also provides for composition of Ministries and Kendriya Salakart Sabha shortly known as K.S.S. and their authorities and duties. The KSS consists of one Pramukh, five Adhyaksh of five Anchals and five laymen representatives. The constitution also provides for composition of Central Boards, Kalishiya Sangh and makes provisions to deal with the foreign Ministries and also gives procedure for amending constitution and making bye-laws.

2. The further case of the plaintiff is that the deft No 2 became Pramukh Adhyaksh on 2.11.72 and deft. No 3, 8 and 9 the members of the KSS were elected as Up-Pramukh, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for three years. The deft. No 2 became the chairman of the KSS by virtue of his office. The further case is that on 31.10.73 deft. Nos 2, 3, 8, and 9 issued a pamphlet under their signatures for circulation among the christian members of the Church showing that they had resigned from their posts as such they become functus officio and ceased to be office-bearers and did not wait for bye-election for their vacant posts. But assumed power in themselves in collusion with other deft. and committed various omissions and commissions and without jurisdiction. The instances are that they destroyed the old and General Boards with effect from 6.11.73, deft. No. 1 who was not Adhyaksh or any anchor was appointed as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh since the said date while under the constitution as Adhyaksh of an anchor in the KSS can only be appointed as Pramukh Adhyaksh, a new constitution drafting Committee consisting of deft. No 1, to 8 and 10 to 15 was formed and the deft. No 1 was made its convenor. The constitution making body was to hold its first meeting on 20.11.73 and procedure for acceptance of the proposed constitution was prescribed. The corroborative votes of the Anchals given under constitution was superseded. The deft. no. 2 and 16 was appointed Padris of South-eastern Anchor and North-Western Anchor respectively against the constitution.

4. The plaintiff alleged that in the Deft. are allowed to act unconstitutionally the whole Gosner Church, its constitution, its organisational administration and control, its civil rights, its properties existing in various Anchals, will be prejudicially affected and its peaceful life will be disrupted and violence and chaos will prevail. It is therefore, necessary that the deft. be stopped from functioning as Pramukh Adhyaksh, constitution-making body and during any arbitrary unconstitutional Acts and from framing new constitution. The plaintiff alleged the cause of action within the Court's jurisdiction on 31.10.73, the date of circulation of the said pamphlets and on 11.11.73 when plaintiffs received the said pamphlets and on subsequent dates when the defts. not argued to abide by the constitution of the church inspite of repeated requests.

PLATE OF REDUCED REDNESS.

...the

NOTATION: The notation $\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{B}$ means that $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ are equivalent.

...the different articles of the constitution of the

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY GROUP: THE BOARDING AND RE-BOARDING OF ALL VESSELS IN THE PORT
55005

It is that whether the plaintiffs are entitled to get the relief prayed for.

6. Phulchand Panna, PW 1 has been examined in this case to support the

case of the plaintiffs. He fully supported the case of the plaintiffs, and produced and proved the constitution of the Gossner Church which is Ext. No 1 on the record. The said constitution came into force from 1st July 1960. which provides for smooth running of the Gossner Church and its properties. He proved that the administration of the Church is run by an Executive Body named KSS which is constituted by the elected members. According to him, the defendants, nos 2, 3, 8 and 9 were Pramukh Adhyaks,

Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, Secretary and Treasurer respectively and were members of the KSS who resigned in the meeting held from 27-30th October, and dissolved the KSS, the six Boards of the Church and constituted a new constitution for amendment of the constitution given under the said constitution of the year 1960. They also made rules for amendments or frame of the new constitution leaving aside the old one. The defendants, No 1 was made Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh against the constitution. PW 1 proved that under the said meeting every thing is done against the constitution and the Church is facing loss due to administrative control of the defendants. The plaintiffs are members of the Church, therefore, they brought the suit to get restrained the defendants from doing acts against constitution.

7. From the pleadings and prove and Ext. 1 it appears that the constitution provides for constituting and executive body to called the KSS which consists of elected members of the church and all the properties vests in it. The Pramukh Adhyaksh is its chairman who is elected by the KSS and on his leaving office the up-pramukh Adhyaksh takes place of Pramukh Adhyaksh and the post of up-pramukh Adhyaksh so falling vacant is filled up by election. There is no provision in the constitution for filling up the two posts of falling vacant at the same time. However, there is no provision in the constitution for appointing any acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, as such the appointment of defendants, No 1 as an acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, on the resignation of the defendants No 2 and others is against the constitution of the church. 8. The constitution enumerates the provisions regarding amendments. The corroborative votes of the Anchals for amendment in the constitution is necessary to validate the amendment. The said provisions of said vote has been abolished. That not itself amounts to amendment in the constitution itself without following the provisions of the amendment in the constitution. 9. Therefore, considering the above facts and evidences amongst others I

am of the view that the plaintiffs have proved their case that the defendants have done many things against the constitution of the Church as such are entitled to institute the suit and get the relief prayed for. There is nothing adverse to this ^{of} ~~believed~~ the case of the plaintiffs. Accordingly I hold the plaintiffs are entitled to get the relief claimed. In that view of the matter, I find that the plaintiffs have got a valid cause of action for the suit.

10. It is pointed out during the course of argument on behalf of the plaintiffs, that if the relief is allowed, the existing condition and present position of the church's administration will be disrupted. Therefore, it was

[illegible]

11. As stated above and found, the lifts are entitled to get the relief claimed. Therefore in the light of the aforesaid findings and submissions it is ordered that let the Plaintiff suit be decreed ex-parte with cost on the ex-parte administration and control of the Gossner Church or to effect its constitution to do acts contrary to the said constitution. The debt are hereby restrained by way of permanent injunction from acting as Pramukh Adhyaksh or constitution making body or in any manner contrary to the said constitution effecting the Gossner church or its organizational units or parts or from interfering with the constitution of the Gossner Church. The debt. No 1 however will remain and act as a caretaker as before as per direction issued in this case to administer the working of the church till constitutionally valid official of the KSS according to the provisions of the constitution of the Gossner Church are elected constitutionally for the vacant posts caused by the resignation of the defendants nos 2, 3, 8 and 9.

sd S. Abdul Gadr.
1st Addl. Munstf, Ranchi.
7.7.1976.

written and corrected by me.
sd. S. Abdul Gadr.
1st Addl. Munstf, Ranchi.
7.7.76

Typed by
sd. I mahito.
C.C.
Read by
C.C.
Compared by
C.C.

1941
1942
1943

1944

1945
1946

1947
1948
1949

1950
1951
1952

1953
1954
1955
1956
1957
1958
1959
1960
1961
1962
1963
1964
1965
1966
1967
1968
1969
1970
1971
1972
1973
1974
1975
1976
1977
1978
1979
1980
1981
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986
1987
1988
1989
1990
1991
1992
1993
1994
1995
1996
1997
1998
1999
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 171/76/KSS-134

EINGEGANGEN

13. SEP. 1976

Erledigt

Date: 3rd Sept. 1976.

To

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

As the crisis in the GEL Church is still prevailing and even after the court decision on 7.7.76 has been announced we are unable to solve the crisis. Even after the court decision Anchal Adhyakshes Assam is not able to attend the meeting with other Adhyakshes, we are unable to find out ways to solve the situation. Moreover the NWA still stands strong on its point of viable solution.

Due to lingering of the situation the Gossner Church is in a great danger of going into pieces in all respects.

Therefore you are very kindly requested to come and mediate and help in the situation to find out the solution from the present crisis.

We hope the Kuratorium, Gossner Mission will consider our requests sympathetically and favourably.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

Adhyaksh SEA *N. Bhunia* 3/9/76.

Adhyaksh NWA

Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal

Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

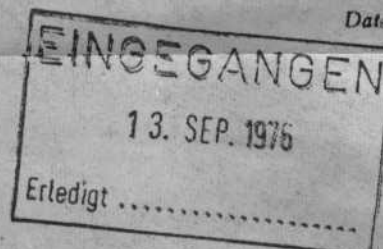
Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 173/76/KSS-78

Date 4th September '76.

To

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Berlin.



Dear Brother Seeberg,

I was still expecting some letters from you and with this respect I have already written to you. Meanwhile I received the news of the PTA and arrangements are being made for my travel. I have been booked for 15th Sept. 76, so that I shall be at noon on 16th Sep. in Berlin. I shall inform you after the booking is confirmed and the clearance obtained from the RBI.

For my travel I have got the consent of the Anchal Adhyakshes who were present here yesterday for the " Consultation Meeting" and also to get legal advice to elect the officers of the KSS for its formation. But as the Assam Anchal could not come nothing could be done with this regard. Besides all these the NW Anchal still upholds its stand on informal talks for viable solution.

After the decree of the court it seems to me very rigid. In spite of my clarifications about the stand of the Gossner Mission the enclosed letter was drafted and signed. This has to be discussed and taken action by the Gossner Mission.

I have already collected the budget for 1978. Gossner Mission grant for evangelistic works estimated request comes to an amount of nine hundred thousand rupees. When I shall visit Berlin I shall bring with me the detail. Madhya Anchal has taken back the copy to cut some of its items.

I hope that if I come to Berlin I may have final talks about the possibility of the successor to Pastor Hecker.

With hearty greetings,

Enclos: as stated above.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKPSingh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D, Dr. Theol. (Berlin)



G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. /

The 12.7.1976

Herrn Missionsdirektor
Pastor Martin Seeberg
Gossnermission, BERLIN

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Vielen Dank für die Briefe von Juni 15. u. 16, wie Sie geschrieben haben, sind zum Urlaub Portugal gefahren und haben Sie dort schönes Wetter und die Ruhe. Einliegend ist noch ein anderer Brief, den ich an Frau Friederici adressiert habe. Hier möchte ich einigen persönliche Meinungen mitteilen.

Zuerst zur Kuratoriumssitzung möchte ich sagen, daß ich zu der Sitzung kommen werde und zwar schon von Sep. 15 abfliegen und bis Okt 22. bleiben und am 23. Okt zurückfliegen kann, d.h. ich brauche eine neue Einladung/ Certificate worin es bestätigt wird, daß ich von Sep. 15. bis Ende Okt. eingeladen bin, diese wird mir schon ausreichen, wenn ich diese bis 10. Aug in Hand haben, es wird besser wenn ich auch den PTA bis dahin bekommen habe.

Meine Bereitschaft zu diesem Besuch ist deswegen eher möglich, weil gerichtshofliche Entscheidung ist gegen mich gegangen, in der zweiten Phase des Verfahrens ist es ex parte zum Gunsten der gegenseitigen entschieden. Nach dieser Entscheidung bin ich nicht mehr der Amtierenden Pra. Adhyaksh, die Kirchenleitung muß jetzt einen neuen Pramukh Adhyaksh wählen. Ich weiß noch nicht wie NWanchal dafür reagiert. Dr Minz hat auch mir nicht berichtet, wie die Diskussionslinien in Deutschland verlaufen ist. Es ist klar, daß mit diesen neuen Entwicklungen die Gossner Kirche in eine neue Situation eintritt.

Zur "Freundschaftsreise der Freunde" aus Gossner Mission möchte ich sagen, daß bis jetzt keiner gegen solchen Besuch eräussert hat, und ich glaube es wird uns nützlich sein, wenn die Freunde uns auf dieser Weise beistehen wollen. Nur eine kleinere Änderung möchte ich vorschlagen, daß eine Gruppe Khutitoli besucht, vielleicht anstatt Gumla, die 2. Gruppe besucht Khutitoli. Bis jetzt habe ich den Reiseplan keinem gezeigt, kann dies schon geregelt werden.

Gesundheitlich gehtes mir besser, ich war mit meiner Familie in Amagaon gewesen und auf den Rat von Dr Horos nehme ich jetzt Tabeletten anstatt die Spritze. In-zwischen habe ich die Insulin von Dr Johanssen und Dr Grothaus bekommen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen an Sie allen,

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 121/76/KSS-25

Date 7th July 1976.

To

The Medical Superintendent
Dr. W. Horo, GEL Church Amgaon
P.O. Amgaon, Dt. Sambalpur
Orissa.

Dear Dr. Horo,

Please excuse me for being late in writing the letter. We always recall and remember our good time in Amgaon though we were sweating first day at Amgaon. It was nice experience and time in Amgaon with your family. We thank you very much for your kind hospitality and the fellowship we had with your family.

I am also thankful for the medical treatment extended to us. According to my own test sugar/urine is still nil and I am taking 1/2 tablet twice daily. Meanwhile I received some supply of Insulin from Dr. Grothaus and Dr. Johanssen in Germany.

Now to be official in regard with the P.F. contribution, the Hospital employees be allowed to contribute 8% towards their own contribution to which the management has to give another 8% for the same. For the scale of the employees in the Hospital as indicated by the Gossner Mission you may please include yours (to both of you) the scales as permitted in other hospitals you may contact the hospital of J.E.L.C. where Dr. Johanssen was once working.

Towards our medical treatment and other expenses please send the bills to the undersigned.

By this time you might have received the copy of the circular from Mr. S. Bhengra Hd. Acctt. KSS, Ranchi regarding the income tax exemption Acts. Please do the needful (a) audit of the accounts (of if transaction of Rs. 25000/- per year by a chartered accountant) (b) Submission of Return.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pra. Adhyaksh GELC. Ranchi.

CC: G.M.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358



Ref. No. 128/76/KSS-78

Date 12 July '76.

To

Miss Dorothea Friederici
Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much for your kind letters dated 22.6.76. I was waiting for a letter from Mrs. Monika Hohlig, Nepal, but till to-day I did not get any letter. The Lal Bungalow has been given to Mr. Larsen till the successor to Pastor Hecker comes or till any other decision is made by the Central Council of the Gossner Church. However we have the understanding that he shall accommodate guests in the bungalow, so far as there is room. Accordingly I have already requested him for the same. He with his wife is leaving for Europe for a two months leave and has agreed to accommodate the guests even in his absence, so it is O.K.

The situation in the church has taken a new turn as the court case against me and the party has been decided in favour of the opposition party. We do not know yet, what may be the turn, but very serious and the worst may come. As I shall be and as I am no longer the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh I shall have not more responsibility in future. Thus I am prepared to attend the Kuratorium meeting in the next full. Please do arrange my PTA and send a fresh invitation letter with date as mentioned in my letter addressed to Pastor Seeberg. Only when the PTA has been received here I can start arranging for the travel and then I need the invitation letter. Please arrange accordingly and send the same so that it may reach to me by 10th of August '76.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

Ps Meine Reise kann schon 15.16. Sep
starten und kann bis Ende Okt. bleiben
aber möchte ich bei 22. Okt. zurückfliegen.
Ps

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 99/76/KSS-78



Date 22 June 76.

To
Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your minutes of the Kuratorium and other documents and letters. I am sorry that I could not write you earlier herewith I am sending another letter addressed to friends of LWF and GM informing about the lingering situation in the Gossner Church. I hope this letter would arrive before you have talks with Rev. Dr. N. Minz. By the way Rev. Minz has resigned from the post of Anchal Adhyakship of N.W. Anchal. This may further complicate the problems instead of solving the same.

As far as possible I have tried my best to keep the status quo in the church but due to certain developments in the country and within the church it will be impossible to do the same, in future, the church may plunge into total disintegration not only in terms of administration finance and education, but specially in terms of property also. The Government is determined to implement Land Ceiling Acts without favour and mercy.

In spite of the bad situation in the centre last week (June 16-19) I visited Amgaon, I had some programmes in Orissa so I paid a visit to Dr. Horos also. We had some fruitful discussions too. We discussed about the financial implications for the Hospital in view of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, their pay, provident fund, education of children etc. I hope he would also write a letter to you with this regard. During my stay at Amgaon along with my family I also got checked of my health and according to his advice after some tests I have switched over to tablets (from Insulin daily injections).

Among other I would like to get clarified from you whether you have also included the amount for Palamau in the grant for 1976. As the matter is not clear Palamau has not yet been paid, they are expecting some amounts from me. I have started paying the fields from second quarters (April) 1976 i.e. the amounts of Jan-March 1976 have been withheld till

---contd---

--page-2----

till the Anchals pay their dues to the Centre.

The Discretionary Fund from which Pastors were given as medical allowance is now exhausted. I was not writing to you regarding this thinking that matter be taken up when new arrangements shall be established. Now many Pastors are approaching me for such help, would it be possible for the G.M. to sanction such amount, please do advise.

Rev. Dieter Hecker left Ranchi on 11th June for good. He has left the old jeep of Takarma to be sold. As he tried his best to dispose off the jeep but at present due to high cost of petrol customers are not ready to pay higher price as suggested by Sister Ilse Martin. With this regard I expect some suggestions from you also.

We are doing well, monsoon has already started, but rain is scattered.

With best of my regards and Yishusahay,

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

Enclos; as stated above.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH



HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

98/76/KSS-134

Ref. No.

Date 21st June 76.

To

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg
Director LWF
Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia, LWF
Pastor M. Seeberg
Director Gossner Mission.

Dear Brothers in Christ,

You might be anxious to hear new developments in the crisis within the Gossner Church. In the last month I was trying to bring the friends of different opinions in regard with the condition of the church according to my own understanding and abilities. I was not keeping quiet as some people may blame me. It is quite clear and it is my stand that I am not for any informal talks-without complete election of North West Anchal, which seem to me waste of time and energy. Any way I tried through laymen members of our church and in last through a refresher course arranged by me for June 8-10 for all Ilaka Chairmen, Anchal Adhyakshes and the heads of the two theological institutions. It was a pity that Assam Anchal completely kept silence and Dr. N. Minz left for foreign countries. It was a chance to come together and talk the matters seriously. I told the acute seriousness of the crisis in terms of Property (Land Ceiling and Urban Land Ceiling Acts 1973/76), Finance (Income Tax/Exemption Act, Foreign Exchange Regulation Act Registration as Charitable Institution etc.) Chaotic administrative and educational situation in the church. I indicated how the church shall be totally dismantled if the present condition of the church would linger on. On the 9th June discussions centered around the implications of the new Laws and Acts of the country. On the 10th June the present crisis within the church was discussed. There were three main opinions-(1) The NW Anchal should complete the elections and administration be established and all necessary actions be taken up to face the inward and outward situation. (2) The informal talk be initiated and the crisis be solved through such negotiations and the matter be finalised (3) A central Executive be formed by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh from among the Ilaka Chairmen-meaning to ignore the Anchals. Points (1) and (2) seem to be impossible to harmonise and (3) would be practical but be taken as encroachment in the jurisdiction of the Anchals. Thus we could not arrive at any positive decision, but situation and seriousness of the crisis have been deeply felt, it was a misfortune, that the Adhyakshes could not sit together to discuss the matters.

Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Serampore has offered himself to initiate talks among the Anchal Adhyakshes, he was to come to Ranchi during June 8-10 but he could not come, now he has sent letters to all Adhyakshes about his opinion.

-----contd-----

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Page-2.

Ref. No.

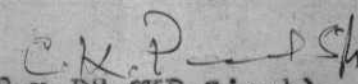
Date.....

and plans for informal talks but as I know the stand of the Anchals, Dr. Bage may not be able to bring the Adhyakshes together. Again I am inviting all the Anchal Adhyakshes for a Consultative Meeting at Ranchi on 28th^{30th} June to take information and further actions in regard with Land Ceiling Acts and the burning issues which would very worstly affect our church. I do not know who would attend the meeting.

For me personally the future of the Gossner Church seems to be very dark and uncertain. Now it is not only the centre where the crisis has been felt and found serious but the same thing has been ~~felt~~ creeping slowly in the lower units (Anchals, Ilakas and Parish) and in a very near future the church shall plunge into a fatal disintegration and no one can hold the congregation, Parish and Ilakas together. But I still believe that there shall be remnants. Please do pray for the GEL Church.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc: All Adhyakshes of Anchals,
GEL Church.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. IOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

EINGEGANGEN

- 9. JUNI 1976

Erledigt

Date..... 31st May'76.

Ref. No. 80/76/KSS-134

To

Pastor M. Seeberg
Director Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your kind letter and copies of letters. I am sorry that for some days I was keeping quiet without informing you about the development in our church.

For the Foreign Exchange Regulation Acts we are quite aware of the implications and problems. We are getting prepared for the same. Our central A/cs are already audited as usual, but we have to look into the A/cs of the Ilakas and the institutions.

As to the present situation of the church, nothing better can be said. Only a new development seems to come up. I am keeping quiet to convene any meet of "Informal Talks". Meanwhile Dr. Bage has offered himself to initiate talks between the Anchals, and I have agreed to this, but I shall not be able to provide any financial help and I shall sign only the final document if any thing comes finalised. At present he has been advised to meet or write to all Adhyakshes to get consent from all Anchals for "informal talks" and expense to be incurred in such meetings. I am not clear whether the Anchals will accept the "representatives" of NWA for such talks.

On 9th and 10th June '76 I have convened all Ilaka Chairmen, Anchal Adhyakshes and Heads of the Theological institutions for "Refresher Course" to discuss the general situation of the church in relation to the present political economical and social situation of the country. Dr. M. Bage may also come to meet the Anchal Adhyakshes. It is possible and natural that we shall discuss the present constitutional deadlock of the church.

At present my personal health has improved. I am getting short of Insulin Depo Hoechst. I will be thankful if I could get the same from Germany, between June 15-20. I may visit Amgaon to meet Drs. Horos.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 183/76/F-48.

Ranchi.
14th May 1976.

To,

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg,
Director, Deptt. of Church Cooperation,
150 - Route de Ferney,
1211-Geneva - 20.
Switzerland.



Dear Dr. Hellberg,

I have not been in direct touch with you since about four months. Our office has been sending you copies of letters and documents for information. I hope you have not lost interest in this suffering church to which we belong - this suffering may obviously be interpreted as man made by many persons. But as believers in God in Christ, must have the courage to say that this God would not let things happen by man's power alone. God is there in the midst of Man's dirty games of self seeking, dishonesty, deceitfulness and self praise. The suffering God is with us and we pray that our eyes be opened by the power of the Holy Spirit to behold Him and receive life rather than death individually and as the Church in this part of India.

I want to acquaint you with the present situation and the point to the possible solution. In one sentence the situation is stand still. Formation of the Central body of the Church is blocked by the North West Anchal as it has not completed the election formally. Although the other four Anchals have completed their elections, they are unable to do anything for helping the central administration. It is paralysed. In the midst of this paralysed situation, one basic idea is working in the mind and heart of the leaders and people of this Church. The realistic and permanent organisational solution to our age Chronic disease is the formation of two Synods with one Moderator who will symbolise the Unity of the Church in his person through this office. All doctrinal basis, objectives of the G.E.L. Church will remain the same and the Moderator will serve as link point between the Synods organisationally. He will have the task of ordaining Candidates for ministry together with the Synod heads and will be responsible for joint programmes for the spiritual growth of the Synods. Administratively these Synods will have full independence even for contact with outside bodies.

Conti. ... II.

II.

The two Synods will have their geographical jurisdiction within which one or the other community will have its predominance. This will permit the progressive ideas to grow and develop unhindered and there will be no point and occasion for clash between them head on as in the past . This is a new vision of the G.E.L.Church, a Catholic vision, which must be considered calmly and cool mindedly by all concerned.

I am addressing this letter to you since you have hinted at this ~~ein~~ point in your previous letter with the hope that this idea will be promoted soon and a solution must be agreed upon by all concerned. Your experience in different parts of the world, particularly in this third world, will help others to see this point of view which have suggested. I personally hope that you would take this matter up either formally or informally with persons and bodies directly concerned about the life and work of the Gossner Church.

I am hoping ^tto attend the D.S. administrative committee meeting in the last week of June at Geneva (23rd - 26th June.) Hope to meet you then.

Sincerely yours,

Minz
14/5/72
(Rev.Dr.N.Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L.Church Ranchi.

CC: Director M.Seeberg,
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dr.C.K.Paul Singh,Actg.Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Dr.Thomas G.Edward,
U.E.L.C.I.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 62/76/KSS-134

Date 23rd April '76.

To

Adhyaksh Assam Anchal
Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal
Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal
Adhyaksh N.W. Anchal
Adhyaksh S.E. Anchal

Dear Sirs,

In continuation to my letter No. 45/76/KSS-134 dt. 22.3.76 along with a copy of the minutes of Adhyakshes' meeting dt. 19.3.76 addressed to you all I have to state that except N.W. Anchal no one sent any reply or reaction to this letter:- A copy of the letter from NW Anchal is attached herewith. There is no point of any positive compliance. NW Anchal did not complete the election, no Anchal sent any financial statement of promised amounts payable to the centre, though some Anchals did pay some amounts. This itself shows how our church is administratively and financially bankrupt. Even then if one poses a question or demands a report on loss, damage or mismanagement of church properties, he does not see the reality of the situation playing his harp in own tune with closed eyes. These matters have been repeatedly mentioned and to-day no common people of our church even people from outside world say otherwise. It is an open secret to all responsible members of our church that:-

(1) Settlement of properties are still pending in Ranchi-New Shopping Centre, lease to Jiwan Lall Jyoti, GELC garage and many others. Question of irregularities are still pending, due to non-settlement church is not only losing much revenue but church may be liable to pay heavy compensation. It is needless to say that in Anchals and Ilakas' accounts and amounts of church properties and other assets shall show heavy loss, damage and mismanagement. Let the Anchals say that they have all clear cut report and submit the same. Or time may come that all church properties in central & unit management unaccountable loss is accruing. The authorities concerned are handling the matter irresponsibly.

(2) Pending cases of GELC Press, a part of church properties are leading the press for total auction. The Secretary of the Press M/C, also the in-charge of the press, Mr. A. Lakra has been directed variously to convene the M/C meeting but he is just sleeping away from Ranchi with untimely useless visits. Comparing the liabilities and assets Press is heading toward total auction. But the Secretary is not interested in any meeting after the meeting in which he got power and position but without any gain to the Press.

-----contd.-----

(3) Construction work of Gossner Theological College is still pending while new construction project work has done damage and loss the "completed" building has already started for damage. Its management and running of various functions, classes of the institutions without proper sanction have led the college not only into the mismanagement but due to such irregularities many parishes/Anchals/Ilakas have flatly denied the financial supports due to the college.

(4) Administration along with financial involvement of all central institutions-schools, colleges, farms etc. are miserable that one wonders seeing the indifferent attitudes of the concerned persons. This is partly due to the nonformation of new M/cs and partly due to the vested interest of some individuals. Similarly the institutions under Ilakas and Anchals are also are not in better boats.

(5) Due to present situation in the church as other departments, Education department is suffering much, not only because its funds are exhausted by giving loans but also because there is no Education Officer, Mr. Lakra whose term ended in August 1975 has made himself honorary Education Officer and discharges duties as and when he likes. The real problems, which are many are not dealt with regularly.

(6) As a result of and steps of 20 points programmes the Government has passed many Acts according to which if we do not cope with there are possibilities that one shall be left behind and nothing but heavy loss shall await us. We shall be the most wretched fools if we wait for that day. Besides this church is losing many assistances for projects and other plans. The above points have been already mentioned and raised in my earlier letters but persons concerned have taken and shall take it now also as victimisation, but this itself is a great loss, damage and mismanagement of church properties.

Now it is quite clear that NW Anchal shall not complete its elections thus there is less chance to take any possible positive action in regard with above mentioned points and also to form any legal body along NW Anchal to go ahead in any direction. Therefore any central administration in near future seems to be a dream, but any central solution of present deadlock is also no better than mirage.

That the "agreements" of March 19+20'76 remained" so called agreement" Not a single point of the agreements have any unanimous consent. They have been given consent in fraction with conditions except Assam and SE Anchals. Consent given are thus all in diagonal antagonism. That is the result of and consequence of "informal talks" In future also agreements after agreements may be arrived at in informal talks, but at any time and at any stage they can be blown up by any Anchal. No end, no solution. Therefore I am per-personally not in favour of any "informal talks" and my present letter so- of 18.3.76 still stands, how if the Anchals decide unitedly and if I am al satisfied I shall agree to such proposals which are for the unity of the church. Therefore the Anchals may have any number of informal talks but not binding to me and the expenses met by the Anchals themselves.

It is not true when it is said that all Anchals do agree for two Synods. May be but the concept of two Synods are different, some take it as the division of the church but others take it as the best solution. The total concept has to be placed before the people and let them decide for the best unity of GEL Church. It has been found that expressing of the opinion are very much limited to the "leaders" only.

To cry for financial deadlock is no solution. Those who put the condition to the centre saying if the centre releases the fund we shall centralise all amounts with financial statements with a note that some Parishes, Ilakas and individuals did centralise-this does not solve the problem-the main burden and condition are with the Anchals. They have to clear

-----contd-----

Page-3.

the accounts, if they are unable to collect and centralise the amounts from the Anchals something is wrong-i.e. the administration. I hope the Anchals will take the matter very seriously.

To support the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh only by word is of no use if they do not act accordingly. All have to act to save the unity of the church and for this the advice, request and appeal of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh have to be carried out lest all have to be done differently. The Adhyakshes have to complete their meeting which started on the 13th March '76. Hence the senior most Anchal Adhyaksh has to do the needful.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul SA

(rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

CC: 1. Dr. Carl J. Hellberg (L.W.F.)
2. Dr. K. Rajaratnam
3. Pastor H. Seeberg--G.M.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL GEL CHURCH

Memo No. 120/76/F-48

GEL Church Ranchi
29th March, 1976.

To

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh,
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church
R A N C H I.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 45/76/KBS-124 dated 22.3.76, I am to reply as follows:-

- (1) Your personal letter dated 18.3.76, explaining your stand under the present circumstances, and the brief comments you made in the meeting with this Anchal on 19.3.76 at about 4 P.M. has been highly appreciated by this Anchal. We assure you that the Anchal will do its best to support you in the line you have indicated.
- (2) The officers of the North West Anchal placed the whole agreement dated 19+20, Feb. 76 before the full Anchal Sabha held on 15+16 March 76. The Anchal Sabha considered each item and finally passed a resolution on the subject Item No. 7, a copy of which has already been sent to you. The Anchal Sabha is ready to hold elections after viable solution is finally accepted by all Anchals and not before it. Therefore we request you once again to convene a meeting of representatives of all the five Anchals as soon as possible as suggested in our Anchal Sabha resolutions.
- (3) No loss, damage or mismanagement of the church properties have been as yet brought to the notice of this Anchal by you. As the sole authority of the church one cannot avoid being responsible for such happenings and in case you require any help and advice in this regard, we are prepared to give you the same any time.
- (4) The North West Anchal Sabha has already decided to pay the central dues received by the Anchal office, in case you are ready to release the Evangelistic grants to Surguja, Udaipur and Palamau Mission Fields. In continuation of our discussion with you held on 19.3.76, I once again request you to reconsider the matter as soon as possible.
- (5) So far the situation of the church is concerned, any kind of disorder, disintegration will be the result of our negligence, superficial understanding and unwillingness to go into the depth of the real problems, having mistrust for each other widening the gap between two camps and all of us shall be surely held responsible for it, and it is no use to shirk responsibility at this critical time for disintegration and formidable division.

We once again assure you that you continue to be the Head of the G.E.L. Church and request you to discharge all the functions as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and make effort to recognise the solution to the present deadlock by creating Synods as accepted by the Anchals without any hinderance from other quarters even if it might appear unpleasant at the moment.

We firmly believe that all the Anchals have found and accepted the solution to the present dead-lock. The confusion still remains about the procedure as to how to implement the same, which is only a minor difficulty.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-N. Minz, 24.3.76
Adhyaksh N.W. Anchal.

C.K. Paul Singh

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

~~SECRETARY~~

~~REV. P. D. SORENG~~

~~TREASURER~~

~~REV. M. K. SINGH~~

Ref. No. 56/76/KSS-78

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Date 10th April '76.



To

Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

By this time you might have received reports from different sources about the worsening situation of our church. Now I am almost on the verge of hopelessness and helplessness. I do not know what to do. Each party and almost each responsible individual is suggesting and requesting his own points.

At this stage many Acts have been introduced by the Government and the church is unable to prepare herself accordingly, thus there may come great loss of property and finance to the church which I had already envisaged even before nine years and warned the friends, but no one cared. Now no one is thinking how to overcome these difficulties but each one is trying to get his points justified.

I could not send any application to UMN-Nepal for membership because misunderstandings were rumoured that I am making my way for service in that country. You might have received a copy that NW Anchal has applied for such membership separately in UMN

Herewith I am sending some more letters, please pass them on to the addressees.

As already informed I shall not be coming for the Kuratorium to be held in April '76.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

No. 46/76/KSS-134

Ranchi Dated 26th March '76.

To

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg, Director CCC/LWF
Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secy. LWF.
Pastor M. Seeberg, Director G.M. Berlin.

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	120 01
Datum	5.4.76
Handzeichen	

Dear Brothers in Christ,

By this time you might have received information and have formed some idea on the informations about the "proceedings" of the meetings in Ranchi dt. 18-20th March '76 after the agreements in the informal talks on 19-20th Feb. 76. I was just watching and waiting for any reactions and actions after the events during 18-20th March. According to the "agreements" in the informal talks (a copy of the same has been forwarded to you) meeting of KSS was convened for its formation and for further actions for the proposed new constitution. By that time N.W. Anchal should have completed its elections. I am very much disappointed that no point of agreements has been carried out unanimously. It happened what I have always claimed--informal talks have no value in our midst. On the very next day 21st Feb. 76 after the agreements were signed NW Anchal informed that it would send its consent on the 16th March and not on 15th as agreed, again I received a copy of the letter addressed to all Anchal Adhyakshes that NW Anchal should have the consent of other Anchals already on 14th March '76. This already showed the breach of agreements as well as of trust. Except Assam no one kept the point of agreement S.F. Anchal though late gave its positive reply, other three Anchals sent their negative/positive replies but with conditions.

According to my notice on the basis of agreements members came on 18th evening, the Adhyaksh Council was asked to give the consent for the Acting Pr. Adh. But the Adhyaksh Council could not have full meeting because NW Anchal did not complete the elections and thus Dr. Minz was not a constitutional Anchal Adhyaksh. Visualising all these facts I had written a letter addressed to all Adhyakshes my inability and unwillingness to chair any meeting--the copy of the letter is enclosed herewith.

As no one felt himself ^{competent} to chair any meeting of all representatives there was no possibility of such meeting. The seniorost Adhyaksh was to agree to chair the meeting of only four Adhyakshes or with their members.

Thus the situation remains as on the 1st week of Nov. 75. There are some changes--that representatives of NW Anchal came with a mandate of the Anchal to continue "informal talks" in order to arrive at their goal of two Synods on sociological background having common moderator with independent constitution giving the synods full freedom and right to deal with all kinds of bodies inside and outside the country directly. When this shall be finalised and approved by all Anchals then only NW Anchal is ready to complete the elections. But how can any constitution be finalised and approved in "informal talks"? There shall be no end, one or the other shall always break the agreement. Now I do not feel myself also bound to any agreement.

According to the understanding of the idea behind the two synods the church shall be divided and disintegrated into pieces from top to the bottom, and I am not ready to sign such documents at any cost. The four Anchal Adhyakshes have decided and agreed that I should continue as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and they have requested me to ask the NW Anchal to do the same.

For the financial problems there seems to be no solution. I had that on 18.3.76 that amounts and accounts with written statement be submitted for all payable amounts to the centre. But no one wanted to deposit all the amounts to get full grants from the centre. It has been shown as

Page-2.

of two synods de facto. Any how as the power has been given to me I shall start paying the workers of the central office and theological college in the following month withholding the grants to the Anchals for the time being unless they contribute the amounts payable to the centre with written financial statements.

I hope this will suffice for the time being.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

E. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GFL Church Ranchi.

.cc:

All Adhyakshes.
Secretary UFLC(I)

All Anchal Adhyakshes
GFL Church in Chotanagpur and Assam

Ranchi the 18th March '76.

Dear Sirs,

Whereas my health is still abnormal and I am very much disturbed and handicapped mentally and bodily,
Whereas the Court Case TS 232/73 is still lingering and due to financial and other reasons it seems unfavourable and may cause innumerable sudden losses to the church,
Whereas the implementation of so called "new constitution" is being postponed severally and variously and therefore there is no certainty of any stability in regard with administration and finance, and consequently the church shall have to suffer unaccountable heavy loss of property, finance and person in a very near future,
Whereas there is no proper and enough co-operation by the Anchals and units under their jurisdictions, institutions and responsible individuals to support the centre in administration and finance,
Whereas through various omissions and commissions by responsible persons in administrations and institutions mistrust in the top administration has become obvious either by disobedience or non-cooperation
Whereas not a single point of the last "informal talks" dt. 19-20 th Feb. 76, in which agreements were signed, has been carried out and through this unfaithfulness and cunningness have become ridiculously obvious and that in this way nothing shall be carried out unless it is 100% according to the will of the concerned ones,
Whereas to chair such meetings of so called "informal talks" in future is nothing but only a play of children in the sand destroying everything after the play is over,

It shall not be possible for me to chair any meeting in the GFL Church as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh. In future, hereafter I shall not be obliged to chair any meeting whatsoever in the GFL Church and if compelled to do so, it shall however not be binding to me in any of the points decided or agreed upon in such meetings.

I therefore, request the Anchal Adhyakshes to elect the Pramukh Adhyaksh and make all necessary arrangements for better stability, co-operation and progress, peace and unity in the church. Hereafter I shall not be responsible for any disorder, disunity, loss or damage in the GFL Church whatsoever.

This is for your information and necessary actions.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GFL Church, Ranchi.

cc: to be forwarded for information to:-

1. Dr. Carl J. Hellberg, LWF, Geneva.

2. Dr. K. Rajaratnam, LWF.

3. Pastor M. Seeberg, Berlin.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH

Zur Ablage

Datum

Handgezeichnet

plan-Nr. 12001

5.4.76

Memo No. 99/76/F-48.

EINGEGANGEN

30. MRZ. 1976

Erledigt

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
20th March, 1976.

To,

1. Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh, Actg. Pr. Adhy. GELC, Ranchi.
2. Rev. M. Seeberg, Director, G.M. Berlin.
3. Rev. Dr. J. Hellberg, Director, DCC/LWF, Geneva.
4. Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secretary, LWF, Geneva.
5. Rev. Dorairaj Peter, President, UELCI.
6. Rev. Dr. Thomas Edward, Secretary, UELC-I.
7. Rev. J. Lugun, Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal, Tezpur.
8. Rev. S. Barla, Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal, Rajgangpur.
9. Rev. P.D. Soreng, Adhyaksh, Madhya Anchal, Khutitoli.
10. Rev. N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh, South East Anchal, Khunti.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the proceeding of the meeting on 18-19, March 1976, convened by Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, G.E.L. Church at the Central Office of the G.E.L. Church Ranchi. It is forwarded to you for information and to be acquainted with the development of the situation in the G.E.L. Church.

Yours sincerely,

Z. B. Lakra
(Mr. Z. B. Lakra.)
Secretary,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Proceeding of the meetings on 18-19, March 1976
convened by Dr.C.K.Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
at Central Office ,G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

On the notice of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, Dr.C.K.Paul Singh, the five Adhyakshas of the different Anchals of the G.E.L. Church, namely, Rev.N.Bhuinya, Rev.Dr.N.Minz, Rev.P.D.Soreng, Rev. S.Barla and Rev.J.Lugun met under the Chairmanship of Dr. C.K.Paul Singh at 6 P.M. in the office of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh on 18-3-76.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer. He read out the contents of required endorsement on the Informal Agreement dated 19-20, Feb 1976. The written endorsement of Madhya Anchal had not been received. He then read out his own letter addressed to all the Adhyakshas dated 18th March 1976 expressing therein his inability and unwillingness to Chair any kind of meeting of the Anchals.

As these documents had far reaching consequences for the whole Church, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for 7 A.M. tomorrow at the Chamber of Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh under the Chairmanship of the senior-most Adhyaks Rev N.Bhuinya.

All the five Adhyakshas met at 7.30 A.M. on 19-3-76 in the Chamber of Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and it was found out that Adhyaksh Council can not meet and therefore it was agreed to request Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh Dr Singh to come and Chair the meeting with all the representatives from all the Anchals.

All five Adhyakshas personally went and met Dr Singh at his residence at about 9.30 A.M. He agreed to come and join the meeting but declined to Chair it.

The representatives of North West Anchal namely Sri C.A. Tirkey, Rev N.Ekka, Sri Z.B.Lakra and Rev S.Mohan M.G. besides Rev Dr N.Minz, Adhyaksh, N.W.Anchal were at the central office since 8 A.M. as notified and after Dr Singh accepted to attend the meeting of all the Anchals they awaited in the Acting Pramukh's Chamber till 11 A.M. along with all the members of Madhya Anchal. All the members of other Anchals did not come in the Chamber. Thereupon the North West Anchal dispersed under intimation to Dr Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh to come again at 3 P.M.

The members of North West Anchal arrived at the central office at 3 P.M. positively where they were told that the meeting of four Adhyakshas of Assam Anchal, South East Anchal, Orissa Anchal and Madhya Anchal was going on where Dr Singh was also present and Rev N.Bhuinya was on the Chair.

Rev Dr N.Minz, Adhyaksh N.W.Anchal sent a note to Dr Singh enquiring if the meeting was going on and if so, could they join in the meeting. Dr Singh replied that it was the meeting of the Anchal Adhyakshas and he was sitting as a visitor. As such all the members of North West Anchal entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

The meeting continued for about five to ten minutes where financial situation at the central office was discussed. Rev N. Bhuinya, who was in the Chair declared that the meeting was only of the four Anchals, viz, Assam, Orissa, South East and Madhya Anchal and their members were notified for the meeting and thanked for attending it.

After the meeting was over the representatives of the North West Anchal requested the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev Dr. Singh to join them in the meeting in the Chamber of Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh. He joined the meeting but declined to Chair the same.

The consequences of the earlier meeting of four Anchals was discussed. It was pointed out by the representatives of N.W. Anchal that today two separate Camps have knowingly or unknowingly been formed within the Church, where initiative was taken by the four Anchals under the Chairmanship of Rev N.Bhuinya, where they deliberately avoided to inform the representatives of North West Anchal. Consequently the North West Anchal was forced by the circumstances to form the second camp. Although there is now two camps in the Church, the position of Rev Dr Singh, as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh remains unchallenged by all the Anchals, and this Anchal firmly holds supports this view.

Dr Singh Explained, that in any case we have to deal with the total situation of the Church and any fragmentary approach to the problem is not helpful. He said to the members that in no case he would deal with one camp alone when the time comes.

The members asked Dr Singh whether the held-up amounts payable to Mission Field within this Anchal's jurisdiction could be released if this Anchal pays all the dues payable to the centre. Dr Singh replied that he can not do so as he has to deal with the other Anchals also. The Anchal representatives explained to the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh the difficulties facing the Anchal if only this Anchal clears all the dues.

In view of the two Camps resulting from today's sequence of events, the representatives pressed Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and asked whether it was possible for him under the changed circumstances to release all the held up amounts if North West Anchal pays all the dues to the centre. To this Dr Singh hesitated to answer in the affirmative.

Before the meeting concluded some members jokingly remarked that the two Synods have automatically come into existence one with South East as nucleus and the other North West Anchal and the Moderator of the Church has started functioning from today. To this remark everybody smiled and Rev P.D.Soreng who was all along sitting there also joined.

There-after the meeting was over.

Sd/- N.Minz
19-3-76

Sd/- C.A.Tirkey
19-3-76

Sd/- Z.B.Lakra
19-3-76

Sd/- N.Ekka
19-3-76

Sd/- S.Mohan M.G.
19-3-76

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D. Dr. Theol. (Berlin)

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/5/76

The 11th March 1976.



To

Rev. Dr. N. Winz
Anchal Adhyaksh NWA
GFL Church Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending the copy of the long letter addressed to Pastor H. Borutta, West Germany, and also the letter addressed to Pastor Seeberg, Berlin, both letters dated 8.3.76. Herewith I have to say the following points, not on the whole letter I could but only the 1st part of III page of the letter addressed to Pastor Borutta.

As a matter of fact as the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, I have already informed all concerned including your goodself, why all payments have to be stopped. This has been done variously, written and verbal, through letters and reports.

Please see my letter No. 890/75/KSS-19 addressed to heads of the theological institutions, Supervisors of Mission fields with copies to all Anchal Adhyakshes. See also my "Report on the present crisis in our GFLC" given to you also on 19.2.76 during the informal talks. Please read there items of "Board of Properties" and "Finance". The same matter, why all payments have to be stopped is again written on 26th Feb. 76, letter No. 29/76/KSS-145, see also my letter No. 37/76/KSS-134. Thus it is very much surprising and shocking to me to read your above mentioned letter "Such a pressure... .. Hanover."

If you would not have understood the matter even after so many repeated indications, it would have been proper and better to enquire the matter direct from the Director, BEL, or still much better from the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh who holds the sole authority at present, than to write to Pastor Borutta for enquiry and action. If you are so frank as indicated in other letters addressed to Pastor Seeberg, you should have complained direct to Berlin or to me. I understand this action of yours as a mistrust. Therefore it will be good and proper to pass no-confidence motion against the present sole authority, the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. Dr. CKP Singh and not against any other, on the ground that he stopped all payments-including that of mission fields. But it may be too soon at this time to pass no-confidence motion against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, therefore it will be better to think twice before doing so, and the following points may kindly be considered:-

To use your own words in that letter one important thing has happened during our struggle for new constitution in our church---since Oct. 73, that Anchals have not co-operated in centralising the amounts payable to the centre, but used or let use such amounts in the Anchals. As already indicated Berlin has nothing to do with any pressurer as accused, it is neither from the central administration, nor one can say that the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh or Berlin is not interested in proclamation of the Gospel.

But the fact is that the Anchals are not interested to support the centre, which has to maintain the theological institutions and the church offices. Anchals are not centralising the payable amounts even after repeated reminders, requests and appeals; why should these innocent people of theological institutions and central office suffer for no fault of their own?

As I have repeatedly informed being the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh I am responsible for all employees that they be paid regularly. I can not allow so long I am the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh that only some (sons) are paid and others should starve for no fault of their own. Now-a-days it has become a daily feature that employees in the central office are requesting and pressing for payments. They have no source, no way and means, how can they pull on? As Actg. Pr. Adhyaksh I am even tempted to think that I should adjust the amounts payable to the mission fields with the amounts payable to the centre by Anchals, this had been in earlier days, but as director BFL I shall never agree to such adjustments.

Now it is already 10th of March '76. According to my letter dt. 26th Feb. and 5th March '76 all Anchals should have deposited the payable amounts in the centre, what shall I do? shall I close the theological institutions and the central office? or shall we as autonomous church beg for money from our friends in LWF and GM, specially when we are tightly and comfortably sitting on money, landed properties etc, perhaps in the hope to run the three would be Dioceses in the third solution of the new constitution?

I hope that you and friends here and abroad see my points. Please give your contributions to the centre for different payments, as soon as money is there for all, all should be paid immediately. I am not ready to pay only some. Please do your part.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Prasad Singh

Director BFL
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GFL Church Ranchi.

cc: Pastor R.H. Borutta
Pastor M. Seeberg ✓
Adhyaksh SFA ✓
Adhyaksh Orissa
Adhyaksh Assam
Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal
Actg. Pramukh Adh. GFLC.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 87/76/F-48.

Ranchi.
8th March, 1976.

To,

Rev. M. Seeberg,
Director - Gossner Mission.
B E R L I N.

EINGEGANGEN

22. MRZ. 1976

Erlodigt

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Silence
I am replying to your letter of January, 27, 1976 after a month. During this period some further developments have taken place in our Church. At last the ~~sentence~~ is broken and we are on the way to come out of the "worse situation."

a/ I appreciate your frankness in telling me that the Officers of North West Anchal did make "a great mistake" in rejecting the recommendations by the LWF and Gossner Mission in their joint letter." I have, however, another feeling. Even if they made mistake out of their own conviction, it is better to make/mistake out of ones own conviction rather than to be "yes man" in this present day and age. Our position has proved some value for the Church to break the dead-lock in one form at least. We have helped the brethren to make a heart search as we ourselves did and we are sure that the Gracious Lord has led us one step further in our search for a viable solution to the problem in our Church. I personally hope that Dr. Singh has already informed you of the recent new developments in our Church.

I don't want the situation to be in my personal favour. I want it to go in favour of the good health of the Church. I am convinced that the solution we are seeking for will be a lasting one for this Church and that the friends at home and abroad must try to see our understanding and points of views also. I am confident that no external pressure of any sort can bow us down in this matter in this day and age. We must do or die, and the entire responsibility must rest with the Autonomous Church here in Chotanagpur and Assam. We again appreciate yours and others' friends' concern for us. We are thankful to God for the gift of Christian brethren, but any kind of political pressure has no place in our Scheme of things here, be they from inside or out side of the situation. No amount of any kind of threat is going to help us solve our problem. We must take the matter Calm and Cool mindedly and tackle it with adequate understanding and Christian humility. I hope you will not mind my long letter.

Now we have begun to work for three independent Synods in the G.E.L. Church with a Moderator to co-ordinate us. We are taking the sociological reality seriously and are willing to deal with it structurally for the good and health of the Church. We are planning to maintain the unity in diversity in the Gossner Church. We hope and believe that the Lord will forgive us our shortcomings and bless what is good for His Church in this part of this great Country India.

God willing I may see you in June 76. With greetings and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Anchal
W. W. Anchal

4. März 1976
psbg/sz

Herrn
Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 120 01

Datum 5.4.76

Handzeichen *[Signature]*

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Vielen Dank für den heute angekommenen Brief vom 23. Februar über die Informal Discussions und das erfreuliche Ergebnis. Erfreulich finde ich es, dass die Brüder wieder miteinander sprechen und arbeiten wollen. Die Idee von drei Synoden halte ich allerdings für nicht viel besser als die von zwei Synoden; dies ist allerdings eine Meinung, die ich nur Ihnen gegenüber äussere, weil ich mich auch in Zukunft nicht in die internen Angelegenheiten der Gossnerkirche einzumischen gedenke.

Mit den Grüßen, die ich Frau Friederici mit auf die Reise gebe, kommen

1. Kopie eines Briefes an die Gemeinde Leuzenbronn vom 8. Juli 1975,
2. ein offizieller Brief vom heutigen Tage, der die Beziehungen der Gossnerkirche zur United Mission to Nepal betrifft.

Die letztere Sache müsste endlich einmal zu einem Ende gebracht werden und vielleicht ist die Behandlung der Frage eine Hilfe für die Kirche, weil sie eine gemeinsame Aufgabe betrifft und nichts mit dem Parteienstreit zu tun hat.

Ein Wort noch über Ihre Teilnahme an unseren Kuratoriumssitzungen. Sie werden in dem Protokoll der Januar-Sitzung gelesen haben, dass die nächsten Sitzungen am 30. April 1976 in Mainz und dann am 15. Oktober 1976 in Westfalen geplant sind. Als Mitglied des Kuratoriums haben Sie selbst zu entscheiden, wann Sie zu kommen gedenken. Wenn Sie in dieser Angelegenheit meinen persönlichen Rat hören wollen, möchte ich folgendes sagen:

Da auf der April-Sitzung ~~viel Zeit~~

1. die Besprechung der ~~Mainzer~~ Fragen betreffend Urban~~er~~ and Industrial Mission,
2. die Beratung des Haushaltsplans 1977,
3. die Begrüssung zweier Gäste aus Nepal

viel Zeit beanspruchen wird, bleibt nach meiner Meinung zu wenig Raum für die indischen Fragen, so dass ich Ihnen lieber vorschla-
ge, an der Oktober-Sitzung teilzunehmen, zumal sich bis dahin
einiges in der Gossnerkirche geklärt haben wird.

Mit vielen herzlichen Grüßen bin ich

I h r

Sp.

Anlagen

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D. Dr. Theol. (Berlin)



G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/7/76

The 2.3.76

Herrn Missionsdirektor
Pastor M. Seeberg
Goßnersche Mission, Berlin

Lieber Bruder Seeberg,

Höfentlich haben Sie inzwischen meinen Brief mit der Einlage von der Einba-
der Informal Talks schon bekommen. Es war sehr schwierig die drei Meinungen
zusammen zu bringen. NWAnchal verlangte Informal Talks mit der Bedingung, daß
die andere "drei-zewi-Diocese" Theorie annehmen und NWA zur Wahl kommen kann,
d.h. jetzt nicht mehr die Rede von implementation von der "adopted constitution".
Madhya Anchal wollte die se neue Verfassung unbedingt in Kraft setzen, nur dazu
wollte die neue KSS bilden; SEAnchal und die andere sagten, sie können bzw müssen
die neue Verfassung in Kraft setzen aber nur nach dem neue KSS gebildet ist und
darüber einigen Verbesserung eingefügt ist, so muß NWAnchal zuerst die Wahl
vollenden.

Um die Wahl von NWAnchal vollendet zu haben, sind wir bereit eine neue Verfassung
mit "drei Dioceses" zu haben. Damit denkt jede Partei etwas gewonnen zu haben, nur
nur Madhya Anchal fühlt sich verlassen. Ich weiß nicht wie die Anchal reagieren
wollen, wenn sie ihre consent bis 15. März geben müssen. NWAnchal hat schon zur
Wahl den Termin festgelegt, aber genau am 15+16. März '76. Es ist schon verdächtig
wenn von irgendetwelchem Anchal negative Antwort kommt, können sie (NWA) noch etwas
anders tun. Aber ich glaube, NWAnchal wird die Wahl durchführen. So überlege ich
sehr, wie oder was soll man am 18-19 März verhandeln: soll ich Acting noch weiter
machen oder soll ich aufgeben?

Ich komme zu solcher Überlegungen, weil ich hier sehr viel h a n d i c a p e d
bin mit der non-co-operation in der financial matters. Sie haben durch meine
verschiedene Schreibein erfahren, daß wir viel an Finanz leiden. Besonders seit
Nov. 75 zahlt uns niemand ein, außer SEAnchal ca 500/rupees, so können wir den
theological Institutionen kein Geld mehr bezahlen als das was wir von Ihnen und
dem LWF bekommen haben, wir können auch den anderen in KSS office nicht mehr be-
zahlen. Da ich zur Zeit für alle die finanzielle Verantwortung habe, kann ich
nicht nur den einigen bezahlen, zB den Mitarbeitern in Missionsgebiet, daher
habe ich die ganze Bezahlung seit Jan. 76 zurückgestellt. Ich habe an allen
Anchal Adhyakshas geschrieben, daß sie das Geld was wir von ihnen bekommen zu
haben, unbedingt nach Ranchi schicken sollen, aber bis jetzt ohne großen Erfolg.
So können wir weiter nicht gehen, wir können aber auch eine neue Verfassung
ohne Geld nicht machen. Ich bin nicht bereit, den LWF oder GM um das Geld bitten,
wenn die Freunde hier fest auf das Geld sitzen, vielleicht für die Zukunft mit
Hoffnung daß die Kirche in drei Dioceses geteilt wird! Ich hoffe, daß ich
das beste tun werde.

Nun möchte ich etwas von mir selbst schreiben. Ich habe schon angedeutet, daß ich
die Medizin Depot-Insulin Hoecsht klar noch brauche. Ich habe gehört, daß Frau
Friederici auch nach Ranchi kommt. Wenn das möglich wird und ihr keine Schwierig-
keit macht können Sie mir die oben genannte Medizin mitschicken. Ich habe
an Frau Grothaus auch um die Medizin geschrieben.

Eine weitere Punkt ist noch zu erklären, ob ich zur nächsten Kuratoriumssitzung
nach Deutschland kommen werde. Das ist sehr viel davon abhängig wie es am 18-19.
März entschieden wird. Wegen meiner Krankheit und derer Weitere Untersuchungs
willen möchte ich hinfahren. Wollen Sie bitte je nach der Möglichkeit notwendige
Unterlage zu meiner Reise mitschicken.

Hiermit schicke ich die Jährliche Reports on Works of the BEL. Die gesamte Auszahlung
für 1975 war Rs 507,531.10, deducting the field incomes.
Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr
C.K. Paul Singh

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 78/76/F-48.

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.
28th Feb.1976.

To,

1. Rev.N.Bhuinya, Adhyaksh - S.E.Anchal, Khunti.
2. Rev.S.Barla, ,, - Orissa Anchal, Rajgangpur.
3. Rev.J.Lugun, ,, - Assam ,, , Tezpur.
4. Rev.P.D.Soreng, ,, - Madhya ,, , Khutitoli.

Dear brothers,

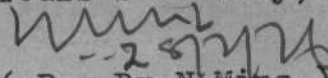
As decided in the informal meeting of ~~19th~~ Feb.19-20,1976, the proceeding of which has been sent to us by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh in his letter No.22/76/KSS-134, dated 20-2-76, the North West Anchal Sabha is meeting on 15th & 16th March, 1976 to hold its elections.

In this connection I draw your attention to this office letter No.48/76/F-48, dated 12-2-1976, copy sent to you in which idea of " two separate independent Synods with a common Moderator within the Church with an independent constitution of their own suitability with full powers within their jurisdiction, having full right to deal with friends inside and out side India " was mooted by the North West Anchal Samiti.

We understand that with this clear idea three Synods have been agreed upon and further steps towards its achievements is being made.

May I request you to kindly confirm this before 14th March 1976, so that we may be able to explain and report the progress made so far to the Anchal Sabha and the necessity of holding elections only to give legal form to the solution arrived at the informal meeting.

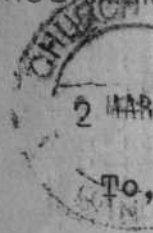
Yours sincerely,


(Rev.Dr.N.Minz.)

Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L.Church Ranchi.

- CC: 1. Rev.Dr.C.K.Paul Singh, Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh.
2. Dr. Carl J. Hellberg.
3. Dr. Rajaratnam.
4. Rev.M. Seeberg.
5. Rev. Dorairaj Peter.
6. Thomas Edward.

हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME



To,

Rev. M. Seeberg, Director,
Gossner Mission.

1 Berlin - 41.
Handjery sstr. 19/20.
West Germany.



पहला मोड़ FIRST FOLD

दूसरा मोड़ SECOND FOLD

इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ न रखिये NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

पिन PIN
भारत INDIA

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

~~SECRETARY~~

REV. P. D. SORENG

~~TREASURER~~

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358



Ref. No. 24/76/KSS-134

Date 23rd Feb. 76.

To

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg
Director DCC/LWF
Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Asia Secretary DCC/LWF
Pstor M. Seeberg
Director Gossner Mission

Dear Brothers in Christ,

You might be anxious to hear about the outcome of the meeting convened at Ranchi during Feb. 19-20, 1976. As already made known to you North West Anchal did not complete the election, thus formation of the KSS was not possible. Thus I converted the meeting of the KSS members of other four Anchals into informal talks among the "representatives" of the Anchals present at Ranchi in which Dr. Minz and others also participated.

After much hot discussions the brothers agreed to some extent as I showed them the dangers of split and division in either way. If new KSS is formed North West Anchal is left out so also the church shall be divided, and if no formation of KSS is done the whole church shall be disbanded into several pieces. Thus those present friends agreed to the points as signed thereunder. Thus the church is saved from division at the moment, if brothers would work further in that spirit we may go on along the way of unity and peace. But if groups will try to see their own gain in those meetings, I fear we may not be able to proceed as desired and expressed in the document. Please pray for us and the whole church that we all may work towards peace and unity in the church.

With best of my regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

Enclos; as stated above.

cc: 1. Rev. Dorairaj Peter President UELC(I)
2. Rev. Thomas Edward Secretary --do--

Informal talks were held among the undersigned under the chairmanship of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh G.F.L.Church on 19th and 20th February 1976 to find a way out from the present deadlock in the G.F.L.Church caused by unavoidable and obvious circumstances. After long discussions it was agreed upon as follows:-

- (1) To find a way out from the present situation of the G.F.L.Church a new constitution of three Synods (units) be drafted.
- (2) All Anchals give their consent. North West Anchal shall complete the election and give the consent.
- (3) The new K.S.S. be formed and a new constitution be drafted and implemented under the chairmanship of the present Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, i.e. he shall continue as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh in the new K.S.S. also till the new constitution is implemented.
- (4) The dates will be as follows:-
 - (a) Consent of all Anchals shall arrive in the head office (KSS) on 15th March 1976.
 - (b) New KSS formation:-
 - (i) Arrival 18th March 1976.
 - (ii) Meetings 19th March 1976.
- (5) In this meeting of the new K.S.S. the Constitution Committee to draft the new constitution be formed.
- (6) The new constitution be implemented from 10th July 1976.

1. Sd/-Rev. Dr. CKP Singh Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh G.F.L.C. 20.2.76
2. Sd/-Rev. J. Lugun Adhyaksh Assam Anchal. "
3. Sd/-Rev. C. Barla Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal. "
4. Sd/-Rev. N. Bhuiya Adhyaksh South East Anchal. "
5. Sd/-Rev. J. Topno, Assam Anchal "
6. Sd/-Rev. C. B. Aind, South East Anchal. "
7. Sd/-Mr. Gerson Tiru Assam Anchal "
8. Sd/-Rev. S. Mohan M.G. North West Anchal "
9. Sd/-Mr. C. A. Tirkey, North West Anchal "
10. Sd/-Rev. Dr. N. Minz, North West Anchal "
11. Sd/-Mr. F. Bara, North West Anchal "
12. Sd/-Mr. J. Dhan, Orissa Anchal "
13. Sd/-Rev. S. Bakhla North West Anchal "
14. Sd/-Mr. S. Bage South East Anchal "
15. Sd/-Mr. J. S. Topno South East Anchal "
16. Sd/-Mr. Lucas Tete Madhya Anchal "
17. Sd/-Mr. A. Lakra " "
18. Rev. P. D. Soreng Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal. "

Pashu Sekhry

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

REPORT ON THE PRESENT CRISIS IN OUR

GOSSNER CHURCH.

Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters,

May I state hereunder some of the facts and problems of our Gossner Church during this period of crisis for your information, consideration and possible suggestions to find a way out or a solution so as to establish well accepted peace and unity in the church.

BACKGROUND

The present crisis came in our church as far back in the meetings during the last days of Oct. 1973 when the officers of the KSS en-block resigned. The KSS after making all suitable necessary arrangements for the "interim period" with an Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh till the new constitution be implemented, accepted the resignation and dissolved itself. Many would like to date back the crisis historically even before 40 years, may it be what it is, the 'interim period' is now more than 27 months and the church is left into all kinds of uncertainties. The church leaders, many responsible church members and organisational or administrative units have seen and are seeing the period with their own interest and purpose, therefore their efforts to find out solution are also accordingly leaving the church and the centre in its own. Thus the centre has been made financially and administratively weak. The centralisation of funds to the centre or carrying out of proposals and suggestions from the centre have been totally neglected and discontinued. By this the administration of the central institutions, properties and finance is in doldrum. But nothing better can be said of such administration in the lower administrative units also. Plans and projects cannot be carried out during the period of such crisis. Thus Gossner church is suffering innumerable great loss in properties, finance and administration. They can be summarised on following points:-

REPRESENTATIONS ETC.

As the church is in many uncertainties with one man administration in the centre to maintain the status quo it is difficult to think of bringing something new in terms of persons, membership, methods of works in the committees, institutions and organisations throughout the church although in some committees and institutions changes seem to be the MUST. There are certain organisations both ecclesiastical and secular to which the church has to send suitable and responsible persons through nomination or election in order to represent our church about claims, requests and grievances. Due to lack of such representation the church is losing many chances and suffering heavy losses, showing others its chaotic situation.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE.

Due to the uncertainties and many responsibilities with sudden engagements etc. in the centre in which the director himself has been made involved, the works of the BEL seems to be neglected very much. The work of the director and the responsibilities of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh cannot go side by side. As the director is unable to make tour programmes the fields are suffering from lethargy and negligence. The Anchals also have not done their best to support the fields for progress. The Director planned some short tour programmes, but due to sudden unavoidable reasons they have to be cancelled, it was also the case in regard with a second refresher course for Udaipur and Surguja area, a refresher course was held in Oct. 75 for other fields.

.....contd.....

GELC.PRESS.

The Press is constitutionally under the BEL but by resolution the authority and responsibility have been given to the KSS. In the period of present crisis many MUSTS have been left undone irregularly. Irresponsibility and self interest of some individuals have thrown the press from bad to worse headlong fall.

GHARBANDHU :

As the press itself is living from hand to mouth, many publications for the church use could not be done in adequate time, manner number and quality, since June 1975. This could have been published if good cooperation could have been given by all concerned, though in the first instance the account has not been furnished by the incharge of the Garbandhu Department in order to adjust the loan refundable (Rs. 8000 + Rs. 4000) to KSS by the press. Much effort was made to clear up the accounts but inspite of reminders and possible steps it is left incomplete.

BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:

The situation in the church compelled that no fresh members for M/C Council could be appointed for the smooth running of the theological institutions. Thus many MUSTS have been left undone or done without proper decisions and considerations. Thus the institutions are left to their own decisions. As the Parishes, Ilakas and Anchals did not centralise the payable amounts to the central treasury no payments could be made to the institutions. On the other hand as the accounts and amounts of different items and resource are not clearly known, the actual financial position is untraceable. If the present situation of the church continues for another month/months, the theological institutions have to be closed down without further delay.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Unfortunately during the present crisis the Education Department has no proper arrangement. The term of the Education officer ended in Aug. 75, but inspite of the reminder in those days the Board did not do any thing and the then Education officer is continuing of his own along with his other job. Thus many works of the department (recognition of schools approval of transfers and appointments of teachers, representations in some organisations) are hampered. Thus the schools are suffering heavy loss and many inconveniences. In addition to such administrative difficulties, the finance of the department is almost scattered, the fund is lying with such persons and institutions who are selfishly watching the situation for their own gain.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES:

Due to the present crisis in the church there is a great loss of property, atleast the loss of income from the properties. At present no project or settlement can be made only the status quo is to be maintained. Thus landed properties of the church are encroached, occupied, misused and mismanaged by many responsible persons, groups and units. Even after repeated reminders no one ever cares, only when they are put in some legal or financial difficulties they come or write to the centre for help it is thus an irony of fate by itself, when they have not centralised a single paisa, but they demand financial involvement.

FINANCE:

According to the reasons mentioned in the above paragraphs the centre is facing a financial crisis, all payments have been stopped. It is surprising when the Anchals are not ready or are not able to centralise the payable amounts to the centre they are recommending and pressing to get money from the centre. Many may think and hope to get money as arrear bills, but this shall not be possible unless the Anchals centralise the arrear amounts. This is also the main reason that the much demanded INFORMAL TALK cannot take place. I have no way and means for such meeting

.....contd.....

If the members concerned are prepared to come with their own expenses I have no objections. Let there be as many INFORMAL TALKS as possible. At present I do not dare to request money from other friends with one hand when we have money lying here with different units and on the other hand some Anchals would not think it useful, they all will be 'only' informal.

ADMINISTRATION

According to the points mentioned above the administration in the church is chaotic. No one cares for the centre as far as cooperation in terms of obedience or giving is concerned. If anything is done to curve some mischievous actions it will be understood as out of jurisdiction or brandmarked as a way to divide the church. Actually each one is trying to gain better than the other sticking to his own points. Thus it is high time to call this meeting for which finance has been provided. It was expected that NW Anchal would complete the election as suggested by the friends abroad, though no such decisions have been made on 30th Oct. 75 but there is no mention of the informal discussions as well. Friends from LWF, GM and UELC(I) were requested for suggestions and help. This was on process but as the NW Anchal totally rejected, the friends expressed their inability for further suggestions and help in present circumstances. I have to start some where sometime as sole authority has been given to me. For further meetings, actions and functions no finance is available.

I hope the friends will see the seriousness of the crisis and find a solution for peace and unity within the church.

By this time this report was being completed a resolution from NW Anchal has been received in which cancellation of the ensuing meeting has been demanded with a proposal for "Informal Talk-discussion in which way for 'viable' and 'permanent' solution" be found out. It seems that NW Anchal has left the idea of old or new constitution and found a third way for the permanent solution. I hope all Anchal Adhyakshes have got the point. I appeal to you all very earnestly to think of the situation very seriously and take such actions so as to save the church from any kind of division or disunity. As the NW Anchal has not and will not complete the elections they cannot attend the meeting, though they have mentioned other reasons all things have to be considered carefully.

Thankfully submitted.

Ranchi the 18th Feb. 76.

C. K. P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh) 18/2/76
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

CC

All Anchal Adhyakshes

All KSS members

Friends of LWF, GM & UELC(I)

and other well wishers.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI

B e r i c h t

über die gegenwärtige Krise in unserer Kirche

Liebe Freunde, Brüder und Schwestern!

Ich erlaube mir, im folgenden einige Fakten und Probleme der Krisensituation der Gossnerkirche aufzuzeigen, ~~nicht nur~~^{nicht nur} ~~xxxxxx~~^{um Sie zu informieren,} sondern auch zu ~~bitten~~^{um Sie zu informieren, sondern auch zu bitten}, diese zu überdenken und möglichst Vorschläge für einen Ausweg aus der Krisensituation ~~oder eine Lösung zu finden,~~^{oder eine Lösung zu finden,} die zu einem allseitig akzeptierten Frieden und der Einheit der Kirche führen.

Hintergrund

Die gegenwärtige Krise in unserer Kirche geht auf die Sitzung während der letzten Tage des Oktober 1973 zurück als alle Beamten des KSS zurücktraten nachdem alle notwendigen Vorkehrungen für die "Interimsperiode" eines Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh bis zum Inkrafttreten der neuen Verfassung getroffen waren und den Rücktritten und der Auflösung zugestimmt worden war. Manche möchten gern die Wurzeln der Krisis historisch bis in die Zeit von vor 40 Jahren rückdatieren, aber mag es so oder so sein, die Interimsperiode dauert nun 27 Monate und die Kirche befindet sich in jeder Art von Unsicherheit. Die Kirchenführer, viele verantwortliche Mitglieder der Kirche und ~~organisations~~ organisatorische oder administrative Vereinigungen sahen und sehen immer noch diesen Zustand vom Standpunkt der eigenen Interessen und ^{des} Eigennutzes, daher ~~sind~~ ^{sind} ihre Anstrengungen, eine Lösung zu finden, ~~nicht~~ entsprechend; die Kirche und die Kirchenleitung werden sich selbst überlassen. Die Kirchenleitung wurde finanziell und verwaltungsmässig geschwächt. Die zentrale Erfassung der Geldmittel bei der Kirchenleitung oder die Durchführung von Vorschlägen und Anregungen der Kirchenleitung wurden vollständig ignoriert und nicht befolgt. Dadurch ~~sind~~ sind die Verwaltung der Institutionen der Kirchenleitung, die Verwaltung des Vermögens und der Finanzen auf einem Tiefpunkt an-

Konto-Nr.

4151

Diese Sachkosten sind jetzt getrennt vom Konto-Nr. 4150, weil diese Ausgaben in Deutschland entstehen (Kauf von Kleingeräten, wie z.B. Messinstrumenten, sowie Fachzeitschriften, Versicherungen).

4152

Auch dieses Konto ist vom Konto-Nr. 4150 getrennt worden. Es enthält Sachausgaben, die unserem Mitarbeiter Bruns bei seinem Dienst in Lusaka entstehen (Fahrtkosten, Büromaterial u.ä.).

6100

Der Gesamthaushaltsplan für die Urban and Industrial Mission wird in der Arbeitszentrale Mainz erstellt und verantwortet. Die unter diesem Titel bereitgestellten Mittel stellen einen Teilbetrag des Haushaltsplanes des Arbeitszentrums Mainz dar.

7100

Hier sind die Ausgaben für Missionsarbeit in Deutschland, einschließlich Information der Gemeinden, enthalten.

7110

Die Personalkosten sind erhöht, weil die zurückgekehrte Schwester Ilse Martin jetzt im Heimatdienst beschäftigt ist.

8115

Vgl. Einnahmen unter Konto-Nr. 2330.

8120

Vgl. Einnahmen unter Konto-Nr. 2550.

8121

Vgl. Einnahmen unter Konto-Nr. 2540.

8151

Vgl. Einnahmen unter Konto-Nr. 2530 (von Mietern im Haus der Mission).

angelangt. Keine bessere Aussage kann über die Verwaltung der untergeordneteren Instanzen gemacht werden. Pläne und Projekte können während einer solchen Krisenzeit nicht durchgeführt werden. So erleidet die Gossnerkirche nicht zu beziffernden grossen Schaden am Vermögen, den Finanzen und der allgemeinen Verwaltung. Der Schaden kann in den folgenden Punkten zusammengefasst werden:

Vertretung der Kirche nach aussen etc.

Da in der Kirche Unsicherheit herrscht, eine Ein-Mann-Verwaltung ~~der Kirche~~ der Kirchenleitung tätig ist, um den Status quo aufrecht zu erhalten, ist es schwer, neue Initiativen im Hinblick auf Personen, Mitgliedschaften, Arbeitsmethoden in den Komitees, Institutionen und Organisationen der Kirche zu entwickeln, obwohl in einigen Komitees und Institutionen Veränderungen als ein "Muss" erscheinen. ^{In} einige Organisationen, sowohl kirchliche als auch säkulare, ~~ist~~ ^{muss} die Kirche qualifizierte und verantwortliche Personen durch Ernennung oder Wahl entsenden ~~um~~, um unsere Kirche über Klagen, Forderungen und Beschwerden zu informieren. Durch die fehlende Vertretung verliert die Kirche manche Chance, erleidet schwere Verluste und demonstriert ^{gegenüber} anderen ihre chaotische Lage.

Missionsabteilung

Dadurch dass der Direktor durch die Unsicherheiten und viele Verantwortungen mit unvorhersehbaren ^{Verpflichtungen} Inanspruchnahmen u.s.w. in der Kirchenleitung in Anspruch genommen wird, wurde die Arbeit der Missionsabteilung sehr vernachlässigt. Die Arbeit des Direktors und die Verantwortung des Pramukh Adhyaksh können nicht nebeneinander laufen. Da der Direktor keine Reiseprogramme durchführen kann, ist die Arbeit in den Missionsgebieten eingeschlafen und wird vernachlässigt. Auch die Anchals

Haushaltsplan der Gossner Mission 1977

<u>A u s g a b e n</u>		<u>Ist 1975</u>	<u>Soll 1976</u>	<u>Soll 1977</u>	
		<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>
<u>Konto-Nr.</u>					
8300	<u>Hausverwaltung Berlin 37,</u> <u>Hermannstr. 1 b</u>				
8310	Unterhaltung	8.110,52	8.000,--	--,--	
8400	<u>Hausverwaltung Berlin 41,</u> <u>Bundesallee 128</u>				
8410	Unterhaltung	33.326,51	35.000,--	--,--	--,--
8900	Unvorhergesehenes	25.435,94	20.000,--	20.000,--	20.000,--
	<u>Ausgaben insgesamt</u>				<u>2.196.000,--</u> =====

haben nicht ihr bestes gegeben, um die Missionsfelder erfolgreich zu unterstützen. Einige kurze Reiseprogramme plante der Direktor, aber wegen dringender unvermeidlicher Ereignisse mussten sie gestrichen werden, ebenfalls ein Fortbildungskursus in Udaipur und Surguja. Ein Fortbildungskursus fand im Oktober 1975 für andere Gebiete statt.

Druckerei

Verfassungsgemäss untersteht die Druckerei der Missionsabteilung, aber durch einen Beschluss wurden Geschäftsleitung und Verantwortung dem KSS übertragen. In der gegenwärtigen Krisis wurden viel~~x~~ Notwendiges nicht erledigt. Mangelndes Verantwortungsgefühl und Egoismus einzelner haben die Presse kopfüber ins Verderben gestürzt.

Gharbandhu

Da die Druckerei von der Hand im Mund lebt, konnten viele kirchliche Veröffentlichungen nicht zur rechten Zeit, in der rechten Art, Zahl und Qualität seit Juni 1975 erscheinen. Veröffentlichungen hätten erscheinen können, wenn alle Betroffenen zusammengearbeitet hätten, obwohl von den Verantwortlichen des Gharbandhu erstmals die Tilgung für das rückzahlbare Darlehen der Druckerei dem KSS nicht zum Ausgleich überwiesen wurde (Rps 8000 + Rps 4000). Es wurden viele Anstrengungen unternommen, die Konten auszugleichen, aber anstelle von Mahnungen und anderen möglichen Schritten, liess man die Sache unerledigt.

Theologische Ausbildung

Die Lage der Kirche erzwang die Aufgabe der Wahl neuer Mitglieder in den MC-Rat, die die Weiterarbeit der theologischen Einrichtungen ermöglichen. So unterblieben viele notwendige Entscheidungen und Überlegungen. Die Institutionen mussten allein ihre Entscheidungen treffen. Da die Parishes, Ilakas und Anchals die an die zentrale Finanzverwaltung zu zahlenden Beträge nicht abführten, konnten Zahlungen an die Institutionen nicht geleistet

3130 Die Personalkosten in Takarma entfallen, seitdem Schwester Ilse Martin nach Deutschland zurückgekehrt ist, die beschiedenen Sachkosten mussten ein wenig höher angesetzt werden.

3210 Die Personalkosten in Nepal erhöhen sich, weil Schwester Monika Schutzkas Dienstvertrag nach ihrer Rückkehr noch bis zum 30. April 1977 läuft, während ihr Arbeitsplatz in Nepal ab 1.1.1977 von einer neuen Schwester eingenommen wird (sog. Überlappungszeit).

3220 Dieses Konto enthält auch Pflichtbeiträge an die United Mission to Nepal.

3230 Die Reisekosten sind erheblich niedriger als im Vorjahr, weil kein Besucherdienst vorgesehen ist und die Gossner Mission auf der Jahreskonferenz in Kathmandu von "Dienste in Übersee" vertreten werden wird.

4110 Die Personalkosten haben sich nur wenig gegenüber 1976 erhöht, unterscheiden sich aber von 1975, weil Mehrkosten durch die Beendigung der Verträge der Mitarbeiter Bredt, Schlottmann, Janssen (sog. Überlappungszeit) entstehen.

4150 Die Sachkosten für die Zambia-Arbeit der Gossner Mission werden von der Regierung getragen, nicht jedoch die Anschaffung von Fahrzeugen und die Sachausgaben für Gesundheitsdienst, Frauenarbeit, Kleinkredite u.ä.

Da auf der anderen Seite die Konten und Beträge der verschiedenen Posten und ~~xxxxxxx~~ die Geldmittel nicht genau bekannt sind, kann die gegenwärtige finanzielle Lage nicht festgestellt werden. Wenn die gegenwärtige Situation der Kirche einen Monat/Monate fort dauert, müssen die theologischen Einrichtungen unverzüglich geschlossen werden.

Unterricht

Unglücklicherweise ist die Unterrichts-Abteilung während dieser Krise ohne ordentliche Leitung. Die Dienstzeit des für das Unterrichtswesen zuständigen Beamten endete im August 1975, aber ungeachtet einer in diesen Tagen ergangenen Mahnung, unternahm die Abteilung nichts und der Beamte macht von sich aus neben seiner anderen Aufgabe weiter. So werden viele Aufgaben der Abteilung (Inspektion der Schulen, Bestätigung von Versetzungen und Berufungen von Lehrern, Mitgliedschaft in einigen Organisationen) behindert. Die Schulen erleiden schweren Schaden und viele Schwierigkeiten. Zusätzlich zu diesen administrativen Schwierigkeiten sind die Finanzen dieser Abteilung zerrüttet. Über das Guthaben bestimmen Personen und Institutionen, die die Situation im Hinblick auf ihre eigenen Vorteile beobachten.

Vermögensverwaltung

Die gegenwärtige Krisis der Kirche bedeutet einen grossen Vermögensverlust, letztlich den Verlust des Einkommens aus dem Vermögen. Augenblicklich kann kein Projekt abgeschlossen oder ein Übereinkommen geschlossen werden, nur der Status quo wird aufrecht erhalten. Grundbesitz der Kirche wurde besetzt, angeeignet, missbraucht und schlecht verwaltet durch viele verantwortliche Personen, Gruppen und Vereinigungen. Sogar mehrfachen Mahnungen wird keine Beachtung geschenkt, nur wenn sie in rechtliche oder finanzielle Schwierigkeiten geraten, kommen sie zur Kirchenleitung oder schreiben um Hilfe. Es ist aber eine Ironie des Schicksals, wenn die, die nicht einen Pfennig an die Kirchen-

Konto-Nr.

- 2510/20 Wirtschaftsbetrieb Handjerystr. 19/20
Die Küche im Haus der Mission wurde am 31. März 1976 geschlossen. Die für 1976 vorgesehenen Einnahmen konnten nicht erreicht werden (kein Zuschuss des Berliner Missionswerks, zu geringe Teilnehmerbeiträge).

Vgl. Ausgaben-Konto Nr. 8210 (Wegfall einer Planstelle) und 8290 (künftig wegfallend).
- 2560 Hier handelt es sich um Beträge, die der Deutsche Evangelische Missionsrat seinen Mitgliedern für Waren und Passagen nach Übersee zur Verfügung stellt (aus dem sog. Kulturfonds der Bundesregierung).
- 2570 Hier handelt es sich um die Erstattung anteiliger Personalkosten, da die Buchhaltungsarbeiten der Buchhandlung z.T. von der Gossner Mission geleistet werden.

Die Buchhandlung zahlt ausserdem Miete für die im Erdgeschoss des Hauses benutzten Räume (Konto-Nr. 2410).
- 3110 Dieser Betrag ist mit der Gossnerkirche abgestimmt und enthält hauptsächlich die Gehälter für etwa 200 (!) indische Missionare. Dagegen werden die Gehälter der Gemeinde-Pastoren und der Lehrer in der Gossnerkirche sowie der Katechisten im Gemeindedienst aus indischen Mitteln bezahlt (etwa 1.400 Mitarbeiter).

Der Betrag musste gegenüber den Vorjahren erhöht werden, weil die Löhne aller kirchlichen Mitarbeiter in Indien der Inflation angepasst wurden.

leitung abführen, nach finanziellem Zusammenschluss rufen.

Finanzen

Auf Grund der in den vorangegangenen Paragraphen geschilderten Umstände befindet sich die Kirchenleitung in einer Finanzkrise, alle Zahlungen wurden eingestellt. Es ist überraschend festzustellen, dass die Anchals, die nicht bereit oder in der Lage sind, Geld an die Kirchenleitung abzuführen, Geld von der Kirchenleitung beantragen und durch Druck zu erhalten versuchen. Manche mögen meinen und hoffen, Zahlungen für rückständige Rechnungen zu erhalten, aber das wird nicht eher möglich sein, bis die Anchals ihre rückständigen Konten bei der Kirchenleitung ausgleichen. Das ist eine der Hauptursachen, warum das so sehr geforderte "informelle Gespräch" nicht stattfinden kann. Ich sehe keinen Weg und habe keine Mittel für ein solches Gespräch. Wenn die betreffenden Mitglieder auf eigene Kosten kommen wollen, habe ich keine Bedenken. Es können so viele informelle Gespräche wie möglich stattfinden. Gegenwärtig wage ich es nicht, ^{einerseits} Geld von anderen Freunden ~~einzuholen~~ zu erbitten, wenn wir Geld bei verschiedenen Verbänden haben und andererseits einige Anchals es nicht für sinnvoll halten, sie alle wollen nur "zwanglos" sein.

Verwaltung

Wie aus den vorangegangenen Bemerkungen hervorgeht, herrscht in der Verwaltung der Kirche das Chaos. Keiner beachtet die Kirchenleitung, wenn es um Zusammenarbeit im Sinne der Treue zur Kirche oder um die Abgabe von Geld geht. Wenn irgendwelche schädlichen Aktionen unterbunden werden sollen, wird das entweder als illegal ausgelegt oder als Weg zur Spaltung der Kirche gebrandmarkt. Tatsächlich versucht jeder, auf seinem Standpunkt beharrend, mehr als der andere zu erwerben. Es ist nun höchste Zeit diese Versammlung ~~einberufen~~, für die Geldmittel vorhanden sind, einzuberufen. Es wurde erwartet, dass der NW-Anchal - wie von den Freunden in Übersee vorausgesetzt - die Wahlen ^{durchführt} abschliesst, da am 30. Oktober 1975 keine Entscheidung gefallen war, aber es liegt auch keine Stellungnahme zu den informellen Gesprächen vor.

Haushaltsplan der Gossner Mission 1977

A u s g a b e n

		<u>Ist 1975</u>	<u>Soll 1976</u>	<u>Soll 1977</u>	
		<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>
<u>Konto-Nr.</u>					
8200	<u>Hausverwaltung Berlin 41,</u> <u>Handjerystr. 19/20</u>				
8210	Personalkosten	51.885,97	57.000,--	33.000,--	
8220	Heizung	16.253,57	21.000,--	21.000,--	
8230	Gas, Wasser, Licht Müllabfuhr	7.703,43	9.000,--	9.500,--	
8240	Reinigungsmittel, Sonstiges	3.806,22	4.000,--	4.000,--	
8250	Garten	469,13	500,--	500,--	
8260	Hypothekenzinsen, Tilgungen	11.111,17	13.000,--	14.000,--	
8270	Versicherungen, Grundsteuer	3.584,90	4.000,--	4.000,--	
8281	Reparaturen	9.262,51	30.000,--	30.000,--	
8290	Sachausgaben Betriebsküche	6.704,--	10.000,--	-,--	116.000,--

Freunde vom LWF, von der GM und UELC(I) wurden um Ratschläge und Hilfe gebeten. Das war im Gange, da aber der NW-Anchal total ablehnend blieb, brachten die Freunde zum Ausdruck, dass sie unter den gegenwärtigen Umständen keine weiteren Ratschläge geben und Hilfe nicht anbieten könnten. Ich muss die Dinge irgendwo, irgendwann als einziger, der die Befugnis dazu hat, wieder in Bewegung bringen. Für weitere Versammlungen, Aktionen und Tätigkeiten ist kein Geld vorhanden.

Ich hoffe, dass die Freunde erkennen ~~werden~~, wie schwer die Krise ist und eine Lösung finden werden, die ~~Ex~~ zu Frieden und Einigkeit der Kirche führt.

Als dieser Bericht erstellt wurde, ging ein Beschluss des NW-Anchals ein, in dem die Absage der bevorstehenden Versammlung gefordert wird und der Vorschlag einer "informellen Diskussion" zur Erreichung einer "funktionsfähigen" und "dauerhaften Lösung" gemacht wird. Es scheint, dass der NW-Anchal die Frage der alten oder neuen ^{Konfession} beiseite gelegt hat und einen neuen dritten ~~Lösungsweg gefunden hat~~ Weg für eine Dauerlösung gefunden hat. Ich hoffe, dass alle Anchal-Adhyakshas informiert wurden. Ich richte an Sie alle den eindringlichen Appel, die Lage in ihrem Ernst zu sehen und Schritte zu unternehmen, die die Kirche vor Spaltung und Uneinigkeit bewahren. Da der NW-Anchal die Wahlen nicht durchgeführt hat und auch nicht geneigt ist, das zu tun, können dessen Mitglieder nicht an der Versammlung teilnehmen, obwohl sie andere Begründungen gegeben haben, müssen die Dinge sorgsam bedacht werden.

Mit Dank übermittelt.

Ranchi, 18. Februar 1976

Rev. Dr. C. K. P. Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi

D/ Anchal Adhyakshas
Mitglieder KSS
Freunde LWF, GM, UELCI
und andere Freunde

Haushaltsplan der Gossner Mission 1977

<u>A u s g a b e n</u>		<u>Ist 1975</u>	<u>Soll 1976</u>	<u>Soll 1977</u>	
		<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DM</u>
<u>Konto-Nr.</u>					
6100	<u>Arbeitszentrum Mainz</u>				
6110	Zuschuss zum UIM-Haushalt }				
6120	Reisekosten }	170.000,--	230.000,--	230.000,--	230.000,--

Gossner Theological College,
Main Road Ranchi - 1,
Bihar, India.

Dated February 16, 1976.

No. 420/76

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 12001

Datum

Handzeichen

The Rev. Dr. C. K. P. Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

EINGEGANGEN
- 3. MRZ 1976
Erledigt

Dear Dr. Singh,

Very reliably I have been informed that you have convened meeting of K.S.S. on 18.2.76. Since one of the Anchals is not going to participate, the meeting will have no legal basis, and its proceedings will not serve the interest of the Gossner Church.

Therefore, if it is possible at all from your end, please either try to convert this meeting into an informal one, or act as per K.S.S. resolutions of October 27-30/1973. The resolutions clearly say that five members from each Anchal come to adopt and implement the new constitution. The action regarding adoption and implementation of New constitution by these 20 members shall be legal.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

C.C. All Adhyaksh, G.E.L.C.

Dr. Rajaratnam,
L.W.F.

Pastor M. Seeberg, G.M.

M. Seeberg

हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME



To,

The Rev. M. Seeborg,

Director,

German Mission Berlin 41

Hand jerystra 19/20
WEST GERMANY.

दूसरा मोड़ SECOND FOLD

इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ न रखिये NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Principal
Gossner Theological College
(Established in 1843)
Main Road Ranchi-1, Bihar, India.

पिन PIN
भारत INDIA

Norweg, 14.2.76

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	120 01
Datum	5.4.76
Handzeichen	

Lieber Bruder Sieberg,

Dies nur als kurze Nachricht, daß ich heute einen Brief von Miss Rasmussen bekam, in dem es mir mitteilt, daß es aus Gründen, die mit seinem Arbeitsauftrag für Taié zusammenhängen, die Aufgabe in Indien nicht übernehmen kann. Mir gestuldet hat das sehr leid, weil ich mir von seinen Fähigkeiten etwas erhofft hatte.

Aber es scheint zu sein in eine Jahresplanung der Kommunität eingespannt, nur für längere Zeit aussteigen zu können.

So bleibt mir nur, Ihnen dies mitzuteilen und mir weiterhin den Kopf über mögliche andere Persönlichkeiten zu zerbrechen.

Mit herzlichem Grüssen, auch an Ihre Frau,

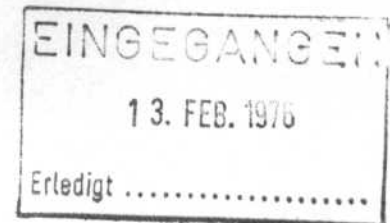
Ihre

Joyann Rief.

Jochen Rieß
- Pfarrer -
355 Marburg
Friedrichstr. 8

11.2.76

Herrn
Missionsdirektor
Pastor M. Seeberg
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr. 19-20



Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Endlich komme ich dazu, nach unserem Telefongespräch von Anfang des Monats den Vorgang nun auch aktenkundig zu machen:

Die Verabredung zwischen Bruder Peters und mir während der Mittagspause lief darauf hinaus, daß ich mit seinem Einverständnis einmal bei meinem Freund Moiz Rasiwala vorfühlen wollte, ob er u.U. bereit sei, als Inder, aber mit der Gossnerkirche, der Mission und ihrer Geschichte nicht unmittelbar Verknüpfter - daher neutraler - Mittelsmann, ~~bereit wäre~~, so etwas wie eine "Analyse" der Lage vorzunehmen; Analyse nicht im Sinne einer abermaligen Bestandsaufnahme, sondern eher im therapeutischen Sinne, wo der Begriff ja einen klärenden und heilenden Sinn hat.

Was mich auf Moiz Rasiwala als eine mögliche Person für diese Aufgabe brachte, war nicht allein meine langjährige Bekanntschaft mit ihm - ich lernte ihn durch meinen Kollegen Ludwig Keller 1965 in Altenbaun kennen - sondern vor allem sein eigener Lebensweg, der ihn ursprünglich als Student der Astrophysik nach Europa brachte. Er stammt aus einer Kaufmannsfamilie in Bombay und war von Haus aus Bohra-Moslem. In Heidelberg lernte er Ludwig Keller kennen und kam so mit Fragen der christlichen Theologie in Berührung, für die er großes Interesse zeigte. Nach Abschluß seiner Promotion in Paris entschied er sich gegen eine wissenschaftliche Karriere und für die Suche nach Wegen, einen Beitrag zur Veränderung in der 3. Welt zu leisten. Dabei kam er mit Taizé in Berührung. Die Erfahrungen dort ließen ihn Christ werden, ohne daß jemals jemand den Versuch gemacht hätte, ihn im üblichen Sinne zu bekehren, denn jeder spürte, daß solch ein Schritt bei einem Menschen wie ihm nur von innen kommen könne.

Kontakte mit Fred Blum, bei deren Anknüpfung ich behilflich war, führten dazu, daß er in ein Dorfentwicklungsprojekt in Indien ein-

stieg, kombiniert mit dem Auftrag von Taizé, das Konzil der Jugend für Indien dort vorzubereiten.

Bevor das geschah, heiratete er in Altenbauna seine Frau Françoise, eine gebürtige Belgierin.

Der Rest ist aus seinem Brief zu entnehmen, den ich als Fotokopie beifüge.

Wie ich schon am Telefon erwähnte, war er Sprecher für Roger Schutz anlässlich der Verleihung des Friedenspreises in Frankfurt 1974.

Wenn ich jemandem Sensibilität, Einfühlungsvermögen und Integrität zutraue, um in der gegenwärtigen Lage einen solchen therapeutischen Prozeß in Gang zu bringen, dann ist er es.

Von daher meine Initiative um der Brüder in Indien willen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Jf
Jordan Rief

1. Anlage

Taipei, den 30. 1. 76

Lieber Jochen,

→ (heute angekommen!)

Endlich mal ein Brief von Dir, und dann gleich so ein wichtiger: Herzlichen Dank. Ich bin zutiefst berührt, daß Du an mich für die Arbeit in Indien gedacht hast. Wir haben uns oft gefragt, was Du jetzt machen würdest, denn auch Ludwig Keller schreibt relativ selten an uns. Ruth und Hedwig Keller waren allerdings über Weihnachten bei uns, und sie haben uns gesagt, daß Du noch in Marburg wärest. Auf jeden Fall ist es gut, wieder Kontakt mit Dir aufzunehmen. Nun mal aber zur Sache.

Heute schreibe ich nur eine provisorische Antwort, denn so ein Angebot muß etwas länger überlegt sein. Wie Du es selber sagst, müssen Françoise und ich erst eine Entscheidung fällen, und dann die Sache auch mit den Brüdern besprechen. Ich schreibe Dir also in etwa zehn Tagen wieder. Ich habe aber gleich zwei Fragen, die uns bei der Entscheidung eventuell helfen werden. Wie eilig ist die Aufgabe, d.h. wann müßte ich spätestens in Indien sein, und, zweitens, wie lang meinst Du, oder meint Ihr, daß eine "therapeutische Analyse" brauchen würde? (Die 2. ist wahrscheinlich eine etwas dumme Frage, aber vielleicht habt Ihr aus der Erfahrung der vergangenen Jahre eine Idee dazu). Vor Ostern kann ich kaum für eine längere Zeit nach Indien, denn das Ostertreffen in Taipei ist immer sehr wichtig, und es wäre nicht recht, daß ich nicht an die verschiedenen Vorbereitungen, Überlegungen, usw. teilnehme.

Damit Du unsere eventuelle Entscheidung etwas besser versteht, schreibe ich Dir im Kurzen, was unsere Aufgabe hier ist. Wir sind im August 1974 eigentlich nur für drei Monate nach Europa gekommen (Taipei + Frankfurt). Wir haben dann erfahren, daß Françoise schwanger war, und daß es besser wäre, nicht sofort zurückzukehren. Ich habe mich dann von unserer Arbeit im Dorf in Zentralindien für längere Zeit freigemacht. Eigentlich wollten wir etwa um diese Zeit nach Indien zurück, aber während des Jahres 1975 haben wir Taipei, die Gemeinde und auch Frère Roger immer besser kennen- und schätzen gelernt. Meine Aufgabe bestand aus "Gossner animation" von einigen Gruppen während des Sommers hauptsächlich,

Auswertung der Diskussionen in den Gruppen, Planung der Treffen und etwas Redaktionsarbeit bei "Lettre de Taizé" und "Communio", die über das Jugendkonzil Auskunft geben.

Die Trennung am Ende des Jahres fiel uns dann auf beiderseits schwer, vor allem im Hinblick auf Ostern, wo wir die ganzen Geschehnisse des letzten Jahres noch einmal zusammen fassen wollen. Ich führe mit sehr vielen Leuten sehr viele Einzelgespräche z. z., und versuche dann eine Art Synthese zu machen, damit der nächste Schritt möglichst gemeinschaftlich gestaltet werden kann.

Es hat sich dabei herausgestellt, wie wichtig es jetzt wäre mindestens einige Gedanken des Jugendkonzils systematischer und etwas wissenschaftlicher, festzulegen. Bis jetzt haben wir etwas Scheu vor so einer Arbeit gehabt, denn die Meinung war, daß das Gelebte nicht konzipiert werden könne. Jetzt ist aber so ein Reichtum an Erfahrung da, daß man eher das Gefühl hat, es müsse irgendwie zusammengefaßt werden. Weil mir persönlich diese Arbeit gefiel, habe ich die Aufgabe seit ganz kurzer Zeit übernommen mindestens die wissenschaftliche Vorarbeit (hauptsächlich philosophisch) zu leisten. Ich fahre regelmäßig alle fünfzehn Tage nach Lyon um dort in der Universitätsbibliothek zu arbeiten.

Eins ist klar, diese ist eine langfristige Aufgabe für mehrere Leute sogar. Wir wissen nicht, ob wir so lange in Taizé bleiben wollen. Die Verabredung mit der Communauté ist im Augenblick die folgende: wir bleiben mindestens bis zum Sommer 1976, aber kurz nach Ostern fragen wir bescheid, ob wir im September etwa wegfahren, oder bereit sind auch im 1977, und eventuell noch länger in Taizé zu bleiben.

Für Dich ist diese Auskunft auch wichtig: wenn wir im September überhaupt nach Indien fahren, dann wäre es nicht für die Gemeinschaft, daß ich vor dem Sommer schon wegfahre. Falls wir mehrere Jahre in Taizé bleiben, dann kann ich es mir erlauben, dieses Jahr einige Monate nach Indien zu fliegen (das hätte ich übrigens sowieso getan in diesem Fall), aber erst nach Ostern also. Ich weiß nicht, ob ich mich klar genug ausgedrückt habe, und ob unsere Pläne verständlich sind.

Nehmt also wenn ich von den Kindern, auch von Francine, viele Grüße an Dr. Frau und die Mit den allerliebsten Grüßen
Dein Moriz

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 47/76/F-48.

Ranchi.
12th February, 1976.

To,

The Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church,
R A N C H I.



Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter No. 17/76/KSS-134, dated - Feb. 1976 which was received in time to be placed and calmly considered by the North West Anchal Samiti which was in session here at Ranchi. The Anchal Samiti of North West Anchal gave its serious and responsible consideration to your letter referred above, and with regret considered it necessary to point out at this stage of the development in our Church, the following facts:-

(1) The joint letter of LWF and GM. dated 27-11-75 has envisaged a full KSS meeting only after the new election in the North West Anchal is completed. When it is agreed by all concerned that the proposal of the joint letter has been totally rejected, it is not proper to implement the part suggestions contained in it. We have already made our point clear in Para (2) of our letter No. 33/76/F-48, dt. 27-1-76.

(2) The Anchal Samiti reconsidered the KSS decision of 27th to 30th October 1973 and 30th October 1975. It noted that in both the above decisions you have been specifically entrusted the job of getting a new constitution framed and implemented in the Church. As such you are in our humble opinion not competent and not authorised to hold elections as per old constitution and hand over charge of the office of the Head of the Church to any person or body. This action of yours will certainly be against the mandate to you in the above KSS decisions.

(3) The decisions of the Anchal Adhyakshas of the different Anchals of the Church, held at Baithabhanga on 21-3-75 has also clearly entrusted and supported you to remain as the head of the Church till a viable solution to the present deadlock in the Church is arrived at.

Conti. --- II.

II.

(4) We further apprehend that making over charge of the office of the Head of the Church to any body may bring further complications and troubles in view of the order of the learned Additional Munsif, Ranchi passed in the Title Suit case filed by Sri.Phulchand Panna and others.

(5) Since the agenda circulated by you in your letter No. 3/76/KSS-134, dated 16th Jan.1976 contains " Election of Pramukh Adhyaksh and Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh " as the major and main agenda of the meeting, which is against the mandate given to you as Head of the Church, the North West Anchal does not consider it proper to attend the same.

(6) In view of the above mentioned circumstances the North West Anchal Samiti,once again requests you to drop the said meeting and continue as Head of the Church till a viable solution to the present dead-lock is arrived at.

With respects and kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Rev.Dr.N.Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L.Church,Ranchi.

- CC: 1. Dr.Carl J.Hellberg,Director,DCC/LWF.
2. Dr.K.Rajaratnem Asia Secretary LWF.
3. Pastor M.Seeberg,Director GM.
4. Rev.Dorairaj Peter,President UELC-I.
5. Rev.N.Bhuinya,Adhyaksh SEA-Khunti.
6. Rev.S.Barla,Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal,
7. Rev.P.D.Soreng,Adhyaksh,Madhya Anchal,Khutitoli.
8. Rev.J.Lugun,Adhyaksh,Assam Anchal, Tezpur.
9. Mr.Thomas Edward, Secretary UELC-I.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 48/76/F-48.

Ranchi.

12th February, 1976.

To,

The Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church,
RANCHI.



Dear brother Dr. Singh,

Herewith I am sending an extract of the resolutions of the meeting of the North West Anchal Samiti at 10 - 11, Feb. 1976 held at Ranchi for your information and necessary action.

In my humble opinion, the proposal contains some direction which, God willing, may bring a permanent solution to the difficulties in the Church.

I hope that the proposal will receive the same seriousness and friendliness on which it is sent to you.

With greetings and kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

N. Minz
13/2/76
(Rev. Dr. N. Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

- CC: 1. Br. Carl J. Hellberg, Director, DCC/LWF.
2. Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Asia Secretary - LWF.
3. Pastor M. Seeberg, Director - GM.
4. Rev. Dorairaj Peter, President - UELC-I.
5. Rev. N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh, SE. Anchal - Khunti.
6. Rev. S. Barla, Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal, Rajgangpur.
7. Rev. P. D. Soreng, Adhyaksh, Madhya Anchal, Khutitoli.
8. Rev. J. Lugun, Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal, Tezpur.
9. Mr. Thomas Edward, Secretary - UELC-I.

3-(a) Emergency period in the Church:-

Rev. Dr. N. Minz and Mr. C. A. Tirkey informed and explained in detail the present situation in the Church and all papers and correspondence on it were placed before the house.

The Anchal Samiti reviewed the whole situation and noted and resolved as follows:-

(i) A request be made to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh in a separate letter to drop the meeting of KSS. called for on 18-2-1976 for election of Pramukh Adhyaksh and Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh which is against the mandate and power entrusted to him as Head of the Church. For this reason North West Anchal does not consider it proper to attend this meeting.

(ii) Since no attempt has been made as yet for any informal discussion for finding a viable solution to the present dead-lock in the Church, the Anchal Samiti feels that a proposal be sent for informal discussion.

The Anchal Samiti believes that two separate independent Synods with a common Moderator within the Church, with an independent constitution of their own to their suitability with full powers within their jurisdiction, having full right to deal with friends inside and out side India, may go a long way to solve the difficulties leading to the present dead-lock in the Church.

(iii) On acceptance of the above out line of the proposal by the other constituting Anchals of the Church, the North West Anchal is ready to send representatives for detailed discussion and the Steering Committee formed for this purpose may join the talk.

3-(B) Internal steps and arrangement for the emergent situation within the Church:-

The Anchal Samiti noted and resolved to take following steps for the betterment of the whole Church and its internal arrangement:-

(a) A Committee of Rev. Dr. N. Minz, Mr. C. A. Tirkey and Mr. Z. B. Lakra is formed to call on and meet the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh to explain and discuss the views of the Anchal for a viable solution at their earliest convenience.

II.

(b) The officers of the Anchal are authorised to take any necessary steps to face the present crisis in the Church which they may consider in the best interest of the whole Church and the North West Anchal.

-----X-----

Attested
Minz
12/7/26

Pastor Seeborg

NORTH WEST ANCHAL SAMITI MEETING DATED 10-11 Feb.76.

Item 3(a) Emergency period in the church:-

Rev. Dr. N. Minz and Mr. C. A. Tirkey informed and explained in detail the present situation in the church and all papers and correspondences on it were placed before the house.

The Anchal Samiti reviewed the whole situation and noted and resolved as follows:-

(i) A request be made to Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh in a separate letter to drop the meeting of KCC called for on 18.2.1976 for election of Pramukh Adhyaksh which is against the mandate and power entrusted to him as Head of the Church. For this reason North West Anchal does not consider it proper to attend this meeting.

(ii) Since no attempt has been made as yet for any informal discussion for finding a viable solution to the present dead-lock in the church, the Anchal Samiti feels that a proposal be sent for informal discussion.

The Anchal Samiti believes that two separate independent Synods with a common Moderator within the Church, with an independent constitution of their own to their suitability with full powers within their jurisdiction, having full right to deal with friends inside and outside India, may go a long way to solve the difficulties leading to the present dead-lock in the Church.

(iii) On acceptance of the above out line of the proposal by the other constituting Anchals of the Church, the North West Anchal is ready to send representatives for detailed discussion and the Steering Committee formed for this purpose may join the talk.

3-(B) Internal steps and arrangement for the emergent situation within the church:-

The Anchal Samiti noted and resolved to take the following steps for the betterment of the whole Church and its internal arrangement:-

(a) A Committee of Rev. Dr. N. Minz, Mr. C. A. Tirkey and Mr. Z. B. Lakra is formed to call on and meet the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh to explain and discuss the views of the Anchal for a viable solution at their earliest convenience

(b) The officers of the Anchal are authorised to take any necessary steps to face the present crisis in the Church which they may consider in the best interest of the whole Church and the North West Anchal.

-----X-----

Copy 4
Extracts 7 a
letter dt. 12.2.76
from Rev. Dr. N. Minz
C.K. Resh

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH
REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH
SECRETARY
REV. P. D. SORENG
TREASURER
REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	12001
Datum	5.9.76
Handzeichen	

Date 6.2.1976

Ref. No.

Lieber Bruder Seeborg,

Vielen Dank für Ihre verschiedene Briefe von 27. Jan 1976, auch für den Durchschlag von dem Brief an Dr. Hinz. Zuerst möchte ich Ihnen und dem Kuratorium sehr herzlich danken für die Zusage zu unserem Budget (1976). So möchte ich Ihnen allen für das Vertrauen, Mitleid und alle gute Wünsche sehr herzlich danken. Da der LWB so wie das Kuratorium mitgeteilt hat, dass niemand zu unserer Sitzung in Feb. nach Ranchi kommen möchte, bin ich allein, einen Weg zur Lösung der Problemen zu finden. Weil jede Gruppe spricht von ihrem Recht und auch von ihrer Meinung, muß ich sehr vorsichtig sein irgendwelcher 'Partei' Recht zu geben. So bin ich entscheidend fest dass am 19. u. 20. Feb. die Sitzung berufen wird. In manchen Punkten habe ich meine Bedrohung der Druck gedrückt, das mag unchristlich vorstanden werden, aber irgend wann muß ich mit der Situation fertig werden. Zur Zeit sehe ich keine Möglichkeit, dass jemand von einer indischen Kirche uns helfen kann, eine oder andere Gruppe mit ihm Vorwürfe machen, wenn sie sich etwas benachteiligt fühlt. Unter anderen Schwierigkeiten habe ich, wie oft gedrückt, am meisten die finanzielle, die Summe, welche ich schon von Ihnen bekommen habe möchte ich für die kommende Sitzung gebrauchen, aber wenn ich noch 'informal Sitzung' haben muß brauche ich dafür Geld. Assam wird nie zu solche Sitzung kommen, wenn kein T.A. gegeben wird, so wird es auch die Einkommungen nicht annehmen, wenn sie in seiner Abwesenheit gemacht wird. Um Gehälter möchte ich nicht bitten, weil die Anzahl von ihrer Einkommen von 'Rented Qtrs', 'handed property', hier zentralisieren. In kommenden Sitzungen möchte ich versuchen, dass eine Kommission gemacht wird, von denen die Wahlen vollendet haben, um mit NWAnchal zu einem Tisch kommen zu können. Sie werden vielleicht verlangen, dass ich Ihnen die KSS bilden lasse, wenn das nur vorläufig sein muß, kann ich erlauben, dass dann müssen sie eine Kommission bilden. Bitte versehen Sie, dass ich den Brief handschriftlich schicke, mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Ihr
C. K. Paul Singh

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 17/76/KSS-134

Date Feb. 1976.

To

Rev. Dr. N. Minz
Adhyaksh N.W. Anchal
GEL Church Ranchi.

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 420 04

Datum 5.4.76

Handzeichen

Dear Sir,

Herewith your letter No. 33/76/F-48 dated 27.1.76 as reply to my letter Nos. 3-4/76/KSS-134 is acknowledged thankfully. As it has been written after consideration in the officer's meeting of your Anchal it reflects the opinion of the Anchal. However I have to make remarks and statements for your record and for the information to the recipients of the copy of your letter. As to some recipients the matter is new though not quite new, I have tried to bring the matter as detailed as it is possible.

To your (1) Point.

I am sorry that you quoted the minute of 30.10.75 only that para which suits your arguments. On your plea and emphasis inspite of your other opinions and request to settle the matter among ourselves as autonomous church we requested for the help and advice of our friends from LWF, GM and UELC. As far as your Anchal is concerned the advices of the friends have been thrown back. In view of the decisions on that day I would like to follow their advice, but your Anchal has objected to that. As I have only the sole authority - so says the minute, I have to go in some direction, there is no mention of "through informal talks" who can be called for informal talks none but the elected representatives. I tried my ways, but from all sides one or other obstacles are made drive according to their wish and will and raised constitutional points at that stage where it was unwarranted.

To your (2) point.

Seeing the demand of the time I cannot keep the church, the members of GELC, friends here and abroad, institutions and government representatives and others in abeyance for indefinite period when there are dangers of heavy loss of property, finance, administration and human souls etc. to GELC what can I do if you have pointed out many times against the formation of central body by Anchals leaving your Anchal out, others have also demanded me repeatedly that if this is not done they are not at all ready to go ahead, thus there is no solution. Accusation of dividing the GELC through my actions has been made by you not only this time, as other leaders have also done, I have been accused since Nov. 1973 when I was made Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh unanimously; whenever one or the other leader or group felt that I am not ready to fulfil his desire, request or demand. I am accused of dividing the church. But it is an open secret who is/are ready to divide the church by helping to make such constitutions, propaganda and direct statements and by protecting such groups. Your North West Anchal has supported

supported and advocated the tri-tribal-dioceses based proposed constitution, dividing the congregations from top to bottom in three groups on those I have vehemently opposed the idea, and now also I am determined to do so, but at present I am forced to a tight corner where I must be ready to agree to divide the church. As you all people stick to your own points even at the cost of the church, I would better handover the charge lest I have to preside over a meeting which would decide for the division.

At present when I see the financial engagements and administrative practices within these last two years the church has been already divided into six units, only nominally the church is united in the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, that too only in one way traffic, i.e. that this office should fulfil the desires and demands of the units. You may please remember your own bold statements made to the extent to bear all blames and consequences personally in going on the third way.

Letter jointly signed by Dr. Hellberg, Dr. Rajaratnam and Pastor Seeberg has been correctly understood, but not followed, because it did not fulfil the desire of N.W. Anchal, but shall I then wait for their another suggestion leaving the church in a doldrum? Call for an informal meeting of whom, how to agree for representation when every one would demand his own accord? I understood meeting of all Anchal officers should have been informal, because nowhere in the constitution it is mentioned, but your Anchal raised a constitutional point, Assam Anchal raised a financial point with a condition of completion of election of your Anchal, as indicated and you might have received a copy of their letter.

Thank you very much for your assurances given time and again since November 1973, but I know what have meant these assurances. You yourself may know the reasons why I never cared to call informal meetings. I have no money. I do not dare request LWF and G.M. when I am unable to use their help and advice fruitfully. I do not dare request them for money as long as money is lying here with us in all Anchals including yours. Our Christian members have asked repeatedly, why we should request friends for money when we ourselves have so much money, only they should be used properly. I have repeatedly requested and demanded to centralise the amounts as income from landed properties, rented quarters etc. payable to the centre, but no Anchal cared including yours. I pleaded to the institutions and individuals to refund the loans taken from here, but even after solemn assurances no one cared including your goodself. As no Anchal is caring to centralise the payable amount to the centre I shall not be in a position to call for an informal talk with own expenses, some Anchals would definitely object, as Assam Anchal has already indicated in their above mentioned letter dt. 3.1.76. So I would like to proceed ahead in a direction as it seems possible, though I cannot fulfil the desires of all. Assam further writes "therefore we humbly pray to you to arrange money for our T.A. and send it in advance by T.M.O. two weeks before our departure for Ranchi, without this arrangement we cannot proceed to Ranchi nor we accept any decision made by representatives of four Anchals."

Your(3) point.

I know that your North West Anchal is opposed to the formation of KSS representing the whole church unless a viable solution to the constitutional deadlock is found. But as I know other statements discussed and prepared by your Anchal, a viable solution is a far cry. Here I would like to read your earlier letter dt. 3.12.75 Ref. No. 588/75/F-48 page 2+3 addressed to Dr. Hellberg and Pastor Seeberg, here I quote just some few lines "the North West Anchal is fully convinced that any unified administrative structure to maintain the unity of the church is simply a temporary patchwork and the gap between the two different currents of thought continues under cover....." I wish a copy of the letter be given to all recipients of the copy of that letter referred in the beginning of this letter.....

It seems to me that according to this letter No.588/75/F-48 the implementation of the new constitution is a far cry and plan for dividing the church is already confirmed, only the scapegoat is not caught. Thus I am inclined to handover the charge of Acting Pramukh Adhyakshship to any "formed body" through that a viable solution may be found. If I am accused of dividing the church, I am ready to accept but this be kindly mentioned that I have been forced to it by all so called responsible and church leaders.

To your (4) point.

I am sorry to know and note so late that North West Anchal has formed a Steering Committee, but whether others would accept its authority that I cannot say. Had it be known to me earlier I might have tried to request the representatives of the committee during the first week of Nov.75 for talks with the elected members of other Anchals, but it seems that you never cared for that. As you know, that others should also know, that newly elected other Adhyakshes requested me or even demanded that I should allow them to form the new KSS, I did not, because I could see that it would not help the church to find a way out. But in last weeks I found that "groups" are insisting on their points and are not ready for a spirit of give and take unless their points are defended. Here "groups" are to my mind "elected and non elected".

Therefore now I am planning to take that course which has been solemnly decided and authorised in the KSS meeting dt.30.10.75, the advice of the friends is carried out. If your Anchal shall not be participating in the coming meeting you shall be informed of the decisions or steps taken by the participants to save the church from present doldrum. I know that my steps taken at present situations shall be brandmarked as way to division of the church-naturally on my shoulder; this shall be according to the advantage of the groups or disadvantage. Any how in either way we all as members of the GELC have to suffer the loss and damage of finance, property and administrative disadvantages to our church.

I hope that friends receiving the copy shall have patience to go through this letter and try to understand the situation in order to help us better.

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc:

1. Dr. Carl J. Hellberg Director DCC/LWF
2. Dr. K. Rajaratnam Asia Secretary LWF.
3. Pastor M. Seeberg Director Goss. Mission.
4. Rev. Dorairaj Peter President UELC.
5. Rev. N. Bhuinya Adh. SEA. Khunti
6. Rev. S. Barla Adhyaksh Orissa.
7. Rev. P. D. Soreng Adhyaksh M. Anchal
8. Rev. J. Lugun Adhyaksh Assam
9. Mr. Thomas Edward Secretary UELC.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

EINGEGANGEN

13. FEB. 1976

Erledigt

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 12/76/KSS-134

Date 31st Jan. 76.

To

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Berlin.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

I was waiting for your reactions to the letter from the North West Anchal and also to my letter inviting you and those representatives from LWF in the third week of Feb. 76. Day before yesterday I received the copy of a letter from Dr. Rajaratnam addressed to Dr. Minz and also a copy to you. Meanwhile I also received a three page letter from North West Anchal/Dr. Minz with copies to you and other friends including all Anchal Adhyakshes. I am preparing reply to that letter and you shall be getting a copy of the same. Any how I am determined to call the meeting of the KSS members on 18th Feb. (arrival) to 20th Feb. 76. As I have already indicated your presence is welcome, although it may not help much, but may be helpful to postpone the division of the church. It seems that with the coming meeting of the KSS the division of the church shall be obvious which is already obvious since 30th October 1975.

Herewith I am enclosing two letters one from Gurukul Madras and the other from Jillinkela, they are self explanatory. We shall talk on the matter when you shall be coming here. I am also waiting for the minute of the last Kuratorium, which may be helpful for my guidance in taking certain course to lead the church.

With my greetings,

Enclos; as stated above.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
G. E. L. Church Ranchi.

PS

0461 17000

Wenn Sie nach Indien kommen, wollen Sie ein Paar Fläschen von Insulin Depot Hoechst klar mitbringen, ich habe noch drei fläschen übrig. Mir geht es schon besser, ich hatte nach letzter Untersuchung 100 mg % Zucker. Daher muss ich das noch weiter spritzen. Mit herzlichsten Grüßen. C.K.P. Singh

Memo No. 33/76/P-48.

27th January, 1976.

To,

The Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi.



Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter No. 3/76/KSS-134,
Dt. 16th Jan. 1976, and copy of letter No. 4/76/KSS-134,
Dt. 16th January, 1976.

We have considered the above letters in our Anchal
Officers' meeting held on 26th January, 1976, and give our
replies as follows:-

(1) On 30-10-1975, the K.S.S. has unanimously
passed resolution and has noted that "A constitutional dead
lock and the co-ordination of Anchal is not possible" and
your office as "Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh continues as the
sole authority of the G.E.L. Church till the dead lock is
over come and viable constitutional solution is found. This
will be an emergency period for the G.E.L. Church."

In view of the above decision and when the old
K.S.S. has ceased to exist and the possibility of any central
body representing the whole church is not possible, the
convening of individual K.S.S. members of respective Anchals
is neither constitutional nor constructive. The question of
creating or forming a central body representing the whole
church can arise only after a solution to the constitutional
dead lock is arrived at after thorough informal talk.

(2) From your letters under reference it appears
that you have called the K.S.S. for the election of Pramukh
Adhyaksh and Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh and only after that "a report
and discussion on the situation of the church" would follow.
We have many times pointed out that such body created by only
two or three Anchals of the church can at best belong to only
the electing Anchals and shall not represent the whole church.
This would naturally bring a sad division of the church as
apprehended by you in your letter under reference addressed

to the Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal and the situation and consequences of division of the church will unfortunately be squarely on your shoulders.

The letter signed by Rev.M.Seeberg, Dr.C.J. Helberg and Dr.K.Rajaratnam has stipulated a K.S.S. meeting only after election in the North West Anchal is completed to which the North West Anchal has not agreed. Even then the K.S.S. has been called, without any attempt to call informal meeting to find out any solution which in our opinion is a step towards expediting the division of the church. The North West Anchal has time and again assured you of its readiness and co-operation to discuss any matter in the interest of the whole church since 4th of November, 1975, but till now for some reason or other you have never cared to call for any informal meeting but insisted on the completion of election and convening of K.S.S.

(3) The North West Anchal is opposed to the formation of K.S.S. representing the whole church until a viable solution to the constitutional dead lock is found out. Accordingly, the North West Anchal is not in a position to formally participate in the formation of K.S.S. representing the whole church at the moment without ending the emergency and constitutional dead lock and request you to cancel the formal meeting of the K.S.S. for the purpose as given in the agenda.

(4) The North West Anchal has already formed a Steering Committee to represent the views of the Anchal on the situation of the church and to deal with relevant matters on its meeting dt. 31-10-1975, under the Chairmanship of Mr.C.A.Tirkey and four other members. As such in case of informal meeting to discuss and find out a viable solution to the present constitutional dead lock the North West Anchal is always ready to depute the committee for the above purpose at any time and any place.

Page - III.

All the friends at home and abroad including the different Anchal Adhyakshas are being informed. The North West Anchal has a firm opinion that the presence of friends from abroad is necessary for a permanent, lasting and amicable solution of the problem. And therefore we welcome their coming in the 3rd week of February, 1976.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. W.
27/1/76

(Rev. Dr. H. Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

CC: ~~Rev. M. Seeberg, Director, G/M Berlin.~~
Rev. Dr. C. J. Helberg, Director, DCC/LMF.
Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Secy. for Asia, DCC/LMF.
Rev. Dorairaj Peter, President, UELC-I.
Rev. N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh, S.E. Anchal, Khunti.
Rev. S. Barla, ,, Orissa Anchal, Rajgangpur.
Rev. P. D. Soreng, ,, Madhya ,, Khutitoli.
Rev. J. Jugun, ,, Assam ,, Tespur, Assam.
Mr. Thomas Edward, Gurukul, Madras.

True Copy.

Ref.No. 3/76/KSS-134.

Date 16th Jan. 76.

To,

All the Anchal Adhyakshes & _____ NWA,
Anchal Secretaries, GELC.

Dear Sirs,

As already announced earlier in the letter No. 839/75/KSS-134, dt. 31-12-75, herewith Notice is given for the meeting of the KSS members. Please send notice to individual KSS members of your respective Anchal as follows:-

18-2-76 arrival of the members, meeting of the Anchal Adhyakshes for preparations of the meetings, election of Pramukh Adhyaksh and Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, preparation of agenda, reports and centralisation of accounts and amounts of incomes from landed properties of the church.

19-2-76. KSS meetings.

All Anchal Adhyakshes have to give accounts and amounts payable to the centre as income of landed properties, house rents and other collections refundable loans etc. due to the centre.

Usual T.A. will be given, but feeding has to be managed by the Anchals if the meeting goes beyond 20-2-76.

Invitations are being sent also to LMF, GM. and UELC, it is up to them whether they could come after our defying of their suggestions.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- C.K. Paul Singh,
16-1-76.

(Rev. Dr. GKP Singh.)
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh.
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Ref.No. 4/76/KSS-134.

Date 16 Jan. 76.

To,

Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal,
G.E.L.C. Tezpur.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dt. 3-1-76. I have to state the following points in connection with above mentioned letter.

- I. As the Anchals objected to the All Anchal Officers meeting the same has been cancelled.
- II. Although the NW Anchal has not conducted the elections-Anchal election, I am convening the meeting of the KSS members from 18th Feb. arrival--20th Feb. 76. As the situation of the GEL church is deteriorating worse to worst the meeting is a must. I cannot force you to attend the meeting but request you for the same or face the consequences of divisions with six churches of GELC.
- III. Financially the centre is already gone, neither your Anchal nor others do care to centralise the amounts payable to the centre. Therefore to demand money for T.A. from centre is unjustified. Your Anchal has not centralised a single paise of envelop chandia (1975) even after written promises. This time when you are coming please do bring the accounts and amounts of the money payable to the centre. I am providing usual T.A. for the coming KSS if you do not come and do not accept the decision that is up to you. Consequently you will

II.

be obliged to accept the situation of division.

If you have not recovered the amount used as T.A. then you might not have paid the Mikir Hills workers their dues.

Please note that due to noncentralisation from Anchala all payments have been stopped from 1st January 76. This affects also the evangelistic fields.

I hope you understand my situation.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

SA/-C.K. Paul Singh.

16-1-76.

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh.)

Acting Prarakh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc: All Adhyakshes of Anchala.

----- NWA.

Certified to be true copy,

27/1/76
(Rev. Dr. N. Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchala,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

January 27, 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. N. Minz
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	12001
Datum	27/1/76
Handzeichen	Sg

Dear Brother Minz,

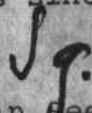
though I received your letter already at the beginning of January I did not answer in order to wait for the meeting of the Kuratorium of Gossner Mission and its results. Now I am free to send you a few wordseexpressing my great disappointment regarding the decision of the meeting of the Northwest Anchal. It is my strong feeling that the officers of the Northwest Anchal made a great mistake in rejecting the recommendations by LWF and Gossner Mission in their joint letter.

The situation has become more complecated and this is not in favour of you and your friends. Having accepted the recommendation there was a very good hope to get the new structure and a new constitution of the G.E.L.Church. It was our proposal that in January and February a new set-up of the church would be implemented but unfortunately you did not do the first step fearing that new discussions would arise. Dear Brother Minz, even the best constitution in the world needs from time to time discussions, amendments, alterations. I understand well enough that you are personally tired of new discussions but now there is great silence and this is worse

I have not in mind to make new recommendations and also the Kuratorium does not want to do that. As Dr. Rajaratnam already told you in his letter neither LWF nor Gossner Mission will send a delegate to Ranchi in February but we do hope that there will be initiative from your side to give a sign of new hope.

Yours sincerely,

cc: Dr. Singh, Ranchi


Martin Seeberg

Zur Ablage	
Aktenplan-Nr.	12001
Datum	21/1/76
Handzeichen	Sg.

January 27, 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church

Ranchi / Bihar

India

Dear Brother Singh,

many thanks for your letters from January 16th and 19th referring to the crisis of the GEL Church. The last letter addressed to the chairman of the Kuratorium arrived just at the date of the Kuratorium's meeting. Landessuperintendent Peters and the other members of the Kuratorium read this letter.

We feel very much with you during these days as you have to bear the heavy burden of responsibility. Certainly it is difficult to bring the struggling parties together for discussions, and failures means additional stress for you. In view to this stress we at first think of your weak health. The Kuratorium sends hearty greetings and good wishes for you personally and hopes that you will find some steps guiding to peace and reconciliation. We had long discussions during the meeting of the Kuratorium about means and possibilities in Germany for helping GEL Church from this side in the present difficulties. The Kuratorium agreed that it would not be advisable to send the Mission Director or any other member of the Kuratorium to Ranchi in order to help in reconciling the fighting parties. The Kuratorium is convinced that such an act would give no permanent solution.

It was also resolved that the Kuratorium is not in a position to recommend a way how the responsible persons in Ranchi should deal with the problems. As the recommendations given in the joint letter from Geneva were not accepted the Brothers in India themselves have to seek steps for normalizing the situation. The Kuratorium emphasizes that all its members stand beside the GEL Church with love and prayer. In case the church and the struggling parties should ask for a neutral representative from Indian Churches

we encourage you to undertake such a step and if it should be necessary we offer our assistance i.e. for paying the fare and hotel bills etc. of such a representative.

So far the opinion of the Kuratorium, dear Brother Singh, which covers mine too. I must say that I am personally very much disappointed about the development in Ranchi and I am just as sad as you are about it. These renewed differences destroys the trustworthiness of the GEL Church more and more and as a result many good programmes i.e. mission work etc. become impossible.

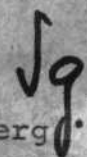
You know there are many things pending - think of Surguja - for more than two years which ought to be solved by a properly functioning K.S.S. As a result of this Gossner Mission surely will loose its interest in programmes planned or already started.

I will write to Dr. Minz also to-day. It is up to you how far you intend to inform the other Church Leaders about this letter.

Several times you mentioned the difficult financial situation. In December you already received an amount of Rps 5.000,--. We are ready to transfer further amounts if necessary. Please inform us about details soon.

With hearty greetings I am,

yours,


Martin Seeberg

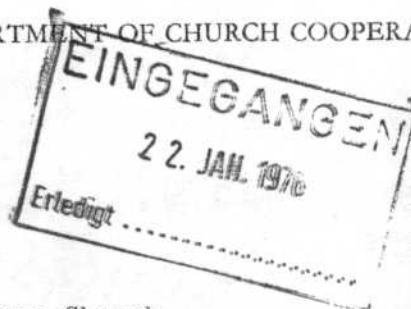
THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

OFFICE OF THE ASIA SECRETARY

Rev. Dr. N. Minz
Adyaksh
North West Anchal
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi
Bihar INDIA



P.O. Box No. 66
Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23423 OIK CH
Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

Geneva, 20 January, 1976.

My dear Nirmal,

I have your letters in reply to our joint letter on GELC matters. Thank you for the same.

As we indicated in that letter, the procedures we proposed were only our suggestions and it is up to you to take the decisions, and personally I do appreciate your problems.

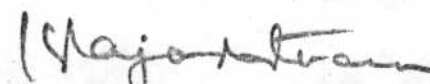
In view of what you have stated, Dr. Hellberg, Pastor Seeberg and myself feel that no useful purpose would be served by our visit to GELC in the third week of February as proposed in our previous letter, and therefore we have decided to wait for an opportunity when our visit could be of real help to you all there.

In any case, I have thought that I could talk to Dr. Paul Singh and yourself, not only about the existing situation but also about the background of our thinking as expressed in our joint letter, but that for that purpose it may not be wise for me to visit GELC because I do not want to give the impression that we are forcing anyone to one point of view or another. But if you like, I would be happy to see you both together at Calcutta on the 25th February - and to make this visit possible I am detouring to Calcutta on my way to Malaysia/Indonesia. I would indeed be happy to see you on this subject.

On hearing from you I will confirm my plans to visit Calcutta on the 25th.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,


Kunchala Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia

c.c. Dr. Paul Singh
Rev. M. Seeberg ✓
Dr. C.-J. Hellberg
KR/jec

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Route de Ferney 150

1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23423 OIK CH

Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

To:

The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
and the Anchal Adhyaksh
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi
Bihar INDIA

Geneva, 27 November, 1975.

Dear Friends:

We would like to greet the leaders and members of the GELC and convey to you our good wishes for a harmonious fellowship and functioning of GELC. We recognize that the present unfortunate situation has been caused not so much by the leaders nor by any section of the church community, as by the unexpected, rather untimely, judgement of the Court vacating the injunction against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh - when elections for new officers and KSS members according to the old Constitution, were in progress. Thus the time for implementing the new Constitution was rather short, and on the otherhand any further postponement would seem to create further complications.

Instead of therefore analysing the present situation, as to who is at fault and who is not, we like to offer you the following suggestions to move out of this present stalemate.

1. We would plead with the Anchals and the Ilakas to continue their good work keeping their administration going.

At the same time, for the sake of order and continuity, we strongly recommend that all of you continue to recognize the authority of Dr. Paul Singh as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh temporarily until the new KSS together with the new officers is constituted.

2. In order to achieve this, it is necessary that all Anchals should elect the new Anchal officers and KSS members, as the old KSS no longer exists.

./.

- 2 -

In other words we urge the North West Anchal to complete their election process before Christmas this year, so that the new KSS can be convened by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh as soon as possible.

3. We further suggest that the officers of all Anchals, namely the Anchal Adhyaksh, the Anchal Secretary and the Anchal Treasurer meet early January to consider the following:

i) Steps to honour the decision of the outgoing KSS to implement the new Constitution. As there are fears on the part of some Anchals that the new Constitution may not be implemented at all, the suggested meeting of the Anchal officers may give a satisfactory assurance to these Anchals that the new Constitution is mandatory as accepted by the KSS and that there is no intention to go back on their decision.

ii) As some leaders have expressed that the new Constitution has some unsatisfactory elements, it may be agreed at this meeting that these unsatisfactory elements of the new Constitution, if any, be discussed at the first meeting of the new KSS with a view to bringing forward amendments to the new Constitution.

We however urge that those leaders who have given thought to these new needs put them down in writing, which the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh may circulate amongst the new KSS members and new officers of Anchals, so that there may be a meaningful discussion at the first meeting of the KSS.

4. We further suggest that the first meeting of the KSS be held in the third week of February, 1976. We understand the suggestion of the leaders of GELC that representatives of the LWF and Gossner Mission be present at the first meeting of the new KSS. As you had earlier suggested, UELCI representatives could also be present.

If the representatives of LWF and Gossner Mission should be present at the first meeting of the new KSS, in order that our presence may be used to the best advantage, we desire to have sufficient

./.

- 3 -

time with the leaders of GELC for fellowship and discussion in depth of the factors which periodically lead to this kind of situation. For this purpose we need to spend at least one week amongst you. We could find that much time only during the third week of February at the earliest. We would therefore be happy to be with you at this time.

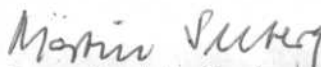
However, if the autonomous GEL Church would want to come to a settlement of all these questions without our assistance, we would be delighted to be told so.

In this event you can fix a date for the first meeting of the new KSS without reference to our convenience.

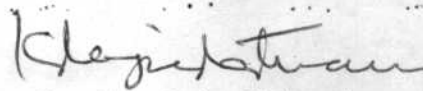
5. In view of the importance of mutual understanding amongst the leaders of the GELC, which is an important factor for fellowship and working together, we suggest that the January Anchal officers meeting as well as the first meeting of the KSS begin with the Holy Communion Service.

We hope and pray that this letter will show everyone in GELC our deep concern for reconciliation among you and the re-structure of the church, so that GELC may once again emerge as a strong and effective instrument in God's hands for furthering His mission in North India.

Yours in Christ


Rev. Martin Seeberg
Director
Gossner Mission, Berlin


Dr. Carl-J. Hellberg
Director
Department of Church Cooperation


Dr. Kunchala Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia
Department of Church Cooperation

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

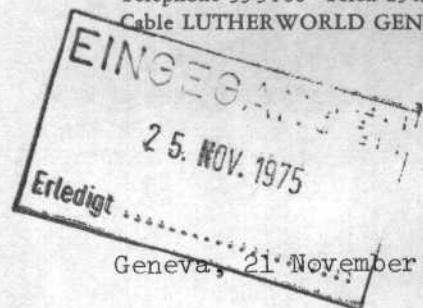
DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

OFFICE OF THE ASIA SECRETARY

Pastor M. Seeberg
Director
Gossner Mission Society
Handjerystrasse 19-20

D - 1 BERLIN (Friedenau) 41

Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23423 OIK CH
Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA



Geneva, 21 November, 1975.

Dear Pastor Seeberg

This is to acknowledge with thanks your secretary's letter dated 18 November.

We are looking forward to your visit to the Ecumenical Centre on 27 November.

Dr. Rajaratnam and Dr. Hellberg will be happy to meet you for discussions, and would also be pleased if you could lunch with them on the 27th.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Janet E. Coleman
Secretary to Dr. Rajaratnam

/jec



November 18, 1975

SZ

Dr. Rajaratnam
The Lutheran World Federation
Route de Ferney 150

1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Dear Dr. Rajaratnam,

Referring to the telephone call you had with Pastor Seeberg
I beg to inform you that Pastor Seeberg will arrive in Geneva
on November 27th by Lufthansa flight No. 240 at 10.30 hrs.
and intends to leave Geneva the same day at 18.25 hrs. by
Swiss Air flight No. 544.

With kind regards,


Secretary

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

Carl-J. Hellberg, Th.D. D.D.

Route de Ferney 150

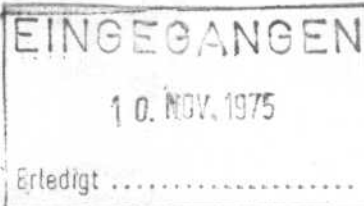
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23 423 OIK CH

Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
Dr. C.K.P. Singh
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi

Bihar INDIA



Geneva, 7 November, 1975.

Dear Brother,

It is with deep sorrow and concern that I learn about the continued struggle in the Gossner Church. Your letter of November 1, following your cable, was no surprise to me. When Dr. Minz was in Geneva in October, Dr. Rajaratnam and I had long conversations about the problems in your church.

My views are:

1. The roots of the problems of the Gossner Church are of such a deep, partly personal and partly sociological, nature, that unless they are clearly identified and analysed, any efforts by "outsiders" to serve as reconciliators, who can observe the surface only of your problems, are doomed to failure. This was my experience last time I visited you as a reconciliator - an effort that apparently failed. It was only in the second part of that meeting, that I started to be aware of the deep, personal conflicts involved, as well as some of their connections with sociological factors. Whatever positive results that came out of this my previous visit to Ranchi, was just a scratching of the surface - and in a short time the conflict started all over again. The same would happen again unless all concerned now are ready to come to grips with all the roots of the problems.
2. This also involves a reconsideration of the entire structure of your church. Both the previous and the present constitution appear to presuppose a unified church, consisting of people of many different backgrounds. Is there in your church, so diversified in sociological backgrounds, a real wish to maintain the unity? Are the frustrated minority groups having difficulties in expressing within the present structure their own identity within majority groups? Are the majority groups ready to accept that their

./.

- 2 -

opinions must not necessarily be imposed on others, are they prepared to listen and to understand numerically weaker partners in the church? Have you seriously considered as an alternative a federal structure of the church with greater autonomy to each side?

3. Are all those now being on the KSS really representative of the members of the congregations? If so, are they willing to meet in a spirit of reconciliation and without putting group - or personal prestige in the first place? This "spirit of reconciliation" was not very prevailing during my last visit to Ranchi - there were so many personal interests, so much suspicion between the groups, that the now prevailing regrettable result could be foreseen.

I can see no use in my coming to Ranchi unless these and other questions are first dealt with by all the responsible, duly elected leaders of the Gossner Church. Dr. Rajaratnam is informed of your request and will no doubt contact you from Madras, where he is at present. He will then inform me of his evaluation of your situation on his return to Geneva.

Yours sincerely,


Carl-J. Hellberg
Director

c.c. Pastor M. Seeberg
Dr. G. Thomas Edward
Dr. Rajaratnam

November 6, 1975
psbg/sz

The Lutheran World Federation
Attn. Dr. Carl-J. Hellberg
Route de Ferney 150

CH 1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Dear Rev. Hellberg,

the LWF as well as Gossner Mission got an urgent letter from GEL Church, Ranchi, dated November 1st 1975. In case you did not get this letter I enclose herewith a copy. It is now time for decisions how to react in this situation of emergency.

To-day I wrote letters to all Anchal Adhyakshas (diocese leaders) a copy of which is attached hereto. But I am not sure whether this is a help at all.

Also I requested to-day the members of our Board (Kuratorium) to give consultation to the executive in Berlin regarding this important matter.

May I ask you and Dr. Rajaratnam to let us know your proposals how the GEL Church can be helped.

Of course Gossner Mission is willing to co-operate with LWF and UELCI in all regards. We feel a growing danger for GEL Church if good advices will not come in time for our friends in India.

Yours sincerely,

Sg.
Martin Seeberg

Enclosures

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

6/76/KSS-134

Ref. No.

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Date.....19th Jan.76..

To

The Chairman
Kuratorium, Gossner Mission-.

Honourable Chairman,

I am very sorry that my presence in the meeting this time is not possible ,I wish I would be present there and report the deteriorating situation of our GEL Church and also various developments and changes in the country. However due to various reasons and specially due to the burden and responsibility at Ranchi I am unable to attend the meeting.I can imagine how the members of the Kuratorium are also agrieved to hear and know the worsening situation in the GELC.

I have already sent an intimation to attend the possible meetings of the KSS members in the third week (being on 18th Feb.) of Feb.76.I do not see any fruitful goal, however as the financial and administrative situation is worsening day by day I am compelled to convene the meeting, so that I may handover the responsibility to any probable team of leaders to avoid further complications and bankruptcy.

Administration as such is worsening throughout the Gossner church, in the Anchals as well as in the institutions. They cooperate in as much as they have to get something from the other, when they have nothing to get they do not find it necessary to cooperate with the others. At such situation friends from GM or LWF may help to save the church from going into pieces. Financially it is already bankrupt. I dare not request for outside help, outside financial help is good but it may harm the church very much, i.e. we have to leave the income of local resources: if this is done others who have no income shall be jealous and blame the centre that these people are permitted to use the money for themselves.

The BEL Budget for 1977 is high enough. I have cancelled some of the items specially those which may put one field well ahead than the other. This again creates a kind of envy. If such items are allowed for all Anchals again the amount shall go much higher. My point is to make the fields on the same level and possibly to give chances for their sound growth. However if Gossner Mission can afford for all the ~~items~~ times so much the better, but my request would be to have provisions for other fields/Anchals also.

-----page 2-----

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

~~SECRETARY~~

~~REV. P. K. SINGH~~

~~TREASURER~~

~~REV. M. J. J. J.~~

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No.

Date

Page-2.

At this stage the summit meeting of the representatives from GM and GELC seems not so useful, because we are still not certain what shall be the future structure of administration. It is my personal opinion that such ~~things~~ meetings should be held later on. At present let us try to save the church from division. For this advice and presence from your end at the ensuing meeting of the KSS members shall be helpful.

With kind regards and greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh) 17/1/76

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

~~SECRETARY~~

REV. P. D. SORENG

~~SECRETARY~~

~~SECRETARY~~

Ref. No. 5/76/KSS-134

EINGEGANGEN

26. JAN. 1976

Erledigt

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Date 16th Jan. 76.

To

The Director Dr. Carl J. Hellberg
DCC/LWF Geneva.

The Asia Secretary Dr. K. Rajaratnam
DCC/LWF Geneva.

The Mission Director Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 12001

Datum 3.1.76

Handzeichen h

Dear Brothers,

I was waiting for your reactions after you received letters and copy of letter ref. No. 593/75/F-48 and 594/75/F-48. On the basis of the contents and spirit of the said letters I could not convene the All Anchal Officers' meeting. The N.W. Anchal did not conduct the election and threatened to negate corroborative vote (at this stage it was unwarranted) I am not prepared for informal talks, specially when I am in acute financial difficulties if meeting expenses are not granted the Anchals coming from far away would not participate and also would not accept any decision arrived at in their absence. Considering the deteriorating situation in the church both financially and administratively I am compelled to convene the meeting of the KSS members from 18th Feb. 76 (arrival) to 20th Feb. 76. Although we could not comply with one part of your suggestions i.e. All-Anchal-Officers' meetings in January I am inviting you to be present in these meetings. I do not know whether there would come out any good result, but it may help us to save the church from going into several divisions.

Your early reply is solicited.

With seasonal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh

GFL Church Ranchi.

From,

Rev J.Lugun Adhyaksh Assam Anchal

G.E.L.Church Bamuni-Hills, P.O.Tezpur 784001

Dt, Darrang Assam.

Date 5.1.76



To,

The Director G.M.

Berlin.

Sir,

I am herewith sending you two copies of our letter addressed to the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh Ranchi for your information. I hope by these letters you will be able to see our difficulties as well as our stand.

In regards to the Tezpur vacant land it is quite clear that in very near future Govt will acquire our land. We are very sorry that neither Assam Anchal nor Gossner Church nor Gossner Mission did any constructive work in Assam. We are a new comer in this high office so it is not possible for us to do any thing in such a short time.

With best wishes for new year.

Thanks

Yours Faithfully

J. Lugun
5-1-1976



To,
Rev Dr C.K. Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

I express my cordial thanks for your good efforts to bring amicable settlement and establish peace and unity in our beloved Gossner Church.

Further I respectfully beg to state in replying of your letter dated 11th December 1975 that it is not so convenient for the Assam members to attend the first joint meeting of all Anchal officers as scheduled to be held within the 2nd week of January at Ranchi due to some hinderences, so may I solicit you to be very kind to consider and confirm our under mentioned grievances, so that we may duly participate in specified date of two meetings without any obstacle.

I. It is not possible rather expensive for the officers and K.S.S. members of Assam Anchal to attend two times meetings at Ranchi as per suggestion or letter of you and all wellwishers. We agree that 1st joint meeting should be held in the second week of the month of February 1976, so that we particularly officers of Assam Anchal and K.S.S. Members can join and if necessity arises can remain there till the coming K.S.S. meeting in February last.

II. In accordance with your letter we hope that the North West Anchal will participate in the 1st meeting, representing its newly elected Anchal officers under the provision of the existing constitution of the G.E.L. Church. But if they have not completed their anchal election, timely information be given to us so that we may be able to consider again whether to attend Ranchi meeting or not.

III. Financially we the anchal officers and K.S.S. members will be under great difficulty and more sufferer if any arrangement is not provided in connection of T.A. expence. We have already spent nearly Rs 1200.00 (Rupees one thousand two hundred) in the last Ranchi meeting from (1st Nov to 10th Nov/75) which is still under recovery. Therefore we humbly pray to you to arrange money for our T.A. and send it in advance by T.M.O. two weeks before our departure for Ranchi. Without this arrangement we can not proceed for Ranchi

proceed for Ranchi nor we accept any decision made by representatives of four anchals.

I hope you will not mind for pointing out to you our difficulty very sincerely, clearly and frankly.

Thanks

Copy to all Anchal Adhyaksh
for information.

cc to G.M. Berlin

Yours Faithfully

Sd J. Sugun

Adhyaksh A / Anchal

G.E.C. Church Tezpur

Sugun.
Dated 5-1-1976.



Land matter

OFFICE OF THE G.E.L.CHURCH ASSAM ANCHAL, TEZPUR.

Date 31-12-1975.

To,
The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh G.E.L.Church Ranchi, Bihar.
Subject:- Vacant land of Tezpur.

Sir,

In regards to the subject mentioned above D.C. Darrang requested the Father incharge of Lutheran Mission Tezpur to meet him on 24th November 1975. Accordingly Rev G.S.B. Horo Ex-Adhyaksh asked me to meet the D.C. I went to him and had a long discussion with him. D.C. requested me to donate two bighas of land to the Govt to open a Redcross Society Hospital. In our discussion I pointed out to him the following:-

I. That I am not the proper authority to deal with the land matter. Our Head quarter is Ranchi so please deal with the Ranchi authorities.

II. Secondly that the Church has allotted the same vacant land for Lutheran High School, Tezpur.

But inspite of my appeal D.C. asked me to come to again to his Residence Chamber with the Adhyaksh on * 1st of December 1975 and on 1st December we both went to his quarter to meet him and discussed the matter again and pointed out our stand which I have already written above.

At last D.C. said to us that he would visit our compound and for that he would inform us the date. Accordingly he visited our church compound on 30th December 1975 with S.D.C. Ceiling Officer and Civil Surgeon but without giving us the notice. On 30th December when they visited our compound and taken measurement of our two bighas of land, none of us were present there. Adhyaksh was out of station. Mr G. Tiru Treasurer was perhaps in his own quarter Hazrapar and I was at Tezpur town for marketing work. Ex-Adhyaksh was here therefore they met him and told him that they will demarcate three bighas of land because two bighas of land will not be sufficient for them.

Sir, it is very clear that Govt is determined to take three bighas of Tezpur vacant land in donation to construct a Red cross Hospital there and for that from to day 31-12-75 they have engaged two labour to work in that land and I myself with the Gate D. Burh asked the labourers to stop their work and they stopped working there till a final settlement.

Now as you are the proper authority to deal with the land matters, please take appropriate steps in time so that church may not loose that land. You are requested to come to Tezpur as early as possible and meet the D.C. Ceiling Officer and S.D.C. to settle the matter. If you will fail to come to Tezpur responsibility will be of yours and of Ranchi authorities.

This report I submit to you for information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully

[Signature]
31-12-75
Secretary

G.E.L. Church Assam Anchal
Usha-hills, Tezpur (Assam)

Copy to:- I. The Adhyaksh,
Assam Anchal with request to
come to Tezpur and deal with
the situation.

✓ 2. Mr G. Tiru, Treasurer, Hazrapar
for information.

3. Mr S.K. Barla, Asst Manager
Bd of properties Ranchi for
information and needful action.

4. Ilaka Chairman U.A.I. for
information.

5 cc to G.M. Berlin

December 22, 1975.

Dr. Rajaratnam.
Secretary for Asia
DCC/LWF, Geneva.

Dear Dr. Rajaratnam,

Hope that my letter of 6.12.75 has reached you. With Dr Singh I attended meeting of North West Anchal on 13.12.75- In course of discussion the member expressed that they were prepared for informal discussion with other Anchals under the chairmanship of Dr. Singh. From my contacts and discussion with individual members I have been able to find that they are not in favour of having elections. In their opinion formation of KSS will lead towards death of the new constitution. Discussion and amendments of the new constitution are possible only after it has been implemented.

Your friendly joint letter to all Adhyaks has helped both groups to take strong ~~attitudes~~ stand in their attitudes. The N. W. Anchal has become more stiff than before. The S. E. Ancha is feeling well because its opinion has been honoured by the G. M. and the L. W. F. As per advice of the Acting Pramukh Adhyaks, Rev. Dr. Singh your joint letter has ~~been~~ wide *got* publicity in the church. I am afraid that this has almost confirmed the split in the church. We may still ~~may~~ do something. Please do the following if you feel necessary.

1. The legal authority of Dr Singh is acceptable to all. He may ~~invite~~ members from all Anchals to form a body to do the work of the Synodical Council. The body formed by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaks Dr. Singh will cease to exist when all elections are over as per new constitutions.
2. The G. M. and L.W.F. may kindly send advice no 1. to all Anchals, and Dr. Singh be strengthened ~~by~~ finance. In my *with* opinion this will solve ~~my~~ our problems.

Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Yours sincerely

C. C. Pastor Seeberg.
Gossner Mission.

Dr. Singh

M. Ute

P. T. O.

As regards visit of Dr. Samer I
have to play the main role. Kindly
send his address and of Dr.
Althausen. In the absence of his
address I am helpless to do
anything.

Thank you.

Yours
M. Ute

पहला धाँगा FIRST FOLD



BOARD OF INGEANGEN
AEROGRAMME

7 JAN 1976
Credited



Pastor Martin Seaberg
Director, Gossner Mission.
1 Berlin 41 Friedenau

Handjerstr 19/20

West Germany.

दूसरा धाँगा SECOND FOLD

इस पत्र के अन्दर कुछ न लिखें NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

भेजने वाले का नाम और पता SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
(Affiliated to the Protestant Missionary Society)

BANCHAL, BOMBAY, INDIA.

सिप PIN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
भारत INDIA

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH.

Memo No. 595/75/F-48.

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.
18th Dec. 1975.

To,

The Rev. Dr. C.K.P. Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi.

EINGEGANGEN

- 2. JAN. 1976

Erledigt

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr.

Datum

Handzeichen

134, dated 9th Dec. 75

Dear Sir,

Your letters No. 876/75/KSS-134, dated 9th Dec. 75 and No. 882/75/KSS-134, dated 11th Dec. 1975 were placed in the North West Anchal Samiti meeting dated 13th Dec. 1975. The Samiti unanimously decided to inform you as follows:-

(1) The Samiti noted with deep regret that the publicity of the contents of the letters of the friends from LWF and G.M. at this time is not at all helpful but will only complicate the matter.

(2) That convening Anchal officers' meeting on the lines and plan suggested by friends from LWF and G.M. by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh needs independent corroborative votes of the Anchals which is likely to effect the whole Church.

The North West Anchal once again reiterates its stand taken on the Anchal Samiti meeting dated 31st Oct. 75 regarding the same in its resolution Item No. 3-(i) d (e) and (f). These matters need independent corroborative vote of the Anchals as contained in Article IV (Part-II) 6 (d) (ii) and Article XVII (2) of the constitution and the North West Anchal reserves the right to negative it.

The North West Anchal, for the reasons abundantly made clear in the meeting of Anchal Samiti attended by you, will not hold election but is always prepared for informal talks to find a permanent solution

The friends in G.M. and LWF are also being informed.

Thanking you.

CC: Rev. M. Seeberg,
Dr. Carl J. Hellberg,
Dr. K. Rajaratnam.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. N. Minz.)

Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Adhyaksh

NORTH WEST ANCHAL

G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L.CHURCH.

Memo No. 593/75/F-48.

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.
18th December, 1975.

To,

1. Rev.M.Seeberg, ✓
Director,
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.
2. Dr.Carl J.Hellberg,
Director,
Department of Church Cooperation,
Geneva.
3. Dr.K.Rajaratnam,
Secretary for Asia,
Department of Church Cooperation,
Geneva.



Dear friends,

Thank you for your letter dated 27th Nov.1975 which we received on 3rd Dec.75 after we had despatched our letter in reply to Dr.Hellberg's letter dated 7th Nov.75 and Pastor Seeberg's letter referred to in the letter of Dr.Singh's letter of 17th Nov.75. The letter was placed and seriously considered by the North West Anchal Samiti dated 13th Dec.75 and as per decision we beg to place the following before you.

We are surprised and completely fail to understand as to how the judgement of the Court vacating the injunction against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh could be " unexpected and untimely creating the present unfortunate situation " when the entire time, energy and money of the whole church and of the friends of the Gossner Church (GM/DCC-LWF) were devoted to obtain the vacation of injunction against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh expeditiously and speedily. In our humble opinion this is a deliberate attempt to cover up the realities of the situation leading to the present crisis in the Church, briefly pointed out in our letter dated 3rd Dec.1975.

Your whole plan to overcome the present deadlock by opening the discussion for amendment to the new constitution, in our opinion, is a retrograde step. Rather than providing a permanent solution to the present unfortunate situation of the Church, this leads us back once again to the same endless discussion, squabbles, manoeuvring and mechanisations which have caused the present unfortunate situation of the Church. This very thing we have tried briefly to explain in our letter dated 3rd Dec.1975.

Therefore North West Anchal of the G.E.L.Church is

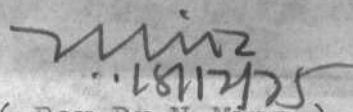
II.

is of opinion that neither the meeting of Anchal officers nor the convening of the KSS is going to be beneficial to the Church as this is definitely a first step towards going back. The North West Anchal of the G.E.L.Church firmly holds that the permanent solution to the problems of the Church must be found out in continuation of the present position obtaining in the Church and as such the question of any election in the North West Anchal does not arise.

The North West Anchal Samiti has once again welcomed and endorsed the suggestions of Dr. Carl J.Hellberg in his letter dated 7th Nov.1975 and firmly agrees that "the root of the problems of the Gossner Church are of such a deep, partly personal and partly sociological nature" that they need to be clearly identified and analysed, so that a permanent solution to the problem can be arrived at.

We are ready to welcome you amidst us at any time. Wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



(Rev.Dr.N.Minz.)

Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Adhyaksh

NORTH WEST ANCHAL,
G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI

CC: Dr.C.K.Paul Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi for information.

Aber eine andere Frage erscheint mir langfristig wichtiger und die betrifft nicht allein die Gossner Mission und Gossnerkirche.

18. Dezember 1975

In April 1975 hat die indische Kirchenleitung eine offizielle Anfrage an die Gossner Mission gerichtet (s. Anlage 1), in der die Bitte ausgesprochen wird, die bisherigen Beziehungen zwischen Ranchi und Berlin neu zu überdenken und zu formulieren.

An den

Ausschuss für kirchliche Zusammenarbeit

in Mission und Dienst der VELKD

s. Hdn. Herrn Direktor Horst Becker,

Neuendettelsau,

und

Herrn O.K.R. Christian Krause,

Hannover

Vorher hat das Kuratorium darüber klar werden müssen, welche Veränderungen von hier aus als möglich, wünschenswert oder notwendig angesehen werden. Die bisherige Diskussion hat noch kein Ergebnis gebracht; als Vorlage für diese internen Diskussionen diente das Papier (s. Anlage 2), das ich am 27. Juli 1975 an die Kuratoren verschickte.

Betrifft: Beziehungen der Evangelischen Lutherischen Gossnerkirche in Indien zu Kirchen in Deutschland

Die Gossnerkirche hat sich in der letzten Zeit mit der Beratung für besondere Aufgaben in der Gossnerkirche und in welcher Form sie zu geschehen habe. In der kommenden Beratungskonferenz am 21. Januar 1976 wird auch eine andere Frage erörtert werden müssen, und zwar ob und wie es möglich erscheint, dass die Gossnerkirche direkte Beziehungen zu deutschen Landeskirchen

Liebe Brüder!

Als ich in der vergangenen Woche zu Gemeindediensten in Bayern unterwegs war, konnte ich mich - der täglichen Kleinarbeit lediglich - auch Dingen zuwenden, die das ruhige Nachdenken bedingten. Ich habe Sie, liebe Brüder, mit einer Reihe von Briefen an die Evangelische Landeskirche Hannovers und die Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern zwei Landeskirchen, die bisher durch

So möchte ich in Erinnerung an die kirchliche Zusammenkunft im Berliner Missionswerk ein Gespräch mit Ihnen aufnehmen, von dem ich die Klärung von Fragen erhoffe, die ich innerhalb des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission nicht erreichen kann, weil es hier nicht nur um die zukünftige Arbeit der Gossner Mission, sondern ebenso um den zukünftigen Weg einiger deutscher Landeskirchen im Hinblick auf die Gossnerkirche in Indien geht, bezeugen soll. Die

Die augenblickliche Krisensituation in der indischen Kirchenleitung, von der ich in Berlin berichtete, nimmt zwar die Gedanken der Freunde, hüben und drüben zur Zeit sehr in Anspruch, aber ich bin der Meinung, dass diese Krise vorübergehender Natur ist. Darüberhinaus ist eine Lösung dieses Problems nur innerhalb der Gossnerkirche denkbar, was nicht ausschließt, dass Beratungen und Empfehlungen von aussen gegeben werden. Es tut mir leid, dass Sie die gemeinsame Aktion des Stabes des DCC/LWF, Genf, und der Gossner Mission (gemeinsamer Brief) kritisieren. Ich meine immer noch, dass bei solchen akuten Schwierigkeiten die angesprochenen und erfahrenen Kenner der Gossnerkirche schnell handeln mussten.

Aber eine andere Frage erscheint mir langfristig wichtiger und sie betrifft nicht allein die Gossner Mission und Gossnerkirche.

A 1/

Im April 1975 hat die indische Kirchenleitung eine offizielle Anfrage an die Gossner Mission gerichtet (s. Anlage 1), in der die Bitte ausgesprochen wird, die bisherigen Beziehungen zwischen Ranchi und Berlin neu zu überdenken und zu formulieren.

Das Kuratorium der Gossner Mission hat inzwischen erklärt, dass es zu solchen Gesprächen selbstverständlich gern bereit ist. Die Verhandlungsdelegation (Dr. Wagner, Dr. Runge und Seeburg) hat als Zeitpunkt Ende Februar 1976 vorgeschlagen.

A 2/

Vorher wird sich das Kuratorium darüber klar werden müssen, welche Veränderungen von hier aus als möglich, wünschenswert oder notwendig angesehen werden. Die bisherige Diskussion hat noch kein Ergebnis gebracht; als Vorlage für diese internen Diskussionen diente das Papier (s. Anlage 2), das ich am 27. Juli 1975 an die Kuratoren verschickte.

Die bisherige Diskussion innerhalb des Kuratoriums bewegte sich wesentlich um die Frage einer weitergehenden Unterstützung für besondere Aufgaben in der Gossnerkirche und in welcher Form sie zu geschehen habe. In der kommenden Beratungsrunde am 23. Januar 1976 wird auch eine andere Frage erörtert werden müssen, und zwar ob und wie es möglich erscheint, dass die Gossnerkirche direkte Beziehungen zu deutschen Landeskirchen aufnimmt.

Ich schreibe an Sie, liebe Brüder, weil die Evangelisch-lutherische Landeskirche Hannovers und die Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern zwei Landeskirchen sind, die bisher durch finanzielle Beiträge und auch im Besuchsdienst Verbindungen zur indischen Kirche geschaffen haben. Diese Verbindungen wurden gemäss den bisherigen Vereinbarungen über die Gossner Mission in Berlin als Zwischeninstanz geleitet. Wenn jetzt an dieser Stelle neue Überlegungen unserer Freunde in Ranchi laut werden, spielt mit Sicherheit nicht hinein, dass irgendein Vertrauensschwund zwischen Berlin und Ranchi zu beklagen sei. Die jetzige Kirchenleitungskrise hat das Gegenteil bewiesen. Vielmehr hoffen die verantwortlichen Männer der Gossnerkirche auf vermehrte finanzielle Zuwendungen, wenn sie über die Beziehungen zur Gossner Mission hinaus einen direkten Kontakt zu einzelnen Landeskirchen in Deutschland bekommen könnten. Ich habe wiederholt schriftlich und mündlich gegenüber Ranchi zum Ausdruck gebracht, dass diese Hoffnung trügerisch ist. Keine der deutschen Landeskirchen wird heutzutage willens und in der Lage sein, die indische Kirche in doppelter Weise zu unterstützen.

Nun könnte es jedoch sein, dass die Landeskirchen von Hannover und Bayern wünschen, ihre bisherigen Beiträge direkt an die indische Gossnerkirche zu geben. Diese Veränderung würde lediglich eine verwaltungstechnische sein, da beide Landeskirchen in den vergangenen Jahren ihre Beiträge, die sie der Gossner Mission überwiesen, ganz oder teilweise für die indische Kirche zweckbestimmten. Die Gossner Mission hat keine Einwände, falls die beiden Kirchen in Zukunft so verfahren würden. Ich muss allerdings darauf aufmerksam machen, dass ich eine solche Änderung nicht unbedingt begrüßen würde. Einmal weil durch eine solche Dezentralisation der Hilfsmassnahmen für die Gossnerkirche leicht die Übersicht verloren ginge und die allgemeine Beratung erschwert werden würde, zum anderen weil mindestens die Landeskirchen von Westfalen und Berlin (West) die Gossner Mission auch in Zukunft als die für die Gossnerkirche zuständige Zentralstelle ansehen werden.

Zwar haben die beiden lutherischen Kirchen durch Landessuperintendent Peters/Celle und Prof. Dr. Wagner/Neuendettelsau ihre Vertreter in unserem Kuratorium, aber es wäre dennoch möglich, dass Sie als Repräsentanten des Ausschusses für kirchliche Zusammenarbeit in Mission und Diakonie der VELKD Ihre eigenen und besonderen Gedanken zu diesem Problemkreis zur Sprache bringen möchten und dies nicht nur mir gegenüber, sondern auch in unserem Kuratorium. Selbstverständlich sind Sie völlig frei, an unseren Beratungen teilzunehmen. Unsere nächste Sitzung findet am 23. Januar 1976 statt, der Indien-Ausschuss des Kuratoriums wird am 22. Januar 1976 tagen. Sitzungsort ist in beiden Fällen Berlin, konnte ich mich - der täglichen Kleinarbeit in der - auch Dingen zuwenden, die des ruhigen Nachdenkens bedürfen. Mit herzlichen Wünschen für eine gesegnete Weihnachtszeit bin ich

So möchte ich in Erinnerung an die kürzliche Zusammenkunft im Berliner Missionswerk ein Gespräch mit Ihnen aufnehmen, von dem ich die Klärung von Fragen er hoffe, die ich innerhalb des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission nicht erreichen kann, weil es hier nicht nur um die zukünftige Arbeit der Gossner Mission, sondern ebenso um den zukünftigen Weg einiger deutscher Landeskirchen im Hinblick auf die Gossnerkirche in Indien geht.

Martin Seeborg

Die augenblickliche Krisensituation in der indischen Kirchenleitung, von der ich in Berlin berichtet habe, rief zwar die Gedanken der Freunde hien und drüben zur Zeit sehr in Anspruch, aber ich bin der Meinung, dass diese Krise von langanhaltender Natur ist. Darüberhinaus ist eine Lösung dieses Problems nur innerhalb der Gossnerkirche denkbar, was nicht unerwartet, dass Beratungen und Empfehlungen von aussen gegeben werden. Es tut mir leid, dass Sie die gemeinsame Aktion des Rates des Völkertums, Genf, und der Gossner Mission (evangelischer Beirat der VELKD) nicht wahrnehmen können. Ich weiß zwar auch, dass bei solchen Äußerungen schwer zu sein die angesprochenen und erforderlichen Kernpunkte der Zusammenarbeit schnell handeln können.

Anlagen

Der Landessuperintendent
für den
Sprengel Calenberg-Hoya

31 Celle, den 11. Dezember 1975
Altenhäger Kirchweg 20/22
Tel. (05141) 32274

Herrn
Missionsdirektor
Martin Seeberg
Berlin

Zur Ablage
Aktenplan-Nr. 12001
Datum 5.4.76
Handzeichen

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Anbei finden Sie den Durchschlag meines Gebetsaufrufs, der in der nächsten Biene erscheinen soll. Sehen Sie ihn bitte durch im Blick auf das, was gesagt und was nicht gesagt werden sollte. Beim Schreiben dachte ich daran, daß unsere indischen Brüder ihn auch lesen können sollten. Den Terminus "zerbrechen" habe ich vermieden, bei der Aussage über die Goßner=Kirche; es steht nur da "gelähmt". Ist das deutlich genug? Sie haben volle Freiheit, am Manuskript etwas zu ändern.

Zugleich erhalten Sie die Jahreslosung mit einer Meditation und mein Schreiben an die Pastoren im Sprengel, das Ihnen auch gelten möge.

Zum Christfest gedenke ich besonders Ihrer lieben Frau und Ihrer ganzen Familie und begleite Sie mit allen guten Wünschen in das neue Jahr!

Ihr

*Original geht
an Frau
Friederici*

Entwurf

L i e b e G o ß n e r f r e u n d e !

Eine besondere Bitte richte ich heute an Sie alle. Es geht nicht um Ihr Geld, sondern um eine persönlichere Gabe, die zu jeder Zeit notwendig ist, im Augenblick aber ganz besonders dringlich:

Ihre Fürbitte für die Indische Lutherische
Goßnerkirche von Chotag-Nagpur und Assam.

Diese Kirche ist in großer Not. Anfang Dezember waren wir deshalb zu einer außerordentlichen Sitzung im Kuratorium in Berlin zusammengekommen. Anlaß waren schmerzliche Nachrichten aus Ranchi, in denen verantwortliche ^{indische} Brüder uns um Hilfe baten. Die Kirche droht durch die Spannung zwischen Urauns und Mundas gelähmt zu werden! Gerade war die neue, nur von Indern ohne westliche Hilfe beratene, Verfassung in Kraft gesetzt. Es werden Wahlen für die künftige Kirchenleitung durchgeführt. Da bricht der alte Streit wieder auf. Der amtierende Pramuk Adhyaksch Dr. Paul Singh leidet darunter besonders, weil auch in den Reihen der Adhyaksches und des KSS, der Kirchenleitung, gemeinsame Beratungen und Beschlüsse unmöglich wurden. Dr. Paul Singh wurde krank.

Der Lutherische Weltbund in Genf und die Leitung der Goßner-Mission in Berlin, beide aus Ranchi um Hilfe gebeten, haben gemeinsam beraten und nach Indien geschrieben. Wir waren als Kuratoren in Berlin zusammen, haben uns eingehend informiert, nachgedacht, sind still geworden und haben gebetet. Wir haben auch einen Brief an alle Verantwortlichen geschrieben mit einigen Bitten: Bewahrt die Einigkeit im Geiste Christi und stellt die Stammesunterschiede zurück! Handelt nach der beschlossenen neuen Satzung und beendet die Streitigkeiten. Laßt persönlichen Ehrgeiz zurücktreten hinter der gemeinsamen Verantwortung für die ganze Kirche in Chota-Nagpur und Assam.

Dafür wollen wir nun gemeinsam beten, in dem Wissen, daß Gott der Herr diese Kirche auch ganz andere Wege führen kann. Wir können uns nur schwer in das Fühlen und Denken unserer indischen Brüder hineinversetzen. Doch wir wissen, daß andere christliche Kirchen in Indien auf die Goßner-Kirche blicken, die trotz ihrer Spannungen immer eine lebendige und missionierende Kirche gewesen ist. Mit ihr sind wir, die Goßner-Freunde, innerlich verbunden. Für sie wollen wir beten, auch mit den Worten der neuen Jahreslosung: Weise mir, Herr, deinen Weg! - Ich danke Ihnen für Ihre Hilfe!

H. H. R.
stellv. Vors. des Kuratoriums

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D. Dr. Theol. (Berlin)

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. BEL 27/75

The 10.12.1975

Herrn Missionsdirector
Pastor Martin Seeberg
G oßner Mission, Berlin

Zur Ablage
Aktenplan-Nr. 12004
Datum 5.4.76
Handzeichen

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für den Brief von 26.11.'75 aus Berlin und auch für den Brief mit 'Three Joint Signatures!'. Die Lage in der Kirche verschlechtert sich Tag für Tag. Ich war in drei Anchals, i.e. Madhya Anchal, OA und SEA, um die Brüdern klarer zu machen, in welcher Lage die Kirche schwebt und welche Schwierigkeiten und Schaden der Kirche kommen mögen. Am 13. Dec. hat NWA zu ihrer Sitzung eingeladen. Ich werde erfahren die offizielle Haltung und die Meinung zu dem Problem. Es wird hier sehr oft gesagt, daß NWA sei sehr weit gegangen um das Federal Structure of the Church will, wie das etwas in dem Brief von Dr. Hellberg angedeutet ist. Sie haben auch einen Brief von NWA bekommen, daraus können Sie sehen in welche Richtung Dr. Minz und NWA gehen möchten. Ich bin mit dieser Meinung gar nicht einverstanden und möchte, daß mindesten während meinem Chairmanship das nicht geschehen soll.

In nächsten Tage werde ich an allen Anchal Adhyakshas schreiben, daß sie sich für den kommenden Sitzung in Jan '76 mit allen Anchal Officers vorbereiten und auch sich um die centralisation of all incomes due to the KSS kümmern. Ich bin immernoch besorgt wie die finanzielle und administrative Schwierigkeiten überwunden werden können. Daher möchte ich auch so bald wie möglich mein jetziges Amt niederlegen.

Hiermit schicken wir auch 'the detail Budget for 1976 of the BEL with their new pay scales'. Wollen Sie einen vorläufiges Antwortschreiben, wie oder wie viel die Gossnermission zum Budget zusagen kann, sodaß ich für Jan. 1976 schon etwas sagen und planen lassen kann. Inzwischen haben wir die Summe von DM 5000.- (Rs. 85322.23) bekommen und auch die information für die Überweisung von Rs. 5000.- aus Hamburg erhalten, wir hoffen, daß auch das Geld bald kommt. Herzlichen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung und die Hilfe in dieser Notlage. Ich um Ihre weitere Rat und Vorschläge.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

bin ich

C. K. Paul Singh
C.K. Paul Singh

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. IOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 877/75/KSS-134

Date 9th Dec. '75.

To

Dr. Carl J. Hellberg
Director DCC/LWF
Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Asia Secretary DCC/LWF
Pastor M. Seeberg
Director Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 12004

Datum 5.4.76

Handzeichen 3

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for your kind letter of joint signatures addressed to all Anchal Adhyakshes. According to my opinion it is a good compromise and at the same time a way out from the present crisis in our church. I hope the Adhyakshes will react positively.

The crisis in the church can be seen in various points, the administration in different level of different units (Anchals) as well as of institutions seems to be very chaotic, through negligence and not obeying to authorities or heads are causing much harm to institutions as well as to the church.

I have requested Rev. Dr. N. Minz to complete the election in his Anchal so that I may convene the meeting of all Anchal Officers by the first half of Jan. 1976. I hope he will do the needful before the Christmas.

I am finding difficulties to cope with the financial problems. As the most responsible persons are also doing things by-passing the authorities and practice in the church, the non centralisation of income is causing financial deadlock for the institutions and the centre.

The Principal Gossner Theological College, Rev. M. Tete sent me a copy of the telegram sent from Geneva for the settlement of the new building account and amounts. I received the same on 8th Dec. 75, I am sorry to say that it is not possible for me to give clearance for final payment. The Building Construction Committee decide on 9.9.75 that accounts of the construction be audited, but till now it has not been done after two months what can I do? Therefore I request you to do what is good to the church

As you have suggested the date of meeting in the third week of Feb. 76, I request you all to reserve the dates for Gossner Church. I shall send the formal invitation after our consultation in Jan. 76.

With seasonal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)

Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(ESTD. 1866, Affiliated With Serampore 1949)

MAIN ROAD RANCHI, 1 BIHAR, INDIA. PHONE: 23149



From : **Rev. M. Tete**
Principal.

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Estd. Nov. 2/1845)

No. **385/75**

Dated **6. 12. 1975**

Dr. K. Rajaratnam.
Secretary for Asia.
DCC/LWF. 150 Route de Ferney
1211 Geneva. Switzerland.

Dear Dr. Rajaratnam,

Thank you for your cable received here on 5.12.1975. I have requested Dr. Singh to do the needful. Herewith very briefly may I inform you of the situation in the church. On 28.11.75, along with Dr. Singh I attended S.E. Anchal meeting. This Anchal has the opinion that the N.W. Anchal should elect its officers and members for new K. S. S. which will implement the new constitution. They have the legal approach to the problems. I personally doubt whether this approach would help solve our problems. On the other hand the N.W. Anchal has its own historical doubts as regards the S.E. Anchal's willingness to implement the new constitution. With Dr. Singh I am attending meeting of N.W. Anchal on 13.12.75 and I hope to get clear official position of that Anchal. Under separate cover I shall send analysis of the situation after 13.12.1975.

The gulf between the six different administrative units (Assam. Orissa. Madhya, NWA. SEA. Head Quarter Congregation) is getting wider than before day by day. They come to Ranchi only when they have to draw money from Dr. Singh. They are not frank regarding present crisis. If this situation continues for another six months I am afraid that only unity in diversity would exist in the church.

This is a fact that Gossner christians have different social back ground. Anthropologically they are different from one another. They have been made members of the church as a group. Christ has become the saviour of the group and not of individuals. This can be seen in their actions and decisions. So an individual leader has to abide by the decisions of the group even if the decisions are wrong. These facts can be seen through the history of our church.

The questions of majority and minority may be solved through the new constitutions. But to me it seems that

GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(ESTD. 1866, Affiliated With Serampore 1949)

MAIN ROAD RANCHI, 1 BIHAR, INDIA. PHONE: 23149



From :

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Estd. Nov. 2/1845)

No.....

Dated 197

neither the old nor the new constitution is going to solve our problems, because the people are not faithful either to the old or the new constitution.

In my opinion the church needs counsellors. The Lutheran World Federation, Gossner Mission and the U.E.L.C.I. are welcome as counsellors.

With good wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Ute

c.c: Director, Gossner Mission
Dr. C.K.P. Singh.

Office of the Secretary, G.E.L.Church, S.E. Anchal,
Kadma, Khunti (Ranchi).

Memo No 626/75

Dated Khunti, 3-12-75.

To

Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

The S.E. Anchal Samiti, G.E.L.Church, Kadma, Khunti on 28.11.75 has resolved to endorse the letter of Rev. N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh, S.E. Anchal, addressed to the Dr. C.K.P. Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi, on 2nd Nov. 1975. The copy of which is attached herewith.

Further the S.E. Anchal Samiti in the same meeting on 28.11.75 has taken a decision to accept your coming to the G.E.L.Church at Ranchi to solve the problems of our church.

With Christian Greetings - Yishusahay.

Sincerely Yours


Secretary,

G.E.L.Church, S.E. Anchal,
Kadma, Khunti.

Copy to:-

1. Dr. C.K.P. Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

From:-

The Adhyaksh,
South East Anchal, G.E.L. Church, Kadma,
P.O. Khunti, Dt. Ranchi, Bihar.

Dated Khunti November 2 '75.

To

The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

I am surprised to see the contents of the minutes of the full KSS meeting dated 30.10.75 specially item 4(A)-(F). The resolution is meant to put the blame of the South East Anchal for absence of their members on 30.10.75 in the KSS meeting. The resolution is completely prejudicial and misguided and is not consistent with facts and situation of the church.

There has been no cause for any constitutional deadlock and for from the need for declaring an emergency in the church.

The S.E. Anchal has completely and in full obedience of the church constitution, implemented the provisions of the constitution in respect of elections and the orders of the KSSS minutes dated 27-28 August '75.

If there is any constitutional deadlock and co-ordination of Anchals has been impossible, it is entirely due to the North-West Anchal which refused and intentionally violated the orders of the KSSS vide minutes KSSS dated 27-28 August '75. and the provisions of the church constitution. This blame cannot be thrown upon the head of the S.E. Anchal.

When the injunction suit ~~was~~ was vacated on 27th Sept. '75 you as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and the KSS Secretary have utterly failed to inform the Anchals in time. If you would read the KSS Officers' minutes dated 16th October '75 carefully. You will find that the date on which the injunction was vacated is not recorded. This makes a different picture. You waited for long time to inform and the S.E. Anchal received the information only on 22nd October '75 when the S.E. Anchal, the Orissa Anchal and the Assam Anchal had completed their election (vide KSS Officers' meeting dated 16.10.75) when the elections were on, the KSS Officers had no constitutional authority to state that "according to the present constitution is not necessary".

This very sentence which is meant to be the "feeling" of the KSS Officers is a dangerous step. This clearly shows that the officers wanted to sabotage the elections and wanted to create a constitutional deadlock. The KSS of 30.10.75 was misguided by misrepresentation and had no legal authority to act on behalf of the church which was outgoing and its life was to terminate the next day. No constitutional authority or body in human society at the event of the termination of its term or life ever takes a vital decision when the incoming authority is waiting at the door. The entire responsibility should have been left to the wisdom of the new KSS which was to take over on 1.11.75. The outgoing KSS has cast a reflection on the ~~authority~~ authority and wisdom of the incoming new KSS over which you presided.

The old KSS has very clearly sabotaged the process of the constitution to act at the handing and taking over of the church administration between October 30-31 and 1st November '75. I am surprised that you as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh have decided to step the new KSS for coming into being and have refused to convene the meeting of the new ~~acting~~ Anchal Adhyaksh to elect

P.T.O.

a Pramukh Adhyaksh and an UP-Pramukh Adhyaksh.

It is very unfortunate that before even taking the authorities of the S.E. Anchal into confidence you have advised the old KSS on 30.10.75 to inform the Gossner Mission and the LWF of the situation created intentionally by the old KSS and thereby blaming the S.E. Anchal. The outgoing KSS and its officers have evidently decided ~~with~~ not to co-operate with the S.E. Anchal. This is an unhelpful attitude and a destructive spirit. In this way it would be difficult to resolve the deadlock with this attitude.

The new constitution which is to be implemented can be done only through the new KSS which is to be constituted immediately. The process has to be worked out by you according to the present ^{constitution} situation if you would realise that the Pramukh Adhyaksh is the symbol of the unity of the church. You have to act according to the present constitution and take the confidence of the newly elected officers of the Anchals and the K.S.S. members.

I would therefore advise you to immediately convene the meeting of the newly elected Anchal Adhyakshas and proceed the election of the Pramukh and the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh and call the new KSS to order.

If one of the Adhyakshas do not ~~even~~ co-operate in this, the remaining ones can go ahead and elect a Pramukh Adhyaksh. The church cannot be left in a vacuum created artificially.

I must explicitly state that the deadlock has been brought not by the absence of S.E. Anchal members but by the decision of the old KSS to declare an emergency. Since the old KSS is dead, you are the only authority to act in co-operation of the newly elected Anchal Adhyakshas and the KSS members.

May I know from you when ^{you} would convene the meeting of the newly elected Adhyakshas. Any delay would be dangerous which will complete the matter further. The S.E. Anchal cannot be held responsible for the situation created by the old KSS on 30.11.75.

With Christian Greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- Rev. N. Bhuinya
2.11.75

Adhyaksh,
South-East Anchal

- Copy to:-
1. Director, Gossner Mission, Berlin.
 2. L.W.F., D.C.C., Geneva, Switzerland.
 3. Dr. Raja Ratanam, LWF.
 4. E E L C I.
 5. Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal.
 6. Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal.
 7. Adhyaksh, Madhya Anchal.
 8. Ex- Adhyaksh, North West Anchal.

This copy was given to the Pr. Anchal Adhyaksh on 2/11/75 at Ranchi. Pastor Subing, church. Dear brother. The situation of the church is not good but I hope that by unity of our Anchal and church will come again in good situation. Please pray for us. Please think for the unity of the church with all good wishes & prayers always. N. Bhuinya Adhyaksh

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L.CHURCH

Memo No 588/75/F.48

Ranchi

Date 3rd Dec 75

To

Dr Carl J. Helberg
Director, DCC/LWF
150 Route de Ferney
1120 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Director Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
41 Berlin Friedenau)
Handjery Strass 19/20

Dear Brethren,

As per deriection of Rev Dr C.K.P. Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha GELC in his letter No 865/75/KSS-134 dated 17th Nov 75, the North West Anchal of the GEL Church submits the following to you in response to the letter of Dr Helberg dated 7th Nov 75, a copy of which has been forwarded to us, and the gist of the letter of Director Seeberg contained in the letter of Dr Singh referred to above.

(1) That a real crisis in-fact took place in the GELC on the 30th Oct 75 when the South East Anchal boycotted the dully convened KSS for the specified purpose (to take steps) to implement the New Constitution. The total wilful absence of S.E. Anchal members without any information whatsoever in full KSS meeting on the 30th of Oct 75 created a constitutional deadlock and thereby caused a real crisis in the G.E.L. Church with an unbridgable gap ~~between two~~ of confidence and trust amongst us and destroyed the co-ordination among different Anchals.

This unbridgable gap was substantiated on the 12th of Nov 75 when Dr K. Rajaratnam, the Asia Secretary brought us together in the Railway Hotel, Ranchi for discussion to resolve the deadlock and over come the crisis. It became abundantly clear on that day, even for Dr K. Rajaratnam, that the S.E. Anchal and representatives of other sector are not ready to yeild even an inch from their stand which they have taken from 30th Oct 75. That they are unwilling to grant even a simple token of trust and confidence that the New Constitution would be implemented.

(2) That the total and wilful absence of S.E. Anchal and of like minded members from other Anchals in persuasion, on 30th Oct 75, has established a parting point in the GEL Church between two sections holding different points of views and outlooks the unwillingness to show even a simple token of confidence has given a pucca seal to that parting point in our church. Therefore at this stage, any ones coming from outside as a referee between these two sections is too late. This does not however mean that the presence of friends', fellow-Christians', and our well wishers is not necessary in this situation. The North West Anchal honours the decision of the full KSS on 30th Oct 75 and welcomes you among us as friends, well wishers, and observers at any convenient time in 76. Your valuable advices will be welcome but the decision will be ours.

Contd P/2

(3) That in the opinion of North West Anchal Dr Carl J Helberg has rightly pointed out "the root of the problems of the Gossner Church are of such a deep, partly personal and partly sociological nature", that they need to be clearly identified and analysed. Observation of the surface of the problem and finding solutions to them will be mere patch work and simply waste of time and energy of all concerned. According to Dr Hellberg's observation all concerned now must be ready to come to grips with all the roots of the problems.

The North West Anchal has a basic agreement with Dr Hellberg and is willing to come to grips with all the roots of problems and is ready to identify and analyse them and finally take a definite stand for the solution of our problems once and for all.

To substantiate our basic stand ~~was~~ humbly submit before you for your information that our church has not lagged behind in identifying and analysing the deep rooted personal and sociological factors persisting in our church but at the same time, we admit, that an attempt has always been made to have a unified church inspite of the diversified sociological backgrounds. To this very end the present constitution of 1960 created different Anchals as "self contained" and "self-governing organisational unit of the Church", as "autonomous bodies," with a right of veto in "an independent corroborative vote" against the decisions of KSS. In the place of Mahasabha (General Assembly) a central body of KSS (Central Advisory Committee) was created, which, though was named purely an advisory body, yet in course of time it became in fact an executive as well as legislative body, with the same old methods of scheming and releasing forces of machinasations in the administration. To mitigate the problems, an attempt was made and North West Anchal submitted a draft of proposed constitution to the KSS which was circulated in the church with basic structural change by its decision dated 26-28 August, 1968 but it remained a draft and fell a victim to the corroborative votes of the Anchals. This attempt proved fruitless and it was a simply waste of money and energy.

The experiences of the past and the urgent need of change in the administrative system prompted the Executive of the church and the KSS to take the drastic decision of 30 October, 1973 as the only possible remedy to bring about a change in the administrative pattern of the church by adoption of new constitution. However, the experiences and events of the last two years have clearly indicated that the forces underlying in the Church have regrouped and re-aligned themselves and have asserted once again vehemently in torpedoing the implementation of the New Constitution on 30-10-75 which in our opinion was a best kind of federal Constitution under the present circumstances allowing maximum autonomy to the different units and at the same time maintaining a unified structure of the church. Thus an attempt to have a constitution or federal structure of the church with greater autonomy to the units is also destroyed and the North West Anchal becomes helpless so far as conciliation and co-ordination among the different Anchals is concerned, and all hopes for it stand

Contd.....P/3

Shattered. It is once again a sheer waste of time, energy and money.

Our stand is guided by the history of the last 40 years of our church, which we can not ignore and the worst sufferer of the conflict of these forces has been the members of Ranchi HQrs congregation where the Head Qrs of our church is presently located. Ranchi city is a part and parcel of Ranchi Ilaka within the North West Anchal. But in the year 1949 this congregation of Ranchi Church compound area was declared as Hd. Qrs congregation under the chairmanship of the Head of the Church just to achieve unity and reconciliation in the Church as it was the only point which could have signified unity of the church. With the same logic, Ranchi is continuing as a Hd. Qrs congregation under the Head of the church with the result that to-day the elite and intelligentsia of the Church who live at Ranchi have got no organisational or representative say in any of the administrative bodies of the Church and the unity and reconciliation among the groups is still a far cry. The gap has widened, become unbridgeable and the church is at a cross-road, as all sides have taken separately their cool calculated decisions on the 30th of October 1975, for maintaining and continuing their separate existence with their own different outlook and vision of the church.

This is the natural outcome of the conflict ^{of} two different points of views existing in our church for the last forty years. In the year 1935 Rev Johan Topno was removed from the Presidentship of the church as he attempted to be just and reasonable and Rev Stosch had to take over the administration. The year 1945 again saw the taking of sides by the two different outlooks on an episode involving the integrity of the highest leaders in the Church resulting in formation of a "Jubilee Synod". At this time some of the sociological factors were recognised and to please one section for unified church, Ranchi Hd. Quarters congregation was created. Final difference of these two outlooks erupted in the year 1955 which brought the sociological realities underlying these differences of approach and outlook to the fore front, and granting special recognition to these reality, the constitution of 1960 was framed and adopted by the church.

The North West Anchal is fully convinced that any unified administrative structure to maintain the unity of the church is simply a temporary patch work and the gap between two different currents of thought continues under cover. We have exhausted all our patience and lost hope in any structural administration unity of the church which results only in sabotising the evangelical spirit and activities, and retards all growth and development in the life of the church. This unbridgeable gap between two different outlooks and points of view has forced the North West Anchal to continue its autonomous existence with its own outlook and vision of a true Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In the mean time, the North West Anchal Samiti has already decided, in its meeting on 31st Oct 75, in Item No 3(4) "To request Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha Rev Dr C.K.P. Singh to remain and continue as the head of the GEL Church till the solution of the statement is arrived at.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
3/12/75
(Rev Dr N. Minz)
Adhyaksha
North West Anchal
G.E.L. Church Ranchi

cc

1. Rev Dr C.K.P. Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha

2. Dr K. Rajaratnam
Asia Secretary, DCC/LWF
150 Route de Kerney
1120 Geneva, SWITZERLAND

December 3, 1975
sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul S i n g h
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Registered

R a n c h i / Bihar / India

Re: Letter of the Kuratorium's Indian Commission dated December 2, 1975,
to the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Anchal Adhyakshas of the
GEL Church

Dear Dr. Singh,

enclosed please find two copies of the above mentioned letter. We
kindly ask you to hand them over to the Adhyakshas of the Orissa
and Assam Anchal as we are not informed about the names of the
persons concerned.

Thanking you in advance I am with best wishes

very truly yours,


Secretary

Enclosure

Registered to:

Rev. Dr. Paul Singh, Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh

Rev. Bhunya, Adhyaksh South East Anchal

Rev. Dr. Minz, Adhyaksh North West Anchal

The Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal

The Adhyaksh Assam Anchal

Rev. Soreng, Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal

c/o GEL Church, Ranchi / Bihar / India

December 2, 1975

To the
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh and
the Anchal Adhyakshas
GEL Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

Dear Brethren,

in the beginning of this letter we thank God for what he has done to you and to us through his Son Jesus Christ. He has shown to both of you and to us his grace and love through the past hundred years. Our united prayers continuously ask God for the coming of His kingdom.

In the season of Advent we remember God's call for repentance and reconciliation. We therefore have come together in Berlin for a special consultation of the Kuratorium in order to participate in your worries and difficulties of the present situation of your Church. We considered the informations which we got from you. We recognise the difficult time you are going through and we are suffering with you. But we are sure that by the help of the Holy Spirit you will succeed in overcoming it.

In the last century God has kept the different communities in Chotanagpur and Assam together in one GEL Church, so we hope it will remain. Even when there were dangers of destroying the unity of your beloved Church your fathers and forefathers did stick to it. In different languages and customs they continued to praise the one Lord Jesus Christ. You have become an example to others for what the Lord had accomplished in you. The Churches surrounding you, did find help and guidance in their own difficulties by observing you. We pray that this will continue. The unity of the Church is as well a gift of God as a result of your continuous efforts.

We request you to meet together and to consider the next steps needed for the revival of the unity of the Church. Doing this the suggestions of the letter of the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, from November 27th may be a good help.

The spirit of our Lord helps to overcome mistrust and creates mutual trust amongst you so that you may give a convincing witness to your non-christian surrounding. Sins and faults of everybody have to be confessed and surely will be forgiven in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having this in mind you now may have your meetings trusting that God will guide you towards a new life and a renewed Church.

Always remembering you we ask you to pray for us as we continue to pray for you.

Yours in His service

Peters

Hans-Helmut Peters

Borutta

Helmuth Borutta

Gohlke

Martin Gohlke

Grothaus
Hans Grothaus

Hess
Dr. Willi Hess

30.11.75

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Am kommenden Wednesday
wird es in Berlin sein. Ich
hätte Sie dann gern besucht -
dann wäre ich im Blick auf
die Notlage der Gornes-Kinder
in Indien ratlos hier. Ich
bede es am Freitag, den 5.12.
vormittags versuchen wir es alle
404e einmal zur Handgerystr.
hinzubekommen. Auch wenn
Sie selber nicht frei sind, freue
ich mich, wieder einmal ~~die~~
"Gornes-Kinder" sehen zu können.
Herzlichen Gedenken -
Ihr Paul Löffler.

ADOLF BETZ, 6072 Dreieichenhain, Fernruf (0 61 03) 8 45 38

Post—
damit
wir uns
besser
verstehen



Herrn Pfr. M. Seeberg

Gornes Mission

1 BERLIN-41

Handgerystr. 19-20



Dreieichenhain



An der Sitzung in Berlin am 2. Dezember 1975
nehme ich teil / ~~nicht~~ teil

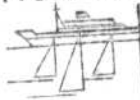
Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom 1. ¹² /
bis zum 2. 12.

Hans Grothaus

Im Hotel Glospi z
bestellt
1. 12. 75

Abs. Prof.Dr.Grothaus,
Norderlück 28,
239 ~~Adelby~~ Post Flensburg 10

TOR ZUM
NORDEN



Deutsche Bundespost



FLensburg
POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



EINGEGANGEN

25. NOV. 1975

An die Sitzung am 2. Dezember... 19.75... in Berlin
nehme ich mit Herrn Pastor Bornhauf teil, den
ich hiermit ebenfalls anmelde. Wenn die
Witterung es erlaubt, also kein Glattteis ist,
kommen wir morgen nach Berlin und fahren
abends zurück.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Heß-

20.11.75

EINGEGANGEN

24. NOV. 1975

Erledigt

An der Sitzung am 2. Dezember 1975 in Berlin
nehme ich ~~teil~~ / nicht teil

~~Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom
bis zum~~

*Wenn sich die für den 2.12. angesetzte Verpflichtung noch absagen lassen
sollte, werde ich telefonisch noch Bescheid geben.*

Grüß, Herwig Wagner

DR. HERWIG WAGNER

Abs. Dr. H. Wagner,
Finkenstr. 5
8806 Neuendettelsau

POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl

An der Sitzung am 2. Dezember 1975
in Berlin nehme ich teil. / ~~nicht teil~~

~~Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom
bis zum~~

mit freundlichem Gruß

Morath.



P. Borutta,
85 Nürnberg-Laufamholz,
Brandstr. 23

INTERNATIONALE
SPIELWAREN
MESSE

7-
13.2.



1976

POSTKARTE
NÜRNBERG



40



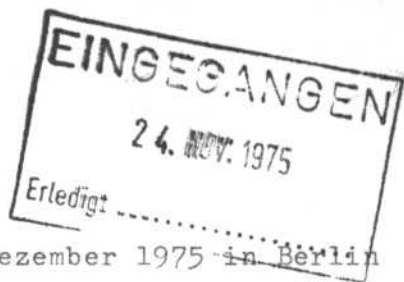
DEUTSCHE BUNDESPOST

Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedensau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4046



An der Sitzung am 2. Dezember 1975 ~~in Berlin~~
nehme ich teil / ~~nicht~~ teil

Ich bitte um ~~Zimmerreservierung~~ vom
~~bis zum~~

Abs. Landessuperintendent
H.H. Peters,
Altenhäger Kirchweg
20/22,
31 Celle

POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl

GOSSNER MISSION

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

Handjerystraße 19-20

Fernsprecher: (030) · 851 30 61 · 851 69 33

Postscheckkonto: Berlin West 520 50 · 100

Bankkonto: Berliner Bank, BLZ 100 200 00

Kto.-Nr. 0407480700

17. November 1975

psbg/sz

Herren Pastor H. Borutta, Nürnberg-Laufamholz,
Pastor M. Gohlke, Dünne,
Prof. Dr. Grothaus, Adelby,
Dr. W. Hess, Westkilver,
Landessuperintendent Peters, Celle,
OKR Dr. Runge, Berlin,
Pastor W.-D. Schmelter, Lemgo,
Dr. H. Wagner, Neuendettelsau

Liebe Brüder!

Heute morgen erhielt ich einen Anruf des Lutherischen Weltbundes aus Genf. Der Asien-Sekretär Dr. Rajaratnam ist soeben aus Ranchi zurückgekehrt, wo er versuchte, einige klärende Vorgespräche zu führen. Er möchte mit Rev.Dr.Hellberg und mir im persönlichen Gespräch in Genf weitere Vorschläge besprechen. Dieses Treffen wird am 27.d.M. in Genf stattfinden.

Ich halte es für sinnvoll, dass der erweiterte Indien-Ausschuss des Kuratoriums erst nach diesem Gespräch zusammentritt, weil wir dann, mit mehr Informationen versehen, Überlegungen unsererseits anstellen können. Nach Rücksprache mit Herrn Landessuperintendent Peters wird die für Freitag den 21.d.M. anberaumte Sitzung nunmehr verlegt auf

Dienstag den 2.Dezember 1975 um 9.30 Uhr im Haus der Mission, 1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau), Handjerystr. 19/20.

Von einigen Mitgliedern erhielt ich bereits Nachricht, dass der zuerst anberaumte Termin von ihnen nicht wahrgenommen werden könnte. Dies gilt vermutlich auch für einige von Ihnen für den neuen Termin. Ich bitte um Verständnis, dass die Sitzung auch abgehalten wird, wenn wir nicht vollzählig sind.

Ich darf Sie um die nochmalige Mühe bitten, die beiliegende Anmeldekarte auszufüllen und möglichst umgehend zurückzusenden.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen bin ich

I h r

Martin Sack

Anlage

Dr. Herwig Wagner

8806 Neuendettelsau
Finkenstraße 5

14. November 1975



An die Leitung
der Goßner Mission
Herrn P. Martin Seeberg
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystraße 19/20

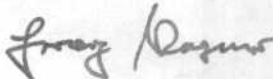
Betr.: Sitzung des Indienausschusses am 21.11.75

Lieber Bruder Seeberg -

Sie haben mich freundlicherweise zur Sitzung des von Ihnen einberufenen Indienausschusses eingeladen. Leider werde ich nicht daran teilnehmen können. Der Donnerstag ist mit Seminar bis in den Abend hinein belegt, und der Freitag mit Dozentensitzung am nachmittag. Sie verstehen, daß trotz der ungelösten Probleme in Indien, die zur Beratung anstehen, die Verpflichtungen der Hochschule, meines eigentlichen "Arbeitgebers" voranstellen müssen.

An dem Sitzungsprotokoll wäre ich (sicherlich mit den anderen Kuratoren) jedoch sehr interessiert.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen bin ich Ihr


(Herwig Wagner)

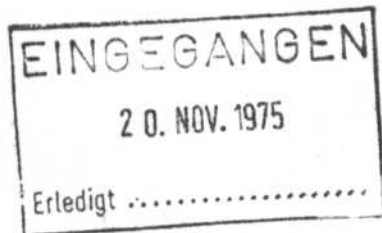
An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975 in
Berlin nehme ich teil / ~~nicht teil~~.

Ich bitte um ~~Zimmerreservierung~~ vom
~~bis zum~~

Hans Holthaus

Prof. H. Grothaus,
239 ~~Adelby Post~~ Flensburg 10
Norderlück 28

*mit. 20.11.75
hol. r. 14 20.11.75*

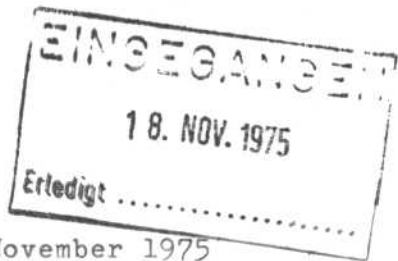


Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenan)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4046



An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975
im Haus der Mission, Handjerystr. 19/20,
1 Berlin 41, nehme ich teil / ~~nicht teil.~~

OKR Dr. U. Runge
Bachstr. 1-2,
1 Berlin 21



Evangelische Kirche
in Berlin-Brandenburg (Berlin West)
Konsistorium
1 Berlin 21, Bachstraße 1-2
Telefon: 39 91-1

Evangelische Kirche
in Berlin-Brandenburg (Berlin West)
Konsistorium
1 Berlin 21, Bachstr. 1-2
POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4046

An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975 in
Berlin nehme ich ~~teil~~ / nicht teil.

Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom
bis zum —

14. 11. 75


DR. HERWIG WAGNER

Abs. Dr. Wagner, Finkenstr. 5,
8806 Neuendettelsau

POSTKARTE

Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975 in
Berlin nehme ich teil / ~~nicht teil.~~

Ich bitte um ~~Zimmerreservierung~~ vom
~~bis zum~~



Landessuperintendent Peters,
Altenhäger Kirchweg 20/22
31 Celle



POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4046

An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975
in Berlin nehme ich teil / nicht teil.

Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom
bis zum

Wenn möglich, möchte ich
am gleichen Tage zurückfahren

Mit freudl. Gf
Hefr

P.Dr.W.Hess, 4986 Westkilver,
Rödinghausen 2



POSTKARTE



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl

An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975 in
Berlin nehme ich teil / ~~nicht teil.~~

~~Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom~~
~~bis zum~~

mit freundlichem Gruß

Heute.



Pastor i. R. Helmuth Borutta
85 Nürnberg - Laufamholz
Brandstraße 23
Telefon 0911 / 50 35 91

olz

INTERNATIONAL
SPIELWAREN
MESSF

13.2. 1975

NÜRNBERG



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4046

An der Sitzung am 21. November 1975 in
Berlin nehme ich ~~teil~~ / nicht teil.

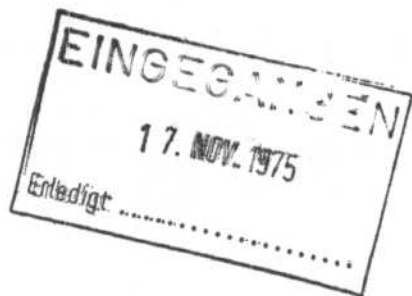
Ich bitte um Zimmerreservierung vom
bis zum -

Der Termin ist für mich zwischen den Ferientagen sehr
ungünstig. Darüber hinaus habe ich am Freitag
unterricht in einer Schule.

Sollten mehrere Kuratoren bzw. Mitglieder des Medien-
Auswahnes nicht teilnehmen können und ein
neuer Termin festgesetzt werden, bitte ich um Mitteilung.

Mit/freud. Gruß
Ulrich

Abs. P.W.D.Schmelter,
Neustr. 20,
4920 Lemgo



Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedensh)
Handjerystraße 19/20

Postleitzahl



4045

12. November 1975
psbg/sz

An die Mitglieder des
Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission

Betrifft: Notlage der indischen Gossnerkirche

Liebe Schwestern und Brüder!

In Ergänzung meines Briefes vom 6.d.M. übersende ich Ihnen

1. Fotokopie des Schreibens des Lutherischen Weltbundes an die Gossnerkirche vom 7.d.M.;
2. Fotokopie meines Schreibens an Dr.Singh vom 11.d.M.

Aus Indien liegen bisher noch keine neueren Nachrichten vor.

Mehrere Mitglieder des Kuratoriums haben sich zu den anstehenden Fragen bereits geäußert, drei Mitglieder regen eine Sitzung des sogenannten Indienausschusses an. In der Anlage ist eine Kopie der entsprechenden Einladung zu Ihrer Kenntnisnahme beigelegt. Ein Protokoll dieser Sitzung wird Ihnen allen zugehen.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen bin ich

I h r

Sg.
Martin Seeberg

Anlagen

12. November 1975
psbg/sz

Herren Pastor H. Borutta, Nürnberg-Laufamholz,
Prof.Dr.Grothaus, Adelby,
Pastor Dr. W.Hess, Westkilver,
Landessuperintendent Peters, Celle,
OKR Dr. Runge, Berlin,
Pastor Schmelter, Lemgo,
Dr. H. Wagner, Neuendettelsau

Liebe Brüder!

Die ungelösten Probleme der indischen Gossnerkirche erfordern eine Sitzung des erweiterten Indien-Ausschusses des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission. Ich lade deshalb sehr herzlich zu einer Sitzung am

Freitag dem 21.November 1975 um 9.30 Uhr im Haus der
der Mission, 1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau), Handjerystr. 19/20

ein.

Ich hoffe, dass die Teilnehmer aus Westdeutschland jeweils die ersten Flugzeuge nach Berlin werden erreichen können, und nehme an, dass wir die Sitzung am frühen Nachmittag des gleichen Tages werden beenden können.

Bitte senden Sie umgehend die beiliegende Antwortkarte an uns zurück.

Die bis dahin vorliegenden Stellungnahmen der Mitglieder des Kuratoriums werden Ihnen spätestens am Sitzungstag gesammelt vorliegen.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen

I h r


Martin Seeberg

Anlage

13. November 1975
psbg/sz

Herrn
Kirchenrat
Pastor i.R.
Hans L o k i e s
Drosselweg 4

3000 H a n n o v e r 73

Lieber Hans!

Gestern früh bekam ich Deinen Eilbrief vom 9.d.M. und ich danke Dir sehr herzlich für Dein Mitdenken. Als engagierter Beobachter sind mir Deine Ratschläge immer willkommen; als einer, der nicht mehr drin ist im "Geschäft", gehst Du allerdings auch oft von falschen Voraussetzungen aus, die ich gern korrigieren möchte.

Zur gegenwärtigen Krise in der Gossnerkirche meine ich wie Du, dass sie im Grunde eine geistliche Krise ist. Die augenblicklichen Probleme sind nicht überraschend, weil sie ja seit Jahrzehnten schwelen, aber sie sind auch wieder anders als etwa 1960. Diesmal bewegen sich die Mundos etwas ausserhalb der Legalität und der Urau Nirmal Minz ist insofern nicht mit Joel Lakra zu vergleichen, weil Nirmal nicht anti ist.

Ferner können wir heute weit weniger die Initiative ergreifen als früher, auch nicht jemand zur Beratung "heranziehen". Es klingt zwar im Augenblick merkwürdig, entspricht aber m.E. der Realität, dass die Gossnerkirche trotz der inneren Krise im Verkehr mit ihren Partnern reifer geworden ist und durchaus selbst Entscheidungen trifft wann und mit wem sie zusammenkommen will. Diesmal hat sie drei Adressaten genannt: LWF, Gossner Mission und die Vereinigte Lutherische Kirche in Indien. Leider habe ich inzwischen aus Genf erfahren, dass der Lutherische Weltbund durch Hellberg ein sehr deutliches "Nein" gesagt hat. Also auch hier eine andere Situation als 1960. Ich hoffe sehr, dass die Vereinigte Kirche in Indien positiver reagiert, zumal die Brüder dort dichter dran sind. Ich habe inzwischen an Dr. Singh geschrieben, weshalb ich im November nicht komme. Zwischenzeitlich haben wir eine Sondersitzung des Teil-Kuratoriums (erweiterter Indienausschuss: Borutta, Grothaus, Hess, Peters, Dr. Runge, Schmelter, Dr. Wagner) für den übernächsten Freitag (21.11.) ein-

berufen. Wir werden es uns nicht so leicht machen wie Genf, die 130-jährige Geschichte fordert uns dazu auf, aber ich kann im Augenblick noch keine Details sagen.

Zu Nirmal Minz: Du meinst, ich hätte einen grossen Fehler gemacht, weil Du auch hier wohl Einzelheiten nicht kennst. Er schrieb mir im August d.J., dass er im Oktober d.J. mit Parakleta nach Deutschland kommen möchte und dass wir für seine Frau die Kosten übernehmen möchten. Ich habe ihm aus zwei Gründen sofort dringend abgeraten: Einmal im Hinblick darauf, dass im Oktober d.J. in Indien die Wahlen zum KSS stattfinden würden, wäre der Zeitpunkt eines solchen Besuches, der weder mit dem Kuratorium noch mit der Kirchenleitung in Ranchi abgesprochen worden sei, ausserordentlich unglücklich; zum anderen läge eine formelle Anfrage der Kirchenleitung in Ranchi vor, über die sich das Kuratorium zunächst einmal einigen müsste, erst danach wäre die Teilnahme von Nirmal Minz an einer Kuratoriumssitzung sinnvoll. Ich schlug ihm also vor, den geplanten Besuch auf das Frühjahr 1976 zu verschieben. Er hat mir geantwortet, dass er dafür volles Verständnis habe und er seinen Plan geändert hätte und nur ein paar private Besuche in Deutschland allein machen wolle. Ich möchte seine "Versteinerung" während des Besuches in Anderten darauf zurückführen, dass er schon sehr genau ahnte, was nach seiner Rückkehr in Ranchi geschehen würde.

Zu Borutta: Du hast dreimal an verschiedenen Stellen Deines Briefes erwähnt, dass Bruder Borutta der geeignete Mann wäre, in der Gossnerkirche die notwendigen Verhandlungen zu führen. Ich kann Deinem Rat nicht folgen, weil Bruder Borutta von der Mehrheit des Kuratoriums als nicht geeignet angesehen wird. Zwar ist er ausserordentlich engagiert, aber doch vertritt er eine sehr einseitige Position. Er ist zu unkritisch in der Vergabe von finanziellen Zuwendungen und im Anbieten von Hilfen, d.h. in Fällen, in denen man geduldiger die Eigeninitiative der Kirche abwarten sollte.

Und schliesslich zu Dr. Sames: Deine Frage, ob wir jetzt einer Kirche das Recht einräumen, von sich aus Theologen in die Gossnerkirche zu schicken, kann ich ganz einfach mit einem Ja beantworten. Ich würde es in der Tat für merkwürdig halten, wenn wir dies nicht täten. Schon vor vier Jahren hat die Gossnerkirche - und zwar hauptsächlich durch Dr. Nirmal Minz - mit der Badischen Kirche direkt verhandelt, die dann Bruder Hecker und Frau entsandte. Wir haben beratend im Hintergrund gestanden, nachher haben die Heckers allerdings ihre Korrespondenz hauptsächlich mit uns geführt; leider, denn wir hatten gehofft, dass die Badische Kirche eine grössere Verantwortung wahrnehmen würde. Diesmal sind die Verhandlungen mit der Brandenburgischen Kirche von indischer Seite hauptsächlich durch Dr. Singh geführt worden, auf der anderen Seite durch Dr. Althausen, der selbst in Indien gewesen ist; Schottstaedt hat diese Verhandlungen verfolgt und begleitet. Ich selbst habe das Ehepaar Sames vor einigen Wochen gesehen und hatte einen denkbar guten Eindruck von beiden. Deine ideologischen Befürchtungen

Scheuen

unangebracht zu sein. Zum Ausreisevisum: Die Kirchenleitung drüben verhandelt noch mit den staatlichen Stellen. Die Aussichten sind recht gut. Auch hier hat sich die Situation geändert seitdem die DDR diplomatische Beziehungen zu Indien hat und man staatlicherseits darauf Wert legt, dass die DDR-Kirchen oekumenische Beziehungen zu Kirchen in der Dritten Welt (natürlich mit Ausnahme von Südafrika) pflegen.

Soviel für heute. Nochmals Dank für Deinen Brief. Aus Indien liegen zur Zeit keine neuen Nachrichten vor. Ich werde Dich auf dem Laufenden halten.

Herzliche Grüsse für Dich und Elisabeth

Dein

Sg



Lieber Martin,

Du weißt, daß ich vor Wochen Besuch hatte: Nirmal Minz und Bruder Hess, von Bruder von Stieglitz vorangemeldet, und Schwester Ilse, völlig überraschend. Alle Besucher waren uns herzlich willkommen, vor allem Ilse, die wir schon so lange nicht gesehen hatten. Nun war sie da: frisch, frei, fromm und für ihre neuen Aufgaben in der Heimatarbeit bereit. Möge sie in den Gemeinden eine gute Aufnahme finden!

Bruder Hess und Ilse brachten uns die gute Nachricht, daß Ihr eine Troika gebildet habt, die nach Ranchi reisen soll, um das Papier der indischen Kirchenleitung gemeinsam zu beraten. Ich kenne die beiden Kuratoriumsglieder, die Dich begleiten sollen, nicht persönlich; aber ich glaube, daß die Auswahl grundsätzlich richtig ist, und wir beide, Elisabeth und ich, wünschen Euern Dreigespann gute Fahrt und gutes Gelingen.

Als engagierter Beobachter aber möchte ich Dir dazu aus eigener Erfahrung einiges zu bedenken geben, ob Du davon Gebrauch machst oder nicht - also ganz privat und unverbindlich.

- 1.) Schon seit 1935 waren Bruder Stosch und ich uns darüber einig, daß zweiseitige oder - wie die Politiker sagen - bilaterale Verhandlungen zwischen der Missionsleitung und der inzwischen selbständig gewordenen Gossner-Kirche nicht genügen, um die immer wiederkehrenden Krisen in der Kirche zu überwinden. Wenn Stosch fast periodisch mit einer Pause von 5 Jahren die Gossner-Kirche besuchte, brachte er durch seine geistliche Autorität alles wieder in Ordnung; aber nach seiner Abreise blieb die Kirche im Alleingang zurück und sich selbst überlassen. So entschlossen wir uns, ein entscheidend wichtigen Fragen - dazu gehört sicher die Frage der Kirchenverfassung - die Lutheran Federation in Indien und möglichst auch den LutherischenWeltbund einzuschalten - durch eine gemeinsame Einladung seitens der Missions- und Kirchenleitung. Beide Kirchenbünde haben der Gossner-Kirche in Notzeiten großzügig geholfen und zu ihrer Verselbständigung beigetragen, so daß ihr Wort Geltung hat. So kam Bischof Sandegren als Vorsitzender der Federation 1939 nach Ranchi, um einen Streit zwischen den alten Missionaren, hinter denen die Mundas standen, und den Uraus, geführt von Joel Lakra, zu schlichten.

Das Urteil war hart. Alle wurden schuldig gesprochen, auch die Missionare, die sauer reagierten. Am härtesten aber war Joel Lakra betroffen; er wurde für 5 Jahre aus der Gossner-Kirche verbannt. Ohne Murren übernahm er einen Dienst in der Tamulen-Kirche, erwarb sich einen Schatz von Vertrauen, die Freundschaft mit Manikam und wurde nach seiner Rückkehr sofort zum Präsidenten der Kirche gewählt. Niemals hätte die Missionsleitung zusammen mit der Kirchenleitung in Ranchi allein eine solch' überlegene Entscheidung treffen und realisieren können.

Seitdem waren Stosch und ich der Überzeugung, daß künftig alle Verhandlungen zwischen Berlin und Ranchi im Falle einer Krisis von solcher ökumenischen Mitverantwortung flankiert sein sollten. Wir glaubten ferner, daß diese immer wiederkehrenden Krisen in der Gossner-Kirche ein geistliches Problem darstellten und darum auch auf geistliche Weise überwunden werden müßten. Als deshalb 1959 die Kirche in zwei Stammeskirchen zu zerfallen drohte, brachte ich den Fall vor die Missionskonferenz des Luth.Weltbundes. Darauf wurde im Plenum für die Wiederherstellung des Friedens in der Gossner-Kirche gebetet. Und während der Synode, die meine Reise abschloß, hielten wir Abend für Abend Evangelisations-Gottesdienst in der Christus-Kirche mit Rednern aus allen Parteien. Die Entscheidung aber fiel in der Abendmahlsfeier, die ich noch vor der Beendigung der Synode ansetzte. Joel Lakra ließ mir im Namen seiner Uraungruppe ausrichten: Es sei noch zu früh! Meine Antwort: Das Abendmahl sei keine Leistung, sondern Gabe! Im letzten Augenblick kam er mit seiner Anhängerschaft und erfüllte auch meine Bitte, zusammen mit seinem Gegner Tiga zuerst gegenseitig sich selbst und dann uns allen das Abendmahl auszuteilen. Es war ein großes Abendmahl, in seinem Verlauf immer mehr von der Freude über die sich anbahnende Versöhnung bestimmt. Danach wurden in der Schlusssitzung der Synode alle Beschlüsse einstimmig gefaßt, darunter auch der für mich wichtigsten: den Luth.Weltbund und die Luth.Federation um Entsendung von Vertretern zu bitten, mit dem Auftrag, auf der nächsten Verfassungsgebenden Synode verantwortlich mitzuarbeiten (Bischof D.Meyer, Lübeck, Bischof Dr.Manikam). So ist denn die noch heute geltende Verfassung unter Mitverantwortung der beiden luth.Kirchenverbünde entstanden. Darum würde ich empfehlen, zu der Beratung über eine Abänderung oder völligen Umgestaltung der Verfassung, zum mindesten einen Vertreter der Luth.Federation in Indien heranzuziehen, insbesondere, wenn es sich herausstellen sollte, daß die Verfassungsfrage die Gossner-

Kirche wieder einmal in eine tiefe Krisis zu stürzen droht.

An dieser Stelle möchte ich an die Verdiensteerinnern, die sich Bruder Klemkeit, der meine Frau und mich auf der Indienreise begleitete, um die wiedergewonnene Einheit in der Gossner-Kirche erworben hat. Als altgedienter Missionar kannte er sich in der Mentalität der Uraus und Mundas aus. Er besaß das Vertrauen beider Parteien, konnte darum zwischen ihnen vermitteln und mich über die parteiinneren Vorgänge informieren. Denselben Dienst könnte jetzter Bruder Bogutta leisten, zumal er im Kuratorium die Gossner-Kirche vertritt. Ich möchte darum empfehlen, ihn als Berater mit auf die Reise zu nehmen, koste es, was es wolle. Es zahlt sich aus. Uns half damals Bischof Kunst aus, der mir von sich aus eine großzügige Beihilfe anbot.

Die unter 1.) geschilderten Vorgänge habe ich ausführlicher behandelt, weil in ihnen für mich der Schwerpunkt des Verfahrens liegt; für Dich mag er anderswo liegen. Jedenfalls darf ich mich jetzt kürzer fassen.

- 2.) Schwester Ilse erzählte mir, daß Du die Absicht hast, nach getaner Arbeit von Ranchi aus die südindischen Kirchen zu besuchen. Ich halte das für eine gute und wichtige Sache. 1954 begann ich meine Indienreise in umgekehrter Richtung. Ich besuchte zuerst die Tamulen-Kirche und nahm als Gast von Bischof Sandegren an einer Tagung der Luth.Federation teil. Sandegren, wie auch später Manikam waren dann wiederholt unsere Gäste im Gossner-Haus, wie auch einmal der erste Bischof der Jeipur-Kirche, Kondpan, der im Sonntags-Gottesdienst im Kirchsaal die Predigt hielt. Es lag mir daran, solche persönlichen Kontakte aufzunehmen und zu pflegen - im Interesse der Gossner-Kirche. Damals besuchte ich dann auch die ihr benachbarten Missions-Kirchen, die Jeypur- und die Santal-Kirche. Meine Absicht war, die drei Kirchen bzw. Missionare zum Zusammenschluß zu bewegen. Die Feldleitung der Santalmission war auch dazu bereit; sie stellte einen Antrag in diesem Sinne an die Heimatleitung. Diese aber lehnte den Antrag ab. Seitdem weiß ich, daß der Zusammenschluß dieser 3 Kirchen nur in einem langfristigen Prozeß vorsichgehen kann. Aber eins könnte und sollte bald ins Auge gefaßt werden: die Durchführung von regelmässigen Consultationen (wie zwischen Bonn und Paris) zwischen den kirchlichen Führungsspitzen, abwechselnd in der

einen oder der anderen Kirche, zum Erfahrungsaustausch, und sollte es in einer der Kirchen brennen, auch als kirchliche Feuerwehr, um den Brand zu löschen, ehe er ausbricht.

- 3) Der Fall Nirmal Minz. Ich erkannte Nirmal Minz bei seinem letzten Besuch kaum wieder. Er, der sonst mit großer Beredsamkeit seine Pläne entwickelte, sprach kaum einen Satz. Er saß wie versteinert da. Von Bruder Hess erfuhr ich den Grund: Du sollst Nirmal Minz von der gerade tagenden Kuratoriumssitzung eingeladen haben; es scheint doch so gewesen zu sein. Das wäre aber in der Tat - laß es mich ganz offen aussprechen - ein ganz großer Fehler gewesen. Auch wenn Nirmal Minz ein "Anti" ist, auch wenn seine Pläne nicht frei von persönlichem Ehrgeiz sind: Du hättest ihn in Form eines Hearing im Kuratorium sprechen lassen müssen. Ihr konntet ja dann - ohne ihn - weitertagen, Auch für alle Kuratoriums-Mitglieder wäre es nütze gewesen, von einer anderen gegensätzlichen Alternative in der Verfassungsfrage zu hören und er hätte das befriedigende Gefühl gehabt, vom Kuratorium angehört worden zu sein. Auch Joel Lakra war zeitlebens ein "Anti". 1954 waren fast alle Missionare gegen ihn, vor allem Günther Schultz. Die beiden Schwestern in Govindpur nannten ihn den "Teufel" in der Gossner-Kirche, während er selbst sich stets für ihre Arbeit in der Tabitaschule einsetzte - durchaus im Wissen um ihre feindselige Haltung ihm gegenüber. So hat gerade Joel Lakra gezeigt, wie man ein "Anti" integrieren kann. Meine Antwort damals an die Schwestern war: "Ein Missionsdirektor muß auch mit dem "Teufel" reden können." So habe ich mit Joel Lakra loyal zusammen gearbeitet, auch als er sich zum Kuratorium feindlich einstellte, und bin dabei gut gefahren. Dabei habe ich auch erfahren, wie stark noch gerade bei den Uraus das Stammesbewußtsein ist. Wer Joel Lakra traf, den selbst die nichtchristlichen Uraus ihren "Raja" nannten, der traf auch den Stamm. Das gilt auch für Nirmal Minz, wenn es zutrifft, daß er sich nach und nach zum Erben Joel Lakras profiliert. So kam mir, als ich ihn so verbittert und zutiefst getroffen an unserm Tische sitzen sah, blitzartig der Gedanke: Die Verhandlungen über die Verfassung haben schon angefangen, bevor Ihr in Ranchi eintrefft, und zwar mit dem ganzen Stamm^{der} Uraus unter der Führung von Nirmal Minz als Opposition. Umso dringender erscheint es mir, daß Ihr Bruder Borutta als Mittelsmann mitnehmt.

- 4.) Der letzte Punkt. Er enthält nur Fragen. Schwester Ilse erwähnte bei ihrem Besuch so nebenbei, daß Ihr beabsichtigt, einen Theologen aus der D.D.R. als Dozenten ans Theol. College nach Ranchi abzuordnen. Ich stutzte. Später las ich im Gossner-Blatt, daß es die Berlin-Brandenburgische Kirche (DDR) ist, die die Aussendung von Bruder Dr. Sames mit Frau beschlossen hat.

Fragen: Räumt Ihr jetzt einer Kirche das Recht ein, von sich aus Theologen in die Gossner-Kirche zu schicken? Wer hat Bruder Sames ausgesucht und empfohlen? Schönherr oder Schottstaedt? Ist dem Kuratorium Gelegenheit gegeben worden, ihn und seine Frau, die ja auch Theologin ist, kennen zu lernen? Und haben sich auch die Vertreter der Gossner-Kirche im Kuratorium (Paul Singh und Borutta) ein Urteil über sie bilden dürfen? Wie kommt es, daß man sich dessen so sicher ist, daß Dr. Sames für einen Dienst in der Mission das Ausreise-Visum erhält? Zu meiner Zeit war schon das Wort "Mission" oder "Oekomene" verpönt, die Aussendung von Missionaren verboten. Ist das jetzt anders geworden? Um welchen Preis? Es geht bei Bruder Sames ja auch um die theologische Ausrichtung, die er mit seiner Person exportiert. Was die Gossner-Kirche braucht, ist eine biblische und - wenn Gott es schenkt - geistgewirkte Exegese. Soll es sich aber bei Bruder Sames um eine Theologie mit Ideologischem Vorzeichen handeln, die er dann auch doziert, dann legt Ihr - um ein drastisches Bild zu gebrauchen - ein Kuckucksei in das Nest der Gossner-Kirche, indem Ihr theologischer Nachwuchs herangebildet wird, und stürzt früher oder später die für Krisen anfällige Kirche in eine noch tiefere und gefährlichere Krise als alle anderen zuvor.

Natürlich kann mein Mißtrauen, das mir übrigens völlig wesensfremd ist, unbegründet sein, weil ich die Umstände, die zur Wahl von Bruder Sames geführt haben, nicht kenne. Dann möge Gott es mir vergeben und möge auch Ihr es mir verzeihen.

Mit brüderlichem Gruß

Drin Hans

Bitte wenden

Nachtrag:

Dieser Brief war schon lange konzipiert und handschriftlich abgefaßt, ehe Dein letzter Rundbrief mich erreichte. Darin bittest Du um Ratschläge. So möchte ich jetzt, nachdem die Dinge in Ranchi sich so entwickelt haben, wie ich es befürchtete, dringend raten, Bruder Borutta sofort als Vorauskommando nach Ranchi zu entsenden. Dann habt Ihr wenigstens einen zuverlässigen Berichterstatter an Ort und Stelle. Und in Eurem Auftrage könnte er auch die Verbindung mit der Federatio-n aufnehmen, was ich für unbedingt notwendig halte.



4986 Röttinghausen 2, den 20. Nov. 1975

liebes Bräute Leebag!

Es außerordentlich große Situation der formen Kirche gebietet
unverzüglichen Handeln.

Ich schlage vor:

- 1/ der notwendige feld umgehend abzurufen,
- 2/ baldmöglichst die Bräute Dornika und Kleinkind nach Indien zu senden
und H. Hellberg zu bitten, mit ihnen gemeinsam die formen Kirche zu
besuchen
- 3/ Sie persönlich zu bitten, in dieser Notlage die indische Kirche nicht
zu vernachlässigen.

Mit freundlichem Gruß

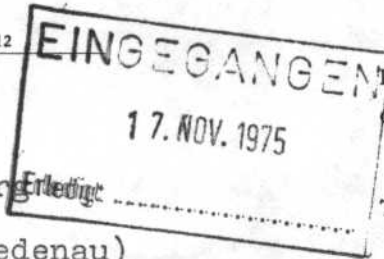
Sh

Milly Kefu

AMT FÜR MISSION UND OEKUMENE
DER EVANGELISCHEN KIRCHE IN HESSEN UND NASSAU

Amt für Mission und Oekumene · 6 Frankfurt-90 · Ederstraße 12

An die
Gossner Mission
z.Hd. Herrn Martin Seeberg



Leiter: Friedrich Weissinger
Geschäftsstelle: 6 Frankfurt-90
Ederstraße 12
Telefon: 0611/778664

1 B e r l i n - 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19 - 20

Ihr Zeichen

psbg:sz

Ihre Nachricht vom

12.11.75

Unser Zeichen

W/Ja

Datum

14. Nov. 1975

Lieber Martin !

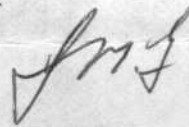
Vielen Dank für Deine zwei Postsendungen. Ich will versuchen, ganz kurz eine vielleicht nicht genügend durchdachte - aus Zeitmangel - Stellung abzugeben.

- 1) Wenn man die Geschichte der Gossner Kirche der letzten 20 Jahre nimmt, dann muß man feststellen, daß es viel Energie gegeben hat, die immer wieder auftretenden Streitigkeiten zu schlichten, ohne daß diese Bemühungen von einem etwas längerfristigen Erfolg gewesen sind.
- 2) Ich hielt es für einen absoluten Fehler, wenn Du oder ein anderer sich jetzt aufgrund des Durcheinanders wieder auf den Weg machen, um helfend zur Verfügung zu stehen. Dies würde sicherlich bezwecken, daß im Augenblick wieder unter dem Druck - den wir, auch wenn wir es nicht wollen immer darstellen - eine vorübergehende Befriedigung einkehrt.
- 3) Ich komme zurück auf mein Votum im Kuratorium, daß es mir erforderlich scheint, die indischen Brüder erst einmal an ihre indischen Brüder zu verweisen. Ob dies getan wird innerhalb der lutherischen Verbundenheit oder im Christlichen Council of India will ich offen lassen. Hier wäre gewährleistet, daß mehr Kontinuität in der Hilfe zur Überwindung der Auseinandersetzung gegeben wird. Wir können es nicht brieflich tun.
- 4) Ich würde mich deshalb mit der Linie von Bruder Hellberg wesentlich näher verbunden fühlen, als alle Überlegungen, die ja schon in der letzten Kuratoriumssitzung anklangen. Ich fühle mich mit dieser Linie auch bestärkt bei nicht wenigen Erfahrungen in unserer Verbindung zu anderen Kirchen.

Mach mit diesen Bemerkungen, lieber Martin, was Du willst.
Ich sage noch einmal, daß ich nicht die Zeit gehabt habe,
die Dinge so gründlich zu durchdenken, wie ich es sicherlich
schuldig wäre.

Im übrigen gewöhne ich mich daran, daß die Gossner Mission -
zumindest im Kuratorium - in eine alte Restaurationsphase
sich zurückbewegt.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
D e i n

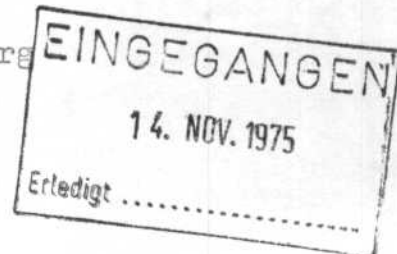


Eberhard Stickan
296 Aurich OT Wallinghausen
Heerenkamp 455.

den 13.11.1975.

Herrn

Missionsdirektor Pastor Martin Seeberg
Berlin.



Lieber Martin!

Du erbittest von uns einen guten Rat, wie man die festgefahrene Situation in der GEL-Kirche in Indien am besten überwindet. Nachdem ich die englischen Texte mühsam unter ständiger Anleitung sprachkundiger Familienmitglieder und eines Lexikons in einigermaßen verständliches Deutsch übersetzt hatte, mußte ich mir selbst eingestehen: Hier ist guter Rat teuer. Zwar erinnere ich mich an den Satz, den P.Heine in Delhi uns bei der Verabschiedung im letzten Herbst mit auf den Weg gab, wonach die Organisation der Kirche in Indien im Gegensatz zu der in Deutschland völlig unzureichend sei, aber die Gemeinden in Indien - wiederum im Gegensatz zu denen in Germany - trotzdem lebendig seien und sich gut entwickelten. Daraus könnte man schließen: Die Administration ist nebensächlich. Aber nun quälen sich die Freunde der GEL-Kirche eben mit ihrer Verfassung, und Dr.Singh bittet um Rat und Hilfe außerhalb der GEL-Kirche. Schließlich ist er immer noch der verantwortliche Mann.

Du hast in Deinem Brief an die Kirchenmänner in Indien einige Vorschläge zur Überwindung der gegenwärtigen Krise gemacht. Ich bin im Wesentlichen damit einverstanden, würde aber nicht schon von einer "Zerstörung der Kirche" sprechen. Wahrscheinlich müssen wir uns vor einer Dramatisierung der indischen Kirchensituation hüten. Vermutlich beurteilt Dr.Singh selbst die Lage heute weniger dramatisch als in den ersten Tagen nach dem "unfortunate meeting", als er sich in einer depressiven Stimmung - er ist ja auch ein kranker Mann - hinsetzte und Hilferufe an LWF, GM und UELCI zu Papier brachte.

Eben erhalte ich die neusten Informationen aus Berlin. Für die Entscheidung Dr.Hellbergs, nicht nach Ranchi zu kommen, habe ich volles Verständnis. Zu Deinem Brief an Dr.Singh: Es ist m.E.

völlig korrekt, wenn die an LWF, GM und UELCI ergangene Einladung zu einer Intervention auf breitere Basis gestellt wird. Ich bezweifle, daß diese Basis in der GEL-Kirche gefunden wird. Sollte sie zustandekommen, muß der Schlichtungskommission von vornherein Entscheidungsbefugnis zugestanden werden. Sonst ist eine Intervention sinnlos. Sollte es unter den genannten Vorbedingungen tatsächlich zu der von Dr. Singh gewünschten Konferenz in Ranchi kommen, so ist mir immer noch zweifelhaft, ob die Ergebnisse wirklich den "deadlock" in den Verfassungstreitereien der GEL-Kirche überwinden. Es handelt sich doch ganz offensichtlich nicht nur um Sachfragen. Viel entscheidender dürfte die Frage sein, wie aufgebrochene persönliche Differenzen beizulegen sind.

Nach meiner Meinung muß die selbständige GEL-Kirche selbst einen Ausweg aus dieser Situation suchen. Ich bin davon überzeugt, daß sie auch einen Weg finden wird. Vielleicht sieht der anders aus als wir uns das vorstellen. Möglich, daß sogar verantwortliche Kirchenmänner in Indien darüber enttäuscht sind. Deswegen muß der Weg nicht schlecht sein. Eine "Krise" dient auch zur Klärung. Nach meinem Eindruck ist Dr. Singh wegen seiner Krankheit und der für ihn bitteren Erfahrungen in der Kirche in einer Krise. Wahrscheinlich wäre es für ihn und die Kirche besser, wenn er unter den gegebenen Umständen sein Amt zur Verfügung stellen würde.

Ich möchte nicht so verstanden werden, als ob uns die indischen Probleme nichts angehen. Diese Haltung wäre unbrüderlich. Aber es gibt eben persönliche Probleme, mit denen wir selber fertig werden müssen und uns kein Mensch helfen kann - und wenn er es noch so gut mit uns meint.

Wir denken weiter an Euch. Wir denken auch an die Brüder in Indien, die wir vor genau einem Jahr besuchten.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Deine Familie
einbegriffen

Deine

P.S. Hedwig möchte für unsern Indien-Bazar von Euch einige Sachen haben.

Alt. m. G. G. / R. W. R. 17.11.75

Eberhard und

Hedwig

Vir haben uns doch von Heckers aus Ranchi
diese gewebten Tischläufer schicken lassen.
Sie werden hier sehr begehrt und wir können
noch mehr gebrauchen, zumal Sandhoost
auch einen Gips- - Basen machen will.
Könnt Ihr uns noch welche schicken oder
sonstige Handarbeiten, vielleicht noch andere
Kunstgewerbliche Gegenstände? Unser Basen
ist am 1. Advent und unsere Frauen sind
sehr eifrig dabei. Am Dienstag waren
wir noch mal mit unsern Indian-Bil-
dern bei den Landfräulein in Norden.

Herzliche Grüße auch an Necht-
hild und die Kinder

Kedwig.

GESA CONRING

3 HANNOVER 11.11.1975 Co/Lab
BEEKESTRASSE 105
TEL. (0511) 428305

An die Gossner Mission
Herrn Pastor
Martin S e e b e r g
1 B e r l i n 41 (Friedenau)
=====

Handjerystr. 19-20



Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 6.11.75

Lieber Herr Seeberg!

Auf Ihren Hilferuf bezüglich der Gossner-Kirche in Indien kann ich nicht viel Wesentliches sagen, da mir die Verhältnisse dort in keiner Weise bekannt sind.

Ich hatte ein Gespräch mit P.Menno Smid abwarten wollen, der in diesen Tagen zur Synode nach Hannover kommt, schreibe Ihnen aber nun doch erst einmal meine Stellungnahme weil es eilt.

Mit scheint, daß Sie im Zusammenwirken mit dem Lutherischen Weltbund Ihre persönliche Vermittlung dort ins Spiel bringen sollten, obwohl es bestimmt nicht dauerhaft helfen kann, wenn die Stabilisierung von Menschen abhängig gemacht wird, die in Deutschland wohnen.

In der Hoffnung, daß Ihnen für diese Vermittlungstätigkeit guter Rat mit auf den Weg gegeben werden kann, bin ich

mit freundlichem Gruß

Ihre

Gesa Conring

Evangelisch-lutherisches Pfarramt
ST. NIKOLAI ZU LEMGO
Pastor Schmelter

492 LEMGO, 11. November 1975
Neue Straße 20 - Tel. (05261) 3205



Herrn
Missionsdirektor
Pastor Seeberg

1 Berlin 41-Friedenau
Handjerystr. 19 - 21

Sehr geehrter, lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Mit Bestürzung habe ich die von Ihnen am 6. November 75 übersandten Unterlagen gelesen. Es ist nur zu bedauerlich, daß die Einheit der Goßner Kirche wieder einmal auf dem Spiel steht. Zu einem in der Sache weiterhelfenden Beitrag sehe ich mich z.Z. nicht in der Lage, da die Informationen aus Ranchi nicht detailliert genug sind. Sicherlich haben Sie Herrn Oberkirchenrat Dr. Runge zu den juristischen Spezialfragen befragt. Ich hielte es für gut, wenn Sie uns seine Stellungnahme wissen ließen. Ansonsten ist es mir wieder unverständlich, wie sich Minderheiten nicht unter die Beschlüsse einer demokratisch zustande gekommenen Mehrheit beugen können. Obwohl es mir schwerfällt, der Bereitstellung der im Schreiben von Dr. Singh erwähnten Mittel in Höhe von 15.000 Rps zuzustimmen, meine ich doch, daß die Arbeit der Zentrale sowie der Synode nicht an den Finanzen scheitern sollten und die Goßner Mission ~~wie bisher~~ die Mittel bereitstellen sollte.

Ich begrüße Ihre Initiative der Kontaktaufnahme mit dem Lutherischen Weltbund und meine, daß bei dem Stand der mir jetzt zur Verfügung stehenden Informationen nach intensiver Absprache und Beratung zwischen dem Lutherischen Weltbund und der Goßner Mission der Besuch eines Vertreters ausreichend sein müßte.

Obwohl ich die Information aller Mitglieder des Kuratoriums begrüße, möchte ich nicht versäumen, darauf hinzuweisen, daß das Kuratorium in seiner Sitzung in Springe einen Indienausschuß gebildet hat, der bei Vorlage neuer Informationen einberufen werden sollte.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
Ihr

Hoff - Dein Hühner

Helmuth Borutta, Pastor i.R.
85 Nürnberg
Brandst. 23

Nürnberg, 9.11.1975

An
Herrn Missionsdirektor Seeberg
1000 Berlin 41
Handjerystr. 19/20



Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Gestern haben Bruder Wagner und ich bei einem Treffen bei uns über Ihren Brief vom 6.11. und über die besondere Notlage der Gossnerkirche nachgedacht. Wir sind zu einer Übereinstimmung in 3 Punkten gekommen.

1. Der Gossnerkirche sollte auf dem schnellsten Wege das notwendige Geld für die erforderlichen meetings geschickt werden. Es soll nicht einmal uns der Vorwurf gemacht werden: "Ihr habt uns nicht geholfen. Wir wollten, aber wir hatten kein Geld!" Mit der Zusendung des Geldes zeigt die Gossner Mission der Gossnerkirche ihr Vertrauen.
2. Vorerst sollten die Brüder in Ranchi unter sich versuchen, den Streit zu glätten. Solch eine Haltung der Mission könnte unter den streitenden Brüdern positive Kräfte wecken und fördern. Ihre persönliche Gegenwart, Bruder Seeberg, würde die schon schwache Position von Paul Singh fördern. An Ihrer Person könnte sich der Streit verschärfen. Bruder Wagner und ich sind der Meinung, dass z.Z. Hellberg aus Genf der Mann wäre, der vermitteln sollte.
3. Da es sich um eine akute Angelegenheit der Gossnerkirche handelt, bitte ich Sie, den Indienausschuss einzuberufen.

Mit freundlichem Gruß und den besten Wünschen

Ihr

Helmuth

Dr. Herwig Wagner

8806 Neuendettelsau
Finkenstraße 5

den 9. November 1975

Herrn Pastor M. Seeberg
Goßner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19 - 20



Lieber Bruder Seeberg -

ich bedanke mich für die Information und Dokumentation über die neuerliche, ganz unvermutet aufgetauchte Krise in der Goßner-Kirche, während wir dachten, es seien die Geleise für eine Neuregung und Gesundung gelegt.

Der Hilferuf von Dr. P. Singh, den er auch noch am 1.11. als Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh unterzeichnet hat, ist mir freilich nicht in jeder Hinsicht erhellend. Die Abwesenheit des S~~E~~ Anchal in der KSS Sitzung am 30.X. bezeichnet Dr. Singh selbst als deadlock und sieht keine Möglichkeit, alleine aus dieser ausweglosen Situation herauszufinden. Wodurch die Weigerung dieses Anchal heraufbeschworen worden ist, auf dem angezeigten Weg der Neuordnung mit den anderen Anchals zusammen voranzuschreiten, das wird nicht weiter ausgeführt. Die Lage in Assam scheint doch prinzipiell etwas anders gelagert zu sein, auch wenn die Brüder dort formal den gleichen Streich führen und "nicht mit-spielen".

Mir scheint es in dieser Situation die wichtigste Maßnahme zu sein, wie Sie es ja auch schon geschrieben haben, daß die Brüder in die Lage versetzt werden, sich gemeinsam an einen Tisch zu setzen und sich auszusprechen - wenn nötig eben ohne Verfassungs-Agenda. Es liegen doch offenbar tiefere Gegensätze vor als nur verschiedene Rechtsauffassungen über die neue Konstitution und über die Rechtmäßigkeit von Neuwahlen.

Ausdrücklich möchte ich Ihnen für Ihren persönlichen Brief vom 6.XI. danken, den Sie sofort an die Brüder in Indien geschrieben haben. Meine eigenen Gedanken für das weitere Vorgehen bewegen sich auch auf dieser Linie:

1. Ermöglichen wir es als Partnerkirchen/Missionsgesellschaft den Brüdern, sich in Ranchi zu einem round-table-talk zu treffen. Das mag mehr als zwei Tage in Anspruch nehmen und mehr als RS.5000 kosten.

2. Möge dazu eine Extra-Zuwendung auf schnellste Weise gebilligt und transferiert werden. Parallel dazu müßten wohl auch Überlegungen angestellt werden, wie die benötigte Summe von etwa \$ 1000.- bei uns auf außerordentliche Weise aufgebracht werden könnte. Damit Sie einen solchen Entschluß nicht allein zu verantworten haben, könnte das Indien-Komitee des Kuratoriums Ihnen in dieser Sache wie auch zur Evaluierung der eingehenden Voten der Kuratoren zusammengerufen werden.

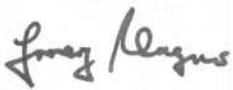
3. Eine Teilnahme an dem anvisierten November-Meeting von unserer, deutscher Seite halte ich im Augenblick nicht für tunlich. Als ehrliche Partner halte ich es für wichtiger, daß wir die Brüder in Indien in die Lage versetzen, sich zu treffen und selbst auszusprechen. Eine Teilnahme unsererseits als die ehem. Väter könnte ja auch leicht als Druck oder self-exposure mißverstanden werden; unter solchen Umständen ist das klärende Gespräch untereinander, das m.E. nötig ist, nur schwer möglich.

4. Zu solch einem Gespräch sollte aber eine Stück brüderlicher Gemeinschaft der Christen dargestellt werden, am besten durch einen "unbeteiligten Dritten". Dr. Singh schlägt den LWB (Dr. Hellberg) vor, oder/ und einen Vertreter der UELCI.

Ich wage es, noch weniger beteiligte Brüder ins Gespräch zu bringen, die vielleicht als Seelsorger und Versöhner von Gruppen, Gremien und Personen geistlich wirken könnten: etwa der frühere Bischof der Tamil Church Dr. Satyanadan, noch besser mit einem Begleiter zur Seite. Am besten wäre es natürlich, wenn der LWB eine solche Peace Mission in Gang bringen könnten, die nicht nur an dem besagten KSS Meeting in Ranchi teilnehmen sondern anschließend auch noch auf Pastorenkonferenzen im selben Sinne multiplizierend wirken könnten. Soweit ich die Situation verstehen kann, geht es ja nicht nur um Rechtsstreitigkeiten in der GELC, sondern um einen tiefer liegenden Vertrauensschwund, der nur durch geistlichen Anspruch der Brüder angegangen werden kann. Dazu sind im Augenblick vielleicht weniger Beteiligte geeigneter als die Partner im technischen Sinne. Unser Partnerschaftsgespräch hat nur Aussicht auf ein gutes Ergebnis, wenn die Vertrauenskrise interner Art (for the time being) überwunden werden kann.

Ich wünsche Ihnen gute Beratungen in der Missionsleitung, die schnell zu einem Ergebnis kommen müssen.

Mit herzlichem Gruß bin ich Ihr


(Herwig Wagner)

6. November 1975
psbg/sz

An die
Mitglieder des Kuratoriums
der Gossner Mission

E i l t !

Liebe Brüder und Schwestern!

Heute erreichte uns ein dringender Hilferuf aus Indien. Die im September/Okttober anstehenden Kirchenwahlen sind z.T. boykottiert worden und es herrschen schwerwiegende Meinungsverschiedenheiten, die die Einführung der neuen Verfassung betreffen. Eine neue Kirchenleitung gibt es nicht und die bisherige hat am 31. Oktober 1975 ihre Amtsperiode beendet. Dr. Singh ist zwar weiterhin Acting Prämukh Adhyaksh (amtierender Kirchenpräsident), aber er ist krank und ohne Autorität.

Der Lutherische Weltbund, die Gossner Mission und die Vereinigte Ev. Luth. Kirche Indiens werden ersucht, sich einzuschalten.

Die Missionsleitung kann ohne Beratung durch das Kuratorium nicht bestimmte Entscheidungen treffen.

So bitte ich Sie, die beiliegenden Informationen, nämlich

1. Protokoll der Sitzung der indischen Kirchenleitung am 30. Oktober 1975;
2. Brief von Dr. Singh an LWF, GM und UELCI vom 1. November 1975;
3. Brief Seeberg an LWF vom 6. November 1975;
4. Brief Seeberg an Kirchenführer in Indien vom 6. November 1975;

zur Kenntnis zu nehmen und möglichst umgehend Ihre Beurteilung der Situation zu formulieren sowie Vorschläge, wie die Gossner Mission angemessen reagieren sollte.

Es ist deutlich, dass die Gossnerkirche mehr als je unserer Fürbitte bedarf.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

I h r

Anlagen

November 29, 1975

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul S i n g h
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Registered

R a n c h i / Bihar / India

Re: Letter LWF dated November 27th 1975 addressed to the Acting
Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Anchal Adhyakshas of GEL Church

Dear Dr. Singh!

As we dont know the names of the Adhyakshas of the Orissa and
Assam Anchal we enclose herewith two copies of the above mentioned
LWF letter. Please be kind enough to hand them over to the persons
concerned.

Thanking you in advance I am with best wishes

very truly yours,


Secretary

Registered to:

Rev. Dr. Paul S i n g h , Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
Rev. B h u n y a , Adhyaksh South East Anchal,
Rev. Dr. M i n z , Adhyaksh North West Anchal,
The Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal,
The Adhyaksh Assam Anchal,
Rev. S o r e n g , Madhya Anchal , Adhyaksh

c/o GEL Church, R a n c h i / Bihar / India

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

LUTHERISCHER WELTBUND - LUTHERSKA VÄRLDSFÖRBUNDET - FÉDÉRATION LUTHÉRIENNE MONDIALE

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH COOPERATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23423 OIK CH
Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

To:

The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
and the Anchal Adhyaksh
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi
Bihar INDIA

Geneva, 27 November, 1975.

Dear Friends:

We would like to greet the leaders and members of the GELC and convey to you our good wishes for a harmonious fellowship and functioning of GELC. We recognize that the present unfortunate situation has been caused not so much by the leaders nor by any section of the church community, as by the unexpected, rather untimely, judgement of the Court vacating the injunction against the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh - when elections for new officers and KSS members according to the old Constitution, were in progress. Thus the time for implementing the new Constitution was rather short, and on the otherhand any further postponement would seem to create further complications.

Instead of therefore analysing the present situation, as to who is at fault and who is not, we like to offer you the following suggestions to move out of this present stalemate.

1. We would plead with the Anchals and the Ilakas to continue their good work keeping their administration going.

At the same time, for the sake of order and continuity, we strongly recommend that all of you continue to recognize the authority of Dr. Paul Singh as Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh temporarily until the new KSS together with the new officers is constituted.

2. In order to achieve this, it is necessary that all Anchals should elect the new Anchal officers and KSS members, as the old KSS no longer exists.

./.

- 2 -

In other words we urge the North West Anchal to complete their election process before Christmas this year, so that the new KSS can be convened by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh as soon as possible.

3. We further suggest that the officers of all Anchals, namely the Anchal Adhyaksh, the Anchal Secretary and the Anchal Treasurer meet early January to consider the following:

i) Steps to honour the decision of the outgoing KSS to implement the new Constitution. As there are fears on the part of some Anchals that the new Constitution may not be implemented at all, the suggested meeting of the Anchal officers may give a satisfactory assurance to these Anchals that the new Constitution is mandatory as accepted by the KSS and that there is no intention to go back on their decision.

ii) As some leaders have expressed that the new Constitution has some unsatisfactory elements, it may be agreed at this meeting that these unsatisfactory elements of the new Constitution, if any, be discussed at the first meeting of the new KSS with a view to bringing forward amendments to the new Constitution.

We however urge that those leaders who have given thought to these new needs put them down in writing, which the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh may circulate amongst the new KSS members and new officers of Anchals, so that there may be a meaningful discussion at the first meeting of the KSS.

4. We further suggest that the first meeting of the KSS be held in the third week of February, 1976. We understand the suggestion of the leaders of GELC that representatives of the LWF and Gossner Mission be present at the first meeting of the new KSS. As you had earlier suggested, UELCI representatives could also be present.

If the representatives of LWF and Gossner Mission should be present at the first meeting of the new KSS, in order that our presence may be used to the best advantage, we desire to have sufficient

./.

- 3 -

time with the leaders of GELC for fellowship and discussion in depth of the factors which periodically lead to this kind of situation. For this purpose we need to spend at least one week amongst you. We could find that much time only during the third week of February at the earliest. We would therefore be happy to be with you at this time.

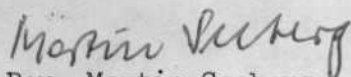
However, if the autonomous GEL Church would want to come to a settlement of all these questions without our assistance, we would be delighted to be told so.

In this event you can fix a date for the first meeting of the new KSS without reference to our convenience.

5. In view of the importance of mutual understanding amongst the leaders of the GELC, which is an important factor for fellowship and working together, we suggest that the January Anchal officers meeting as well as the first meeting of the KSS begin with the Holy Communion Service.

We hope and pray that this letter will show everyone in GELC our deep concern for reconciliation among you and the re-structure of the church, so that GELC may once again emerge as a strong and effective instrument in God's hands for furthering His mission in North India.

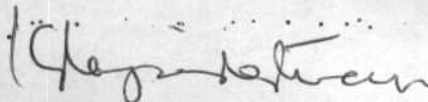
Yours in Christ



Rev. Martin Seeberg
Director
Gossner Mission, Berlin



Dr. Carl.-J. Hellberg
Director
Department of Church Cooperation



Dr. Kunchala Rajaratnam
Secretary for Asia
Department of Church Cooperation

26. November 1975
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul S i n g h
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Dankeschön, dass Sie so bald geantwortet haben. Ich weiss sehr wohl, dass Sie in der augenblicklichen Lage auf die meisten Fragen in meinem letzten Brief nicht eingehen konnten. Inzwischen habe ich von Herrn Hecker ebenfalls einige Informationen erhalten, so dass ich für meinen morgigen Besuch in Genf und die Beratungen im Kuratorium in der nächsten Woche einiges in der Hand habe.

Im Gegensatz zu Rajaratman halte ich es für nicht wahrscheinlich, dass ich Anfang Januar 1976 nach Ranchi komme. Selbst wenn der Northwest-Anchal bis dahin Wahlen durchgeführt haben sollte und eine Kirchenleitung zusammentreten könnte, wird man Anfang Januar nicht weiter sein als jetzt: Einige wollen die neue Verfassung einführen, andere nicht. Ich bin bis jetzt nicht genug informiert, um beide Positionen beurteilen zu können. Dr. Minz wird darauf bestehen, dass man im Juli d.J. bereits einen gemeinsamen Beschluss gefasst habe und dass man deshalb die neue Verfassung einführen müsse. Ich erinnere mich aber an sehr, sehr viele Beschlüsse - gute und schlechte - die die Kirchenleitung in den vergangenen Jahren gefasst hat, die aber später niemals durchgeführt wurden. Hier gibt es also eine gewisse Tradition. Deshalb sollte man jetzt nicht darüber diskutieren, wie formal vorzugehen ist, denn es bleibt nichts anderes übrig als auf die vorgebrachten Einwände einzugehen und noch einmal darüber zu reden, was der einen oder anderen Seite an der Verfassung nicht gefällt.

Natürlich kann man auch an eine Teilung der Kirche denken. Der Luthertische Weltbund hat dies durch Dr.Hellberg ja schon angedeutet. Die Gossner Mission hat sich bisher eindeutig gegen die Teilung der Kirche ausgesprochen, und ich vertrete auch heute noch entscheiden diese Meinung.

Ich bin sicher, dass Sie mir weitere Informationen, sobald sich etwas Neues bei Ihnen ergibt, zukommen lassen werden. Nach den Beratungen in Genf und im Kuratorium in Berlin werde auch ich mich wieder melden.

Ihnen und Ihrer Familie viele Grösse und gute Wünsche von

I h r e m

sg.

P.S. Es ist doch wohl richtig, die für Ende Februar 1976 vorgeschlagene Konsultation zwischen Kuratorium und KSS nicht zum vorgeschlagenen Zeitpunkt durchzuführen und auf einen späteren Termin zu verschieben?

d.O.

26. November 1975
psbg/sz

Herrn und Frau
Pastor H e c k e r
GEL Church Compound

R a n c h i 834 001 / Bihar
Indien

Liebe Heckers!

Zunächst bedanke ich mich für den schnellen und ausführlichen Antwortbrief vom 7.d.M., der mit allen seinen Informationen für mich ausserordentlich wichtig und hilfreich gewesen ist.

Bevor ich auf diesen Brief eingehe, möchte ich Ihnen, lieber Herr Hecker, zu Ihrem Geburtstag sehr herzliche Grüsse und gute Wünsche senden. Ich freue mich, dass Sie im vergangenen Lebensjahr gesund geblieben sind und immer noch Freude an Ihrer derzeitigen Aufgabe haben, obwohl dies nach allen Begebenheiten ja nicht selbstverständlich ist. Das neue Lebensjahr wird starke Veränderungen in Ihrem Leben bringen und damit auch neue Hoffnungen und Erwartungen. Ich wünsche Ihnen von Herzen, dass einige davon in Erfüllung gehen, dass Sie einen harmonischen Abschluss für Ihre jetzige Arbeit finden und einen guten Neu-Anfang in Deutschland.

Da ich ausser ziemlich allgemein gehaltenen Mitteilungen von keiner Seite Einzelheiten über die Vorgänge der letzten Oktober-Tage in Ranchi erfahren hatte, sind mir Ihre Nachrichten so wichtig gewesen. Heute kam allerdings ein Brief von Paul Singh, dem ich viele Fragen gestellt hatte und der mir jetzt auf deutsch antwortete.

Wir sind uns in Berlin darüber klar, dass für die nächsten Wochen die bisher wichtigen Fragen um Fudi, das theologische College und die Beziehungen Gossner Mission / Gossnerkirche zurücktreten müssen. Solange keine Kirchenleitung im Amt ist, fehlt ein wichtiger Gesprächspartner. Nach allen Erfahrungen der vergangenen 25 Jahre fängt man freilich zu überlegen an, wie wichtig für die Gossnerkirche überhaupt eine funktionierende Kirchenleitung ist. Das Leben der Gemeinden (wohl mit Ausnahme der in Ranchi selbst) wird durch diese Ereignisse ja kaum berührt, und man könnte also mit einem milden oder müden Achselzucken die Sache beiseite tun. Dennoch kann ich die Krisis in der Verwaltung und Leitung der Gossnerkirche nicht so leicht nehmen. Es gibt so viele entscheidende und wichtige Aufgaben in einer Kirche, die von der einzelnen Gemeinde nicht wahrgenommen werden können, z.B. die theologische Ausbildung.

Ich weiss sehr wohl - im Unterschied zu einigen älteren Mitarbeitern der Gossner Mission - dass wir in Berlin nicht viel tun können, um den derzeitigen Zustand zu ändern. Ich habe Paul Singh geschrieben, dass es für mich sinnlos ist, wiederum als Diskussionsleiter einige Tage in Ranchi zu verbringen; auch Ihr ironischer Vorschlag, nach vier Wochen zu prüfen, ob die getroffenen Vereinbarungen eingehalten worden sind, ist nicht durchführbar, es würde letztlich darauf hinauskommen, dass ein Nicht-Inder die permanente Verantwortung übernimmt. Ihnen selbst ist es anscheinend gelungen, sich in den internen Streit nicht hineinziehen zu lassen. Zu dieser Weisheit beglückwünsche ich Sie! Ihren Zeilen entnehme ich dabei, dass Sie durchaus engagiert sind und ganz und gar nicht aus innerer Distanz die Entwicklung verfolgen. Wenn ich Ihren Zeilen einen konkreten Vorschlag hätte entnehmen können, was wir hier für die Gossnerkirche tun könnten, wäre ich natürlich dankbar gewesen, aber ich sehe ein, dass da im Augenblick noch nichts zu beschreiben ist. Morgen werde ich nach Genf fliegen und mich mit Hellberg und Rajaratman beraten. Wie ich von Dr. Singh hörte, hat der Kurzbesuch von Rajaratman in Ranchi nicht allzuviel bewirkt. Rajaratman ist der Meinung, dass zunächst einmal der Northwest-Anchal die Wahlen abhalten sollte, damit die Kirchenleitung etwa Anfang Januar 1976 rechtens zusammentreten kann. Hier sollte dann mit Hilfe der nicht-indischen Freunde eine Lösung versucht werden. Nun, das ist immerhin ein Vorschlag, dem ich mich wohl anschliessen kann, der aber nach meiner Überzeugung die Probleme nur um vier bis sechs Wochen aufschiebt. Ich sehe es doch wohl richtig, wenn ich meine, dass diese kleinen taktischen Manöver die grundsätzliche Frage verdecken, nämlich: Soll die im Juli 1975 beschlossene Verfassung eingeführt werden oder nicht. Genau an diesem Punkt fehlt mir die Klarheit, um zu einer eigenen Meinungsbildung zu kommen. Ich kenne noch nicht einmal den genauen endgültigen Text der im Juli d.J. beschlossenen Verfassung. Der zu Beginn d.J. gedruckte Entwurf hat mich nicht so sehr überzeugt. Wissen Sie, welche Einwände die Mundas vorbringen und welche Gefahren diese sehen, wenn es zur Einführung der neuen Verfassung kommt? Bisher nahm ich an, dass die Uraus eine möglichst dezentralisierte Organisation der Kirche vorziehen, während die Mundas eine straffere zentrale Leitung und Verwaltung wünschen. Der indischen Mentalität und dem vorherrschenden Gruppendenken käme die Dezentralisation wohl entgegen. Für die Lösung der zukünftigen Aufgaben könnte ich mir eine straffere Zentralverwaltung besser vorstellen. Natürlich ist es auch für uns in Deutschland leichter, mit einer Gossnerkirche partnerschaftliche Beziehungen zu pflegen als mit neun Diözesen.

Wenn der Lutherische Weltbund bei seiner Empfehlung bleibt und man in Ranchi dementsprechend beschliesst, werde ich wahrscheinlich für Anfang Januar 1976 nach Ranchi eingeladen werden. Nach dem heutigen Stand der Erkenntnisse werde ich die Einladung aber nicht annehmen, vielleicht ergibt sich aber im Dezember noch einiges, was ich jetzt noch nicht übersehen kann. In der kommenden Woche ist ein Teil des Kuratoriums zu einer Sondersitzung einberufen worden, und ich weiss noch nicht, was dort beschlossen werden wird. Ihnen, liebe Heckers, wäre ich dankbar, wenn ich - ähnlich wie im letzten Brief - weitere Nachrichten über den Fortgang der Krise bekommen könnte.

Mit ganz herzlichen Grüssen bin ich

I h r

Sg.

STATEMENT OF FACTS BE THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE
G.E.L. CHURCH.

ENGEGANSE

26. NOV. 1975

A statement is issued by the undersigned on the present situation of the GEL Church ~~max~~ briefly dealing ^{with} facts and circumstances for the understanding and clear conception of the situation. It is circulated inside and outside the church so that all concerned may know the truth.

To-day it is rumoured that there is emergency in the Church that there is a constitutional deadlock and that there is no KSS, the supreme legislative and administrative body of the church. Nonetheless it is rather strange that there is no official announcement in the church to this effect. Under the aforesaid situation the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh Dr. C.K.P. Singh is continuing as such with all powers vested in him till the so-called deadlock is overcome. Question arises as to how this situation was brought about? Who is responsible for it. After the resignation of Rev. J. Topno from his office of Pramukhship an interim arrangement was made. Accordingly Dr. CKP Singh was made Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Church although constitutionally he was not qualified for the post as he was not an elected Adhyaksh from any one of the five Anchals. In This way origin of unconstitutional actions started right from the resignation of Rev. J. Topno. To oppose this unconstitutional action an injunction suit was filed by Mr. Phulchand Panna and two others. This injunction suit was vacated on 27th September '75 almost after two years. In the mean time the then KSS which had been dissolved was restored and Dr. Singh carried on with his duties with the assistance of the KSS. During the Acting Pramukh Adhyakship of Dr. Singh the KSS framed a new constitution, passed it in its meeting dated 27-28 August '75. But because the injunction suit was there so it was handicapped in implementing it. However the KSS passed resolutions of ~~far~~ far reaching consequence (vide minutes of the KSS appended).

There were two main resolutions in the said meeting:-

- (1) That elections in Anchals according to the present constitution be held from 1st to 30th September '75 up to Ilaka level in all Anchals and Anchal Officers' election be completed by 10th Oct. '75 and result of Anchal Officers' election be communicated to the KSS office immediately so that the same may reach the centre by the 15th October '75. According to this decision action was taken. A detailed programme for elections was chalked out and sent to Anchals with necessary instructions.
- (2) That as soon as the injunction suit is vacated steps be taken immediately to implement the new constitution. This be regarded as mandatory.

After the said meeting earnest effort was made to get the injunction suit vacated. As a result it was vacated on 27th Sept. 1975. By this date elections were over up to Ilaka level. Anyway as per resolution of the KSS Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh or the ~~Sx~~ Secretary should have taken immediate steps to stop all elections according to the present constitution. Instead programmes for elections according to the new constitution should have been circulated. But the KSS officers made an inordinate delay in this respect. They met on 16th Oct. '75 and decided to express their feelings saying that elections were not necessary according to the present constitution. This decision was a big blunder in as much as election of office-bearers in Orissa and Assam Anchals were already over before the 16th Oct. '75. Before the decision of the KSS officers' meeting ^{at 16-10-75} took place on 21st Oct. '75. In spite of prohibiting decision for elections according to the present constitution Dr. Singh Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh wrote letters to Anchals on 22.10.75 asking them to submit results of Anchals elections.

Almost in the similar way Rev. P.D. Soreng Secretary of the KSS who is also an Adhyaksh of Madhya Anchal got election of Anchal officers' done on 25.10.75. The North West Anchal stopped the elections of the Anchal office-bearers as per decision of the KSS Officers' on 16.10.75.

-----Cont-----

ANN

A meeting of the full KSS was convened by the Secretary KSS to be held on 30.10.75. This meeting was not attended by the members of the Assam and South-East Anchals en-block. The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh declared the meeting as constitutional. Therefore the KSS considered and made decisions according to which the church had to go under interim period again.

The above is a brief narrative of events which led to the church to come to the present situation.

Critical Examination of events and facts with solutions:-

- (1) Soon after the vacation of injunction suit the KSS Officers should have stopped all elections according to the existing constitution and ordered for elections according to the new constitution because implementation of the same was mandatory. The KSS officers failed to take action in time. Therefore they are responsible for the failure of implementation of the New Constitution.
- (2) The decisions taken by KSS officers on 16.10.75 by expressing their feeling was untimely, thereby creating confusion and unrest in the church. Therefore the KSS Officers are guilty of misjudgement and misguidance.
- (3) When elections in four Anchals were complete before 30.10.75 the North West Anchal should have completed elections before the end of October '75, thereby enabling election of new Pramukh Adhyaksh and formation of new KSS according to the programme issued much earlier.
- (4) The meeting of the full KSS on 30.10.75 was unwanted uncalled for and unwarranted. As a matter of fact it was an unconstitutional meeting for two reasons:-
 - (a) ~~Wks~~ It was just an ordinary meeting. For a meeting of ~~the KSS~~ this kind at least one month's notice is required. Even for an emergent meeting fifteen days' notice is to be served. But in the above case neither one month nor fifteen days' notice was served.
 - (b) When an Anchal absents an block from a meeting of the KSS the latter cannot take such decisions as affect the whole church.
- (5) When a new KSS was to succeed very quickly there was no sense in convening the meeting of the old KSS at the expiring hour.
- (6) Actions taken by the meeting of 30th Oct. '75 are uncalled for, unwanted and unwarranted, hence they are null and void.
- (7) The meeting of 30th Oct. '75 deviated from its agenda. it did not take up the real issue.
- (8) The Pramukh ~~Sank~~ should have convened a meeting of the Adhyakshes' Council inspite of non-election in the North West Anchal.
- (9) New KSS be formed immediately.
- (10) Acting Pramukh's term is over on 4th Nov. 75.
- (11) Church Court of constitution should have been consulted by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh.
- (12) Mahasabha to be convened to pass the new constitution.
- (13) Implementation of new constitution shall be a subject of new KSS and new Pramukh Adhyaksh.
- (14) Administration committed serious blunders by issuing *contradictory orders and letters.*

Cont.

15) NWA sabotaged formation of the new KSS and election of new Pramukh Adhyaksh. Adhyaksh of Madhya Anchal also played a decisive role in this regard.

16) Administration, NW Anchal and Madhya Anchals are responsible for bringing about the present chaotic situation of the church.

Signatures:-

1. SD/ N. Bhuinya, Adhyaksh
S.E. Anchal
11.11.75
2. Sd/- C.B. Aind,
11.11.75
Up-Adhyaksh, S.E. Anchal.
3. Sd/- J. Topono
11.11.75
Secretary,
Assam Anchal.
4. Sd/- J. Ligun
11.11.75
Adhyaksh,
Assam Anchal.
5. Sd/- S. Barla
Adhyaksh,
Orissa Anchal.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D. Dr. Theol. (Berlin)

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. BEL 25/75

Herrn

Missionsdirektor Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, Berlin



The 19.11.75

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für Ihren Brief von 11.11.75, vor Kurzem hatte ich auch den Brief von Dr. Hellberg bekommen. Ich habe die Meinungen und die Fragen von Ihnen beiden an die Anchal Adhyakshas geschrieben, weil ich allein darauf nicht antworten darf und kann. Ich hoffe, daß die Adhyakshas bald ihre Meinungen und Antworten mir oder direkt Ihnen schreiben werden. Ich weiß nicht, wie sich das Kuratorium für die Massnahme äussert; das wird nicht so leicht sein, weil das Kuratorium ~~ist~~ der einzige Partner von Europa ist, und irgendwie ~~sehl~~ die Sache erledigt werden muß. Nachdem Dr. Rajaratnam zu einem Blitz Besuch nach Ranchi eingetreten war und erfolglos in großem Eile versucht hat die Parteien zusammenzubringen, werden Sie auch von ihm hören und überlegen seine Meinungen und Ratschläge hilfreich sind und ob Sie auch nach seinem Termin, i.e. erste Woche Jan. 1976 einverstanden sind. Nachdem ich die Freunde hier gehört haben, wird jede Partei eigene Sache Recht geben: eine sagt Dr. Minz/NWA muß Wahl durchführen aber die andere/Dr. Minz sagt es muß ~~gar~~ gesichert werden daß der neue KSS nur für die IMPLEMENTATION berufen wird, aber die erste ~~wird~~ wird genau dies nicht! Wie auch es sei es ist klar daß ohne Vermittlungen kann die Gossner Kirche weiter nicht gehen. Die Finanz und Administration sind durch-einander.

Inzwischen habe ich so etwas überlegt, Anfang Jan '76 werde ich die KSS mit Anchal Adhyakshas zu einer extraordinary Sitzung für höchstens zwei Tage einladen und die ganze Sache übergeben; d.h. aber entweder Dr. Minz/NWA muß die Wahl durchführen oder allein bleiben -wähle bedeutet, die Kirche wird entzweit. Ich kann leider nicht mehr weiter machen, nicht nur wegen meiner Gesundheit willen, sondern auch der Ungewissheit und Unklarheit unter den Bruder in KSS und in der ganzen Kirche. Da ich die ganze "Vollmacht und Vollverantwortung" habe, werde ich für zwei Tage das Geld irgend wie zusammen bringen und möchte Sie und Dr. Rajaratnam zu der Sitzung einladen. Bitte überlegen Sie mit Dr. Rajaratnam and geben Sie mir Rat, ob meine solche Massnahme in rechter Linie sein wird! Sie haben um die Gewissheit und Erklärungen für manchem Punkten gebeten, bevor Sie Sie entschliessen können für weitere Massnahmen, das ist berechtigt. Ich bin leider in diesem Punkt zu einer Sackgasse geraten, aber so bald ich von den Adhyakshas

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

Director & Secretary

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, B. D. Dr. Theol. (Berlin)



G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone 23358

Ref. Memo No.

The

-2-

hören werde ,werde ich Ihnen mitteilen.

Wir haben die Theological College Sache noch nicht erledigt, jetzt werden die Leute wieder gespannt welche Massnahme ich nehmen werde, wenn nachlangem Schweigen wieder versucht wird the Science Classes von Gossner College in den Räumen von Gossner Theological College gehalten wird!

In diesen Tage haben wirdie erhöhte Summe in der Gehälter von BEL Mitarbeiter bekommen. Ich überlege noch wie die zusätzliche Summe, die Sie uns für diesen Fall gegeben haben, verteilen können. Einigen Adhyakshas haben die neue Pay scale in Ihrem Anchal nicht implementiert daher schäagen sie vor daß die Summe nicht als Gehälter verteilt werden sondern als "Interim Relief "wie wir in vergangene Jahr getan hatten, wenn als gehalt verteilt wird werden die Anchal-Mitarbeiter neidisch und werden keine Kollekte für Missionsarbeit sammeln. Wie auch es sein mag die Summe Rs. 70,000.00 is nicht genug um als @gehälter zu zahlen, daher werde ich als "Interim Relief" verteilen!

Hier mit schicken wir auch ~~das~~ zusätzliche Budget für 1976. Obwohl das schon vom Kuratorium entschieden ist, hatten wir unser Budget nach her geschickt, das war eine Summe von Rs. 47,5343.68..... Nachdem wir die Gehälter erhöht haben, kommt eine erhöhte Summe insgesamt von Rs. 607,266.32..... d.h. eine Erhöhung von Rs. 131,922.64..... Da Assam ~~hat~~ eine besondere Summe bekommen hat und da ke ne zusätzliche Budget geschickt wurde könnte das abstreichen. Wegen die Schwierigkeiten in der Kirche könnte BEL nicht treffen und hat keine Entscheidungen gegeben. Ähnlich is auch von Plamau Budget, kein zusätzliches Budget ist gegeben, daher haben wir dasselbe gelassen. Es liegt vor Ihnen das ganze Budget, wie Sie das entscheiden ist schwierig, ich weiß, daß das Kuratorium auch keine unbegrenzte Summe zur Verfügung hat. Wenn nicht anders möglich wird, werde ich vorschlagen, daß die 'Construction' oder 'New Appointments' oder beide abgestrichen werden oder GM nur eine bestimmte prozent geben wird, bei dem letzteren wird NWA sehr viel betroffen. Es wird mir hilfreich wenn Sie auch ^{unb} diesem Punkt etwas schreiben können.

Gesundheitlich geht es mir und meiner Familie besser. Ich nehme noch sehr regelmäßig die Spritze, ich muß irgendwann nächsten Woch Blut untersuchen lassen. Wie vorgeschlagen von Dr. Rajaratnam versuche um kurze tour zu machen, um die Sache zu erklären.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen an allen,

Ihr bin ich
Paul Singh

REVISED BUDGET 1976, B.E.L. RANCHI.

	Former (Acc. to old pay- scale.	Deducting Field In- come.	Latter (Acc. to new pay- scale.	Difference of Amount
1. Central	33,455.20	nil	37,371.28	3,916.08
2. Assam	37,000.00	nil	37,000.00	_____
3. M. Anchal	30,951.24	500.00	33,859.44	2,908.20
4. O. Anchal	45,067.56	3,000.00	52,059.88	6,992.32
5. S.E. Anchal	96,000.00	6,000.00	123,535.60	27,535.60
6. Udaipur	74,199.00	6,000.00	104,871.00	30,672.00
7. Surguja	131,554.68	12,000.00	195,527.52	63,972.84
				<u>135,997.04</u>
8. Palamau	27,116.00	4,074.40	23,041.60	4,074.40 *Less
	<u>475,343.68</u>		<u>607,266.32</u>	<u>131,922.64</u>

Dated. Ranchi,
The 19th Nov. 1975.

C. K. D. S. A.
Director, B.E.L. Ranchi.

November 18, 1975
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul S i n g h
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

Re: Special subsidy Gossner Mission for extraordinary meeting
of Church leaders

Dear Brother Singh,

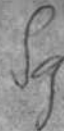
this is to announce the transfer of a special subsidy for
the central administration of GEL Church amounting to
Rps 5.000,--.

This is meant for special expenditures in the near future
for the meeting of the Church leaders (I dare not to say
KSS).

To-day I got a telephone call from Dr.Rajaratnam who told
me the last news from Ranchi. We made an appointment for
my coming to Geneva on November 27th. A few days later we
will have a meeting of the Indian Commission of our Kura-
torium. I hope very much to get a letter from Ranchi in
the meantime.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,



11. November 1975
psbg/sz

Herrn
Dr. C.K. Paul S i n g h
GEL Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Als ich am 5.d.M. Ihren inhaltsschweren Brief erhielt, habe ich Ihrer herzlich gedacht und schrieb daraufhin die Briefe an die Anchal Adhyakshas sowie an den Lutherischen Weltbund unter dem 6.d.M. Ausserdem wollte ich einige Tage überlegen, welche Massnahmen wir in Berlin treffen sollen.

Inzwischen habe ich den Brief von Dr. Hellberg vom 7.d.M. an Sie zur Kenntnisnahme erhalten. Hellberg kommt also nicht nach Ranchi und sieht für seine Person also keine Möglichkeit, in den Streit in Ranchi einzugreifen. Ob damit der Lutherische Weltbund insgesamt alle Massnahmen ablehnt, wird sich entscheiden, wenn Dr. Rajaratnam Kenntnis von der Angelegenheit erhält und von Madras entweder nach Ranchi kommt oder direkt nach Genf zurückkehrt. Jedenfalls werden Sie, so wie die Dinge im Augenblick liegen, keine besondere Hilfe vom Lutherischen Weltbund erwarten können.

Diese Tatsache erleichtert unsere Situation in Berlin ganz und gar nicht. Im Augenblick sind wir der einzige europäische Partner, der versucht, Ihre Sorgen und Probleme zu bewältigen. Ich hoffe aber, dass die von Ihnen ebenfalls angeschriebene Vereinigte Lutherische Kirche Indiens jemand schicken wird. Diese Brüder haben ja den kürzesten Weg.

Die Mitglieder des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission haben sich bisher noch nicht geäussert, aber ich erwarte im Laufe dieser Woche ihre Ratschläge. Meine persönliche Meinung, die ich mit meinen Mitarbeitern in Berlin diskutiert habe, sieht im Augenblick wie folgt aus:

Ich bin mir der Verantwortung bewusst und weiss, dass die Zukunft der Gossnerkirche auch durch die Gossner Mission beeinflusst wird. So wie in früheren Jahren wird es auch heute und morgen so sein, dass wir in Berlin durch unsere Korrespondenz und durch unsere finanziellen Beiträge positiv oder negativ wirken. Ich habe Ihnen wiederholt gesagt, dass nach meiner Überzeugung grössere Geldzuwendungen mehr schaden als Nutzen bringen. Diese These ist bei Katastrophenfällen sicher nicht anwendbar. Ist eine solche Katastrophe jetzt eingetreten und soll die Gossner Mission jetzt für die Zentralverwaltung der Kirche Mittel aufbringen? Wir haben dies 1974 und 1975 zu einem gewissen Teil getan, weil die Interimszeit überbrückt werden musste. Wenn es jetzt so aussieht, als würde diese Interimszeit auf unbestimmte Zeit weitergehen, dann habe ich grosse Zweifel, ob wir uns an der Finanzierung der Zentrale beteiligen sollen. Ist es möglich, dass sich die Brüder im KSS nicht geeinigt haben, weil irgendwie die berechtigte Hoffnung bestand, dass schlimmstenfalls die Gossner Mission einspringen und die nötigen Beiträge schicken würde?

Aber vergessen wir einmal das Geld. - Sie haben geschrieben, dass ich Ende November für eine Woche kommen soll. Eine solche Reise nach Indien kostet natürlich auch einiges Geld, das vielleicht an anderer Stelle bessere Verwendung finden könnte. Ausserdem lässt auch meine Terminplanung nicht ohne weiteres zu, eine solche Reise kurzfristig anzutreten. Aber auch hier würde ich sagen, dass in Katastrophenfällen alles möglich gemacht wird. Doch was könnte ich in acht kurzen Tagen in Ranchi tun? Möglicherweise würde es mir gelingen, die Parteien an einen Tisch zu bringen und ein paar kleinere Probleme zu lösen, aber viel mehr ist in so kurzer Zeit wohl kaum zu erreichen, besonders wenn man allein ist. Darüber hinaus habe ich in diesem Zusammenhang noch eine wesentliche Frage: Der Hilferuf an LWF und Gossner Mission ist vom Rest-KSS, der am 30. Oktober zusammenkam, beschlossen worden. Wie aber ist die Meinung der Brüder, die nicht an dieser Sitzung teilgenommen haben? Sehen diese ebenfalls die Notwendigkeit, dass ein guter Freund von aussen die Probleme lösen sollte?

Sie sehen also, dass ich die Frage, ob ich zu Ihnen kommen soll oder nicht, ebenfalls unter dem Gesichtspunkt betrachte, ob ein solcher Besuch mehr schaden als nutzen könnte. Ich lehne den Ruf zu kommen, nicht grundsätzlich ab wie es Dr. Hellberg getan hat, aber bevor ich mich dazu entschliessen kann müsste ich mehr Gewissheit erhalten, dass dieser Besuch von allen gewünscht wird und dass Aussicht besteht, einen Heilungsprozess in Gang zu setzen. Anders ausgedrückt: Die Verantwortlichen der Gossnerkirche müssten deutliche Zeichen geben, dass sie ernsthaft die Befriedung wünschen und sich gegebenenfalls auch einem Schiedsspruch beugen würden. Ich könnte im Falle meines Kommens nicht nur Diskussionsleiter sein, denn es geht jetzt darum, verbindliche Entscheidungen zu fällen, die akzeptiert werden müssen, was im voraus und öffentlich gesagt werden müsste.

Soviel für heute, lieber Bruder Singh. Ich weiss, dass Sie persönlich eine zu grosse Last tragen und dass Sie durch Ihre Krankheit geschwächt sind. Ihretwegen würde ich viel schneller nach Ranchi kommen, aber es geht jetzt um mehr, denn wie schon gesagt, ich frage, kann mein Besuch mehr schaden als nutzen? Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie sogleich nach Erhalt dieses Briefe antworten würden, damit ich über die Entwicklung der letzten Tage informiert bin und Antworten auf meine Fragen bekomme. Sobald das Kuratorium sich zu der Angelegenheit geäussert hat, werde ich mich wieder melden, also schon vor Eingang Ihrer Antwort.

Mit vielen guten brüderlichen Grüssen bin ich

I h r

Sg.

Martin Seeberg

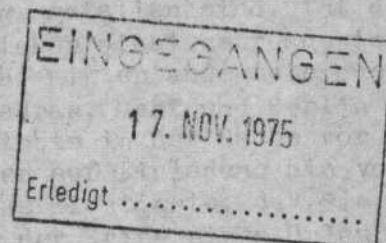
J. M.

Vs. M. 11. 75

D. Din. 11. 11. 75

Ranchi, den 7-11- 1975

An die
Gossner Mission
Herrn Direktor Martin Seeberg
1 B e r l i n 41
Handjervstr. 19
West Germany



Lieber Herr Direktor Seeberg!

Haben Sie vielen Dank für Ihren ausführlichen Brief vom 30.10. 75. Ich will keine langen Vorreden machen, sondern gleich zu den angeschnittenen Fragen kommen.

Das Problem von Fudi ist wahrscheinlich wirklich das kleinere. Wir werden Ihren Brief auf der nächsten Sitzung besprechen und es dürfte wohl nicht zu schwierig sein, Ihre Abstriche für 1976 zu verkraften.

Die Lage der Zentralverwaltung scheint wirklich so kompliziert geworden zu sein, daß eine Steigerung nicht mehr vorstellbar ist - was wir allerdings schon seit Jahren meinen! Dr. Singh hat Ihnen sicher geschrieben, daß nicht nur die Wahlen nach der alten Verfassung durchgeführt wurden, auch das war nicht einheitlich. Der NW-Anchal hat überhaupt keine Wahlen veranstaltet, sodaß er jetzt rechtlich noch völliger in der Luft hängt als alle anderen. Assam ist geteilt, etliche sind wohl für alt, etliche für neu, während South East und Orissa voll in der alten Weise weiter verfahren ist und sich Khuntitoli spät und halbherzig angeschlossen hat. Das gängige Bild dieser Tage ist, daß Grüppchen von KSS-Mitgliedern herren- und ziellos durch den Church Compound wandern und nicht wissen, sollen sie nun abreisen, oder am folgenden Tag noch einmal einenziemlich aussichtslosen Einigungsversuch machen. Nirmal Minz hat wegen der Krisensituation die Reise nach Nepal abgesagt, sich dann aber an den entscheidenden Sitzungstagen auf sein Dorf zurückgezogen und man rätselt allgemein, kommt er nun doch wieder oder nicht. Der gängige Ausdruck ist: deadlock. Wir sehen auch wenig Ausweg. Verschiedentlich haben wir mit Leuten gesprochen, aber guter Rat ist wirklich teuer, denn beide Seiten haben übel taktiert. Die Einstimmigkeit bei der Verabschiedung der neuen Verfassung war weder spontan noch überzeugt, sondern kam nach dreitägiger Sitzungsverlängerung zustande und hielt wohl nicht lange über das anschließende Gruppenbild hinaus an, ja Dr. Singh äußerte schon damals die Vermutung, daß South East und Orissa möglicherweise nur mit dem Hintergedanken zugestimmt habe, wegen des schwebenden Verfahrens, die Sache hinterher zu torpedieren. Nirmal Minz hätte das wissen müssen, aber er verließ sich wohl auf die Verpflichtung eines einstimmig gefaßten Beschlusses. Hinterher geschah eben genau das, was auch nach Ihrer Abreise im Oktober 73 geschah, man intrigierte auch wieder mit dem Schein der Legalität unter Hinweis auf das schwebende Verfahren. Nirmal Minz hat mit seiner Weigerung, irgendwelche Wahlen durchzuführen sich nun aber auch aller Gemeinsamkeiten begeben. Jetzt suchen sie ihn, um verhandeln zu können. Wäre er gleich gekommen, hätten vermutlich einige sich geweigert, ihn zuzulassen, weil er nicht mehr im Amte ist. Bei fast jeder der Sondersitzungen seit Mitte Oktober hat eine Gruppe sich genüßlich verabsentiert. Man scheint allgemein sehr betroffen zu sein. Wie tief das geht, ist aber schwer zu sagen. Junul Topro lächelt nur immer milde im Hintergrund dabei. Am sichersten in diesem Trubel scheint die Position von Dr. Singh zu sein, denn er ist jetzt der einzige Pfahl an dem die Kirche noch hängt.

Zur Zeit hat gewiß niemand Zeit und Muße sich über das Verhältnis zur Gossner Mission zu unterhalten. Bevor nicht die wichtigsten Grundentscheidungen in Sachen Verfassung gefallen sind, ist der Besuch der vorgeschlagenen Kommission sicher nicht sehr aussichtsreich. Ich weiß auch nicht, ob Dr. Singh, wie er andeutete, nochmals dringend um sofortige Vermittlung von Madras, Genf und Berlin gebeten hat und möchte von meiner Seite nichts in der Sache vorschlagen oder stimulieren. Falls Sie aber auf Einladung hin vorher schon zu kommen planen, sollten, wäre das Wichtigste, daß Sie nach dem glücklichen Abschluß und der Lösung der Krise einen Urlaub in Nepal oder Bangkok von drei vier Wochen einplanen und dann nach geraumer Zeit noch einmal hereinschauen und sich nach dem Ergebnis eventueller Beschlüsse erkundigen. Denn bisher scheint es uns mit Systemzwang immer an der Verwirklichung von Beschlüssen gehapert zu haben. Sie sehen also, wir haben auch keine Lösungsverschlüsse oder Krisenpläne, die man empfehlen oder anwenden könnte. Allerdings wird die Führungskrise im Zentrum nun immer mehr zu einer Kirchenkrise. Das wiegt viel schwerer als die persönlichen Spannungen und auch die Finanzsorgen.

Als wir vor 5 Jahren die großen Bedenken von Dr. Dell gegen einen Collegeneubau hörten, waren wir ein wenig überrascht. Inzwischen ist dies wirklich zu einem traurigen Kapitel geworden. Wir hatten Ihnen im letzten Brief ja schon berichtet, wie unmöglich Rev. Tete bei der Bauplanung und -Ausführung mit dem Staff und auch dem College Council umgeht. Über Finanzgeschichten weiß ich gar nichts, bin aber fast geneigt, die Übelsten Geschichten, die im Umlauf sind, für nicht unbegründet zu halten. Doch das kümmert uns auch nicht zu sehr, es ist schließlich nicht unser Geld, und wenn der LWB ohne jede Kontrolle in dieser Situation so hohe Beträge sanktioniert, fühlen wir uns auch nicht berufen, einzugreifen und mitzumischen. Wir persönlich würden allerdings gegenwärtig zu keinerlei weiteren Finanzhilfen für ein neues Hostel raten können. Das Gebaren der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Tete/Modi ist so, daß abgesehen von der Frage Korrektheit oder Unkorrektheit, bis ins letzte Dorf gedrungen ist, daß dies skandalös ist. M/s Modi hat seit über einem halben Jahr das halbe Gebäude in eine Schreinerwerkstatt umgewandelt und produziert Unmengen an Möbel. Es ist auch nicht abzusehen, wann dies aufhören wird. Als neulich Rev. Tete auswärts war, mußte sein Stellvertreter Rev. Dang für eine Veranstaltung der Student's Union Modi um die Benutzung der Halle fragen. - Ich will aufhören. Sie können sich ohne Zweifel die Situation sehr gut vorstellen. Das Bedenkliche an der Geschichte ist nur, daß sowohl Dr. Singh als auch das KSS angesichts der unsicheren Gesamtlage zu keinerlei Kontrolle fähig sind, da Rev. Tete sich taub stellt und nachdrückliche Weisungen oder Aktionen in dem Gewirr der sonstigen Gruppeninteressen nicht denkbar sind. Der Anfang des Hostelneubaus würde das College auf mindestens zwei weitere Jahre sehr belasten, und bevor nicht die kirchliche Gesamtlage normalisiert ist, ist es müßig, für 100 Studenten zu planen. Dieser Abschnitt mag etwas hart klingen. Ich habe mich aber dabei schon um höchstmögliche Zurückhaltung bemüht.

Nur noch kurz zu den Reisenplänen von Familie Sames. Die Verhandlungen mit der DDR Regierung scheinen ja erfreulich gut zunehmen. Wie die indische Regierung dazu steht, wissen wir nicht, aber das kommt ja immer auf einen Versuch an. Uns scheint es allerdings so, als ob im College (und vielleicht auch in der Kirche) keine großen Anstrengungen in der Richtung unternommen würden. Wenn Familie Sames schon Anfang nächsten Jahres kommen kann, werden wir ihnen selbstverständlich gerne behilflich sein beim Eingewöhnen, bei der Anmeldung zur Sprachenschule und was man sonst noch tun kann.

Die Handicraftgeschichte macht uns ein wenig Kummer zur Zeit, denn wir brauchen einen passenden, institutionalisierten Rahmen, vor allem zum Versand größerer Mengen. Die Dorfleute können es nicht selber tun, eine Privatfirma möchten wir nicht gerade sich daran bereichern lassen und Regierungsinstitutionen sind etwas schwerfällig. Modi würde es sicher tun, ab-er hoffen wir lieber, daß er nicht eines Tages konvertiert und noch Kirchenpräsident wird.

Herzliche Grüße- auch an Ihre Frau und die Mitarbeiter der Gossner Mission!

Ihre
Dieter und Ursula Hecker

(Dieter und Ursula Hecker)

1/2 Ps

Gossner
Mission

November 6, 1975
psbg/sz

Rev. M. Jojo, GEL Church Rajgangpur Dt. Sundagarh/Orissa
Rev. P.D. Soreng, GEL Church Khuntitoli via Simdega Dt. Ranchi/Bihar
Rev. N. Bhuinya, GEL Church Kadma/Khunti Dt. Ranchi/Bihar
Rev. Dr. N. Minz, GEL Church Compound Ranchi/Bihar
Rev. C.S.B. Horo, GEL Church Tezpur/Assam
Rev. Dr. C.K.P. Singh, GEL Church Ranchi/Bihar

My dear Friends and Brethren,

only a fortnight ago I wrote a letter to the members of the KSS of the GEL Church on occasion of the first meeting of the new elected members. I reminded you of Christ who said:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Matth. 18.20)

and of Apostle Paul who said:

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed; behold all things are become new".
(2. Cor. 5.17)

And I mentioned that the friends of GEL Church in Germany are anxiously awaiting the news about this first meeting of the new KSS and its results.

To-day I got a letter of emergency from Dr. Singh and it was really shocking to learn that there was an unfortunate meeting on October 30th with no results. The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh informed Gossner Mission that the GEL Church urgently requests LWF, Gossner Mission and UELCI to come and help finding a solution of the problems.

I already contacted LWF and our Kuratorium in order to discuss our possibilities in Europe.

But before our consultations begin I must write this personal letter to you, the responsible leaders of the Church. I am writing this letter as a friend and wellwisher of the GEL Church and dare to say in the name of Christ:

Do your outmost just now for the peace in the GEL Church;

convene a meeting without agenda and do talk together;

be aware of the future of the GEL Church and treat this more important than personal dealings;

nobody can bear the responsibility for destroying the Church, but it is everybodys duty witnessing the love of Christ and to heal the wounds.

God may bless you during the next days and weeks. Start to do something. The worst would be to stand and to wait.

With brotherly greetings I am

yours,

Sg.

Martin Seeberg

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 854/75/KSS-78

Date 1st Nov. 75.

To

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your letters dt. Oct. 23 '75. I am sorry that I could not reply to your some of the points exactly as it would satisfy you. Now also I am unable to do the same, this is partly due to the actions and decisions of the KSS and partly the irregularities in our administration and management

Regarding the excess pay to the GELC Press by the Scholarship agency in Stuttgart I have mentioned in my last letter that we could not trace out the amount as Mr. B. Khess did not submit all the documents. I requested Mr. A. Lakra to write to Stuttgart with a copy to you, but it seems that he also did not do it. Now Mr Lakra is at Khutitoli and only rarely comes to Ranchi and it is difficult to contact him. Therefore I do not know how to clear the matter, now an internal audit has been made but I have not been able to study the same due to present involvements. I am very sorry. I hope when you come by the last week of this month we shall settle the matter.

I am sorry to inform you regarding BEL budget and payments as the Anchals have not yet submitted increased new pay scale amount and budget 1976. As you have been requested to come to Ranchi to solve the situation by the end of this month we hope to meet and discuss all these matters.

As regards the situation described in the other letter I request you very earnestly to come to Ranchi and help us, sooner the solution better for the church. On account of my bad health also would plead you to do the needful at your earliest conveniences. You know the financial condition of the church and it is at this moment quite impossible to run the office here unless some help is extended, therefore I request you for this help also.

Please contact the LWF friends and arrange for the meeting, if they be unable to come the Gossner Mission has to take the whole initiative and responsibilities.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Actg. Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No. 853/75/KSS-134



Date 1st November 1975.

To

The Director
Dr. Carl J. Hellberg, DCC/LWF.

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeborg, Gossner Mission.

The Executive Secretary
Dr. E. Thomas Edward, UELC(I).

Dear Sirs,

In continuation to my telegram which runs " FRIENDS LWF GM UELCI REQUESTE HELP WAYOUT CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLOCK OF GOSSNER CHURCH WITHIN NOVEMBER (.) CONTACT ONE ANOTHER(.) FIX DATE TO MEET AT RANCHI(.) INFORM ME(.) FINANCIAL HELP ALSO URGENT(.) LETTER FOLLOWS" herewith I am explaining the same. G.E.L. Church has been administered with my Acting Pramukh Adhyakship (President) since 6th November 1973 till the new Constitution comes into effect. In between court case was filed against this arrangement, injunction was imposed by the Munsif of the Ranchi court, and meanwhile various arrangements were made and a new constitution was drafted and adopted along with bye-laws on the 11th July '75 to be implemented with effect from 1st Nov. But due to above mentioned court case there were legal difficulties, on the other hand the term of the KSS (Church Council) was only till the 31st Oct. Thus election according to the present constitution were announced and at the same time efforts were made to fight out the court case, for which it had been decided that when the case is vacated immediate steps were to be taken to implement the new constitution. The court case-injunction has been vacated on 27th September '75. Thus two parallel steps went side by side. Elections for new KSS and implementation of new constitution. Some conducted new elections, others did not. For final action KSS was convened for 30th October '75, in which the SE Anchal did not attend en-block, Assam also did not but at least members sent their informations. Thus the two camps of different opinions became obvious. One camp who would insist that the KSS (present KSS) must implement the new constitution-indications and suggestions are also with this regard, the other camp would insist that the KSS term is soon ending, thus new KSS must come and implement the new constitution, but the former camp would interpret this that the latter has in mind not to implement the new constitution at all. Thus both opinions have been discussed and a way out was to be found out, but due to absence of S.E. Anchal the deadlock came and it is expressed that if we take any further action it would lead to further deadlock, thus we request for your help, guidance and advice.

contd.....

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

REV. DR. C. K. PAUL SINGH

SECRETARY

REV. P. D. SORENG

TREASURER

REV. M. JOJO

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Ref. No.

Date.....

Page-2.

Due to delay in solving the deadlock there may come more problems, financial and administrative, it will be highly appreciated and urgently needed to take up the matter as soon as possible, therefore November itself has been proposed, please do find a suitable date by contacting one another and hold the necessary meeting in the last week of November at Ranchi, but it has to be seen from your side, possibilities and probabilities. It will also be helpful my very acute health. I take the responsibility first to save the church from going into pieces. Therefore it is my personal wish that the deadlock be solved at its earliest possibilities.

As the church is heading towards another financial crisis and we have no money for conducting such meetings LWF, GM and UELC(I) friends are requested to help us financially also; for atleast 40 persons for two days lodging, fooding and T.A. which may come to Rs. 5000/- (\$670). At the same time we have no amount to run the Central office for payments and day to day work which comes to Rs. 10000/- (\$1340) per month including that of theological institutions, this amount is also requested for the period till the solution is found.

On the circumstances mentioned above please fix a time for your coming possibilty earlier. It will be good if you can give atleast a week time here. Before meeting the representatives it will be good if meetings with some leaders be arranged. Presence of Dr. Hellberg is necessary, but Dr. Rajaratnam Asia Secretary may also be deputed. Director Seeberg's presence is urgent, from UELC(I) atleast any officer has to come.

Please inform me your proposed dates and possibilities and any suggestions for my further action.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. CKP Singh)
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Ranchi.

MINUTES KSS.

1. **Prayer:-** The Rev. Dr. CKP Singh Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh led the prayer and the meeting was started.
2. **Attendance:-** 1. Rev. Dr. CKP Singh-Chairman. 2. Rev. P. D. Soreng-Secretary
3. Rev. M. Jojo-Treasurer 4. Rev. Dr. N. Minz. 5. Mr. C. A. Tirkey. 6. Rev. N. Bhuinya
7. Rev. CSB Horo. 8. Rev. C. B. Aind-visitor. 9. Mr. G. Tiru & Mr. B. Topno sent their apology.
3. **Implementation of the new Constitution:-**
The KSS has adopted a new constitution on the 11th July '75 to be implemented from 1st of November 1975. But due to legal difficulties it is not possible to implement it from the said date and as according to the existing constitution the term of office of the present KSS expires on the 31st of October '75.
 - (A) It is resolved that the election be conducted according to following schedule throughout the church as per existing constitution, / GEL.
 - (1) 1st-30th September 1975 Pracharakpan to Ilaka.
 - (2) By 10th October '75 Anchal.
 - (3) 15th October '75 election result be submitted to the KSS
 - (4) 31st October '75 arrival of Adhyakshes to KSS office Ranchi.
 - (5) 1st-3rd Nov. '75 election of Pramukh Adhyaksh and Up Pramukh Adhyaksh
 - (6) 3rd Nov. '75 arrival of KSS members and Board members to Ranchi
 - (7) 4th Nov. '75 Meeting of the KSS and Boards.
 - (B) Further resolved that;-(1) Since there is no Up Pramukh Adhyaksh to succeed as Pramukh Adhyaksh on the 1st of Nov. '75 the Pramukh and Up-Pramukhs be elected as per procedure adopted first time in 1960 to elect both the Pramukh and Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh.
(2) The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh will continue in the office till the new Pramukh takes over on the 4th Nov. 1975.
(3) As soon as the injunction suit is vacated the KSS of the GEL Church shall take immediate steps to implement the new Constitution. It is mandatory.
(4) Chairmen of Boards;- Pramukh Adhyaksh will arrange for the Chairmen of different Boards.
 - (C) Finance for court case;- It was agreed that the Anchals must pay the following amount:-to the KSS by 8th of September '75 for the court case.

NWA-Rs. 500.00
Orissa-Rs. 400.00
Assam-Rs 350.00
M.A. Rs. 100.00
SFA. Ps 600.00
H.Q. Congr. Rs. 150.00
4. **Condolence:-** The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh gave the sad news of the premature death of Christiane Seeberg the daughter of Pastor M. Seeberg. The KSSS records in its minutes the sad demise of Christiane and prays for the consolation of the family members and friends.
5. **Pension for Rev. JJP Tiga for the period of his employment at Serampore (July 1970-June 1973)**
Rev. Tiga has applied for his pension for the period of July-70 to June 1973. It was noticed that I-he is non-contributory
II. He was working outside GEL Church.
III. The GEL Church does not provide him extension.
Resolved that Rev. JJP Tiga be paid his pension for the period of his employment at Serampore (July 70-June '73)
6. **Letter of Miss A. Diller and Miss H. Schmidt**
The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh read out the letter of Miss A. Diller and Miss H. Schmidt concerning old home for old pracharaks and widows of Pastors. Resolved to endorse it for necessary action.

contd.....

7. Transfer of Candidate Anjor Dungdung:-

Candidate Anjor Dungdung be transferred to the High School Khutitoli to be incharge of the Hostel as House master and religious teacher at the High school with effect from 1st Sept '75. Payment to be arranged by the Managing Committee of the High School and the Hostel.
The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh be incharge of the Youth Department of the GEL Church for interim period.

8. Delegation for NCC conference at Nagpur;-

Following members have been selected to attend the NCC conference at Nagpur from 28th October to 2nd November '75. The members shall bear their their one way T.A. Return T.A. and boarding and lodging will be provided by the NCC.

1. Rev. M. Tete Principal GTC.
2. Shri. Theophil Ekka H/M High School Kinkel.
3. Shri B. Hemron H/M High School Koronjo.

9. Report of Mrs. P. Tirkey;-

Mrs. Tirkey's report on her study programme in England has been received. It was thankfully acknowledged.
The meeting was ended with a prayer led by Mr. C. A. Tirkey.

Read and confirmed
Sd/ Rev. Dr. CKP Singh
28.8.75
Chairman.

Sd/- Rev. P. D. Soreng
28.8.75
Secretary KSS.

No. 852/75/KSS-134



Ranchi Dated 31st Oct. 75.

To

All the Members of the KSS.
All the Secretaries/Treasurers of Anchals.

Dear Sirs,

Herewith I am sending you all the minutes of the KSS meeting dated 30.10.75 for your information and needful action. Please acknowledge the same.

Yours sincerely,

P.D. Sobeng
30-10-75
(P.D. Sobeng)
Secretary KSS.

FULL KSS MEETING 30.10.75.

KSS MINUTES.

1.Devotion:-The meeting was started with a short devotion by the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh: Rev.Dr.CKP Singh.

2.Attendance:-1.Rev.Dr.CKP Singh Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh.2.Rev.M.Jojo Treasurer.3.Rev.P.D.Soreng, Secretary.4.Rev.Dr.N.Minz NWA.5.Rev.S.Kujur NWA.6.Mr.C.A.Tirkey NWA.7.Mr.E.Bara,NWA.8 Rev.N.Bor-coopted 9.Mr.T.P. Lakra 10.Mr.N.Kerketta O.A.

(b)Following members were absent with apology;-
1.Mr.G.Tiru, Assam Anchal.2.Rev.P.D.S.Bage, Assam.3.Rev.CSB Horn, Assam An.

(c)Quorum;-The Chairman declared that the Sabha has its quorum therefore the meeting be carried on.

Further it was noted that members from South West Anchal are absent without information.

3.Approval of minutes of Officers' meeting dt.16.10.75.

The minutes of officers' meeting dt.16.10.75 was approved.

4.Implementation of new constitution;- It is regretted with great concern that the absence of the members from South-West Anchal has created a constitutional dead-lock and the co-ordination of Anchals is not possible.

(A)
Unanimously resolved:That Rev.Dr.CKP Singh Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh continues as the sole authority of the GFL Church till the dead lock is overcome and viable constitutional solution is found.This will be an emergency period for the GFL Church.

(B) That friends from UFLC(I) Gossner Mission and DCC/LWF be requested to help over-come the dead-lock and find a constitutional solution within the month of November '75 by holding meeting

with the Anchal representatives and church leaders of the GFL Church.

(C)-That friends be requested to contribute towards the expenses of these meetings.

(D) That all Anchals are advised to carry on their administration as per their new arrangement during this period.

(E) That officers of all departments and Boards of GFL Church are to carry on their routine duties during this period and no fresh negotiations or transactions be made.

(F) That DCC/LWF and G.M. be requested to give financial aid for running the Central Offices of the GFL Church during this Emergency period.

5.T.A. for Secretary and Treasurer KSS;-

Voted that arrangement be made to pay the outstanding T.A. of Secretary Rev.P.D.Soreng and Treasurer Rev.M.Jojo.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Read and confirmed

Sd/-Rev.Dr.CKP Singh
Chairman 30.10.75.

Sd/-P.D.Soreng
30.10.75
Secretary

Sd/-C.A.Tirkey NWA
N.Kerketta
M.Jojo 30.10.75
N.Bor 30.x.75
E.Bara NWA 30.10.75
T.P.Lakra 30.10.75
Rev.S.Kujur NWA 30.10.75
N.Minz 30.10.75.

1

2

3

1

4

5

6

7

8

9

0

LEITZ

1650 Trennblatt ohne Ösen
1654 Trennblatt mit Ösen
zum Selbstausschneiden
von Registertasten

16. Juni 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 31. Mai. Sie brauchen sich keine Sorgen zu machen, wenn Sie mir nicht immer gleich antworten. Ich weiss schon, dass Sie viel zu tun haben und dass manche Sorgen Sie drücken. Diesem persönlichen Brief füge ich noch drei andere offizielle in Englisch bei.

Die Lage der Kirche kann man wohl kaum durch offizielle Briefe beeinflussen. Vor einiger Zeit hatten wir in unserem Indien-Ausschuss Beratungen, in denen zum ersten Mal ausführlich darüber diskutiert wurde, welche Stellung die Gossner Mission einnehmen soll, wenn es zur Teilung der Gossnerkirchen kommen sollte. Die meisten Mitglieder des Indien-Ausschusses plädierten natürlich für die Einheit der Kirche, aber es kamen auch Stimmen zu Wort, die anders argumentierten. Sie meinten, dass wir es in Zukunft möglicherweise mit zwei verschiedenen Gossnerkirchen zu tun bekommen. Natürlich wollen wir alles andere, als Sie in Indien ermutigen, diesen Schritt zu tun. Andererseits sollen Sie wissen, dass die jetzige unmögliche Situation nicht deshalb weitergehen soll, weil die Freunde in Deutschland dies nicht wünschen. Wenn eine Ehe kaputt ist, dann soll man die Partner nicht mit Gewalt zusammenzuhalten versuchen. So ähnlich ist es wohl auch in der Gossnerkirche. Sie schreiben, dass Dr. Bage versucht, informelle Gespräche mit den Brüdern zu führen und dass diese wahrscheinlich am 9./10. Juni 1976 geführt wurden. Zu diesem Datum haben Sie einen Refresher Course gehabt; ich bin natürlich gespannt, ob diese Zusammenkunft nur der Diskussion gedient hat, oder ob es zu gemeinsamen Empfehlungen gekommen ist.

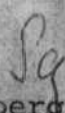
Sehr gefreut habe ich mich, dass Sie über Fortschritte in Ihrem Gesundheitszustand geschrieben haben. Wegen des Insulin habe ich mich mit Dr. Johannsen in Verbindung gesetzt. Er hat mir gerade geschrieben, dass er mit den Farbwerken Hoechst eine Verabredung getroffen habe, dass deren indische Niederlassung Ihnen 25 Flaschen Insulin senden soll (kostenlos). Da er nicht sicher ist, wie schnell seine Bestellung durchgeführt wird, will er jetzt gleich 20 Flaschen Insulin einem der indischen Gäste mitgeben, die zum einhundertsten Jahresfest der Breklumer Mission in Deutschland sind.

Wie Sie wissen, ist Dr. Minz Ende Juni in Genf, und ich habe ihm geschrieben, dass ich es begrüßen würde, wenn er uns die Situation der Kirche aus seiner Sicht persönlich darstellen könnte, und zwar hier in Berlin. So wird er wahrscheinlich am 27./28. Juni hier sein und mindestens Landessuperintendent Peters treffen, wahrscheinlich auch einige Freunde in Ost-Berlin wegen Dr. Sames.

Ich bin ab 27. Juni bis 25. Juli in Urlaub; wir fahren diesmal nach Portugal.

Mit ganz herzlichen Grüßen bin ich

I h r


Martin Seeberg

June 15, 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Re: Meeting of Gossner Mission's Kuratorium

Dear Brother Singh,

as you already know the Kuratorium of Gossner Mission will meet on October 14/15th 1976 in Westfalia. Due to certain reasons you were unable to attend the meetings since spring-time 1975. We would appreciate very much if you could come this time.

We remember having sent already some weeks ago an official invitation facilitating your negotiations with the Indian authorities.

As we plan the next meeting of our Indian Commission on September 24/25th I propose - if possible - your coming to this meeting and afterwards we ask you to be available for some meetings with congregations in Dortmund during the first week of October. Furthermore it would be wonderful if you could spend some more days with us and accompany us to some Ostfriesland congregations from October 17th to October 21st. But I am not sure whether this programme in Ostfriesland will be too late for you as the group of the "Freundschaftsreise" should arrive in Ranchi already on October 29th.

As soon as we know the dates of your Europe trip we will arrange to send you the pre-paid ticket.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Seeberg

15. Juni 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Re.: Private invitation to Rev. Jojo

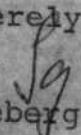
Dear Brother Singh,

this is to inform you that the Potthoff family invited the Jojo family privately to come to Germany in August 1976. As far as we are informed Rev. Jojo accepted this invitation.

The Potthoff family asked Gossner Mission for certain help (not financial) for arrangement of this private travel. We agreed to and the Jojos have on hand an official invitation from Gossner Mission for getting the passports but this does not mean that Gossner Mission invited the couple. though, of course, we are happy to see them both during their private visit.

This information to you just for clearing the situation. Maybe rumors could arise that during this time of tensions Gossner Mission invited a certain person.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Seeberg

15. Juni 1976

SZ

Herrn
Dr. Uwe Johannsen
Bismarckstr. 92/94

2390 Flensburg

Lieber Herr Dr. Johannsen!

Herzlichen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 11.d.M. mit der erfreulichen Nachricht, dass Sie für den Versand des für Herrn Dr.Singh lebensnotwendigen Insulins gesorgt haben. Für Ihre Hilfsbereitschaft danke ich Ihnen auch in seinem Namen recht herzlich. Ich bin mir bewusst, dass ohne ihre lebenswürdige Unterstützung es mit vielen Schwierigkeiten verbunden gewesen wäre, das Medikament schnell und in ausreichender Menge und ohne Unkosten für Herrn Dr.Singh nach Ranchi zu bringen.

Mit nochmaligem herzlichen Dank für Ihre schnelle Hilfe,

I h r

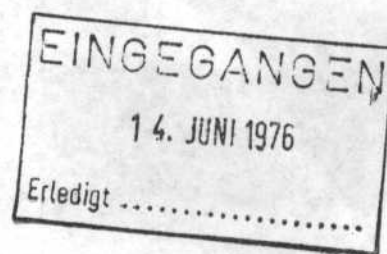
Sg
Martin Seeberg

Dr. med. Heinrich Petersen

Dr. med. Uwe Johannsen

Fachärzte für innere Krankheiten
Gemeinschaftspraxis

2390 Flensburg, den 11.6.76
Bismarckstraße 92/94
Telefon (0461) 17008



Herrn
Pastor Martin Seeberg
Missionsdirektor
Handjerystr. 19-20

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

Lieber Herr Pastor Seeberg!

Für Ihren Brief vom 9.6.76 danke ich Ihnen und möchte Ihnen umgehend darauf antworten.

Die zwischen der Firma Hoechst und mir abgesprochene Übersendung von 25 Insulinflaschen über eine indische Niederlassung der Firma ist offenbar noch nicht ausgeführt worden. Da solche Dinge in Indien immer etwas länger dauern, nehme ich an, daß Herr Dr. Singh diese Sendung noch erhalten wird, bzw. schon erhalten hat. Ich werde mich morgen sofort mit der Firma in Verbindung setzen und in dieser Angelegenheit nachfragen. Da ich eine Zusage erhalten habe, daß in diesem besonderen Falle eine kostenlose Übersendung von Insulin über die Niederlassung der Firma in Indien vorgenommen werden kann, sehe ich keinen Nutzen darin, eine erneute Bestellung aufzugeben.

Vielleicht sollten Sie zur Überbrückung eine kleine Menge per Luftpost nach Indien schicken.

Es handelt sich um das Präparat "Depot Insulin Hoechst klar", die Flaschen enthalten 10 ml, bzw. 400 internationale Einheiten Insulin. Da Herr Dr. Singh 28 Einheiten täglich injiziert, reicht 1 Flasche etwa für 14 Tage.

Sobald ich von der Firma eine Antwort erhalte, werde ich Ihnen sofort eine Mitteilung geben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
verbleibe ich Ihr

P.S. Haben habe ich mit dem Hoechst-Büro in Hamburg telefoniert, die auch für eine schnelle Übersendung in Indien nicht garantieren können. Ich habe deshalb nun eine sofortige Zusendung von 20 Flaschen Insulin nach Flensburg geben, damit ich Sie

Einem neuen indischen Gönner (nun 100. Jahresfall des Bismarck Mission) mitteilen kann. Diese Möglichkeit ist mir entfallen u. weil die schnellste Übersendung. Mu. H. Johannsen

W. K. 21.6.

9. Juni 1976

Herrn
Dr. Uwe Johannsen
Gorch-Fock-Weg 8

2390 Flensburg

Lieber Herr Dr. Johannsen!

Herr Dr. Singh - amtierender Kirchenpräsident der indischen Gossnerkirche - der vor fast genau einem Jahr auf Grund der von Ihnen diagnostizierten Zuckerkrankheit von Ihnen behandelt wurde, schreibt uns unter dem 31.v.M., dass sich sein Gesundheitszustand gebessert habe, er aber neue Ampullen Insulin brauche. Leider hat er uns nicht die genauen Daten des Medikaments mitgeteilt, so dass wir Sie sehr herzlich bitten, uns diese mitzuteilen, damit wir in der Lage sind, das richtige Präparat zu beschaffen. Wir wissen nur, dass es von den Farbwerken Hoechst hergestellt wird. Um für Herrn Dr. Singh evtl. Unkosten für Zoll etc. zu vermeiden, wollen wir die Ampullen bei den Farbwerken Hoechst hier in Deutschland bestellen und bezahlen mit der Bitte, sie über die Vertretung in Indien an Herrn Dr. Singh in Ranchi auszuliefern.

Ich würde mich sehr freuen, recht bald von Ihnen Nachricht zu erhalten, damit Herr Dr. Singh möglichst schnell in den Besitz des Medikaments kommt. Mit herzlichem Dank im voraus für Ihre Mühe und freundlichen Grüßen

I h r

Sg

Martin Seeberg, Missionsdirektor

April 21, 1976
psbg/sz

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Brother Singh,

On March 9th the Government of India has passed the "Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill" in order to check and regulate the inflow of foreign money into the country. There are three categories of associations which receive foreign contributions. The GEL Church is among the third category. Those associations are required to give within the prescribed time intimation to the Central Government about the amount of foreign contribution received by them, source from which and manner in which such foreign contribution was received and the purpose for which and the manner in which such contribution was utilised by them.

For the uncomplicated running of the GEL Church affairs in the future I find it very important for you to get a copy of the regulation bill and to become acquainted with it in all details, for instance to find out from the authorities which is the prescribed time in which you should intimate the Central Government. Most probably it will be necessary for you to have audited statements of account probably covering the last few years.

Kind regards,

sincerely yours,

89

DIAKONISCHE ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT EVANGELISCHER KIRCHEN IN DEUTSCHLAND

Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland · Bund Freier Evang. Gemeinden in Deutschland · Das Diakonische Werk der EKD
Die Heilsarmee in Deutschland · Europäisch-Festländische Brüder-Unität Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine · Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche
Katholisches Bistum der Altkatholiken in Deutschland · Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche in Deutschland · Vereinigung der Deutschen Mennonitengemeinden

Geschäftsführung: Das Diakonische Werk der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland, Hauptgeschäftsstelle Stuttgart

Brot für die Welt · 7 Stuttgart 1 · Postfach 476

To all project carriers
in India working with
Bread for the World

BROT FÜR DIE WELT

7 STUTTGART 1
STAFFLENBERGSTRASSE 76
TELEFON 820511 oder 2051-
Telegramme: Diakonie Stuttgart
Telex: 37 21557 dldws-d

Besuche bitte vorher vereinbaren
Visits should be arranged beforehand
Prière d'annoncer des visites
Visitas únicamente com acôrdo prévio

April 7th, 1976

Dear Friends,

Re.: Foreign Contribution Bill

9.4.76 *rechecked*

We have been informed recently that the Government of India passed the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill in order to check and regulate the inflow of foreign money into the country. The Bill envisages three kinds of restrictions of prohibitory or regulatory nature:

"One is total prohibition of acceptance of foreign contribution or hospitality. The second is acceptance with prior permission of the Central Government and the third is a legal obligation to send intimation and render accounts to the Central Government for receipt of foreign contributions."

1. The first category covers organisations and individuals who might be deemed as a sensitive and important category in the national life like candidates for elections, Government servants, Members of Legislatures, Political Parties and their office bearers, correspondents, columnists, cartoonists, editors, owners, printers and publishers of Registered News Papers. They are totally prohibited from receiving any foreign contributions.
2. The second category includes organisations, not political parties themselves but having association with political parties. This category shall not accept any foreign contribution except with the prior permission of the Central Government.

Konten: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2 001 351 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 344 70-701 (BLZ 600 100 70)

Spenden „Brot für die Welt“: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2 417 000 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 8001-704 (BLZ 600 100 70)

Spenden „Brüderlich teilen — gemeinsam handeln“: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2 011 224 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 11 22-706 (BLZ 600 100 70)

3. The third category covers associations having a definite cultural, academic, religious or social programmes. They are required to give within the prescribed time intimation to the Central Government about the amount of foreign contribution received by them, source from which and manner in which such foreign contribution was received and the purpose for which and the manner in which such contribution was utilised by them.

We believe that all our partner organisations belong to the third category described above. This means that you will have to find out from the authorities which is the prescribed time within which you should intimate the Central Government and have all the required information ready for submission.

In case some of you regard themselves as belonging to category two, i.e. having association with political parties, we ask you to follow the regulation and seek permission to receive further funds.

In order for you to give detailed information about "Bread for the World" to the authorities concerned we give you below a brief description of our principles and aims:

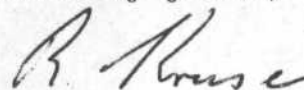
"Bread for the World" is a campaign of all Protestant Churches in Germany receiving its funds through church collections and free will offerings from people all over Germany. Its partners are churches, voluntary agencies, development agencies in all developing countries. Through these partners "Bread for the World" supports projects in the following categories: Social and economic institutions, vocational training, cooperatives, health, education, personnel, study projects and emergency relief. Priority is given to projects with a strong component of peoples participation and target groups belonging to the poorest strata of society regardless of their religion.

For your own interest and for the sake of the projects you are undertaking we ask you to get a copy of the Regulation Bill and to acquaint yourself with it in all detail. It will be necessary for you to have audited statements of accounts available covering the past few years and showing the funds received, from which sources, and for what projects.

We feel confident that if you take the responsibility seriously which this Foreign Contribution Bill places on you our continued good co-operation will not be jeopardized.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



R. Kruse
India Desk

DIAKONISCHE ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT EVANGELISCHER KIRCHEN IN DEUTSCHLAND

Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland · Bund Freier Evang. Gemeinden in Deutschland · Das Diakonische Werk der EKD
Die Heilsarmee in Deutschland · Europäisch-Festländische Brüder-Unität Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine · Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche
Katholisches Bistum der Altkatholiken in Deutschland · Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche in Deutschland · Vereinigung der Deutschen Mennonitengemeinden

Geschäftsführung: Das Diakonische Werk der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland, Hauptgeschäftsstelle Stuttgart

Brot für die Welt · 7 Stuttgart 1 · Postfach 476

To all project carriers
in India working with
Bread for the World

BROT FÜR DIE WELT

7 STUTTGART 1
STÄFFLENBERGSTRASSE 76
TELEFON 205 11 oder 20 51
Telegramme: Diakonie Stuttgart
Telex: 27-23 557 ddiw-d

Besuche bitte vorher vereinbaren
Visits should be arranged beforehand
Prière d'annoncer des visites
Visitas únicamente com acordo prévio

April 7th, 1976

Dear Friends,

Re.: Foreign Contribution Bill

We have been informed recently that the Government of India passed the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill in order to check and regulate the inflow of foreign money into the country. The Bill envisages three kinds of restrictions of prohibitory or regulatory nature:

"One is total prohibition of acceptance of foreign contribution or hospitality. The second is acceptance with prior permission of the Central Government and the third is a legal obligation to send intimation and render accounts to the Central Government for receipt of foreign contributions."

1. The first category covers organisations and individuals who might be deemed as a sensitive and important category in the national life like candidates for elections, Government servants, Members of Legislatures, Political Parties and their office bearers, correspondents, columnists, cartoonists, editors, owners, printers and publishers of Registered News Papers. They are totally prohibited from receiving any foreign contributions.
2. The second category includes organisations, not political parties themselves but having association with political parties. This category shall not accept any foreign contribution except with the prior permission of the Central Government.

Konten: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2001351 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 344 70-701 (BLZ 600 100 70)

Spenden „Brot für die Welt“: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2417 000 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 8001-704 (BLZ 600 100 70)

Spenden „Brüderlich teilen — gemeinsam handeln“: Girokasse Stuttgart Nr. 2011 224 (BLZ 600 501 01) · Postscheckamt Stuttgart Nr. 11 22-706 (BLZ 600 100 70)