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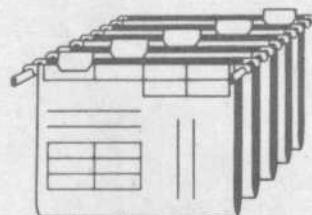
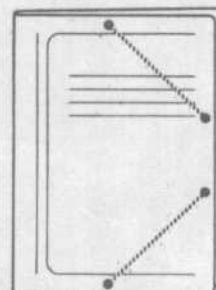
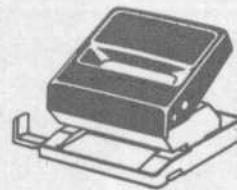
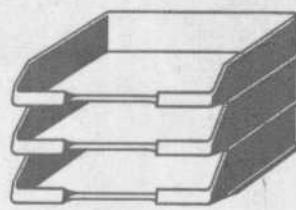
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## GEL Church

- 0 Allgemein
- 01 Kirchenstreit
- 02 Nordwest - Grossnerkirche  
(s. bes. Ordner!)
- 1 Pramukh Adhyaksh (korrespondenz)
- 2 Finanzen
- 3 Education
- 4 Verfassung (s. bes. Ordner!)
- 5 Social Service
- 6 Pensionsfonds
- 7 Church Press
- 8 LWF
- 9 Korrespondenz u. Einzelpersonen
- 10 Garbandhu
- 11 Projektanträge (s. bes. Ordner!)



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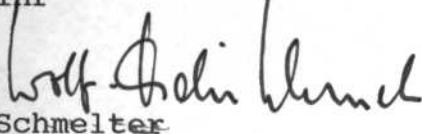
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Sehr geehrter Herr Hecker!

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beigefügten Brief an die o.g. Politiker in Indien geschickt.

Wir fügen Ihnen Kopien zur Kenntnisnahme bei.

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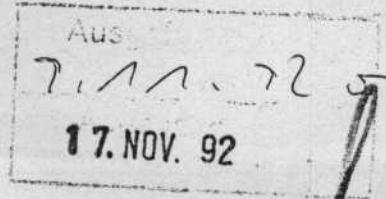
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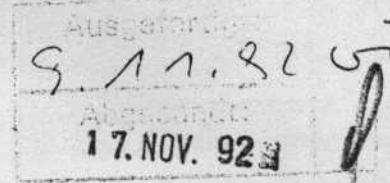
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Dr. Günther Krusche  
General Superintendent  
of the Church in Berlin Brandenburg  
Chairman

Prof. Dr. Hans Grothaus  
Vice Chairman

**Copies to the above mentioned Churches related to Gossner Mission and the Evangelical Church in Germany at Hannover.**

GELC HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (GELC)

G. E. L. Church

Ranchi - 834001

Bihar, India

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## Information and Appeal

Sep. 1992

## **GELC HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (BEL)**

**G. E. L. Church,  
Ranchi - 834001,  
Bihar, India**

### **BACKGROUND / NEED :**

Board of Evangelism and Literature (BEL) is an organ of the GEL Church to actualise the Gospel/the Good News (of prosperity, peace and fellowship) amidst all people in and around the church without any distinction of caste creed, age, gender, marital status, profession, etc. with this understanding of responsibility of christians/and church, the BEL proposed a project and programme under the name of 'READING ROOMS' in early seventies, but due to various ups and downs in the church it could not be materialised. In the early eighties the BEL launched a FIVE POINTS PROGRAMME (FPP) with an organisational name 'Gramoday Ashray'; to carry out some of the activities of 'Reading Rooms', specially for the Evangelistic works fields (EWFs). This is going on well in these rural areas. Many individuals, families and congregations have been variously blessed by adopting the FPP. The Kalishia Sangh (Oct. 1985) of GEL Church recommended that the FPP be implemented in all the congregations of the Ilakas also, but it is still in discussions !

Seeing various changing situations and the demand of time of new frontiers and areas for evangelistic work, viz urbanisation, industrialisation, modernisation, religious (including Christian) indifference or even fanaticism, spiritual bankruptcy, as well as material dissatisfaction, disintegration of families, in church and society, educated and uneducated youth

unemployment problems, marital problems, old age uncertainties, etc., BEL while celebrating its 25th year anniversary of its re-organised works, (see SMARIKA edited and published by Dr. C. K. Paul Singh), feels to be challenged and compelled for better co-operation and co-ordination of the whole church to fulfill the unfinished Task of God; we would like your involvement in actualising the Gospel in and through all members of the church for the sake of our children and children's children for His glory. Hence 'GELC Human Resources Development Centre (BEL)' (HRDC) has been proposed and initiated by the BEL and has been recommended by the Kalishia Sangh (March 1992). The KSS approved this project with a resolution to open a new and separate Bank a/c for this project and its programme authorising the Director, BEL for the implementation of the project and its programme by raising funds for constructing building and running the programmes.

#### **WHAT IS HRDC ? :**

HRDC is an INSTITUTE of religious and charitable character to serve the people being supported and served by the people of God themselves with their own resources (in terms of man, money and wisdom, etc.).

#### **LOCATION :**

The project 'GELC Human Resources Development Centre (BEL)' shall be located in MARTHA PARISAR — a building complex to be built on the site allotted to the BEL by KSS in the GEL Church Compound, — near KHIJIRIA Tank (North), Ranchi.

## **PURPOSE :**

To equip and encourage the people of God for better citizenship and responsible Christian living/ effective Christian presence in the present day and 21st century situation with available resources (Man, money, wisdom, etc.) of the individuals, families of church and society by exchange of experiences, counselling, Training etc. through seminars, refresher Course, workshops, and special consultations specially in view of the children as well as of other groups of different age, profession, marital and family status, or interests. Covering subjects like child-care (development), Youth-Problems Choice of Profession, Christian Marriage, Merital Problems (counselling), Old Age Problems etc. have to be covered).

## **SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT :**

HRDC shall be the project of the whole GEL Church, sponsored as well as supported by its members through BEL, which is its initiator and organiser for various activities including campaigning for funds friends and wellwishers of HRDC to support the project. BEL shall arrange for local means and methods for finance.

## **FACILITIES :**

The HRDC shall be a place of REST and RENEWAL — spiritual, social and cultural meditation and material reflections, through Training, Guide, counselling, exchange of experiences etc. for which a MINI LIBRARY, Seminar- workshop-, retiring-, night halts-rooms etc. shall be included. A 'CHILDREN PARK' shall be a special feature of HRDC in view of the 'BAL BIKAS' for conscientising and

demonstrating about the ENVIRONMENTAL responsibilities and practices.

## **YOUR PART RESPONSIBILITY :**

To give concrete and practical shape of HRDC,— building, garden, library, furnitures for various activities, financial help and support is very essential. For this a joint APPEAL of the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Director, BEL has been already circulated; The Church has many members who can easily contribute towards this project, only they have to realise the need and responsibilities of the time and have a wish to convey the Gospel (of prosperity, peace and fellowship) to others.

You have also the responsibility, possibility and opportunity to offer thanks and prayer offerings on special occasions of yours,— Birthday, Anniversary, appointment/promotion or pension Day, Gospel Day etc. personally or collectively for various blessings (spiritual and material) given to you by God. This offering may be centralised to our account by cash or by cheque drawn in favour of 'GELC Human Resources Development Centre (BEL)'.

Further you may help HRDC with your free will contributions or PLEDGED - MONEY of any fixed amount to be contributed regularly (monthly or yearly) or you may help HRDC with your special donation,— 'GOLDEN DONATION' of Rs. 500/- or more within a period of a year as a token of the fact that God has blessed you and your family extraordinarily or otherwise enabling you to donate and serve more than others.

You may also help HRDC, if you could tell about HRDC to your friends, relatives and neighbours to convince them to donate generously towards the project.

Above all we would like to request you for your kind help through your incessant prayer, therefore don't be dismayed or angered if you are not able to contribute materially, then let's trust and pray that God will enable us to fulfill our Christian responsibilities of the time for His glory.

Please feel free to fill up the following and send it to us;

1. Name.....

2. Full Address .....

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3. Family status (married/unmarried) .....

4. Professional status.....

5. My/our help as Thanks offering / free will contribution / pledged money / GOLDEN DONATION amounting to Rs.....

is being remitted by Cash/MO/Cheque/DD No.....

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Signature

Please write and ask for our half yearly / yearly Samvad Pricharya (Hindi).

To      The Director, BEL  
          G. E. L. Church  
          Ranchi - 834001, Bihar, India.

## FIVE POINTS PROGRAMME

# Activities in the EWFs of G. E. L. Church

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

Director, B. E. L.

### (Background)

The Five Points Programme (FPP), now very much popular in the Evangelistic Work Fields (EWFs) of the G. E. L. Church, as well as in some congregations and administrative units, grew not so much in the soil of theory and theology of Mission and Evangelism, but in the soil of experience and evaluation of the activities in the EWFs by the Director, B. E. L. He had the chance and responsibility of about 13 years (since 1967) to re-organise and work with ca. 200 field workers (20 ordained) in different districts of five states of North East India, viz. Assam, Bihar, Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh among the people of various languages, communities and cultures with different social and economic backgrounds living under different geographical and ecological situations plagued with traditional, moral and religious handicaps. The work is though not exclusively, but mainly among the Adivasis - the Tribals of the region (The STs).

### ( Why / need or reason ? )

It was over thirty years for some congregations of EWFs, when plan of FPP was brooded. Many individuals, families and villages have been, blessed through the Gospel and have found fellowship, peace and joy, they were better off than their counterparts in the region. Most of these Christians in the rural areas have cultivatable lands, though quantity and quality vary. For livelihood they depend on their lands and works on daily wages. Inspite of land and labour reforms and various development schemes of the Government as well as of some voluntary organisations, very less has been achieved, — achievements are mostly on papers or only for some few. The poverty is always knocking at the door resulting into malnutrition, illhealth and un-

mely death, specially those of children and expectant mothers. In addition to these calamities, due to illiteracy and ignorance christians are still in the danger zone of supression (and oppression) below human dignity, and exploitation, subjected to migration or extinction and endangered to compelled apostasy. By embracing christian faith they were understood to be in the "life Boat" (the Church) saving them away from supression and exploitation for a better dignified living. The situations in and around show that Church is also engulfed by stormy and heavey floods of modernisation, urbanisation, industrialisation and the like. The Church is herself to fight for survival, she has no/very less time, means and ways to help the congregations consolidate the christians in the EWFs. Thus it was found, that it was not quite enough to say and sing "halleluiah", "come, repent, believe, be baptised and be saved". To remain firm and to be consolidated in christian faith, life and work, something more was needed so that they may be able to stand before God and man (in the society) as dignified person, as real man. The present author prepared a folder, "Responsibilities of the Church in a changing society of Today". In it among other various responsibilities, five points were specially stressed,— Education, Health, Agriculture and other professions, Financial management and spiritual Ministry, later on these were captioned as "FIVE POINTS PROGRAMME". There was a good response, very critical questions were raised, but it was encouraging that the folder found an echo. It was the beginning of 1980's decade, when with this echo an Inter-EWFs Workers' Refresher Course was conducted at Ranchi and the THEME was : o r a e t l a b o r a (=pray and work), both have to go together as two sides of the same coin to fulfill the purpose of Christ's coming,— " that they may have life, and have it abundantly", without want (John 10, 10 cf ps 23, 1). Not only the Prayer, but also work is the sign of fellowship with God, when this is denied God and His purpose is denied (Gen. 2, 15). Thus the FPP was initiated and introduced in the EWFs.

### (What/contents ?)

As mentioned above the government (central as well as state) announced and started various projects, plans and schemes for the upliftment of the people, specially those of minorities and backward classes (STs and SCs etc.). "Twenty Points Programme"

being one of them, which is still being carried on. On this line the 'integrated development' of 'man before God' (i. e. the Christian) was also thought of, based on the Nazareth Manifesto announced by the Lord Jesus Christ in the beginning of His Ministry (Luke 4, 18 ff.). Here 'five' activities of Christ have been mentioned, which actually show two sides of a coin viz. His Ministry : spiritual and material, wordly and heavenly. "Five Points Programme" as catchword was easy to explain to the people as well as to the Government, because 'Five' is wellknown to many in relation to various Indian teachings and activities (Panchsheel, Panchtantra, Panchtatva, five years' Plan etc.). In FPP the most important points have been taken as contents/spheres of executions and according to my understanding well arranged in their logical and practical sequences, though not without question and criticism. Why is the point of spiritual Ministry kept in the end as an appendix and not in the beginning as the foundation ? It is noteworthy, that the Lord Jesus Christ also named the spiritual ministry in the last place ! In His ministry worldly and heavenly, material and spiritual, temporal and eternal are interwoven. In FPP 5th point is the purpose and goal of total christian ministry; in explanation and action each point is related to other points in order to enable and strengthen the believer ultimately to stand before God and neighbour in peace and prosperity, here and hereafter. Hence the 'Five Points' are as follows :

## 1. EDUCATION :

In the world of today need and benefits of Education can never be described enough; without education nothing or very less can be achieved. From the very beginning of the 'Mission' atleast in the region of G. E. L. C., education was one of the means and methods of EW. so did our EWFs workers among others they started 'night School', some even started private day schools, so that children as well as adults may be made literates, not so much to find jobs or to pursue higher education, but to be able to read the Bible, Hymn Book, the Liturgy, Catechism, etc. in order to know and understand them to have fuller fellowship in the congregation. Though literacy is the first step to education, the primary education is not enough, the changing situations of the society in the present world demand more than this. Even today many people, including Christians are being exploited as they have to

depend on the exploiters in time of emergency : e. g. for buying an ox or to repair the hut or for medical treatment, they may have to take loan giving their thumb print on blank paper or under the amount written higher than what they actually borrow. They have to return the amount with 100% interest. If they can't return, most of them can't, they have to work with very meager wages till the amount is adjusted, — thus they become bonded labourers. They are not free even on sunday or other holidays, they can't have any fellowship in the congregation; that's the compelled apostasy.

By the advice and assistance of our workers many families are sending their children to 'night schools' and also to higher schools. But most of the children as well as youths,— all over india, are pursuing their education without any goal or purpose ! Aimless and incomplete education is creating many problems : they can neither get any job or employment nor can remain in the village with their family for farming. This leads them to disappointment, poverty and criminalities of various kinds. Therefore the importance of Education is stressed not by conducting 'Night schools' and adult literacy compaign only, but also by advice and help to the children, youths as well as the parents about the 'why' 'what', 'where', 'How long' etc. With this purpose seminar on Education are being conducted on diferent levels and for different age groups. Subject like "My faith, my Education and my life (in Professions)" have become very popular. Youths are also guided for professional oriented Trainings, in Training centres run by the government or other voluntary organisations. All can't be made highly educated, but our aim is so much so that they may be mighty in their words and deeds as true christian in the church.

## 2. HEALTH :

'Health is wealth' has been characterised in the life and faith of most of the Christians in the EWFs. They embraced Christian faith, because they experienced the Lordship of Jesus Christ over illness and all demonic powers, as the Evangelists helped them recover from dangerous sicknesses; now they need not offer any thing to any of the demonic powers and pay any fee to sorcerer, by which they have ruined themselves economically very badly. Due to ignorance, poverty and malnutrition people still become prey to various diseases resulting in to serious illness, untimely death and

unnecessary loss of money, which led them away from church, joy and fellowship of christian faith and unitimately to apostasy, because they fall in the trapes of sorcery and supertition.

Government has on its part several schemes to check and minimise various diseases, but they don't dare come to such health centres. Our workers advise and help them go there, very often they have to accompany them to the health centres. Specially they have to be reminded regarding the preventive medicines for the children and the expectant mothers. 'Preventive is better than curative' has been taken seriously. It is also one of the important tasks, that the workers have to give simple hygienic instructions : about pure water, air and other cleanliness; people have to be helped and guided with this regard. The popular book "Where their is no Doctor" is one of the guide books.

"Health begins at home" has been also taken literally. Only healthy parents in mind, body and soul may have healthy children and health begins with healthy marriages. Many seminars and discussions have been organised to instruct and understand varioius aspects of Christian marriage, -- social, religious, legal, psychological etc. : subjects like "family welfare", 'child care' are also some selected subjects to be dealt with by our Christian health visitors. Our christians, working in government Health centres are great assets for us in the field of Health. Our Evangelists also have facilities and possibilities to give herbal or alopathy medicines for simple and common diseases.

The workers can advise and assist the people for nutritive food which can be grown seasonally in their available land/space with less or no extra work : they have to abstain from things, which would lead to various dangerous diseases and to arrange things which may keep the whole family healthy and wealthy.

### **3. AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PROFESSIONS :**

As already mentioned most of the Christians in the rural areas of EWFs have cultivatable lands, so also are most of our co-workers from farmers families. The Government according to its "Five Years' Plan" and other agricultural schemes arranges to help the Adivasis ( STs ), but due to illiteracy, ignorance and poverty, they could not avail these facilities, in some cases, even

their lands were mortgaged, because they did/could not return the loans (taken from Banks on easy terms with subsidies). Therefore they are suspicious of any scheme, — suply of water pumps, cows, pigs, better seeds, manure, etc. Our workers have to help the farmers for better and effective utilisation of Government facilities.

Our Evangelists have not only to advise and assist, but also to show, how they can grow easily different varieties of crops, very common and usefull in other districts. Our slogan includes : better farming for better yielding, — better preparation of soil, better seed and better manure, new and better crops, cash crops, crops for nutritious food, and varieties of crops, etc. Horticulture and silviculture are specially stressed. In this way many earned prizes and also better health and more wealth.

For supplementary and family consumption small scale animal-husbantry piggary, poultry, fishery, beekeeping, silkworm rearing, etc are encouraged. Many individuals and families have been benefitted. Many families, who once migrated in search of work and food, can now engage themselves with their various works at their homes and fields (some with three yearly crops) and have thus helped to increase income of the congregation also.

In addition to these, people have been guided and assisted to start small scale cottage or village industries, small scale trades like readymadeshops, tea stall, groceryshops and various types of repair shops. Many could take up masonry, carpentry, tailoring, etc in rural areas. For these they can avail of the loan cum subsidy scheme of the government for self-employment. Many have taken these as full time job and are financially better off. According to education and training youths are specially guided and helped for better jobs and self-employment; books like "Chance for Profession", What job shall I choose?", or the like are used in various seminars and discussions groups conduted by the workers to motivate the youths for better prospects with higher educational degrees. This also paves the way to keep the landed properties intact for a brother, while others may go for different full time professions. Dividing of lands among the brothers causes not only dissatisfaction and disruptions in the family, but also in the congregational life.

#### 4. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This is an important point to guide and help the individuals, families as well as the congregations towards financial self-reliance. Accepting the motivation, advices and assistance, most of the christians in the EWFs have adopted one or the other way of better work and life, accordingly they also earn better productions and thus have improved their sources of income. But according to their nature and situations due to ignorance and extravagancy they are tempted to spent more than they earn ! Thus they are still in danger to fall in the jaws of cunning moneylenders.

In former days many congregations started village co-operatives with a "GRAINARY" by contributing fixed quantity of rice to it. People in need could take grains on nominal interest, fixed by themselves, for their use,—for consumption or for seeds. This is still continued in many congregations. Each EWF was given certain amount by the centre for a "REVOLVING FUND" to help themselves in time of need and emergency to be paid back to the FUND with nominal or no interest. This was specially for the workers of the field to be managed by themselves. As the situation is now changed and people are earning more, they are being advised and assisted to prepare family budgets, in which sources, means and methods of income and the items of expenditures have to be stressed. People have been encouraged and guided to save some thing in cash or kind, even in their deficit. Our workers are helping the individuals to open saving accounts either with banks or with the post offices. It is compulsory for the workers; Reports from differnt EWFs show the upward trend, almost in all fields, it's a sort of competition, which of the congregations is opening more families SB a/cs. Many have acquired landed properties with their savings. This is great asset for any family or even of the worker to settle one self in the area.

#### 5. SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

Not only quantity but also quality is one of our objectives, along with numrical strength (1200 to 1500 yearly baptism in GELC), spiritual strength through the ministry of Word and Sacraments is stressed. For this various programmes and activities have been planned according to the size and standard of the

congregations that they may know and understand the importance and value of the WORD and SACRAMENTS and practise them in their daily life and work.

Bible and Bible portions, and other teaching materials,—Catechism, Story Books (from Bible), Hymn Books, Liturgy Books etc.. have been arranged for the congregations' use,—mostly in their own languages, through our own publications. A Lyric Book with ca. 438 different songs and Bhajans in 16 different languages have been published by us for the use in different congregations, it is specially popular in youth conventions, Seminars, prayer meetings, evangelistic Compaigns, etc. arranged for witness, fellowship and practical instructions, including that of FPP.

For teaching on christian faith and responsibilities a correspondence course of 14 lessons with CERTIFICATE provision has been prepared by the Director, BEL. Many Christians as well as others, young and old, ordained and Laymen have been benefitted with this. In many new congregations religious instructions are given specially on Sundays after regular Church-Services,—a kind of adult Sunday School, in addition to this Sunday School. Youth groups, Women's work in most of the congregations of EWFs.

### ( How-means and methods ? )

The Director, BEL, had the chance to visit among others a church in Zaire (former Kongo, in west Africa), which has been established by indigenous personnel, means and methods. This church ('Kimbquist Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World'), grew ten times more than the GELC within 50 years, when GELC celebrated her golden Jubilee of Automy (1969) has only, 300,000 souls, this was GELC' 125th year. Kimbquist Church is able to carry out all her works required for a living Church and her congregations with her own resources : personnel as well as financial ! With this experience and inspiration, the FPP was introduced in EWFs with the hope, the Pastors, Evangelist and the christians shall have to be encouraged for fuller and better life with available resources, means and methods.

The FPP was launched for viable and practical activities and not so much to institutionalise the activities. It is just to

actualise the Gospel in the very life and work of the people with their available means, resources and practical methods. It is a programme of the people, by the people and for the people being started by motivating the people showing their strength and needs in view of present and future dangers with changed-situations in the church and society.

In the begining many people, specially the educated ones, thought that institutions, like schools, colleges, hospitals, Training Centres, Co-operatives with financial grants would be established. Only with regular local regional and inter-EWFs Refresher course, Bible Classes, Seminars and Workshops on FPP for the Co-workers, Volunteers and other members of the EWFs it was possible to make understand this programme. It was a long agonising process and time to concientise the people including the co-workers, for better christian life and hope, i. e. the life abundant in quantity and quality without any want. Almost all Refresher course, Seminars etc, began with Bible Studies on Ps. 23. 1-ff; John 10, 10, The Book of Ecclesiastes, etc. discussing the questions like, "Do we need better life" ? "Do we want to have better life" ? "What does better life actually mean" ? "What does it contain" ? "How can we achieve it" ? etc., Ps. 34, 10; II Cor. 6, 9 + 10, etc. were also taken into consideration.

Now the people in congregations have understood the programme and those, who followed the advices and acted accordingly, have been benefitted much,—individually and collectively. Some of the congregations in the EWFs have improved so much so that they are self-support in many respects, so that we can remove the workers to some other new fronts. As we have limited funds and resources, we have to do this. Therefore there is also a regular 'Volunteers' Training Course' for the helpers and the members of the FPP-Committee in the congregations. This has been started simultaneously along with the FPP since the beginning of 1980's decade.

As prosperity does not always mean peace and fellowship; danger of indifference and negligence is lurking at the door. Therefore there are further programmes to revitalise and to continue the FPP with deeper and intensiver involvement of the members of the local congregations.

## **1) Literacy year 1991**

The year 1991 has been declared as the "EWFs Literacy Year". All workers have to carry out special programmes and activities in the congregations and villages, so that all—specially the children go to schools or attend Night Schools. The Parents as well as elders along with the Evangelists shall have to take keen interest.

## **2) Children's Day**

The 25th June (beginning with 1991) has been declared as the EWFs Childrens Day, commemorating the first baptism of Martha (12 years) on the 25th June 1846. This shall be a day set apart not only for the programme by the children and for the children, but also to expose the responsibilities of the parents, elders and the church workers towards the healthy growth/welfare of the children spiritually, mentally/educationally/physically and financially. Various joint programmes for fellowship and witness towards better prosperity and responsibility have to be evaluated and planned after a year's celebration and exchange of reports and experience about the Day.

## **3) Mini Library**

For further continuation and intensification of FPP a "MINI LIBRARY" under an ordained worker has been planned.—some have already statarted, with books of different interests but specially related to the FPP, books of character building, christian novels by local writers, etc. taking into consideration also those who have learned something to read only in Night schools and have no chance to go to school to pursue higher education. Therefore as far as possible it shall be encouraged to borrow books for a congregation to read and study also collectively, so that with only few books all congregations under one Pastor may be helped.

### **(Whereto-purpose and goal ? )**

The FPP is to confirm and consolidate the christians in their faith. it is not the means and method of mission work, taking into consideration the wholistic understanding of the Gospel

(of peace fellowship and prosperity). In the last and the current centuries many Missionaries have strengthened their mission works adopting some of these points (of FPP), specially, 1, 2, and 5. Here in FPP the main purpose is to help christian, real and fuller humanity enabling them to live before God and man with dignity. They should not miss the goal due to illiteracy, ilhealth and poverty, for which they have embraced christian faith,—viz wider and deeper and eternal fellowship, which has begun here and now. First four points of FPP are the stepping stones towards the 5th point, the Word and Sacrament or the Lord Himself, the solid Rock ! These first four points are not themselves goals, they are transitory, but helping to reach the solid ground of eternal joy, peace and fellowship.

To make understand the whole phenomena of the FPP and to carry out its activities beginning at the local congregations,—at the very grass root, GRAMODAY ASHRAY has been introduced to the EWFs for distribution of works and co-operation of individuals, families and congregations for the whole and all EWFs. Gramoday Ashray (Gram+Uday+Ashray : Gram=village or rural place; Uday=rise, ascent or development; Ashray=a place of shelter or refuge for preparation/training for a better future) is an organisational name to carry out the activities of FPP (a functional name) in a co-ordinated way to actualise the Gospel of Christ (i. e. peace, fellowship and prosperity) to enable the christians to rise and shine (Isa. 60,1-3).

( Please refer to the "Constitution of Gramoday Ashray" (GELC) prepared by the Director, BEL (1988) for guidance and is used in the EWFs of the GEL Church.



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The programmes and projects of the BEL could not be carried out due to various reasons, sicknesses among the staff members as well as changes hampered the work in the centre, political and other uncertainties in the country, society and church hampered much of our works. However we thankfully submit the following reports on our activities.

I Tour PROGRAMMES :- Programmes of tour for Assam/Orissa had to be cancelled due to political situations, including that Gulf war causing petrol problems. In April (1991) a detail tour programme was made covering Udaipur and Surguja EWFs. In Udaipur we had a three day Seminar on FPP for all workers and some members of the Gramoday Ashray committees. We visited some of the quite new congregations, few older congregations were visited just on the way to the formerones. In Surguja two centres under each pastor were arranged where the congregations of the areas were invited for meeting and message. In May and June some places of Youth conventions were also visited organised by the Ilakas, in which the importance of FPP was the subject for lectures.

As member and representative meeting and visit programme of ca six weeks was arranged for Germany (Sep. & Oct.) Before and after attending the meeting of Kuratorium (GM) visit programmes were made covering various congregations, groups, families and institutions. There were various occasions and places, where report on activities of BEL under FPP could be given. In Dec. 1991 a detail tour programme was arranged to visit the EWF of SE Anchal covering the congregations in Midnapur (W.Bengal) and Mayurbhanj (Orissa) districts. For some congregations, it was first visit. The whole tour programme was informative and encouraging for the hosts as well as for the guests.

II Publications:- Along with some republications of the books used in GELC (e.g. Liturgy in Mundari, Catechism, Hriday darpan, "Explanations to catechism", etc) two new books were also prepared and published; short introduction into 'Liturgy and sermon' "Sermon helps For O.T. Texts." A short introduction and Report on FPP was also printed to be presented in a 'Consultation on Mission' jointly arranged by WCC, CSEA and NCC.

III. REFRESHER COURSES: and SEMINARS:- Most of the programmes envisaged in yearly plan could be carried out, in January 24-26 a seminar on Evaluation and Planning was arranged at Martha Bhavan for all Pastors of the EWFs. On 26th Jan. some local members were also invited to participate in a one day seminar on "Our rights and responsibilities". We discussed for some concrete steps in 1991 under FPP along with some unprecedented programme; 1991 was declared " EWFs Full Liturgy Year" 25 June be observed as 'EWFs Children's Day' and celebrated henceforth. It was also decided to start a 'Mini Library' under each pastor of EWFs.

In Feb, we had the pastors' Refresher course GELC at Ranchi, with

Main Theme; 'Renewal for Effective Ministry'; "Foundation and purpose of Christ's Ministry" was (one of the various subjects etc) presented by the Director BEL, specially visiting towards the FPP as a form of effective Ministry in the present day situation. In the last week of April a refresher course for all coworkers (Pastors and Evangelists of EWFs was arranged at Martha Bhavan, 152 participants from all fields enjoyed the fellowship and exchange of experience, 'Confessio Augustana' was the text book for study in addition to Bible studies, group discussions and reports from various fields regarding their activities, there was also an exhibition showing some achievement in the fields, some two hundred items agriculture and other products were on the show.

On 25th June 'Children's Day' was arranged at Martha Bhavan with local children (who come to Martha Bhavan for religious instructors) and their parents. 'Our responsibilities Towards' <sup>children</sup> was specially discussed on the day, similar short programme was arranged on 15th Aug. (Independence day) for the local members of the congregations. Few points were raised for discussions: Possibility and viability of our Ministry in this part of Ranchi (Kadru).

In the last week of Nov. 1991 a seminar on FPP was arranged for all Ilaka chairmen of GELC at Martha Bhavan. 'FPP a form of our Ministry was posed as a question. It was a pointing towards a project LTC/HRDC. It was discussed very positively though the participation was not quite encouraging, some of the chairmen immediately responded to work on this time in the Ilakas.

IV FPP Programme and project: Popular religious instructions are must in the congregations in different ways, like schools and women groups etc.

A.F.P. Programme: Activities under this programme have helped the workers as well as the congregation members to actualise the Gospel in their own life and work. As the situations and facilities differ from field to field as well state to state, the stress and the mode of activities are also different.

(i) Education: In the fields of NW Anchal i.e. Udaipur and Surguja there are better facilities given by the Government similar situation is also in the field of O. Anchal. It is only a matter, how the workers are able to convince the schools, there is hardly need for night schools, only very few night schools are run by the workers. In Assam Karbi -Anglong and Baghima/Madhya Anchal, night schools are also not regular. The night schools in the field <sup>right</sup> of S.E. Anchal almost in all districts there are night schools (45) with 574 children/adults. In Udaipur field eight night schools with 130 children in Bamra field there are two night schools. But there are three non-formal educational institutions jointly run with the CNI. Baghima field has three night schools with 51 children. Many young people (boys and girls) have taken up higher studies.

(ii) Health: One of helps given to people is that they are now going to the health centres or hospitals. <sup>treatment</sup> In some fields along with herbal medicines allopathic medicines are also given. In Udaipur and Surguja

tice while other by short terms training. People have been taught of primary health/hygiene, very often they are saved from various sicknesses when the other suffer from such sickness.

(iii) Agriculture: People in the EWFs have improved much, they have varieties of crops in respect of new and nutritive grains, vegetables, fruits; Many have learnt to earn money though cash crops of vegetables, ground nuts, chillis tomatoes etc. They also have supplementary income by poultry, piggery, goat keeping, silkworm rearing, etc. as small scale side jobs. Many have adopted shop keeping(grocery, tea, ready made etc.

While other have taken up carpentry, masonry, tailoring, cycle & motor-cycle repairing with loan facilities of the government. In some fields people have taken up government jobs and teachership, specially in surguja

(iv) Financial Management: Almost in all fields people have learnt to save some thing for the future specially for the case of emergency, only in Karbi Anglong/Assam it is very slow. In some fields people have been assisted financially also in order to open a saving's a/c with the Banks. There are also certain families, who through their savings bought landed properties, also the Evangelists, so that they can settle down in the area itself, within last 3/4 years in some fields field income of the area have increased 3/4 times.

(v) Spiritual Ministry : It is very urgent that the members of the congregations be consolidated in christian faith, hence regular prayer meetings, regular religious instructions are must in the congregations in addition Sunday worship, Sunday schools and women groups etc.

In order to keep the people awake and active unprecedented programmes are being introduced, The 1991 was the "EWFs Full Literacy Year" and the "EWFs children's Day" on 25th June 1991, this shall be a regular feature except some very few all congregation through out the fields celebrated this day to think about the children regarding their future life plan.

To keep the members involved in the different activities under FPP "Mini library" programme has been started in various centres under the pastor of the area, we propose a group reading and study of different subjects/field of interests, specially in regard with FPP activities, with the members, who have learnt reading and writing in night schools, but have no possibility for further education.

As regarding the results it is encouraging that inspite of various difficulties and problems we have new congregations in all the EWFs. Udai-pur/NWA tops in figure.

B. Project:- BEL had already announced a project in early seventies and again revived it in early eighties. Due to various conflicting and discouraging situations in and around the church this "Reading Rooms" later suggested name Leadership Training Centre, could not be materialised, though many programmes and activities are being carried out under FPP in other places, Like Martha Bhavan, Kadru (Ranchi), or in regional centres of EWFs fixed up from time to time. But the demand of the time is greater than what is being done, very often it is being complained from various corners

is 'Renewal for Effective Ministry'; "Foundation and purpose of Ministry" was (one of the various subjects etc) presented that due to the changing situations in and around the church spiritual life of the christians are deteriorating. This is also affecting the works of the BEL. Hence a place of training consultation, exchange of individual and collective experiences, is needed in the church. It should be a project of the church, just initiated by BEL- The matter has been now again revived, but concrete positive and creative actions are still to be started. I fear it is getting too late to start the project to equip the church workers as well as members enabling them to face the present crisis in and around the church- spiritually, but also socially, ethically, politically and economically.

V. FINANCE: We have a limited resources to carry on the works. We thank all our friends and wellwishers, who have helped us in fulfilling our task. As the devaluation of money and rise of living cost is increasing. In order to start new centres with evangelists, some congregations, have to be led by some volunteers or partner, which is quite healthy for the new members however for the older and static congregations it is a must that they be made self-supporting or attached to neighbouring Ilaka.

#### Remarks and Recommendations

Due to certain church political situations in the church/Anchals some fields are very much affected, supervisors are not getting any co-operation and are unable to do much or ~~as~~ are doing things in their own ways which may be very much harmful for the fields.

A.F.P. It is highly recommended that the Anchal Samiti/Anchal officials have to take keen interest in the field and take positive actions for effective work and not for shifting the problems from one to another corner. Field as well state to state, the stress and the mode of activities are also different.

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31. Juli 1992

Erledigt:.....

Sir,

With due regard, I would like to state that I am one of the members of G.E.L church in RANCHI and at the presence, I am a student of Marine Engineering Training. I will be complete my four years course by the month of November '93. So, I would like to request you to kindly give and suggest me regarding the shipping companies of Germany.

For the act of your kindness, I shall be greatful and thankful to you.

Dated- 24-7-92.

Yours Sincerely,  
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Unser Schreiben vom 13.8.90  
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Sehr geehrter Herr Hecker,

dürfen wir Sie noch einmal daran erinnern, uns die angekündigten Unterlagen  
für das New Life Light Centre in Indien zuzuschicken?

Wir möchten das Projekt gern abschließen, um den Schlußbericht an die  
KED-Geschäftsführung weiterleiten zu können.

Vielen Dank!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Date 20/11/92.

To

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( India Work Group )  
The Church in Berlin - Brandenburg  
East Germany.

Dear Sir,

Many greetings to you and to the brothers and sisters of India Work Group in Berlin - Brandenburg Evangelical Church. I am writing you the infirmation to take the necessary action the following :-

Extract from the minute of the staff council meeting held on 16/11/92 :-

" Item No. 4 - Exchange programme inbetween New Life Light Centre Govindpur and the India Work Group of the Church in Berlin - Brandenburg, East Germany :-

Above matter was discussed in the staff council meeting held on 16/11/92 that the Exchange programme should continue in the future inbetween New Life Light Centre Govindpur and India Work Group of the Church in Berlin - Brandenburg. It is needed and usefull to study the varius problems of our situation and find out the solution with the close co-operations of the both partners. Because, day by day problems are challenging in our church and socio-economic life style.

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After a long discussion we agreed to welcome the Exchange programme inbetween the New Life Light Centre Govindpur and the Church in Berlin - Brandenburg. Rev. Dr. M. Bage explained the structure, curriculum and courses of study in New Life Light Centre at Govindpur and Rev. Dr. W. Jacob will bring the same report to the brothers and sisters of the India Work Group in Berlin for the future preparation. Further it was made a resolution that Rev. Johan Dang, Headmaster and Rev. A. B. Surin, Ilaka Chairman, Govindpur will go to Germany in the month of August 1993, then followed by Rev. Dr. W. Jacob, Rev. Volker Kunick and a younger brother in the month January to March 1994 ( three month/weeks for information and dialogue and the rest for learning & teaching ).

So far K.S.S. is responsible for arranging the Exchange programme inbetween GEL Church and Gossner Mission respective Evangelical Church in Berlin - Brandenburg, we accept it, but in the same time K.S.S. should allow the Exchange programme as it is said and agreed above. This programme is meaningful to learn and teach for Human Development with close co-operation."

With thanks.

Yours in Him,

*J. Dang*  
Headmaster, 20.11.92  
Gossner Bible Awam Buniyadi  
Prashikshan Kendra

Copy to :- Rev. C.S.R. Topno, Pramukh Adhyaksh  
✓ Rev. D. Hecker, Director, RANCHI, BIHAR  
- Rev. S. Isaac, Geneva  
- Rev. Dr. M. Bage, NLL  
- Rev. Dr. W. Jacob, Berlin

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd. Under Societies Act. XXI of 1860)

G. E. L. CHURCH

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Ref. No.....

Date ..... 1.10.1992.

To

Pastor Dieter Hecker,  
Director, Gossner Mission,  
Fennstr. 31, 0-1190,  
Berlin, Schoneweide,  
GERMANY.

Subject : Church Bell - Jaywant G.E.L.Church,  
Hulhundu (Ranchi).

Dear Sir,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

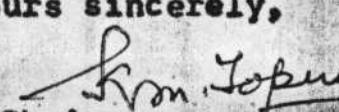
We are very much thankful to Gossner  
Mission for donating the Church Bell for Jaywant  
G.E.L. Church, Hulhundu (Ranchi). We are trying to  
get Import Licence from the Govt. of India.

We would, therefore, request you to  
kindly issue Donor Certificate for the Church Bell  
to enable us to get the Import Licence.

A copy of Import-Export Licence form  
is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Chairman,  
Jaywant G.E.L.Church,  
Hulhundu, (Ranchi),  
INDIA.

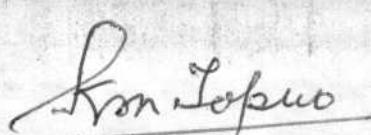
Encl: as above.

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

CC - Mr. W. Jacob,  
Camp at Ranchi (Bihar), INDIA.



## FORM G-II

Application for C.C. Ps.  
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(As per Hand Book of Import-Export Procedures 1985-88)

1. Name of applicant.
2. Full address of the applicant.
3. Detailed description of the items of import, (with printed Catalogue etc.).
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5. Whether any foreign exchange is required for insurance and freight ? If so, the amount thereof in Indian Rupees.
6. Relationship/connection of the Donor/donating agency, with the applicant.
7. Purpose of the gift.
8. Name, Nationality, address and occupation of the donor abroad.
9. Donor's letter (in original).
10. Value of gift(s) received by the applicant during the course of year and details of the CCPs issued/ and applied for by him during the current financial year.
  
11. In the case of Institutions, Trust, Association and Societies etc.  
Please state :
  - (i) Whether the institution etc. is registered with any Govt. authority, and if so, a properly authenticated copy of the registration/recognition certificate may be furnished.
  - (ii) The name and addresses of the Directors/ Governors etc. (as the case may be) may be mentioned.
  
12. Is it for free distribution without consideration of caste colour and race or is it only for use by the institution, trust etc ? A brief write up of Social Welfare work, if any, done already by the applicant may be submitted. [Recommendations of concerned State Govt. Department (in original) if the c.i.f. value of the items of gift/donation exceeds rupees one lakh].

## DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We fully understand that any CCP/Licence granted to me/us on the basis of the statement furnished is liable to cancellation, being made ineffective in addition to any other penalty that the Government may impose or any other action that may be taken having regard to the circumstances of the case if it is found that any of the statement of facts therein are incorrect or false.

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 (Signature with full name)

Designation.....

Relationship .....

Full Residential Address.....

Place.....

Date.....

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- (1) Donor's letter, (in original).
- (2) Printed Catalogue/leaflets of items, proforma invoice.
- (3) State Govt. recommendation (where necessary).
- (4) Affidavit of the donor duly attested by Magistrate/Notary Public or a certificate from his employer that the gift is out of the foreign exchange earnings of the donor, if the value of the gift(s) is more than Rs. 5,000/-.
- (5) Permissible under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act 1973 wherever required.

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**An Shri P.V. Narashima Rao**  
**Premierminister der Republik Indien**

**An Shri S.B. Chavan**  
**Innenminister der Republik Indien**

**An Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav**  
**Ministerpräsident von Bihar**  
Im130 Berlin, den 15. Oktober 1992

**Betr.: Enteignung von Land der Gossner Kirche in Chotanagpur und Assam  
durch den Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi**

**Sehr geehrter Herr ...!**

Von der selbständigen Gossner Kirche in Chotanagpur und Assam in Ranchi/Bihar, unserer Partnerkirche in Indien, durch Presseberichte im "Statesman" vom 30. September 1992 und im "Telegraph" vom 25. September 1992 haben wir erfahren, daß der Deputy Commissioner von Ranchi mitgeteilt hat, daß im Rahmen der Städtischen Landreform (ULC) vom 120 Morgen großen Landbesitz der Gossner Kirche im Zentrum von Ranchi 89 Morgen vom Distrikt enteignet werden sollen. Diese Entscheidung hat nicht nur bei der Gossner Mission große Sorge hervorgerufen, sondern auch bei den Kirchen in Deutschland, die mit der Gossner Mission verbunden sind, der Evangelische Kirche in Berlin-Brandenburg in Berlin, die Kirche der Kirchenprovinz Sachsen in Magdeburg, der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Hannover, der Lippischen Landeskirche in Detmold, der Evangelischen Kirche Westfalen in Bielefeld, der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche Bayern in München und der Evangelischen Kirche Hessen-Nassau in Darmstadt.

Die Gossner Mission war die Gründerin der German Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur im Jahre 1845 und erhielt dieses Land 1862 von der Regierung von Bengal und dem Maharaja von Chotanagpur zur Nutzung für kirchliche und soziale Zwecke für die arme und vernachlässigte Adivasi-Bevölkerung von Ranchi und Chotanagpur.

Die gesamten Liegenschaften wurden 1919 an eine Treuhandgesellschaft übergeben, mit einigen Anpassungen im Jahre 1929, um den Gebrauch des Landes für kirchliche und soziale Zwecke zu schützen. Schließlich wurde es dann 1940 an die Gossner Kirche übergeben. Wir möchten nochmals betonen, daß die Gossner Kirche seit Jahrzehnten völlig selbständig und unabhängig von der Gossner Mission ist. Dennoch haben wir und die oben genannten Kirchen in Deutschland weiterhin enge Beziehungen zur Gossner Kirche auf der Grundlage ökumenischer Partnerschaft. Als die Institution, der als erste dieses Land übergeben und seine

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richtige Nutzung anvertraut wurde, bitten deshalb dringendst, daß die Regierung von Indien darauf achtet, daß dieses Land weiterhin für die ursprünglichen sozialen und kirchlichen Zwecke genutzt wird. Nach der indischen Verfassung ist dies das Recht von allen religiösen Institutionen und Gemeinschaften.

Wir denken, Tatsache, daß ein Einkaufszentrum in Eigenverantwortung der Gossner Kirche ohne unsere Hilfe durch Beratung oder Finanzen gebaut wurde, um Einkommen zu schaffen für die erzieherischen, mildtätigen und religiösen Aufgaben der Kirche, kann jetzt nicht als Argument gegen die Kirche verwendet werden. Es gibt eine Menge vergleichbarer Beispiele in Bihar und anderen Bundesstaaten der Republik von Indien von Kirchen sowie anderen religiösen Organisationen wie Moslems und Hindus, die ihr Land dazu benutzt haben, um Einkommen für ihre Aufgaben zu schaffen.

Deshalb bitten wir Sie nochmals, sich dieser Sache erneut anzunehmen, damit die Rechte, die in der Verfassung von Indien niedergeschrieben sind, für alle Religionsgemeinschaften gesichert werden, ganz besonders für die Adivasi-Bevölkerung, zu denen die meisten Mitglieder der Gossner Kirche gehören. Sie ist eine der wenigen Institutionen in Chotanagpur, die nur von Adivasis geleitet wird, sowohl die Leitungsgremien als auch die Verwaltung. Die Gossner Kirche, als eine der ältesten Kirchen in dieser Region, hat dieser Bevölkerungsgruppe große Hilfe geleistet unabhängig von der Konfession und Religion durch ihre verschiedenen Institutionen wie die Grund-, Mittel- und Hochschulen, ein Ausbildungsseminar für Lehrer speziell für Frauen und dem jetzt überall bekannten Gossner College, das seit dem Beginn im Jahre 1971 bis jetzt ohne Unterstützung von außen seinen guten Ruf erlangt hat.

Wir vertrauen darauf, daß Sie sich erneut dieser Sache annehmen und im Namen der Regierung von Indien die Unversehrtheit des Landeigentums der Gossner Kirche garantieren genauso wie bei allen anderen religiösen Gemeinschaften.

Wir danken Ihnen herzlich und verbleiben mit freundlichen Grüßen - für das Kuratorium der Gossner Mission in Berlin, Deutschland

Gen.Sup. Dr. Günther Krusche  
Vorsitzender

Prof.Dr. Hans Grothaus  
Stellvertretender Vorsitzender

**Kopien an:**  
Die G.E.L.Church, an die Kirchen, die mit der Gossner Mission verbunden sind und die Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (Hannover).

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An das  
Konsistorium der EKiBB  
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Berlin, den 22. 10. 1992

Betr: Geplante Enteignung von kirchlichem Land der Ev.-Lutherischen Gossner Kirche in Ranchi / Bihar - Indien.

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren!

Beim Besuch des Kirchenpräsidenten der indischen Gossner Kirche, der ein reguläres Mitglied unseres Kuratoriums ist, wurden wir darüber informiert, daß die Distrikt-Verwaltung von Ranchi der Gossner Kirche eine Enteignung von 89 Morgen Land des insgesamt 120 Morgen umfassenden Church Compound in Ranchi, dem Zentrum der Kirche, angedroht hat. Es ist bisher einmalig in der Geschichte Indiens, daß die Landreformgesetze, die eigentlich für natürliche Personen gelten, auf die Liegenschaften einer Religionsgemeinschaft angewendet wurden.

Selbstverständlich hat die Gossner Kirche sofort dagegen protestiert. Ihr haben sich auch die anderen Kirchen am Ort anschlossen. Das Ganze ist durch Berichte in der lokalen und überregionalen Presse zu einem Politikum geworden, wie Sie aus den beiliegenden Presseberichten sehen können.

Das Kuratorium der Gossner Mission hat daher beschlossen, wie die Gossner Kirche selbst an den Premierminister und den Innenminister der Republik Indien in Delhi und den Ministerpräsidenten von Bihar zu appellieren. Gleichzeitig wurde beschlossen, daß die mit uns verbundenen Landeskirchen informiert werden und, wenn möglich, um eine ähnliche Stellungnahme gebeten werden sollen. Sie finden dazu in der Anlage unseren Brief in Englisch (und in deutscher Übersetzung), sowie die Presseberichte. Es wäre schön, wenn Sie sich entschließen könnten, in dieser Sache ebenfalls tätig zu werden. Für weitere Auskünfte stehen Ihnen Ihr Delegierter in unserem Kuratorium und die Geschäftsstelle der Gossner Mission zur Verfügung. Rev. C.S.R. Topno ist ebenfalls noch bis zum 8. November in Deutschland für Auskünfte und gezielte Nachfragen.

In der Hoffnung auf eine positive Antwort von Ihrer Seite bin ich mit einem freundlichen Gruß, auch von den Vorsitzenden unseres Kuratoriums,

Ihr

(Dieter Hecker)  
Direktor

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To the  
Prime Minister of India  
Raj-Bhavan  
New Delhi - India

Berlin, 17. October, 1992  
AZ - gov-ind-gelc.let Kur.10-92 - Mz.

**Ref: Acquisition of land from the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam at Ranchi through the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi.**

Respected Sir,

We have learned from the autonomous Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam at Ranchi / Bihar, our partnerchurch in India, and from Press reports in the Statesman 30th September 1992 and the Telegraph of the 25th September 1992, that the Deputy commissioner of Ranchi has given a notice under the Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULC) to take away 89 acres out of a total of 120 acres of the land properties of the Church in the centre of Ranchi. This has caused great worries to us not only in Gossner Mission, but also with the churches related to us in Germany, the Protestant Church in Berlin Brandenburg at Berlin, the Church of the Church-Province Saxony at Magdeburg, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hannover, the Protestant Church of Lippe at Detmold, the Protestant Church of Westfalia at Bielefeld, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria at Munich and the Protestant Church of Hessia and Nassau at Darmstadt.

Gossner Mission was the original founder of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church beginning from 1845 and had received this land in 1962 from the Government of Bengal and the Maharaja of Chotanagpur as trustees for the use for religious and social purposes of the poor and neglected Adivasi population of Ranchi and Chotanagpur.

All the properties were handed over to a Trust Society in 1919 with some adjustments in 1929 to safeguard the use of the land for social and religious purposes. Finally, it was handed over fully to the G.E.L. Church in 1940. We want to stress, the G.E.L. Church is fully autonomous and in no way dependent on Gossner Mission since decades. Nevertheless, we and the above mentioned Churches in Germany have close relationships on the basis of an Ecumenical partnership with the G.E.L. Church. Therefore as the institution, which had first been endowed with the land and its proper use, we urgently request the Government of India to see, that this land is kept for its original social and religious purpose, which is the right of all religious institutions and communities according to the Constitution of India.

We think, the fact that a shopping complex has been erected in the own responsibility of the G.E.L. Church - completely without our help or support of advice or finances - to create income for the educational, charitable and religious tasks of the church cannot be used as an argument against the G.E.L. Church. There are a lot of similar examples in Bihar and other states of the Republic of India of churches as well as of other religious trusts like mosques and Hindu temples, which have used their land for the generating of income for their work.

We, therefore, again request to you to look into this matter to safeguard the privilege of the constitutional rights to all religious communities in India, especially of the Adivasi community to which most of the members of the G.E.L. Church belong. It is one of the few institutions in Chotanagpur run completely by Adivasis, the Church Council as well as the administration. The G.E.L. Church as the oldest church in this region has given a great help to this section of the population irrespective of denomination and religion through its various institutions like Primary-, Middle- and High Schools, a Teachers' Training College specially for women and the now well-known Gossner College, which has been brought to its good reputation from the start in 1971 so far without any outside help.

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Thanking you,

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From:

Nityanand Sahay 'Bachchan'  
Advocate,  
Civil Court, Lohardaga.

To  
The Deputy Commissioner,  
Lohardaga.

Eingegangen

12. Sep. 1991

Erledigt

Sub:- Prayer for cancellation of Passport said to have been granted by the Govt. Authorities to Rev. Niranjan Ekka, headmaster, Lutheran High School, Lohardaga, for travelling foreign countries.

Dated 14th August, 1991.

Madam,

On behalf of my client Sri L. Ekka, Attorney, G.E.L. Church, Lohardaga, I respectfully and humbly beg to state as follows on the above subject and the deeds of Rev. Niranjan Ekka as mentioned below disqualifying him for his foreign travels.

1. That, your honour be informed that Rev. Niranjan Ekka with his followers revolted and left the GELC and formed his own independent church in the name and style of NWGELC (North West GELC). They also made their own separate constitution. Thus, Rev. N. Ekka and his followers totally severed the relationship and fellowship of the GELC.

2. That, in Case No. T.A.19/84, the Sub-Judge, Ranchi, has declared that Rev. N. Ekka and his followers and associates have no title, right or any claim over the properties of the GELC.

3. That, Rev. N. Ekka and his associates instituted several suits against the GELC in different courts <sup>but</sup> by every time they lost the battle.

4. That, in one of the suits in the Court of S.D.O., Ranchi, in Case No. 1576/86, Rev. N. Ekka and his associates, according to the findings of the S.D.O., have earned infamously as miscreants inciting their groups of mischievous nature to harass and force the GELC authorities to kneel down before

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before them accepting their unjust aims and objects. It is rightly proved by the S.D.O. that Rev.N.Ekka and his associates are very dangerous people keeping groups of rascals.

5. That, because of his vile nature, the former S.D.O., Lohardaga, Sri Lian Kunga had to rebuke him and his associates and exhorted them not to restrain unauthorisedly the construction of the two-room building allotted by the Govt. to Lutheran Upper Primary Girls' School, Lohardaga, which is the institution of the GELC.

6. That, Rev.N.Ekka got registered secretly a portion of land measuring 2.50 acres belonging to GELC, in his name for PTEC opened by him without permission of the Govt. for his personal gains and huge income. It is an open fact that he has extorted huge amount from the students. From each student he has taken as donation at the rate of Rs.2000/-, Rs.3000/- and even Rs.5000/-. Besides this, monthly tuition fees are the must. But teachers are not paid. On the registration of the above land a Title Suit No.6/1991 has been instituted against him in the Lohardaga Court.

7. That, Organisations like CASA, UELCI etc. had, for the uplift of the tribals and backwards, entrusted Rev.N.Ekka with huge amounts of money for the projects sanctioned by them on the recommendations of him. But none of the projects was successful due to misappropriation of money. In one project, Rev.N.Ekka fearlessly showed his daring exploit by submitting to the Organisation concerned with false statement and vouchers. The investigating Officer from that Organisation found no work done on the site.

8. That, the KNH hostel running under Rev.N.Ekka's supervision and control is not well managed. The boys of the hostel are not fairly dealt with requisite food and clothing etc.

9. That, a widow getting her old-pension from the Block handed the money for safety to Mrs. Manoranjni Ekka w/o. Rev. N. Ekka some years ago. Now, the widow wants her entire money but ~~free~~ <sup>free</sup> ~~Mrs. M. Ekka~~ <sup>She</sup> herself evasively at every widow's demand and as such the poor widow feels within herself being tortured physically and mentally.

10. That it is also the similar case like the above. One named Prakash was a permanent peon in the Lutheran High School, Lohardaga. The Headmaster, Rev. N. Ekka never paid him the full pay. Every week, it is said, he was paid Rs. 20/- (twenty) only. Can a man sustain his family with this trifling amount ! Last year he fell ill. When his illness became serious he was taken to hospital where he expired. Alas ! the deceased's earned money with the Headmaster could not extend its help towards its master and it is still being in bondage is incapable to succour his widow and children. The widow with her children are living in the midst of extreme scarcity of food and other necessities. The deceased widow repeatedly craving for payment of the money but Rev. N. Ekka has no ear to hear her cry. It is very pitiable to any one to know of sorry plight of the widow and her children.

11. That, Smt. Manoranjni Ekka w/o. Rev. N. Ekka, a teacher in the 'Balika Uchch Vidyalaya', Lohardaga, persuaded several persons mentioned below and took from them money in thousands in consideration of getting lands for each of them. All are educated people, like doctor, teachers, clerk and militaryman entangled by her. These people have lost all hope of getting lands from her and are impatient for the return of their money but <sup>She</sup> continually evades their requests. They find themselves utterly helpless and perturbed by her craftiness. The victims are:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Village.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
1. Lalita Horo		Rs. 5000.00
2. Sri William Xalxo	Sale Tax Clerk	" 10000.00
3. Smt. Ava	Teacher in Kasturba High School.	" 7000.00
4. " Bela	Anandpur-Madhuban.	" 7000.00
5. Khoren	Khakparta	" 5000.00
6. Dr. (Miss) Chandra Minz	Sadar Hospital Lohardaga.	" 6000.00 Transferred
7. Rev. CDL Kujur	Gumla	" 1000.00 Pastor of his own group.
		Total <u>Rs. 41000.00</u>

Besides these, it is said, there are some more persons who fell in the craftiness of Mrs. M. Ekka. These all will appear at the enquiry.

12. That, Rev. N. Ekka retired in December, 1990. But in the middle of last month, he is said to have joined the school again on the ground that he obtained extension of service.

13. That, it transpires that Rev. N. Ekka has deceived the Govt. and church authorities by showing his birth date as 1.12.1932, whereas his actual birth date is 25.7.1930. This he proves himself when every year on 25th July he observes his birth-day anniversary and also in his biography he has mentioned his actual birth date as 25th July 1930.

14. That, it has come to the knowledge of me that Rev. N. Ekka is very soon going abroad for 5 or 6 months arranged by his own church (NWGELC) for travels to several countries, such as America, Indonesia, Thailand etc. But my client, the Attorney and the authorities of the genuine GELC at Lohardaga direct me to apply before you for cancellation of Passport of Rev. N. Ekka on the following grounds:

(a) That in the Civil Court 4 (four) cases are going on against him instituted by the Attorney, GELC, Lohardaga. The Cases are (i) Eviction Suit No. 1/89, (ii) Complaint Cr. 21/89, (iii) Title Suit No. 9/89 and (iv) Title Suit No. 6/91.

(b) That Rev.N.Ekka had created in the past serious troubles through his infamous groups and hampered the peace of the GELC. Now, at his proposed travels the GELC dreads, perhaps, it may be true he would collect huge amounts by donations in the countries he would travel and then harness himself and his associates and launch again fresh attacks against the GELC.

Under the circumstances mentioned above, you are requested to be kind enough to enquire into the matters thoroughly and finally be pleased to cancel his passport. And for which I will be much obliged.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Enclos:- Photo copies of  
 1. r.A.19/84 and  
 2.m.1576/86 with Police report  
 in Ranchi SDO's Court.  
 3. Suit Plaints 4 in nos.

Sd/- N.N.Sahay  
 20/8/91  
 Advocate, Civil Court, Lohardaga.

Copy to the Superintendent of Police, for information and necessary action.  
 " " " Officer Incharge, Lohardaga Thana.

Sd/- N.N.Sahay.  
 20/8/91.  
 Advocate.

# G. E. L. CHURCH AUTONOMY VICHAR MANCH

Ranchi

Ref. ....

Dated 17.2.1991

Hearty Welcome

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

to

*President*

V. J. KUJJUR G. Triga  
G. E. L. Church Compound  
Church Road, Ranchi

Rev. Dr. D. Hecker

Director, Gossner Mission Berlin

*Secretary*

V. TOPPO (Ranchi)

Camp at Ranchi.

*Treasurer*

JOHN PANNA (Ranchi)

A brief Information regarding Affairs of the  
Church.

*Legal-Advisor*

C. A. TOPPO, Advocate  
High-Court, Ranchi Bench  
RANCHI

Member delegate

G. E. L. Autonomous Vichar Manch  
R A N C H I.

1 Vijay Toppo 17/2/91

2 J. W. Panna 17/2/91

3 M. L. Akbar 17/2/91

4 D. Triga 17/2/91

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Association of Laymen of Lutheran G.E.L. Church at Ranchi, by name G.E.L. Autonomous Vichar Manch, is legally fighting in the law courts, since 1986, to defend the unity Integrity , Nature and objective of the G.E.L. Church as well as the Vast Landed - properties of G.E.L. Church.

In 1986

We filed a case before the Court of Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi vide Misc. Case No. 59 R 28/86-87 which was disposed off on 18.2.88 and we were not given relief then We went to the High Court Ranchi Bench . In one writ petition Hon'ble High Court Ranchi, directed us to file Title Suit before the Civil Court.

In 1989.

Then on 4.5.89 we filed Title Suit no. 77/89 in the court of Subjudge - I Ranchi.

Bijay Topno & others..... Plaintiff-  
Versus-

1. Union Government of India.
2. State Government of Bihar.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.
4. Chairman Regional Development Authority, Ranchi.
5. Rev. Martin Tete, Pramukh Adkyakasha .

..... Defendants.

This case has been admitted on 30.5.89 and is still proceeding in the Court of Shri Ishwari Prasad, Sub- Judge, Ranchi.

In 1990:

To - stay the Further Construction of Business Complex, We have filed Miscellaneous Appeal Case No. 455 of 1990(R) on 19.3.1990 before the Hon'ble Court , Ranchi, which ~~sis~~ is still pending.

- Following cases has been instituted by the Bihar Government against the Church connected w/ with illegal Construction of Business Complex and taking over the vacant land of the G.E.L. Church Urbar, Land Ceiling Case :-

1. ( U.L. C. ) Case No. 395/76 Under Section 6(1)  
U.L.C. Act 1976- D. C. Ranchi.
2. U.C. No. 182/88 : R. R. D. A.
3. U.C. No. 31/89 :

Recently in one Case ....

Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi has referred the case to the Hon'ble High Court, Ranchi to institute a case of Contempt of Court against the Pramukh Adhyaksha G.E.L. Church and the Contractor of Business Complex for the violation of the order of the court.

Through the oabove noted case the Government of Bihar and various leaders of the different political parties have intended to grab the valuable landed properties of the G.E.L. Church.

With the construction of G.E.L. Business Complex, and in view of recent affairs of the Church the Legal existence of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church has vanished in eyes of law and the minds of

Bihar Government as per record with the Govt. the properties now ~~pending~~ belong to German Lutheran Evangelical Mission.

In the historical development of the Church now We have reached in such a precarious stage where neither K. S. S. nor N. W. , G. E. L. Church can save the integrity, unity, objectives, and nature of the Church as well as the valuable landed ~~is~~ property of the Church.

The only way left before us to defend the above stated aspects of our church , is to proceed with above stated cases filed in law courts by the members - Laymen of G.E.L. Autonomous , Vichar Manch.

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

( Registered Under Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860 )

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

Rev. C. S. R. Topno  
M. A. B. D. M. Th.  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Rev. S. Toppo  
B. A. L. Th.  
Up. Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Rev. S. K. Jojo  
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**Head Office :**  
G. E. L. church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Ref. 392/78/92/KSS

Date 9th- Sept. 1992

To

Pastor Dr. W. Jacob  
Feldtmann Str. 120/013-03  
0-1120 Berlin  
Germany (East)

Dear brother Jacob,

Greetings to you and to all members of the team who are visiting India during next October and November. On behalf of the G.E.L. Church. I welcome you all in the church and it India as well. I had some difficulties in preparing your programme as you have not mentioned the date of your arrival in Ranchi. It was also not possible for me to meet all people related to the place which you intend to visit. However the programme is being scheduled as per the date you have mentioned for it. All though I will personally be away from the country, I hope that the friends will be kind enough to carry it out with mutual love and concern. You will notice some of the places suggested by you have been left out due to lack to communication, and some new places have been suggested. I hope you will enjoy it.

Group I. 1st. week (Oct. 15-23)

Oct. 15 - After break fast start for Govindpur meeting the pastors of S.E. Anchal.

After Lunch proceed to Lungtu meeting the congregation and night halt.

Oct. 16 - After breakfast proceed to Takarma, Lunch and rest meeting the congregation in the evening night halt.

Oct. 17 - After break fast proceed to Churdag. Lunch and rest. Meeting the congregation in the evening night halt.

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Oct. 18 - After break fast proceed to Ranchi (Rev. C.U. Dang has very kindly given his consent to accompany the guests throughout his programme Oct. 15-18)

Lunch and rest at Lal Bunglow. In evening programme at Khorhatoly (Rev. S. Toppo would explain it in detail).

Oct. 19 - After break fast proceed to Biritoly whole day programme and night halt.

Oct. 20 - After breakfast proceed to Sibsereng, whole day programme and night halt.

Oct. 21 - After breakfast back to Ranchi.

Oct. 22 - After break fast proceed to Hazaribagh, whole day programme and night halt.

Oct. 23 - After breakfast back to Ranchi.

For the programme begining from Khorhatoly, Rev. S. Toppo has given his consent to accompany the guests.

Group - II. 1st. Week Oct. 15-23)

Oct. 15 - After breakfast proceed to Khuntitoly meeting the Dispensary staff & Anchal officers, Lunch at Khuntitoly.

Oct. 16 - Afternoon proceed to Kuchinda, Night halt. *Wilhelm Kan. dalaq*

Oct. 17 - Whole day programme at Kuchinda.

Oct. 18 - After break fast proceed to chhatam. Lunch and rest, programme in the evening and night halt.

Oct. 19 - After break fast, proceed to Jorabandh, meeting the congregation and lunch.

Oct. 19 - After lunch, proceed to Anandpur via Rourkela, Jareikela and Manoharpur meeting the congregation and night halt.

Oct. 20 - After breakfast proceed to Chiria - Lunch and rest meeting the congregation in the evening and night halt.

Oct. 21 - After breakfast proceed to Chaihasa lunch and rest meeting the congregation in the evening and night halt.

Oct. 22 - After breakfast proceed to Kaika - Lunch and rest in the evening meeting the congregation. and night halt.

Oct. 23 - Back to Ranchi.

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Oct. 24 - Both group - after breakfast proceed to Govindpur meeting the Pracharkas of the Govindpur Ilaka- Seminar on problems- till 4:00 P.M.

Oct. 25 - Church service at Govindpur.

Oct. 25 - Afternoon both groups come back to Ranchi.

2nd. Week, Group I. (Oct. 26 - 31)

Oct. 26 - After breakfast proceed to Jargo, Lunch and rest meeting the congregation in the evening, night halt.

Oct. 27 - After breakfast proceed to Burdah lunch and rest, meeting the congregation in the evening, night halt.

Oct. 28 - After breakfast proceed to Nunia meeting the congregation and lunch. Afternoon proceed to Purulia.

Oct. 28 - Contd. : Meeting the congregation and night halt.

Oct. 29 - After breakfast proceed to Adra, meeting the congregation and lunch. Afternoon back to Purulia visiting Leprosy Hospital and night halt.

Oct. 30 - After breakfast, visiting the neighbouring village congregations (Khudibandh, Rudra etc.) and back to Purulia, night halt.

Oct. 31 - After breakfast proceed to Muri, meeting the congregation and lunch.

Oct. 31 - After proceed to Ranchi.

Nov. 1-3- Church service Sunday and Mission festival programme at Martha Bhawan, (these programmes will be finalised by Rev. B. Lakra and Dr. Singh in consultation with the guests)

Group II. 2nd. week (Oct. 26 - 31)

~~Doors~~ ~~Boars~~ or Assam programmes to be finalised in due course.

Nov. 1-3- Church service in Calcutta, visit of LWS, Mother Teressa's House and visit of Serampore College.

The programmes may be changed as and when necessary.

Hope this will find you have and hearty.

With kind regards and looking forward to see you in Germany.

*SSR*  
9/9/92

Rev. C. S. R. Topno  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

copy to all concerned.

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Camp. GEL Church KSS Office  
RANCHI/BIHAR.

To  
Rev. D. Hecker  
Gossner Mission  
BERLIN.

12 Sep 1991

Erledigt:.....

Sub : Gossner Mission Policy towards Gossner Church.

Respected Sir,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus. While thanking you for your recent visit to Ranchi (Gossner Church) we the undersigned members of the Kendriya Salahkari Sabha (KSS) of the Gossner Church would like to express our humble opinion on some points relevant to the above subject. We are confident that the same would be duly considered by you as well by the other well wisher (Members) of the Gossner Mission Kuratorium.

01. Our impression is that the so called NW-GELC has been ultimately allowed to enjoy a provisional Recognition by U.E.L.C.I. on the initiative taken by you. You have developed the relation with the so called NW-GELC to such an extent that you have started releasing complete financial support to that Organisation for so called Mission work even for Congregations like Surguja and Udaypur which have been very much the Mission work areas of the Gossner Church eversince. Thereby and also by many other ways while dealing with the Gossner Church in other fields, you have not only encouraged the discord in the church particularly in those areas but also paved the way for permanent separation of the so called NW-GELC from the Gossner Church. Our view is that the Gossner Mission has every right to extend financial support to any church organisation for evangelical works but the same must be done for works started in other geographical area or areas by that organisation.

Further, you have also been trying to cut the quantum of the money budgeted for the B.E.L. of the Gossner Church. This is very unfortunate. Your policy it seems, in this respect needs immediate review and reconsideration.

02. Your recent visit to Ranchi, and therefore to the Gossner Church, was termed as a 'private' visit. You came to Ranchi for Holidaying. It was because of this you did not make any formal programme in the Gossner Church. But we understand that you had spared a good length of time for discussion with the leaders of the so called NW - GELC on church matters. It is a very sad thing for us.

03. As long as you are holding the most honourable Executive responsibility of the Directorate of the Gossner Mission, we would wish that your every presence in Ranchi or in the Gossner Church areas which you would be visiting, should be only for the purpose of promoting the relation of Gossner Mission and the Gossner Church and for no other purpose or business.

04. Your recent visit to Andaman was also said to be a private one but we would like to apprise you, that by asking one of our Anchal Adhyaksh to accompany you in your tour for such a long time has compelled the members of the KSS to miss his presence in the KSS meeting here at Ranchi.

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Sir, your whole policy towards Gossner Church particularly as revealed through your dealing with matters relating to Evangelistic works in Surguja and other areas of the GEL Church and your action in curtailing the B.E.L. Budget and your recent private visit to Ranchi has greatly discouraged the members of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

We hope that you will take note of our above feelings and make necessary amendment in your policy and attitude towards the Gossner Church.

With regards and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Gerson Tiru*

(1) Gerson Tiru  
Member, KSS Assam Anchal

*J.S. Topno*

(2) J.S. Topno  
Member, KSS S.E. Anchal

*M.D. Bagje*

(3) M.D. Bagje  
Member, KSS Orissa Anchal

*Elia Kerketta*

4. (Elia Kerketta)  
Member, KSS Madhya Anchal

*Umblan Sanga*

(5) Umblan Sanga  
Member, KSS, N.W. Anchal

*Rev. Junul Topno*

(6) Rev. Junul Topno  
Member, KSS, S.E. Anchal

cc: 1. Chairman, Gossner Mission, Berlin  
2. Rev. Dr. C.K.Paul Singh (Member Kuratorium)  
3. Pramukh Adhyaksh, GEL Church, Ranchi

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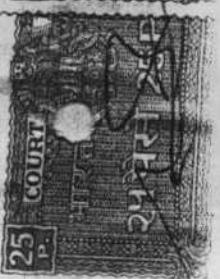
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① The plaintiffs have filed a petition under order 39 Rule 1 and 2 of the CPC on the 4th May, 1989 praying therein to prohibit the defendant not from making construction and structure in the plot of 3rd Hostel Shaas in Red in the sketch map of Annexure and to restrain further construction of 2nd floor on the top of existing erected business complex Shaas in Green on the sketch map of Annexure, on the land of the G.E.L. Church situated in the Main Road, Ranchi, the land is built till the decision of the suit.

② It appears from the perusal of the record that on 6.6.89, a show cause notice was issued against the defendant no 5. As a result of which the defendant not appeared in the suit and filed a show cause on 8.9.89. Thereafter the defendant no 5 filed additional show cause on 20.11.89.

③ I have heard the learned lawyers for both the parties on 6.12.89 and perused the photostatic copies of the documents filed by them. Today the record has been put up before me for order.

④ The plaintiffs have filed the suit for the cancellation of the permission for construction of business complex received by the defendant no 4 on 4.12.1984 and the approval of plan and map of business complex by the Vice Chairman of R.R.S.A. and further approval and sanction of construction



Matter: G.E.L. Church: Prokshanik  
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of business complex by the defendant no 3 S.C., Ranchi vide his order dated 12.10.87 in Mex. case No 59

R 28 / 18-2-88 / 1986-87 in question. They have further prayed for the issue of perpetual injunction against the defendant no 5 from constructing the business complex on the said plot and from constructing 2nd floor on the top of existing erected business complex on the said land.

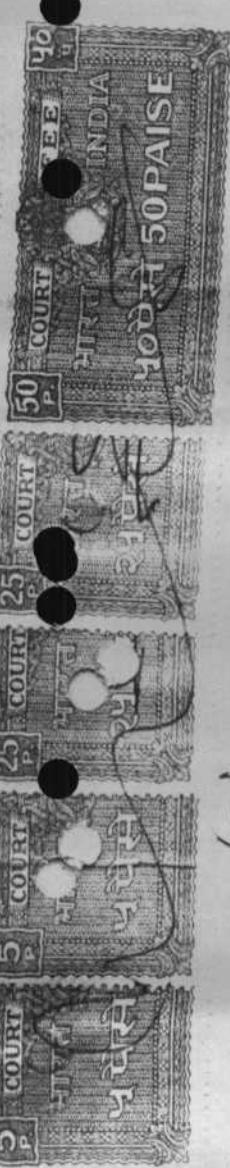
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The plaintiffs have given the description of the said property in the schedule of the plaint which runs as follows:-

"Land and building constructed and being constructed on the plot of land of the G.E.L. Autonomous Church School in the Main Road, Ranchi and shown in the rough sketch map in Annexure marked Red and green sides on the Main Road, within G.E.L. Church campus, Ranchi."

Thus I find that the plaintiffs have not given the Khata no, plot no. and boundaries of the said property. The plaintiffs have also not mentioned the holding no. of the said property. Thus I find that the description of the said property given in the schedule is not sufficient to identify it.

The plaintiffs have prayed for the issuance of temporary injunction against the defendant no 5. Therefore the plaintiffs have to prove three things -



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- (1) Firstly, that the plaintiffs have a *prima facie case*.
- (2) Secondly, that the balance of *conveniences* lies in favour of the plaintiffs.
- (3) Thirdly, that the plaintiffs will suffer irreparable loss, if the injunction is not granted.

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Now it has to be seen as to whether the plaintiffs have a *prima facie case* or not?

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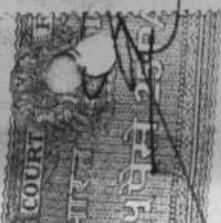
It is an admitted fact that the G.E.L. (Autonomous) church of Chotanagpur and Assam is a registered church under The Societies Registration Act of 1860 and its aims and objects have been inscribed in the Bye Laws, Memorandum and Constitution of the church.

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The plaintiffs have given the history of the acquisition of the property by the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur.

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It is an admitted fact that the German Missionaries came to Chotanagpur in the year 1845 and founded the first G.E.L. Church in the year 1862 at Ranchi. It is also an admitted fact that the Government of Bengal donated 46.27 acres of rent free land vide its letter no 248A dated 24th March 1862 and Maharaja of Chotanagpur also donated the remaining 75.67 acres of rent free land in village Siram to the then G.E.L. Church ~~which was managed~~



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and controlled by the German Missionaries. It is also an admitted fact that during the first world war, the properties of the German Evangelical Church was taken over by the Government of India under the Enemy Trading Act of 1915 and put the properties in the custody of Custodian of Enemy property of Assam, Bihar and Orissa. It is also an admitted fact that the said Custodian transferred the properties to Mr. B. Foley and others by two registered indentures dated 1.10.1919 and 13.10.1919. It is also an admitted fact that by the Act IX of 1921 the said transfer was validated and a corporate body under the name and style of Mission Trust of Northern India was created and the transferees of deeds, dated 1.10.1919 and 13.10.1919 were made its members. It is also an admitted fact that the above Mission Trust of Northern India transferred the properties by an indenture dated 12.11.1929 to a Board of Trustees with the power to transfer or to make over either by way of lease and licence or permission to use or to occupy for fixed terms or to sell with the limitation that for the above transferees premises Sanction of Governor General in Council was



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to be obtained. This restriction was imposed for ten years only, it is also an admitted fact that as per the terms of the indenture dated 12-11-1929 by the approval of the Governor General of India the entire properties of the church was transferred to the church by the Board of Trustees by an indenture dated 17-6-1940.

(12)

Now the case of the plaintiffs is that the office ~~bearers~~ of the G.E.L. Church and the defendant no 5 have been constructing the business complex by giving the land of the church on lease to the big business men with the aid of the defendant no 3 and 4 without taking the prior consent and approval of the Governor General or in council or the present union of India which is necessary and hence the act of the defendant not in the matter of construction of business complex on the said plot is illegal and void.

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On the other hand, the case of the defendant no 5 is that the Board of Trustees transferred the entire properties of the church by the approval of the Governor General of India as per terms of Indenture dated 12-11-1929 to the church absolutely by an indenture dated 17-6-1940 and the restrictions imposed in the indenture dated 12-11-1929 were extinguished on and from the date of transfer dated 17-6-1940. *Dear Sir*



The church has the absolute right, title and interest to transfer the properties by way of lease, license, sell, exchange, partition for money or other valuable consideration.

(14)

Now it has to be seen as to whether the Church has the absolute right, title and interest to transfer the property by way of lease, license, sell, exchange or partition for money. ?

(15)

The plaintiffs have filed photostatic copies of Indentures dated 13-10-1919 and 17-6-1940 and the photostatic copy of the Gazette of India, April 2, 1921 to show the Act No IX of 1921. I have perused the photostatic copies of Indentures dated 13-10-1919 and 17-6-1940 and Act No IX of 1921. The indenture dated 13-10-1919 shows that the custodian of Enemy Property transferred the property of the church to trustees with powers to transfer or make over ~~whether permanent or temporary~~ and either by way of lease or license or permission to use or occupy for a fixed period provided that this power shall not be exercised in any case of a transfer or ~~make over~~ ~~or handing over~~ ~~or handing over~~ ~~without the permission~~ General in Council and the Governor General in Council may prescribe the terms and conditions of such transfer. The photostatic copy of Act



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IX of 1921 has been filed to show that the indenture dated 13.10.1919 was validated by the Act No IX of 1921 and the terms and conditions of the indenture remained the same in the said Act and it also created a body corporate under the name and style of "The Mission Trust of Northern India". Now I want to discuss the indenture dated 17.6.1940. It is an admitted fact that the Mission Trust of India transferred the property of the church by an indenture dated 12.11.1929 to a Board of Trustees with the power to transfer or make deals either by way of lease and license or permission to use or occupy for fixed terms or to sell with the limitation that for the above transfers previous sanction of Governor General in Council was to be obtained. This restriction was imposed for ten years only. From the perusal of the photostatic copy of indenture dated 17.6.1940, it appears that as per terms of the indenture dated 12.11.1929 by the approval of the Governor General of India the entire property of the church was transferred to the church absolutely by the Board of Trustees. Thus from the perusal of indenture dated 17.6.1940, it appears that the restrictions imposed in the indenture dated 12.11.1929 were extinguished on and from the date of transfer i.e. 17.6.1940. The indenture dated 17.6.1940



(A denominational church in Chotanagpur.  
It is also important to note here  
that the defendant no 1 is the Union  
Government of India. The defendant  
no 2 is the State Government of Bihar  
~~and defendant no 3 is the~~  
defendant no 3 is the Deputy  
Commissioner, Ranch. ~~It is to be noted that~~  
~~the G.P. has appeared on their behalf~~  
~~and the learned G.P. has not submitted~~  
~~any facts or documents produced~~  
that peculiar permission of the  
Government of India is essential  
for the transfer of the property  
held by the church. I further find  
that the facts and documents produced  
by both the parties to this case  
of prima facie find that the  
church has the absolute right to  
any interest or transfer the property

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That the defendant no 5 has obtained the permission of the Ranchi Regional Development Authority for the construction of the market complex and the map has been also approved and passed by the Chairman of the R.R.D.A. Thus it is found that all the constructions have prior approval of the R.R.D.A which is the concerned authority in this matter and there is no other authority who is competent to approve plans or construction.

(10)

Having considered the facts and the documents, Prima facie it is found that the church has absolute title to transfer the property by way of lease, sale or exchange without the consent of the Government of India and thus it has not violated the terms and conditions of the Indenture dated 17-6-1940.

(11)

The learned lawyer for the plaintiffs has argued before me that the plan property of the church is used for religious and charitable purpose and construction of market is not for religious and charitable purpose. Thus the church defendant no 5 has violated the law of the people which is being placed on him.

(12)

The learned lawyer for the plaintiffs has submitted before me that the defendant no 5 has been constructing the business complex by giving the land of the church on lease to the big business magnates with the aid of the defendant no 3 and 4. Thus the defendant no 5 has diverted the aims and objectives of the church without law. He has also destroyed the meaning and concept

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of the Church and the property of the Church set out for spiritual, charitable and educational purposes by opening up of a construction of business complex on the property of the Church. He has further submitted before me that Article 26 of the Constitution of India is concerned with religious institutions and considerations of any benefit from business complex in the property of the institutions by the officials of the G.E.L. Church at Ranthi is irrelevant and in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of India.

(18)

The learned lawyer for the defendant no 5 has argued before me that the Church is a autonomous body which provides election after every three years. The officials at various levels are elected by a process of election which has been provided in the Constitution of the Church. The election of the defendant no 3 has not been challenged and the selected body has taken a decision to construct the shopping complex to meet the aims and objects of the church. He has further argued before me that the Church is a religious institution. It runs educational, medical and religious institutions. It needs money to maintain, expand and uplift the institutions and to achieve its aims and objects. ~~transferred~~<sup>is</sup>. He has further argued before me that the church ~~is~~ is not absolutely transferred of the property, but it is being let out to lessees. He has further argued before me that the building of Stash Hostel has been rebuilt as it was in a dilapidated condition.



He has further argued before me that all the constructions are complete and the church has not entered into any trade or business. The learned lawyer for the defendant no 5 has further argued before me that the plaintiffs and some interested persons filed C.W.S.C before the Hon'ble High Court to stop the constructions on the same grounds which was dismissed and the petition for leave to make Supreme Court was also dismissed.

(19)

I have heard the learned lawyers for both the parties on this point and perused the order and passed by the Hon'ble High Court. The defendant no 5 has filed the photostatic copy of the application of C.W.S.C No 65 of 1989 (R) filed by one of the plaintiffs of this case before the Hon'ble High Court. From the perusal of this application, it appears that the plaintiff has filed an application before the Hon'ble High Court to stop the construction of the ~~business~~ shopping complex on the same grounds and from the perusal of the certified copy of the order of C.W.S.C No. 65 of 1989 (R) dated 2.2.89, it appears that the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court dismissed the application filed by one of the plaintiff holding that there is no merit in the application and it is dismissed. The defendant no 5 has also filed the photostatic copy of the order of Hon'ble High Court passed in C.W.S.C No 1639 of 1987 (R) dated 3.11.87, it appears from the perusal of the



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Order that the Hon'ble High Court has  
 noted that the G.E.L. Church is not  
 a State within the meaning of  
 Article 12 of the Constitution and  
 dismissed the application holding that G.E.L. Church  
 is not a State within the meaning of  
 Article 12 of the Constitution.

(20) ~~Noting~~ I find that  
 From the perusal of the  
 Constitution of the church, I find  
 that the church is a religious  
 institution and it runs educational,  
 medical and religious institutions.  
 Further I agree with the submissions  
 of the learned lawyer for the defendant  
 nos 1 that the church needs money  
 to maintain, expand and uplift  
 the institution and to achieve its  
 aims and objects ~~and~~ and thus the ~~the~~ I find  
 that the church has constructed the shopping  
 complex to meet the aims and objects  
 of the church. From the submission  
 of the learned lawyer for the defendant  
 nos 5, I find that the church has not  
 entered into any trade or business.

(21) Having considered all the  
 facts and circumstances of the case,  
~~now~~ I find that the G.E.L. Church  
 is the absolute owner of the disputed  
 property. It is a religious institution  
 which runs educational, medical  
 and religious institutions. The church  
 needs money to maintain, expand  
 and uplift the institutions and ~~to~~ achieve  
 its aims and objects and thus the  
 church has constructed the shopping  
 complex to meet ~~the~~ aims and  
 objects ~~and~~ and I further find that the  
 church has not entered into any  
 trade or business. I further find  
 that one of the plaintiffs moved before



The Hon'ble High Court for stopping the construction of the shopping complex of the church ~~on~~ on the same grounds, which was rejected. Further from the submissions of the learned lawyer for the defendant no 5, I find that all the constructions have already been completed. Thus I find that the plaintiffs have no prima facie case.

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Now the second point for the consideration is as to whether the balance of convenience lies in favour of the plaintiffs. ?

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From the submissions of the learned lawyer for the defendant no 5, I find that the construction of the shopping complex is complete and I further find that the ~~other~~ building of St. John Hostel has already been rebuilt. The church is in possession of the property and the defendant no 5 is the elected president of the church. Thus I find that the balance of convenience does not lie in favour of the plaintiffs.

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Now the third point for the consideration is as to whether the plaintiffs will suffer irreparable loss, if the injunction is not granted. ?

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The ~~plaintiff~~ church has built the shopping complex because it needs money to maintain, expand and uplift the institution and to achieve its aims and objects. Therefore, the plaintiffs will not suffer any irreparable loss.

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Having considered all the facts and circumstances of the case



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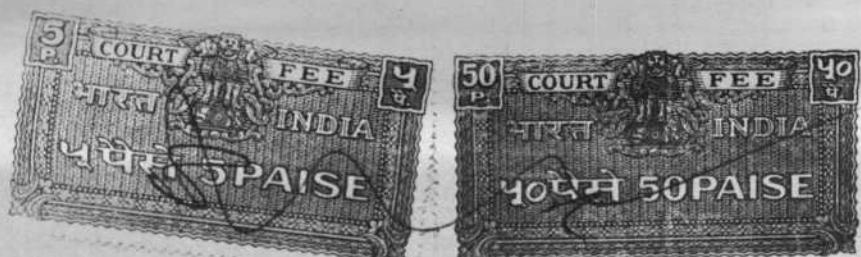
I find that the plaintiffs have no prima facie case. The balance of convenience does not lie in their favour and they will not suffer any irreparable loss. Thus the petition filed by the plaintiffs for temporary injunction is hereby rejected.

(27) Put up the record on 16.12.89 for filing W.S. by the defendants.

~~also for the purpose of serving the defendants with a copy of the order of rejection of their application~~

Brody

Sub Judge II,  
Ranchi



# जयंति

बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेशमें  
सर्वाधिक प्रसारित दैनिक

बाराणसी, गोरखपुर, इलाहाबाद, कानपुर, लखनऊ, आगरा, बरेली, पटना, रांची, जमशेदपुर और घनबाद से प्रकाशित

प्रारंभ कर दी जायेगी।  
नौ बजेसे बाहर बजे  
ये अपराह्न दो बजेसे  
स्नातक पास कोर्सकी  
समाप्त हो जायेगी।  
प्रशिक्षण

दिसम्बरसे  
दिसम्बर (वा.)। नये  
की जानकारी देनेके  
म १५ दिसम्बरसे  
है।

त्रिपुरी विजेतिके  
सदस्योंके लिए यह  
एवं प्रशिक्षण व्यूरा  
गुप्तके सयुक्त  
ज्ञान जायेगा।  
गुप्तीयों तथा नये  
एवं अवसर जैसे  
रख सांसद नये

आओके

दिशा

जपर सचिवने  
गमस्याओंके प्रति  
गोदानागपुर प्रिन्टर्स  
मित्रको सुधित  
स्त्याओपर विचार

सम्बन्धमें दक्षिण  
वश्यक कार्रवाई  
बनीय है कि युव  
कार्यालयको पत्र  
की समस्याओंसे

न्दी समाचार,  
गापर तिलक),  
सभा समाप्ता  
(क कार्यक्रम,  
पना, ६.३०  
कारी, ७.००  
(, धारा दो))।  
पूर्ण, ९.३०  
४५ अंदेजी

## चर्चका उद्देश्य व्यापार एवं राजनीति करना नहीं है

रांची। जी. ई. एल. चर्च आटोनामी  
विचार मंचने राष्ट्रपति श्री आर. वेकटारमनको  
एक जापन देकर कहा है कि चर्चकी स्थापना  
कभी भी व्यापार एवं राजनीतिके लिए नहीं हुई

मचके अध्यक्ष वाई. जे. कुमार, सचिव वी.  
टोप्पी, कोषाध्यक्ष जान पत्रा, तथा इसके कानूनी  
सलाहकार श्री सी. ए. टोपनोने संयुक्त  
हस्ताक्षरसे दिये गये जापनमें कहा है कि  
प्रोटानागपुर एवं असममें यह सबसे पुराना चर्च  
है। जिसे राष्ट्रीय चर्चकी मान्यता प्राप्त है। इसका  
उद्देश्य व्यापार एवं राजनीति करना नहीं है। इस  
जी. ई. एल. स्वायतशासी चर्चका उद्देश्य है इसा  
एवं बायबलके सदेशोंका प्रचार-प्रसार करना।  
सामाजिक कार्योंके तहत अस्पताल एवं साम्य  
केन्द्रकी स्थापना करना। इसके साथ ही कृषि  
एवं तकनीकी केन्द्रोंकी स्थापना करना।

मंचने जापनमें कहा है कि जी. ई. एल.  
चर्चका छोटानागपुर एवं असममें एक महत्वपूर्ण  
इतिहास है। इसके तहत चर्चने नैतिक मूल्यों

### अज्ञात व्यक्तिकी हत्या

रांची बुढ़मू धाना क्षेत्रमें गत १  
दिसम्बरकी रातमें एक व्यक्तिकी अज्ञात  
अपाराधिकर्मियोंने तेज धारवाली हथियारसे प्रहार  
कर हत्याकर दी। ३० वर्षीय उक्त मृतककी  
शिनाख अबतक नहीं हो सकी है।

इसके अतिरिक्त हजारीबाग जिलेके  
बचरा विसुद्धापा निवासी ४० वर्षीय मुत्रा  
महली नामक एक धायल व्यक्तिकी भी मृत्यु  
१० दिसम्बरको राजेव मेडिकल कालेज  
अस्पतालमें इलाजके दौरान हो गयी। बताया  
गया है कि उक्त व्यक्ति ५ दिसम्बरको एक  
डम्फरकी चपेटमें आकर गंभीर रूपसे धायल हो  
गया था।

### अधिवक्ताके निधनपर

#### शोक सभा

रांची। रांची बार असोसियेशनकी  
आयोजित एक शोक सभामें दिवंगत युवा  
अधिवक्ता रमनी रमनको भावभीती श्रद्धांजलि  
अर्पित की गयी।

यह सभा 'रांची बार असोसियेशनके  
उपाध्यक्ष श्री रामसेवक पाण्डित' को

शिक्षा, सामाजिक कार्य तथा खेलकूदके  
प्रोत्साहनमें महत्वपूर्ण योगदान किया है।

जापनमें कहा गया है कि आपके

छोटानागपुर आगमनका सागत करते हुए हृषि

हो रहा है। इसके साथ यह भी कि पश्चिमी  
जर्मनीके बर्लिन गोल्सर मिशन द्वारा १८४५ में

स्थापित इस चर्चको १० जुलाई १९१९ में

विद्युति गवर्नर जनल हन काउंसिलने

स्वायत्ता दी थी, जो आजादीके बादसे भारतीय संविधानके अनुसार राष्ट्रपतिके

अधीन आ गया है।

विपरीत  
उक्त टंड  
धायल  
त्रिपुरा  
अंतर्गत  
डेम्प्ट  
दिसम्बर  
धायल

अस्पताल  
अस्पताल  
धेराव  
कलीय  
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1. MAI DER SCHWARZESTE TAG DER GESCHICHTE  
DER GOSSNER KIRCHE

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Ja, Liebe Brüder und Schwestern im Herrn,

Der 1. Mai sollte der schwarzeste Tag der Geschichte der Gossner Kirche betrachtet werden, weil die Kirchenältesten der Gemeinde in Railway colony Rourkela an demselben Tag 1988 die Einsegnung von einer Kanzel den Dankopfer von Familie Ekka abgelehnt haben. Spannungen, Streiten, Kämpfen und Schließung der Kirchen sind Alitag der Gossner Kirche geworden, aber zum ersten Mal wurde eine Spende in einer selbständigen Kirche abgelehnt. (Es ist merkwürdig, daß diese Gemeinde immer eine neue Urkunde schafft ).

Die Kirchenältesten haben beschlossen, daß 1. die Spendegeber die Kanzel von der Kirche entfernen sollen; 2. daß die Spendegeber sonst dem Bauausschuß die Abrechnung des Baues der Kanzel vorlegen sollen; 3. daß ~~die~~ die Kirchenältesten eine neue Kanzel aufrichten werden. Dieser Beschuß hat die Gedanken (Gefüh) der Spendegeber verletzt und diese Kanzel steht seit einem Jahr ohne Einsegnung und Benutzung.

Die Familie Samuel Toppo hat für diese Gemeinde immer wieder unvergleichbare Spende gegeben. Wenn 1962 Kirchengebäude dieser Gemeinde abgerissen wurde, haben alle Mitglieder dieser Gemeinde den Ort verlassen. Aber nur zwei Familien dieser Gemeinde sind dort fest geblieben. Das Ergebnis davon ist, daß an diesem Ort eine große Gemeinde zu finden ist. Herr Samuel Toppo hat ein Grundstück für diese Gemeinde gespendet. Seine Tochter Frau Fulmani Ekka hatte einen herzlichen Wunsch, um die Kirche eine Kanzel und einen Zaun zu haben. Sie konnte das alles nicht besehen und war leider am 1. Mai 1987 gestorben. Aber die Familie Ekka mit Geld von Frau Ekka in ihrer Erinnerung der eigenen Gemeinde eine Kanzel gespendet. Aber schade, daß diese Spende abgelehnt worden ist.

Am Karfreitag den 1/4/1988 hat die Familie Ekka ein Gespräch mit Pfarrern über diese Spende durchgeführt. Danach hat sie am 7/4/1988 angefangen diese Kanzel zu bauen. Am 10/4/1988 nach dem Gottesdienst wurden die Kirchenältesten samt dem Mutterkreis darüber informiert. Am 24/4/1988 nach dem Gottesdienst haben die Kirchenältesten darüber diskutiert und beschlossen, um die Kanzel am 1. Mai 1988 einzusegnen. Aber an demselben Tag am Abend eine

Sondersitzung für 30/4/1988 aufgerufen. In ~~XXXX~~ dieser Sitzung wurde vorgeworfen, daß eine Unregelmäßigkeit ~~xx~~ abgelaufen ist. Darum haben sie die Einsegnung der Kanzel gestoppt. Die Kirchenältesten sagten, daß man die Kanzel ohne Genehmigung aufgebaut hat. Aber ist das möglich Kanzel ohne Grabung aufzubauen? Überdies müssen die Kirchenältesten beweisen darauf, wo es so schwer gegraben wurde, damit das Kirchengebäude gefährdet ist? Wenn wir für die Grabung eine Genehmigung brauchten, müssen die Kirchenältesten beantworten darauf, wer dem Genehmigung gegeben hat, der den ungebrauchten Teil des Friedhofes pflügt und darauf anbaut? Was ist geschehen mit dem Einkommen des Anbaues? Wer <sup>hat</sup> genehmigt denen, die auf dem Grundstück der Kirche für Puja und Holi Säulen aufrichten? Die Hotelbesitzer haben mit Gewalt den östlichen Teil dieses Grundstückes für Ofenbau und Mülldeponie besetzt. Wer hat ihnen das erlaubt?

Wir haben eine Frage an jeden Christ - Wie sollte man eine Spende abgeben? Was für eine Regelung zutrifft darauf? Es ist allen bekannt, daß nur zwei Prozent der Mitglied der Kirche (Gossner Kirche) den Zehnten ihres Einkommens für die Kirche abgeben. Oder sie geben etwas, wenn sie darum gebeten werden. Oder sie geben etwas ab bei Geburt, Tod, Konfirmation und Eheschließung usw. als Dankopfer. Der Betrag für diese Dankopfer ist <sup>nicht</sup> bestimmt. Wenn man eine gebrauchbare Sache anstatt Geld spenden möchte, ist die akzeptabel oder nicht? Unsere Kirchenältesten plädieren dafür, daß ~~XXX~~ nur die bewegbaren Dingen akzeptabel sind. Das heißt Möbel und andere Dingen, die man einfach verstauen kann, sind ~~womit~~ akzeptabel. Aber Wasser, Strom, Ziegel, Zement und Sand sind nicht akzeptabel, weil man die nicht verstauen kann. Einer von unseren Kirchenältesten hat hektik argumentiert, daß es (Spende von unbewegbaren Dingen) ~~xx~~ in unserer Verfassung nicht steht. Wenn er gebeten wurde das in der Verfassung zu zeigen, beantwortete er, daß er keine Verfassung besitzt. Das heißt ~~alles~~ was aus dem Mund der Kirchenältesten herauskommt, ist die Verfassung der Kirche. Wenn er gefragt wurde, Warum haben Sie dann das ausgesagt, wenn Sie auch keine Verfassung besitzen?, beantwortete er, daß er überhaupt nicht so etwas geäußert hat, weil seine Aussage im Protokol nicht eingetragen <sup>worden</sup> ist. Wie schändlich ist das, daß unsere Kirchenältesten auch im Tempel Gottes so lügen können. Mit welchem Gesicht treten sie vor dem Altar auf?

Dennoch hat die Familie Ekka sich entschuldigt und gebeten, daß die Einsegnung der Kanzel nicht gestoppt würde. Aber einer von Kirchenältesten wurde sehr böse und sagte, "Warum

brauchen Sie die Einsegnung der Kanzel nur am 1/5/1988 ? Die Kirchenältesten waren nicht zufrieden was sie gegen die Einsegnung der Kanzel getan hatten. Sie kamen Morgenfrüh am 1/5/1988 zur Kirche und bedrohten die beiden Pfarrern die Kanzel nicht ~~zu~~ einzusegnen. Danach haben sie die Kirche verlassen, ohne daß am Gottesdienst teil zunehmen.

Diese Herren argumentieren, daß wenn wir heute jemanden für eine Konstruktion in der Kirche erlauben, kann jemand morgen (in Zukunft) irgendetwas tun. Dann können wir ihn nicht mehr wehren. Herr Ekka ist vor ihren Augen dumm, daß er früher Glocke gespendet hat. Nun hat er eine Kanzel aufgebaut. Er möchte ~~nach~~ her einen Zaun um die Kirche bauen. Die Mitglieder dieser Gemeinde sind so klug, daß sie nach dem Beispiel Ekkas mehrere Kanzeln in der Kirche bauen, damit die ganze Gemeinde den Gottesdienst draußen feiern solle. Es sollte eigentlich so passieren ~~sollte~~, daß die Kirchenältesten selbst durch diese Spende ermüdet werden sollten. Dann sollten sie die Gemeinde ermüden, so daß die Gemeinde solche Spende abgebe, damit alle Notwendigkeiten der Gemeinde erfüllt werden könnten. Aber die Tatsache ist das, daß diese Kirchenältesten ~~wurden~~ lebenslang in dieser Gemeinde nicht bleiben. Darum kümmern sie sich nicht um die Entwicklung dieser Gemeinde ~~nicht~~. Sie sind fest daran, daß man von ihnen keine Genehmigung genommen hat. Ist es Notwendig, daß man für eine Spende von den Kirchenältesten Genehmigung kriegen sollte? Wie viele Leute haben eine Genehmigung dafür gekriegt? ~~Steht~~ Steht es nicht auch in der Bibel, daß die linke Hand nicht wissen sollte, wenn die rechte Hand etwas opfert? Außerdem wurde am 24/4/1988 beschlossen und protokolliert (wenn es nicht weggeschmissen worden ist), daß man für den Bau der Kanzel von den Kirchenältesten Genehmigung gekriegt hat, und daß am 1/5/1988 die Kanzel eingsegnet werden soll. Dann haben sie was für eine Unregelmäßigkeit gefunden ~~z~~, so daß sie sofort eine Sondersitzung aufgerufen? Oder sind sie neidisch darauf, daß jemand eine Spende von tausenden ~~zu~~ Rupien gibt? Wenn der Vorsitzender des KV s einen Fehler gemacht hat oder etwas alleine gemacht hat, schließen die Kirchenältesten ein als die Kanzel ein Monat lang gebaut wurde? Warum haben sie diese Arbeit ~~zu~~ früh ~~zu~~ genug nicht gestoppt? (Wie es von einem gesagt wurde, "Sie kamen zum Gottesdienst, um einen Spiel (Hindi:- Tamascha) zu schauen.). Wenn die Kirchenältesten auf ihren Fehler aufmerksam gemacht wurden, haben sie einen Brief des Mutterkreises, worauf es gebeten wurde um den Bau der Kanzel wieder zu überlegen, gezeigt. Das heißt, unsere Kirchenältesten waren an jenem

völlig ausgerüstet, um die Einsegnung der Kanzel zu stopen. Der Mutterkreis hatte nur den Brief higeschickt aber seine Vertreterin war abwesen in der Sitzung. Oder absichtig kam keine Vertreterin, damit keine weitere Sondersitzung zwieschen 30/4/1988 und 1/5/1988 möglich wäre. Dann kann man im Namen "Richtiger Beschuß" den Status quo verwenden. Anschließend passierte auch dasselbe.

Keine Vertreterin vom Mutterkreis war auch ~~x~~ in der Sitzung am 22/5/1988, weil sie nicht mehr benötigt wurde. Nun wurde die Einsegnung am 1/5/1988 schon gestoppt. ~~x~~ Was mehr der Mutterkreis weiter zu tun hat ? Im Protokol es steht niergegendwo ~~xx~~ vom Brief des Mutterkreis, damit der Mutterkreis keine unnötige Schwierigkeit habe. Die Leiterinnen des Mutterkreises sind die Frauen unserer Kirchenältesten. Darum haben sie auch ~~xxxxx~~ ohne eine Sondersitzung des Mutterkreis einen Brief zum Wiedernachdenken geschrieben. Eine Dame des Mutterkreises hat nur auf dem Weg <sup>auf diesem Brief</sup> unterschrieben.

Aber lassen Sie alles weg. Lassen Sie uns über den ~~xxx~~ Protokol überlegen. Die Kirchenältesten sollten darauf beweisen, wie weit ihr Beschuß richtig ist. Es ist eine Tradition der Spende im Blut der Kirche. Aber haben alle Spendegeber dem Bauausschuß die Abrechnung der Spende vorgelegt ? Oder die Kirchenältesten darauf beweisen wollen, daß die Kanzel nicht vom Herrn Ekka sondern von den Kirchenältesten aufgebaut wurde ? Ist das nicht eine Verachtung des Spendegebers ? Im Namen Modifikation wollen die Kirchenältesten den Spendegeber verachten. Es gibt in der Kirche einige gespendete Möbeln. Die sind fast ausgebraucht. Einige sind schon verschwunden. Warum reparieren die Kirchenältesten diese Möbel nicht, wenn es eine ~~dringe~~ dringende Not ist ? Dann was ist der Grund, daß die Kirchenältesten eine Kanzel, die auf über 5000 Ruien gebaut wurde, modifizieren wollen ? Meherere Pfarrer haben diese Kanzel gut gefunden. Dann warum wollen die Kirchenältesten die modifizieren ? Wollen sie damit die Habe der Gemeinde vergeuden wie sie für zwei kleine Urintöpflatten 1500 Rupien vergeudet ? Oder wollen sie einen Vorwand suchen damit die Familie Ekka irgendeinerweise exkomuniziert werden kann ? Ihre solche Tätigkeiten haben die Spaltung der Gemeinde hervorgerufen und die Hälfte der Gemeindemitglieder der Gemeinde fast alle Aktivitäten der Gemeinde boykottieren.

Der Ilaka hat auch einen Beschuß für den Spendegeber getroffen. Aber trotzdem wollen die Kirchenältesten die Kanzel nicht einsegnen. Wenn der Ilaka eine Kommission in diese Gemeinde hingeschickt <sup>hatte</sup>, haben die Kirchenältesten vor einer Woche

alle Familien der Gemeinde systematisch besucht und gegen die Kommission vorbereitet. Sie haben die Kommission viel geschimpft. Aber was ~~war~~ das Ergebnis? Es waren an dem Tag im Gottesdienst sehr wenige Leute. Beweist es nicht darauf, daß was die Gemeinde haben will? Das ist der Grund, daß wenn <sup>man</sup> dieses Problem durch eine Abstimmung <sup>lösen möchte</sup> ~~berat~~, bleiben die Kirchenältesten entweder stumm oder argumentieren sie unheimlich hektik. Wie schändlich ist das, daß die Kirchenältesten immer wieder abgelehnt haben, das Angebot des Jugendkreis in Haus besuchen den Kirchenältesten zu helfen. Darum hat man eigentlich keine Interesse <sup>mehr</sup> an Kinder Gottesdienst und Jugendkreis.

Der Geist von Pfr. Gossner muß wirklich geweint haben, weil seine Kirche eine Höhle der Räuber geworden ist. Der Geist von Herrn Toppo und der Geist von Frau Ekka müssen auch nicht <sup>zu</sup> frieden sein. ~~Waaaaa~~ Hatten sie ihr Grundstück ~~xxxxxx~~ für die Gemeinde darum gespendet, ~~um~~ um heutige Ablehnung zu besehen? Das Grundstück in Rourkela kostet über 1000000 Rupien pro acre. Diese Gemeinde hat sich schnell gewuchert durch diese zwei Familien nach der Spaltung in 1962. Wenn die ganze Kirche ~~hat~~ sich in zwei Teilen geteilt (KSS und NW), hat die Familie Ekka diese Gemeinde von Spaltung bewahrt. Hat er das alles darum getan, so daß er von derselben Gemeinde verachtet würde?

Einer von Familie Ekka

#### ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Die Familie Ekka hat der Gemeinde in Railway Colony Rourkela eine Kanzel, die über 5000 Rupien kostet, gespendet. Aber die Kirchenältesten dieser Gemeinde haben diese Kanzel abgelehnt und nicht einsegnen gelassen. Das Gefühl des Spendegebers ist dadurch eindeutig verletzt. Die Kirchenältesten wollen diese Kanzel modifizieren lassen. Sie sagen, daß <sup>die Familie</sup> ~~herr~~ Ekka ohne Genehmigung der Kirchenältesten diese Kanzel gebaut hat. Aber die Familie Ekka sagt, daß sie nur mit richtigen Genehmigung der Kirchenältesten diese Kanzel gebaut hat. Diese Kanzel ist noch ohne Einsgnung und Benutzung. Das ist eine Vergeudung des Geldes vom Familie Ekka. Die Familie Ekka möchte nun wissen wie und was sollte man der Kirche Spenden.

# Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd. Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

Vide No. 273 J of 30-7-1921

## NEW DELHI PARISH/ILLAKA

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BIRAJ MINZ

C/o C-150 M.M.T.C. COLONY  
NEW DELHI - 110017

Ref. No. No.-GELC/ND/84/LF-11

Dated.....17.10.89.....

To,

Smt Mohsina Kidwai  
Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development  
Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi.

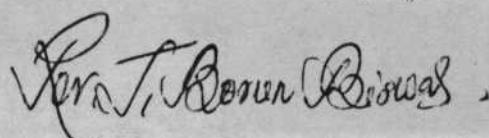
Subject: Allotment of a plot of land for Worship place

Respected Madam,

We the members of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Delhi Parish, are much thankful to you for giving us an opportunity to meet you along with our respected Member of Parliament Shri Bagun Sumbrui on 10th Oct 1989. During the meeting we could present our case for allotting us a plot of land at R.K.Furam Sector-III, on Venkateswara Road, New Delhi, for worship place, and the Hon'ble Minister gave us a sympathetic and patient hearing and gave us an assurance that the plot would be examined immediately for allotment. We are now much confident that we are near to get a permanent place of worship in New Delhi, for which we have been longing for last five years. In this respect further we would like to request that we may also be informed at the time of departmental enquiry of plot of land, so that we can also accompany the enquiry team and could show them the plot.

With much regards.

Your's Sincerely



(Rev. Borun Biswas Chairman)

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Ref. No. .... GELc/ND/89.

Dated ..... 28/11/89.

To Rev. Dieter Hecker (Director),  
Grossner Mission Berlin  
Handbergstrasse 19-20  
1-Berlin - 41. (W.G.).

Respected Sir, Many greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope and pray to my Lord that you must have recovered from illness. We have prayed for you in our regular Sunday services. As you know I have come back to Delhi on 6th of Oct and I have joined in my duty on 7th Oct 1989. I was unfortunate to miss you during my visit in Germany. I am very thankful to Dr. Schueler who helped me in all respects. Only I had a pain about the attitude of Rev Hemmam. Whatever he stated against me will rise many questions against him. The letter which he wrote to Rev. C.S. Tobino is captured by Mr. Franking Turkey of Romeli for other purposes. When the church is suffering in a crisis position Rev. Hemmam should not do like that. I hope you should advise him as our respected teacher. You also may heard from Dr. Schueler

Sir, as soon as I joined in my duty I met the Minister, Urban Development who heard our case patiently and she ordered for enquiry for the availability of plot for which we had applied. Now the case is before the Committee of Delhi Development Authority who will give the final remark. It is always happen in this way and time taking. Our building fund is still untouched and as long as I am here every thing will be all right. I will send you financial report through Dr. Gmth Haus who will be coming to Delhi on 31st Dec. 1989.

Sir, as I informed you regarding the construction work of G.E.L. Church Pinjore; they have completed the wall of the church building and rest of the work will be completed as soon as the Parish (N.D.) will grant sum money for them. We will give them according to your advise through Dr. Sieg and our folk with you in Germany?

P.T.O.

# Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

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NEW DELHI-110011

I am sending the copy of talk with the Minister  
for our present situation. But now a day the political  
situation of our Country is changed. A New situation is  
coming out in near future. Please pray for us all. Please let  
me know when you are coming to Delhi? - We pray for your  
full recovery.

Looking forward for your kind reply?  
Yours sincerely

Rev. J. Borun Biswas  
14- Tangpura B.  
New Delhi - 14.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Rev. Martin Tete M.A.B.D.

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Ref 343/89/KSS - 78

Date 24th July, 1989

Pastor Ekhard Schulzgen  
GDR 1020 Berlin  
Neue Grunstrasse 19-20  
East Berlin  
Fernsprecher - 278020

Dear Pastor Scholzgen,

We have arranged Tickets for Rev. S. Mohan M.G. and Mr. Kerketta to avoid complication in connection with P.T.A. Please remit the cost of tickets to GEL Church.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Rev. Hecker  
West Germany

Eingegangen

27. Aug. 1990

Erledigt:.....

To

The Director,  
Gossner Mission Berlin,  
West Germany

Subject: Pastor's report from the G.E.L.Church, New Delhi Parish

Respected Sir,

You shusahay. Please convey our warm regard and may greetings to all the members of the Gossner Mission Kuratorium. We are very happy to inform you that the work of the G.E.L.Church, New Delhi Parish is running very smoothly. We still conduct the regular Sunday services at Apostles' Methodist Church, R.K.Puram, Sector IV at 12.30 P.M. In the recent years, there are many new members who have come to Delhi from the belt of Chhotanagpur to work in the private enterprises and in the Govt. services. Now it is also our sole desire to serve among our brothers and sisters who work as daily labours in and around Delhi e.g. we conduct the Sunday services at Okhla in the late evening when they come back from the site.

There were four congregations under Delhi Parish/Ilaka e.g. Pinjore congregation in Haryana, Babupur congregation in Madhya Pradesh and two congregations in New Delhi. As it was in the minds of our church leaders that Delhi Parish would provide spiritual needs of our people those who reside throughout Northern India. Therefore, I visit most of the neighbouring States of Delhi. Even those who attend the fellowship with other denominations, they also feel that the Parish should provide Pastoral Care time to time for them. Therefore, I have started to visit a congregation at Refinery Nagar, Mathura( U.P.) according to their request.

Present Census reports; (Baptized members)

New Delhi congregation	-	350
Okhla Congregation	-	40
Pinjore Congregation	-	94
Babupur Congregation	-	80
Mathura Congregation	-	12

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Land:

Regarding land as I expressed very hopefully that our Govt. will provide a plot of land but we have to wait. Suddenly, political changes took place in our country and our case remained pending. However ~~xx~~ we continued our efforts and finally on 8.8.90 we met the Minister for Urband and Development Mr. Murasoli Maran at Parliament House, New Delhi, where he assured us verbally that the same plot on Venkateshwar Road at R.K.Puram, Sector III for which we have applied will be allotted to the G.E.L. church for the purpose of building a church, pastorage and facilities for other church/social activities. During our discussions the Minister ordered his Private Secretary to clear our case as early as possible. He also stated that it will take hardly four weeks. Originally this plot was under green belt and Govt. has changed this plot into institutional area. Therefore, it is a miracle which God has done for us.

Financial situation:

The present financial situation of the Parish/Ilaka gradually becomes stable. We are very thankful to our brothers and sisters of GDR who regularly support us through prayer and financial assistance. According to the report of the Treasurer Mr. Biraj Minz that we have a sum of Rs.8,64,599.00 in our Parish/Ilaka accounts. As per your advice, we have since remitted a sum of Rs.10,000/- to Pinjore Congregation, Haryana as financial assistance for constructing a church building there. This money has been given to the Pinjore congregation with the concurrence of the ~~Rxish~~ Parish/Ilaka Committee, New Delhi.

While concluding we once again express our deep gratitudes and thanks to our brothers and sister in Germany and profounly hope that through their ~~an~~ unceasing supports and prayers we would soon be able to build up a Parish Centre in New Delhi.

Secretary - A. Popu

Treasurer - Biraj

Yours sincerely -  
Yours sincerely -  
Rev. T. B. B. B. B.  
23/8/90

# Gossner Mission



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## Telefax Message

Please pass on immediately

To the member of the convention

**Rev. Martin Tete**

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- Gemeindedienst -34
- Buchhaltung -33/78
- Zentrale (BMW) -0

**U r g e n t      U r g e n t      U r g e n t**

Dear Rev. Tete,

we wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22, 1990 informing us about your arrival in Frankfurt/Main on February 9, 1990 at 19.55 h.

Please inform us exactly about arrival and departure dates of you and Dr. Minz.

We are also very pleased to inform you that Mr. Lakra will pick you up at Frankfurt/Airport. Please confirm if you agree to common programme with Dr. Minz and Mr. Lakra.

He made arrangements for you until February 13, 1990 and we look forward to meeting you afterwards in Berlin.

So that it is possible for you to inform us immediately, our telefax No. is as follows:

49-30-8 59 30 11

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, we remain

with kindest regards

*Birgit Jaeger-Raimann*  
Birgit Jaeger-Raimann  
Secretary

Dieter Hecker  
(left after dict.)

Gossner Friends. I hope and  
trust that our stops over after  
LWF. convention will not  
cause any inconvenience to you all.

With all ~~the~~ good wishes  
to Mrs. Fischer and children,  
Following is our address during  
LWF. convention: -

"Pontifícia Universidade Católica  
do Paraná  
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80210 CURITIBA - PR. Brasil.  
0055/41 2254373

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Ab. 14.2. am 8hr.

Sincerely yours  
Martin Tel  
Gossner Adelgatz.

# ✿ Holiday Inn

January 22/90

Rev. Dietes Hecke  
Director, Gossner Mission

Dear Rev. Hecke

Greetings from Roma. We are on our way to Cristo for LWF Convention between January 29 - February 8/1990. We have left home on 12.1.90.

On our return Mr. Tiga directly returns to Romeli via Mandras. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Mrs. B. Tete and myself arrive Frankfurt on 9.2.1990 by AZ 420 at 1955 hrs. I am writing to Gossner Mission Hanau, also for assistance. We have 10 (ten) days between Feb 9 - Feb 19, 1990 to meet you and others.

**HOTEL EUR PARCO DEI MEDICI**

Viale Castello della Magliana, 65 - 00148 Roma

Tel. (06) 68581 - Telex 613302 HIPDM - Telefax (06) 6857005 - Casella Postale 10210

Wieder am  
02.07.90

Joe

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

Ranchi

Bihar/Indien

We are grieving with you for the Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. Martin Tete hoping that our Lord will open the door of His kingdom and will embrace him; for we believe that he is the Lord of the life and the death.

We also congratulate Rev. Topno for becoming the acting Pramukh Adhyaksh. We send warmest greetings to him and pray that the Lord will give him the strength, the wisdom and His Holy Spirit to lead the GEL-Church.

In Jesus Christ

*Gottfried Forck*

Dr. Gottfried Forck  
Bischof of the Evangelical Church  
in Berlin-Brandenburg

Mediagl. am  
02.07.90  
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To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
brought by Mrs. Helen Bhengra  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Rev. M. Tete  
Ranchi 834 001  
India

March 28, 1990

Dear Rev. Tete

This is to inform you, that we had a meeting with Rev. E. Schützgen in the Konsistorium of the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg/GDR and Rev. W. Jacob. In this we decided, that we would give a joint invitation for two persons along with Dr. Paul Singh to visit Germany from the August 27th to October 8th, 1990.

Out of this period, they could visit GDR from August 28th till September 9th, 1990, and after that be in West-Germany and West-Berlin including a participation at the meeting of our Kuratorium. The two persons should be Pracharikas, if possible. For GDR it would be helpful, if one of the women could speak English as translator, even if she is no Pracharika. Naturally we would not object against a lady teacher of the Tabitha School as well. Only if it is absolutely impossible to find women for this program, you would also think along the lines of sending one or two Pracharaks.

Please let us know, if you agree to this and send us the names as soon as possible, so that we can send a personal invitation for passport and visa application.

We hope, that everything is alright in Ranchi, that the preparations of the elections continue and that we get some information soon about the Calcutta conference of UELCI with the overseas' partners.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely!

Dieter Hecker  
Director

Copy to: Rev. E. Schützgen and Dr. Paul Singh

Mediagl. am  
02.07.90

Telex

Rev. Martin Tete  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi 834 001  
Bihar / India

Berlin, May 16th, 1990

Dear Rev. Tete!

Thank you for your telex message. We include three letters of invitation in triplicate as desired. The dates are not very complete. Please let us know as soon as possible the complete names, the addresses, professions and dates of birth (if possible also the details of the passports). These things are important for the GDR visa. For our own planning it would also be helpful to have a short personal profile of the visitors including a Curriculum Vitae, a description of their functions in the church and their special interests for their visit in Germany. Please do not hesitate to ask for a corrected version of the invitations, if any mistakes are in the names according to the passports, because this will inevitably lead to delays in the grant of the visa.

We do hope, that the situation in the G.E.L. Church is peaceful and the elections will be held according to schedule. Our Kuratorium has expressed great interest in this question.

With all good wishes also to the comming visitors,  
Yours sincerely

Rev. Dieter Hecker

(Director)

Ø Schülgen, DDR

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pastor hecker  
gossner mission, berlin, west germany

despatch invitation for mrs susari purty, miss bahal  
kandulna and dr singh in triPLICATE. thanks  
rev. tete

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15.05.90 15.10 uhr ++

ईरादा रखते हैं तो वाकी मण्डली महा पंडीत है जो श्री एक्का के देखा देखी सारी गिर्जा घर में उपदेश मंच ही भर देगे ताकि भाई बहन गिर्जा घर से बाहर बैठें। होना तो यह चाहिये कि पंचगण खुद भी जोश में आयें व मण्डली को भी प्रोस्साहन दें ताकि मण्डली की अन्य आवश्यकतायें भी पूरी हो जायें मगर उन्हें तो जिन्दगी भर यहाँ रहना नहीं है। सो मण्डली की ऐसी उन्नीसे से उन्हें क्या मतलब? वे तो इस बात पर अङ्के हैं कि उनसे अनुमती क्यों नहीं ली गई? दान देने के लिये क्या पंचों की अनुमती चाहिये? आज तक कितने लोग दान देने के अनुमती लिये हैं? क्या बैबल में भी नहीं लिखा कि जब दायां हाथ दे तो बायां न जाने? इस के बाद भी 24-4-88 का मिनट बही में रिकार्ड (अगर फाइकर न फेंक दिये हीं तो) होगा की पंचों से अनुमती लेने की ओपचारीकता भी पूरी हो गई थी जिसमें १ मई को संस्कार करने का निषय ले लिया गया था। तो किर बैठकी के फौरत बाद उन्हें क्या अनियमितता नजर आने लगी कि फौरत उन्हें बैठकी बूलाना पड़ा बाकई उन्हें अनियमीतता नजर आने लगी थी या उन्हें जलन हो रही थी कि कौन ऐसा माई का लाल पैदा हो गया जो हजारों का दान दे रहा है अगर मण्डली सभापती गलती कर रहे थे या बिना किसी से पूछे कोई काम करवा रहे थे (सारा काम करने में लगभग एक महीना लगा) तब क्या सारे पंच सो रहे थे? उन्हें क्या समय पर कूद्ध नहीं सुभा? (एक अधिकारी के अनुसार वे तमाशा देख रहे थे गोया कि वे आराधना चलाने नहीं तमाशा देखने आते हैं) जब पंचों को उनकी इस गलती की ओर ध्यान दिलाया गया तो उन्होंने माता समाज द्वारा भेजा गया एक चिट्ठी पेश किया जिसमें माता समाज ने भी उचित विचार करने का अनुरोध किया था। यानी हमारे पंचगण उस दिन सारी तेयारी के साथ आये थे संस्कार रोकने के लिये। क्योंकि माता समाज ने चिट्ठी तो भेज दिया था पर उनकी एक भी प्रतीनिधि बैठकी में शामिल नहीं थी (या जान बुझ कर शामील नहीं की गई तो ताकि उनके बिना 30-4-88 की बैठकी में फैसला नहीं होगा और 30-4-88 और 1-5-88 के बीच मिट्टींग कराना सभव नहीं होगा तो “उचित विचार” के नाम पर स्टे तो लागू हो ही जाएगा और वही हुआ भी (चलिये हमारी माताएं भी नारी समाजाधिकार के भागि तो बन ही गये)

लेकिन अगला बैठकी 22-5-88 को भी उनके बिना भी बैठकी हुआ क्योंकि १ मई को संस्कार रुकना था सो रुक गया अब माता समाज का काम? और तो और मिनट बूक से माता समाज की चिट्ठी का सारा बात ही गायब था ताकि माता समाज की बचाया जा सके (क्योंकि माता समाज के अधिकारी गण जो इन पंचों की धर्म पत्तीयां भी हैं बिना बैठकी बूला मे ही ‘उचित विचार’ का अनुरोध लिख मारी थी और उसमें से एक बहन ने राह चलते ही कागज पर दस्तखत कर दी थी)

अगर इन बातों को छोड़ कर रिकार्ड पर भी जाए तो हमारे पंचगण यह बतायें कि उनका निर्णय कहाँ तक तक संगत है या यह कलीश्या की नियमावली के कौन सी धारा में है। दान देने की परम्परा कलीश्या की खुन में है पर क्या सभी ने इसका हिसाब बिल्डिंग कमिटी को दिया है कहीं ऐसा तो नहीं कि हमारे पंचगण यह सांति करना चाहते हो कि इसे एक्का ने दान में नहीं दिया वरन् कमिटी ने इसे अपने पैसे से बनाया है? क्या ऐसा करना एक दानकर्ता (चाहे जो कोई भी हो) के प्रती अपमान या कूर मजाक नहीं होगा? उस उपदेश मंच को तोड़कर नया बनाने (उनके शब्दों में मोडिफिकेशन करने) के पिछे दानकर्ता को जलील करना या उसे निचा दिखाना नो नहीं? आखिर ऐसा क्या कारण है कि दान में दिया गमा दो टूटा फटा बैच जिसमें से एक का तो नामोनिशान भी नहीं है दुसरा गिरजाधार के कोने में पड़ा अपनी अन्तिम धड़ियां गिन रहा है जश्शत होते हुए भी उसका मोडिफिकेशन नहीं हो पा रहा है तो फिर पांच हजार रुपयों से भी ज्यादा कीमती उस उपदेश मंच को मोडिफिकेशन करने की क्या आवश्यकता है? दर्जनों पांद्रीयों जिनमें एक रांची के भी हैं नेउडसे देखा और बढ़िया बताकर पास कर दिया पर हमारे पंचगण ही इस मोडिफिकेशन के पिछे क्यों पढ़े हुए हैं? इस मोडिफिकेशन का उद्देश्य मण्डली के सार्वजनीक धन को बरबाद करना तो नहीं जैसा उन्होंने दो पेशाब घर बनाने में ५००/- खर्च कर दिये था किर एक्का परिवार को मण्डली बाहर करने की साजीश तो नहीं ताकि गिर्जा घर के नये प्रोजेक्ट में हजारों के बारे न्यारे हो सके। (आखिर इसी कारण से इस परिवार के आये से ज्यादा सदस्यों ने आराधना अथवा कायों को बायकट जो कर रहे हैं)

इलाका द्वारा दानकर्ता के पक्ष में फैसला देने के बाद भी पंचों का बही अडियल रुख रहा है। इतना ही हीं जब ईलाका ने अपना कमीशन भेजा तो उससे पहले का सारा सप्ताह इन पंचों ने घर घर घूम कर लोगों को अपने पक्ष में करने का अभियान चलाया और कमीशन को खुब खोरी खोटी सुनाया। नतीजा क्या हुआ? उस दिन गीर्जाधार में उपस्थिती सबसे कम थी। क्या यह अपने आप में सबूत नहीं कि मण्डली के भाई बहनों का भुकाव किस ओर है? शायद यही कारण है कि जब भी इस का फैसला बोटों से कराने की बात कही जाती है तो हमारे पंच चुप्पी लगा जाते हैं या फिर तक वितर्क करने लगते हैं। कितने शर्म की बात है कि हमारी मण्डली एवं युवासंघ संघेस्कूल की दशा इसलिये मूँत प्राय है क्योंकि युवासंघ द्वारा बारबार टोला विजीट में पंचों को साथ देने के अनुरोध पर भी उन्हें समय नहीं मिलती। इतना तक की लोकल टोलापंचों की भी डियूटी समाप्त नहीं हुए रहनी है। लेकिन इस कमीशन से हमारे पंचों की रातों की नींद हराम हो गई और उन्होंने राजनीतिक चुनाव को भी मातकर दिया (इन्हें किसी M. L. A. या Councillor का चुनाव लड़ना चाहिये)

फादर गोस्टर (स्व०) की आत्मा भी अपना करनी पर रो रही होगी कि क्या यही दिन देखने के लिये उन्होंने अलग कलोश्या बनाया था ताकि उसके अनुगामी परमेश्वर के मन्दीर की डाकूओं की खोह बना दे। स्व टोप्पो व स्व श्रीमती एक्का की आत्मा को भी शान्ती नहीं मिली होगी कि उन्होंने अपनी कई एकड़ जमीन (राउरकेला में जमीन की वर्तमान किमत एक करोड़ ४० एकड़ है) क्या इसी दिन के लिये दी थी। 1962 में मण्डली टूटने के बाद भी मात्र दो परिवार से इतनी बड़ी मैडली बनी। गत दिनों जब सारी कलीश्या का विभाजन हो रहा था (K.S.S. और N. W. में) और गांव देहातों से लेकर रांची केन्द्रीय मण्डली तक दो भागों में बंट रही थी तब भी एक्का परिवार ने अपनी सुधबुध से मैडली को बनाये रखा (सारी गोश्नर कलीश्या में यह भी एक रिकार्ड है) क्या इस दिन के लिये कि उनकी अपनी ही मैडली उनके आंख बन्द हो ही उनका मजाक उड़ायें?

प्रतियां वितरण

स्व० एक्का परिवार में से ।

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2. Gossnar Mission, Madras
3. Pramukh Adhyaksh
4. Bishop Dr. N. Minz
5. All the churches of Panjika.

# १ मई का दिन

## गोस्नार कलीश्या के इतिहास का सबसे काला दिन

जी हाँ, प्रभु में प्रिय भाईयों तथा बहनों,

१ मई का दिन को गोस्नार कलीश्या के इतिहास का सबसे काला दिन मानना चाहिये क्योंकि रेलवे कॉलोनी राउरकेला के मण्डली पंचों ने इसी दिन सन १९८८ को एका परिवार का धन्यवाद दान एक उपदेश मंच को संस्कार करने से इन्कार कर दिया। हमारी कलीश्या में लडाई झगड़ा, मारपीट, तालाबन्दी ये सब तो साधारण बात हो गई है पर एक आत्मपालीत या आत्मशासीत कलीश्या किसी के दान को अस्विकार कर दे यह शायद सर्वप्रथम है। (इसी मण्डली पंचों को हमेशा नया रिकार्ड बनाने को विशेषता है। शायद यह भी एक रिकार्ड हो)

मण्डली पंचों के इस निर्णय से कि (१) दानकर्ता उपदेश मंच को बहाँ से हटा लें (२) या फिर दानकर्ता अपना खर्च का सारा व्योरा बिल्डींग कमिटी को दें। (३) मण्डली पंच उसे तोड़कर नया बनायेगी (मोडिपिकेशन करेगी) दानकर्ता या उसके परिवार को भावना को ठेस पहचा है जिसके कारण गत १ वर्ष से यह उपदेश मंच बिना संस्कार के उपेक्षित पड़ा है।

स्व० सामुएल टोप्पो एवं उसके परिवार का इस मण्डली के लिये दान अतुलनीय है। १९८२ में भी जब गिरजाघर को तोड़ा गया तब सारी की सारी मण्डली स्थान छोड़ गयी पर उसके दो परिवार के बदौलत ही आज इतना बड़ा गिर्जा घर एवं इतनी बड़ी मण्डली स्थापीत हुई है। मण्डली के लिये जमीन देने वाले स्व टोप्पो की बेटी एवं एका परिवार का आधार स्तम्भ श्रीमती फूलमनी एका की अन्तीम इच्छा थी कि गिरजाघर का बाउन्डे एवं एक उपदेश मंच बने। वह तो अपने आँख से यह देख न सकी और १ मई १९८७ को सदा के लिये प्रभु में सो गई पर एका परिवार ने उसी के (दूब कर बापस मिले) धन से, उन्हीं के स्मरण में, उन्हीं के प्रश्नम् मृत्युवार्षीयी में एक उपदेश मंच बनाकर धन्यवाद दान स्वरूप दिये ताकि उसकी आत्मा को ज्ञान्ती मिल सके। मगर अफसोस कि ऐसा नहीं हो सका।

भला शुक्रवार १-४-१९८८ को पांडीयों से सलाह मशविरा करने के बाद ७-४-८८ से कार्य आरंभ हो गया। १०-४-८८ और १७-४-८८ को आराधना के बाद मण्डली पंच व माता समाज के सदस्यों को भी बता दिया गया कि कहाँ पर क्या बनेगा। २४-४-८८ को आराधना के बाद पंच बैठकी में एक दो बात को काटकर १-५-८८ को ही संस्कार कर देने का फैसला भी हो गया। मगर उसी दिन शाम को ३०-४-८८ के लिये एक अर्जेन्ट मिटिंग नोटिस काटा गया और उस वें की में (संस्कार के एक दिन पहले) अनियमितता का आरोप लगा कर संस्कार रोक दिया गया। जब उनसे अनियमीतता के बारे पुछा गया तो पंचों का जवाब था कि आप बिना अनुमती से कंस्ट्रक्शन कराये हैं। क्या बिना खुदाई किये बिजली, पानी या उपदेश मंच में मजबूती आ सकता है? या फिर पंचगण बताये कि गिर्जा घर में कहाँ इतना तोड़फोड़ हुआ जिससे बिल्डींग गिरने का खतरा पैदा हो गया है? अगर खुदाई के लिये अनुमती चाहिये तो फिर पंचगण इसका जवाब दें कि—हमारे एक माननीय सदस्य कवस्वान की खाली पड़ी जमीन को दखल के नामपर बर्बादी खेती करते थे हैं उन्हें अनुमती कौन दिया? और उसकी सारी कमाई क्या हुई? कूछ लोग गीर्जा घर की जमीन में पूजा करने के लिये या होली जलाने के लिये खुदाई करके खुंट गाड़ते हैं, उन्हें अनुमती कौन देता है? पूर्व की ओर से होटलवाले कबड़ा फेंकने या चुल्हा बनाने के नामपर गिरजाघर की जमीन पर जबर दखल करते आ रहे हैं उन्हें कौन अनुमती दिया है?

प्रत्येक लृथेरन बिश्वासी से हमारा पहला सवाल है कि—हमारी कलीश्या में दान देने की प्रक्रीया क्या है और उसपर कौन सा नियम लागू होता है? यह तो सर्वविदीत है कि अपनी कमाई का दशमाश शायद २ प्रतीशत सदस्य ही देते हैं अथवा सिफ़ं चदा मांगने पर या फिर किसी विशेष अवसर जैसे जन्म-मृत्यु द्वापन-शादी-प्रभुभोज आदी में धन्यवाद दान के रूप में, वो भी यथासम्भव इसकी कोई निश्चीत राशी तय नहीं है। अगर यह दान पेसा न होकर कोई बस्तु में हो तो यह ग्रहणयोग्य है अथवा नहीं। हमारे पंचों के तकौं में अगर यह मुवेवल है अर्थात् अगर इधर उधर हो सकती है तभी वह ग्रहणयोग्य है। यानी कूर्सी टेवल आदी इधर उधर हो सकते वाली चीज हो ग्रहणयोग्य है पर पानी चिजली या बाउली के लिये ईटा-बालू-सिमेन्ट आदि ग्रहणयोग्य नहीं है क्योंकि यह सब मुवेवल नहीं है। एक पंच तो इस बात पर अड़ गये कि यह कलीश्या के नियमावली में ही नहीं है। जब उनसे नियमावली दिखाने के लिये (घर में भी) कहा गया तो उन्होंने कहा कि उनके पास नहीं है। (यानी पंचों के मुहूर से जो बात निकली वही कलीश्या का नियम बन गया) जब उनसे कहा गया कि जब आपके पास नियमावली नहीं था तो फिर आपने ऐसा क्यों कहा? तो उनका जवाब था कि जब रिकार्ड में (मिनट बही में) दर्ज नहीं है तो उन्होंने ऐसा कूछ नहीं कहा था (कितने शर्म कि बात है कि हमारे पंच परमेश्वर के मन्दीर में ईश्वर की अगुवाई में महीमा की बेदी के सम्मुख भूल बोल लेते हैं। फिर ये कौन सा मुहूर ले रहे बेदी पर चढ़ते हैं?)

इस पर भी श्री एका ने पंचों से क्षण मांगा और अनुरोध किया कि उनका दान ग्रहण किया जाए और संस्कार को न रोका जाए। पर एक पंच महोदय हृत्ये से उखड़ गये कि १-५-८८ को ही संस्कार क्यों चाह है? इस पर भी उन्हें तसली नहीं हुई और १-५ को मुबह ही गिरजाघर आ टपके और दोनों पांडीयों को संस्कार न करसे की धमकी दिये और बिना गीर्जा किये ही बापस चले गये।

इन महाशम का तर्क है कि अगर हम आज एक आदमी को कन्स्ट्रक्शन करने देंगे तो कल और कोई भी कूछ करना चाहेंगे तो हम मना नहीं कर पायेंगे (इनके नजर में श्री एका महामुख हैं कि पहले एक घटी दिये। अब उपदेश मंच बनवा रहे हैं तो आगे गिरजाघर का बाउन्डे बनवाने का

To  
Rev. Cyril Hembrom  
c/o Gossner Theological College  
Main Road, Ranchi 834001  
Bihar

India

Berlin, 13.02.90

Lieber Cyril!

Hab' vielen Dank für Deine Briefe.

Es tut uns leid, daß Du bisher noch keine feste Anstellung und keine Dienstwohnung hast. Aber das wird sicher bald geklärt werden. Wir werden mit Rev. Tete auch noch darüber sprechen. Aber solche Dinge sind auch bei uns durchaus normal bei Rückkehrern.

Ich nehme an, Du hast den Leuten in Detmold, die Dir bei der Wohnungsauflösung geholfen haben, auch schon geschrieben. Hanns-Uwe Schwedler hat die Angelegenheit mit Deinen Reisekosten bereits erledigt.

Ich werde nun aus gesundheitlichen Gründen doch nicht zu der UELCI-Konferenz nach Calcutta kommen können. Das ist schade. So werden wir uns auch in Ranchi nicht sehen können.

Ganz herzliche Grüße, auch an Deine Frau, Ahala und Johanna und Deine Schwiegereltern,

Dein

Dieter Hecker  
Director

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Mit freundlichen Grüßen

*Brigitte Dupke*  
(Brigitte Dupke)

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January 29, 1990

Dear Rev. Tete,

With regard to our conversation at December 31, 1989, the morning of our departure from Ranchi to New Delhi, I would like to sum up and formalize now, as agreed, the results of my discussions with the leaders of the anchals of the North-West-, South-East- as well as Orissa-Anchal (it was not possible to enter into conversation with the leader of Madhya-Anchal because of the changed journey programme, we could not plan any tour to Assam at all).

As I understood, you agreed to the following points:

1. A meeting with the Anchal-Adhyakshes as soon as possible has most priority besides all the other dates,
2. At the meeting it should be discussed how to re-establish the legality within the church and how a constitutional KSS of the church can be installed as soon as possible,
3. This year a further important aim is the guarantee of an orderly church election. The preparations should be made by a committee which at the same time should verify how observers could check the election (if necessary with the help of UELCI),
4. Representatives of all the anchals should participate in the meeting of the Promotional Committee from UELCI for GELCI and North-West-GELC,
5. Gossner Mission is allowed to keep a loose contact with the North-West-GELC and enter into conversation with them which does not mean an official acknowledgement of them.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely

*Hans Grothaus*  
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Hans Grothaus

P.S.: Copy for information to the Anchal-Adhyakshes

Birsanagar, Jamshedpur, India.  
14<sup>th</sup> Aug 1992.

Dear Sir,

Jesusahai to you, Mrs. Hecker and son.

After a long interval, I am writing this letter. Excuse me. I am quite well and hope the same for you all. At Present I am alone here. One side of my house, a family belongs as a tenant. My eldest son got a job at Bombay. Second son is studying in Madras and third son is studying in Orissa.

I am very sorry that last time when Mrs. Hecker, Sister Else and other sisters had been visited India, I could not meet them due to my illness. Second time when Rev. Rhober and Mrs. Rhober had been at Ranchi, I also failed to meet them. I think Mrs. Ellen Rohlf told you everything.

I give you lot of thanks for those things which you have perceived me. I ashamed very much and have a great surprise and a little anger upon your work. If I know before that you will do such a joy, I never leave my shop and other things. Please let me know who has given me a very blue Colour overcoat. I thank him.

On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be Trienial Conference of U.ELCG at Madras. We the 13<sup>th</sup> members of G.E.L. Church along with Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. C.S.R. Topno will attend the Conference.

This year there is no enough rain in our Bihar, so we suffer from hot sun.

I have a sweet memory of your Country which I had visited last year.

My best wishes and Jesusahai to the members of Gossner Mission. I remember Mrs. Pole's smiling face and your Secretary Mrs. ... So.

With love in Jesus  
yours Sister  
Mrs. S. Gunja.

# Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Ref. No.

Date 14 - 08 - 1992

To

Rev. Director Hecker,  
Gossner Mission, Berline, Germany.

Dear Sir,

Greetings and Yesuahai from  
brothers and sisters from G.E.L. Church, Birsanagar-  
Jamshedpur, India.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters,  
I thank you very much for your donation  
to D.M. I also thank those churches who were  
donated us. Please convey our thanks to  
them. The donation will be a great inspiration  
of our church.

The church construction is still going on.  
We all are trying our best as possible as  
we can.

With best regards.

yours sincerely  
Mrs. Susari Guria

E.J. Topno  
Chairman

M.S. Topno  
Secretary

Mrs. S. Guria  
Zone No. 2. Birsanagar  
Jamshedpur - 831004.

16-02-92

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Be my heartiest yesusahay to you and your family. I have got your letter and photos. Thank you very much for these lovely presents. I haven't got irrasor, perhaps Postal department has taken away my irrasor but never mind. I thank you for my lost irrasor too. Sometimes I want to write you letter but I feel that I have no words to write you anything. Because your service and love for us in Christ is so great.

Mrs. Ellen Rohlfs has met me but at the last moment of her returning back to Germany. She has given me your message. I accompanied her to our women's meeting at New Sitalamdera. She also came to my house and our Birsanagar Church. She was sleeping at noon while I am writing this letter.

I have lot of works related to our Church and Mahila Samity also. Last week I went to Ranchi to attend the meeting of Mahila Sangh. At Ranchi I met Helen Bhengra, Daisy, Dr Singh and our President C.S.R. Topno too. President had told me about the amount which you have send me but it is not yet been incash.. Perhaps the coming week, we will get this amount. I am busy in making programme for South -

I am busy in making programme for South - East Anchal's Conference which will be held on 21st May to 23rd of May in Singhbhum Dist. This week we are collecting some old clothes for the mission field. I am failing to send you my articles' translation. I hope I will be able to send you by Mrs. Hecker's group.

Be my heartiest greetings and yesusahay to you, Mrs. Hecker and son Paulus. Please tell my yesubahay and greeting to my friends Gossner - Mission. O.K. "For Maitri" I

your sister in Christ.

Susari Guria  
Jamshedpur  
Birsanagar.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121: 1, 2

Ranchi  
17/1/90



An, der,

Eingegangen  
05. Feb. 1990  
Erledigt.....  
Direktor  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystraße 19-20  
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Sehr geehrter Direktor,

Haben Sie uns ein herzliches  
Jesusahay. Es geht und ziemlich gut und wünschen  
wir Ihnen dasselbe.

Bis jetzt habe ich keine Stelle  
und Wohnung gekriegt. Wir bleiben zur Zeit  
bei meinen Schwiegereltern. Wir wissen nicht  
wie bald wir eine Dienstwohnung bekommen  
werden.

Als wir am 6. Januar Delhi ankamen, haben  
wir den Flug nach Ranchi verpasst, weil wir  
mit dem AIR INDIA aus Frankfurt gegen 19 Uhr  
geflogen waren. Darum mussten wir am 7.  
nach Ranchi fliegen.

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Whatever is true... honorable... just... pure... lovely... gracious... if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8



Ich bin mit meinem Schwiegervater nach Delhi geflogen, um die Gepäckte aus Delhi abzuholen. Es war eine anstrengende Zeit. Wir konnten das alles mit dem Gepäck in Sex Tagen erledigen. Wir mussten 3185 rupee Zoll bezahlen. Es sind viele Formalitäten beim Abholen des Gepäcks. Wir mussten für jeden Schritt der Formalitäten viel Geld bezahlen. Es ist unsere bittere Erfahrung bei unseren Behörden. Anschließend haben wir unsere Gepäckte am 16/1/90 gebracht.

Ich schicke Ihnen die Rechnung der Ausgabe, die wir für Übernachtung am 6. Januar und für die Gepäckte insgesamt gemacht haben. Sie können uns auch einen Scheck schicken oder andere Möglichkeiten suchen.

Grüßen Sie bitte alle Mitarbeiter und Mitarbeiterinnen der Geschäftsstelle.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen  
Ihr  
Steinbrom.

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Psalm 121: 1, 2



Ranchi  
9/1/90

Sehr geehrter Herr Schwedler,

Haben Sie unsern

herzlichen Jisusahay. Es geht uns mit Gnade Gottes ganz gut und wir hoffen, daß es auch Ihnen samt mit Ihrer Familie und Ihren Kollegen ganz gut geht. Wir sind am 7/1/90 Ranchi angekommen. Das war uns eine ganz anstrengende Reise mit zwei kleinen Kindern gewesen. Aber wir danken Gott mit ganzen Herzen, daß wir seinen Beistand ganz ernst und deutlich erleben durften.

Der Flugzeug Air India flog fünf Stunden später ab. Also wir kamen Neel Delhi um 7 Uhr Morgen am 6/1/90 an. Darum konnten wir die Formalitäten des Flughafens gegen 9 Uhr erledigen. Daher konnten wir Indian Airlines um 8.50 Uhr nicht erreichen. Wir mußten den Tag und die Nacht am 6. Januar auf dem Flughafen Delhi verbringen. Es war eine ganz schwierige Zeit für uns gewesen. Aber nächsten Tag konnten wir mit dem selben Flugschein weiter nach Ranchi fliegen. Unsere Ankunft auf dem Flughafen Ranchi hat uns und unsere traurige Freunde und Verwandten sehr getröstet. Es gab eine

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große Versammlung unserer Freunde und Verwandten. Wir haben binnen 10 Minuten nach unserer Ankunft eine kurze Andacht gehalten, um Gott für unser heile Reise zu danken. Dann haben wir uns ein fröhliches Mahl gefeiert.

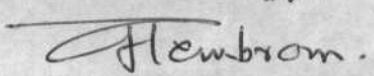
Ich habe bis jetzt keine Wohnung gekriegt.

Meine Arbeitstelle ist auch noch nicht geklärt. Aber ich habe einige Informationen gekriegt, daß ich in Ranchi eine Stelle kriegen werde. Rev. Tete ist vorübergehend außerhalb Ranchi. Darum <sup>habe</sup> konnte ich ihn noch nicht angetroffen. Aber ich werde ihn antreffen, als bald er nach Ranchi kommt.

Unsere beide Kinder sind mit Gnade Gottes gesund und wir hoffen, daß sie auch im Zukunft gesund bleiben. Unsere Verwandten sind auch ziemlich gesund. Viele kleine Kinder sind groß geworden. Wir freuen uns einandern gesund wieder zu sehen.

Nun, wünschen wir Ihnen alles gute in diesem neuen Jahr. Wir danken Ihnen sehr herzlich für Ihre Mühe und Betreuung für uns. Grüßen Sie bitte alle Ihre Kollegen der Gossner Mission an Handjerystr. 19-20.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen  
Ihr



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Dated 27 November, 1989.

To,

Rev. D. Hecker,  
Director,  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19 -20  
1000 Berlin 41  
GERMANY.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

This is for your information that we have received from Blackwell the journal of Biblical Literature, Volumes 94, 95 and 97 (1975, 1976 and 1978) Complete and Volume 98 numbers 1 and 2 (1979). Thank you for arranging this for our library.



Sincerely,

*R. Dang*  
( Rev. Dr. R. Dang )  
Principal.

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Client:-

Rev. Martin Tete,  
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G.E.L. Church,  
Main Road, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my client I hereby state as follows:-

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That the name of my client has also been printed as having given his prastvana. My client has not made any prastvana at all. It seems that by printing his name you have attempted to malign him and to lower down his prestige, position and official status in the eye of public and specially the followers of the Church.

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committed serious crime and are liable for criminal prosecution.

That as publisher of books you are also acquainted with the ~~book~~ laws ,rules and regulation of publication of books still you have ventured to act illegally.

I,therefore, under the instrution of my client demand of you the following.

- (a) To stop the sell of the book immediately.
- (b) To <sup>Confiscate</sup> constisecate all the books to supplied to different agencies at Ranchi ,Lohardaga,Gumla and Bokaro.etc.
- (c) To disclose the name of the publisher,printer and press and the number of books published.

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-ly on receipt of this notice,legal actions would be  
taken for criminal prosecution <sup>in Court</sup> and for damages  
in the Civil Court .In such case you shall be liable  
for all the expenses.

A copy of this notice has been retained in my office.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*AB* 10/5/90  
Advocate

Copy to:-

- 1.Arch Bishop R.C.Church.
- 2.The Bishop C.N.I.
- 3.The Vice Presicent ,Good Books Trust.
- 4.Director Gossner Mission
- 5.The Secretary,Good Books Trust Association.

# GOSSEN ER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

( Registered Under Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860 )

Vide No 273 - I of 30-7-1921

Rev. Martin Tete

Pramukh Adhyaksh

( President )

Ref 645 /90/KSS - 6

Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Date 14 - 3 - 1990

Dear Rev. Hecker  
Director, Gossner Mission

Enclosed please find minutes of the Promotional Committee, UELCI. Please pray for our work.

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Tete*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Ans. 9 April 30

1. Opening Devotion.

The opening Devotion was conducted by Mr. U. Kumar, and gave an inspiring message from Luke 1:33-35 and said that we should be very wise in using our sovereignty.

2. Roll Call :

Rev. M. Tete - Pramukh Adhyaksh, GELC

Miss. Helen Bhengra - GELC

Mr. S. Tigga - Member, N.W. Anchal - GELC

Rev. O. Toppo - Member N.W. Anchal - GELC

Rev. John Dang - Member - GELC

Dr. N. Minz - Bishop - N.W. GELC

Rev. N. Ekka - N.W. GELC

Mr. M. Ekka - N.W. GELC

Mr. D. Lakra - N.W. GELC

3. Appointment of Recording Secretary.

Miss. Helen Bhengra and Mr. Dhiraj Lakra were appointed as Recording Secretary.

4. Agenda for the meeting.

Mr. U. Kumar proposed to keep the proposals of the meeting of the UELCI held on 27-28 April 1989 on the agenda. The following matters were agenda to be put on the agenda -

1. Board of Directors
2. Resource sharing
3. Sharing of pulpits

Resource Sharing -

In the present situation of the church. Both the churches have schools and other Educational Institution that come under the constituency.

Regarding Theological College, Ranchi it was felt that in order to meet the challenge of the present-day life the college has to be revitalized.

Regarding the property of the church, out side Ranchi Headquarter, the property is under the management of the Iikas and Parishes of both the churches.

Mr. U.Kumar stressed that the Human Resources and the Property management of the church should be strengthened. There should also be sharing and co-operation in Development Projects

because the projects will be for the whole Gossner Committee and Society at Congregation.

Sharing of Pulpits -

Towards achieving unity it was proposed that sharing of pulpits between both the churches is necessary.

After discussion Mr. U. Kumar put stressed on the following points -

1. Both the churches should strive to make the Human Resources more effective.
2. There should be joint meetings of both the churches which will be presided by both the Heads of the churches.
3. The Resolution and findings of the promotional Committee must be communicated to the lower level of the churches to avoid any kind of misunderstanding.
4. It was felt that more members be invited for the meeting of the promotional committee from both the churches in equal number.
5. The next meeting of the promotional committee will be held on third week of March 1990.

Vote of thanks

Mr. U. Kumar thanked all the members of the committee for their presence and using contributions in the discussion.

Dr. N. Minz thanked Mr. Kumar on behalf of the promotional committee.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Miss. H. Bhengra and Benediction by Rev. M. Tete.

On 20.12.1989 Dr. Grothause, Chairman of the Kuratorium Gossner Mission Society was invited in the concluding session of the promotional committee.

He brought greetings from the Gossner Mission Society and the UELCI and expressed his appreciation for the steps taken by the UELCI.

38/- Miss. H. Bhengra  
Recording Secretary.  
20-12-1989

Sd/-Mr. Dhiraj Lakra  
Recording Secretary.  
20-12-1989

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Date 24th Jan. 1989

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Whom it may concern.

The undersigned is pleased to communicate to all concerned that the Mahila Sangh (Women's organisation) of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran church in Chotanagpur & Assam has elected the following office bearers in its meeting of October 1988. All correspondance may pleased be addressed either to the Secretary or to the President of the Mahila Sangh.

Martin Tete

(Martin Tete)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

## Officers:

President : Mrs. Sarojni Marian Minz  
GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

Vice President:  
Mrs. Hirlani Tete  
GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

Secretary : Mrs. Daisy Kongari  
GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

Joint  
Secretary : Mrs. A. Kerketta  
GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

Treasurer : Mrs. Sarojni Purty  
GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar.

To : - U.E.L.C.I.

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Gossner Mission  
West Germany.

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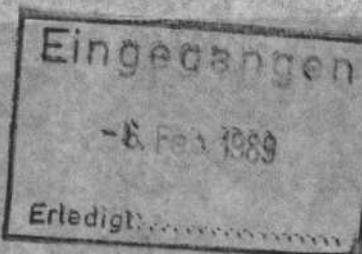
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Ref 25 - 89/KSS - 78 (A)

Date 20th Jan. 1989

Rev. Dieter Hecker  
Director,  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Freidenau)  
West Germany



Dear Rev. Hecker,

Greetings in His Precious Name.

Thanks for your letter of December 21st. 1988. The remittance of DM 30,000.- for BEL has not so far reached our Bank Account. I hope this will be credited to our Bank Account in due course.

I would like to state that in absence of the constitutional KSS, I as Pramukh Adhyaksh, am acting for GEL Church. Unfortunately KSS could not be formed so far, but the Central Office of the KSS is there and it continues to function and is carrying out all the works of the Central Office as here-to-fore. For safety and control of funds, all money received are immediately deposited into respective Bank Accounts. Payments are made only after scrutiny of bills received and after withdrawal of funds by authorised persons from the Bank. The KSS in their meetings held from 19th to 23rd June, 84 resolved that the Treasurer (Mr.B.Minz) will jointly operate all the bank accounts of the church, either with the Pramukh Adhyaksh (Rev.S.Mohan M.G.) or with the Accountant (Mr.A.Barla) (Extract from the minutes enclosed). As the KSS could not be formed on 1.11.1987, these three officers have been authorised by the present Pramukh Adhyaksh, to continue to operate on all the bank accounts of the church till the formation of new KSS and election of new office bearers. They are responsible for the control of funds.

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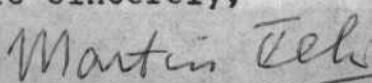
Specifically expenditure of BEL grant is incurred only on authorisation by the Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh, Director, BEL. The grants for Theological Education are paid to Gossner Theological College, Ranchi and Bible Training School Govindpur on submission of monthly bills by the heads of these two institutions. Grant for Pension Fund is transferred to the Bank Account of GEL Church Pension Fund. The pensioners are paid on the basis of monthly bills. The grants for Pastors' Help Pastors' are paid to individuals on certification by the Ilaka Chairman/Anchal Adhyaksh. Thus the proper control of funds is institutionally safe guarded.

As you are aware, that at the moment we depend on Gossner Mission for support of our two Theological Institutions and for payment to our retired personnels. We hope inspite of the block put by the Kuratorium, for further remittances, Gossner Mission will consider and remit funds for Theological Education and Pension Fund. After all whether KSS or no KSS, these two funds are in the custody of Gossner Mission for these two specific purposes.

With kindest regards,

Wishing you bright and properious New Year 1989.

Yours sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Pramukh Adhyaksh  
Rev. Dr. M. Bage

Up Pramukh Adhyaksh  
Rev. S. Mohan MG

Secretary  
Mr. P. Topno

Treasurer  
Mr. B. Minz

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

Ref. No. 2A7/84/AC-1

Date 29/6/84

Extract from the minutes of the full KSS meeting dated 19-23rd June 1984.

Item No. (9)- G.E.L. Church Bank A/Cs- Operation of -

Resolved that henceforth the Treasurer, KSS will jointly operate all the A/Cs of the Church in different Banks either with the Pramukh Adhyaksh or with the Accountant the prime signatory being the Treasurer.

J. P. (Signature)  
(P. Topno)  
Secretary

The Pramukh Adhyaksh

The Treasurer

The Accountant

J. P. (Signature)  
(P. Topno)  
Secretary KSS

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Rev. Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
(President)

Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi  
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Ref. 16/89/KSS - 78 (A)

Date

The Director  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerrystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin (Friedenau)  
West Germany

Reference :- Three party meeting in September 1988.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Due to certain circumstances three party meeting in Sept. 1988 was not held. After September Dr. Rajaratnam fell sick and I could not go to South India for many reasons.

In the absence of the constitutional KSS I can act on behalf the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam. On 27.12.88 we had one three party meeting of Dr. Minz, Mr. Joy Lakra and myself. In the forenoon we discussed regarding the present situation of the church. In the evening I had put the following direct proposals to Dr. Minz.

1. Let us send a new year's greetings to the Gossner Church by our joint signatures. There was no re-action from Dr. Minz's side on this proposal
2. Let us withdraw all the court cases filed by us against each other within January 1989. We both sensed the damaged done to the church by court cases.
3. Let us ask our Mandli Panches of Ranchi Congregations for joint meeting. Dr. Minz expressed that he had no Mandli Panch under him at Ranchi.

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4. I inquired from Mr. Lakra if Gossner Mission is strong enough to take decision to finance Dr. Minz's church also. I may take risk if Gossner Mission will be in need of my recommendation to finance Dr. Minz. We could not proceed on with our discussion on this point which relates to Gossner Mission.
5. Dr. Minz expressed that he could nominate five persons from his church for dialogue. To this proposal I agreed to find out some sincere friends from Gossner Church.

The new building for Gossner High School is to be consecrated in April. The fund for the new building was made available from the income of new shopping complex. The new building for Gossner Middle School is to be ready towards the end of this year.

In near future the relationship of the GEL Church with the North West GEL Church has to be resolved here with or without the help of the outside friends. This is the demand of the time.

More in my next letter. With all the best for 1989.

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Tete*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Dr. N. Minz  
✓Mr. Joy Lakra  
Dr. C.K.P. Singh



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G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM, MAIN ROAD, RANCHI

Ref. No. 745/90/KSS - 78

Dated. 16 June, 1990

Dr. Hans Grothous  
Chairman Gossner Mission  
Berlin.

Dear Dr. Hans,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Rev. C.S.N. Toppo  
Adhyaksh S.E.A., Rev. A. Dungdung Adhyaksh M.A. and my self  
that your telex received through Dr. Paul Singh which we  
read out among us and many thanks your telex message. We are  
going to hold Adhyakshs meeting on 20.6.90.

Please pray for our church and formation of the K.S.S.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Rev. S. Toppo*

Rev. S. Toppo  
Adhyaksh  
N.W. Anchal, GEL Church Ranchi

Eingegangen

16. Mai 1989

Erledigt:

The Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
GELC representatives and the NGELC  
representatives, held on 27.4.89 at  
Gurukul, Hadras.

The meeting commenced with a prayer and benediction  
by St.Rev.Jayaseelan Jacob, the President U.E.L.C.I.

The following members were present :-

1. Rt.Rev.Dr.Jayaseelan Jacob, Chair Person, U.E.L.C.I.
2. Mr.U.Kumar, Joint Secretary, U.E.L.C.I.
3. Rev.N.Tete, Pramukh Adhaksha, GELC.
4. Rev.Johan Dang, GELC.
5. Miss Helen Bhengra, GELC & Vice President U.E.L.C.I.
6. Mr.Surjeet C.Canton, GELC.
7. Mrs.S.B.Popno, GELC.
8. Dr.Hirnal Kinsa, NGELC, Bishop.
9. Mr.Dhiraj Lakra, NGELC.
10. Rev.Niranjan Ekka, NGELC.
11. Mr.Sukhdev Ekka, NGELC.

The written proposals were submitted by Bishop  
Dr.Hirnal Kinsa, NGELC, and Rev.N.Tete, Pramukh Adhaksha  
GELC.

Regarding Provisional affiliation to NGELC with GELC for  
a period of five years.

Rev.N.Tete on behalf of GELC delegation, proposal  
that a provisional affiliation can be granted by UELCI to  
NGELC.

The proposals of both sides are recorded as below :-

#### 1. Proposals from GELC :-

Regarding Relationship between GELC & NGELC :-

1) In continuation of the dialogues held between  
GELC & NGELC, it is proposed to UELCI that NGELC be  
given provisional recognition for five years with the  
following aims and objects :-

- A. To help the members of the church to realise that  
they belong to one Gossner Evangelical Lutheran  
Church.
- B. To amend the Constitution of the GELC under the  
supervision of UELCI to give greater autonomy to  
all Anchals (diocese) of the GELC.

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- C. To help the divided congregations to be united.
- D. To help the members of the Church to withdraw court cases filed against one another.

2) As a gesture of our dialogue for establishing our relationship in Christ, lasting friendship and unity, Dr. N. Mins be included in the Building construction committee of the Gossner College as one of the members.

2. Proposals from HGCGLC :-

Theme :- We do not look backward but we look forward and move forward.

- 1) We accept each other, that means GELC & HGCGLC as two independent Churches functioning in the same Gossner tradition.
- 2) The UELCI recognise us and grant us affiliation.
- 3) We leave to the good office of U.E.L.C.I. to work out the modalities to settle the other issues between two Churches (GELC & HGCGLC) in the same Gossner tradition and cooperation between them.

Resolution :-

Resolved :-

- 1) To recommend to the UELCI Executive Committee to grant provisional affiliation for a period of five years to HGCGLC.
- 2) To request the UELCI Executive Committee to provide necessary guidance in settling all other issues.

① The meeting was closed with a prayer and benediction by the Chair person.

Note :- All the members have signed in the original document.

- ③ That the offices of the UELCI take immediate steps to start ministry of reconciliation among the divided congregations.
- ④ That Dr. N. Mins, Bishop, NWELC and Rev. M. Tefi Gramuzh Adley who GELC be requested to co-operate with UELC, officers when they make their ministry of reconciliation.

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28. 12. 1992

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Dear Rev. Topno,  
as you heard already we have  
reached home safely. We are  
thinking quite often how it  
will be in India at the mo-  
ment. We don't hear much  
in the news, so we hope it is  
a good sign that the violence  
has stopped and people try  
to find a reasonable solu-  
tion. As we stayed within  
the Church Compound during  
a week we had not been too  
much affected. But neverthe-  
less I got a very strong feel-  
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news of Christmas is for the people, for all mankind, for the whole world. Sometimes Christmas seems to be only a family festival for us with no affect to the world - but in this week in Pandhi I began to understand again what peace in God's world could mean.

You can imagine, back in Germany the last days before Christmas had been quite busy. We had to solve the most urgent matters:

1. Mr. Chatterjee has gone back to the workshop and is quite happy there. At least he can learn some things which he may use in India. We hope really that the dif-

Difficulties can be solved in a good way.

2. We talked to Rev. Schuelgen. And it is quite clear now, that Dr. Jacob is a private person with no official mandate of the Berlin-Brandenburg Church. And that we will think very carefully before we give him an official task again. The Berlin-Brandenburg Church is interested in going on with the project of Goring, but, but we try to find a solution where we can keep out the person of Dr. Jacob, because there are too many difficulties on both sides, in Germany and in India, as he doesn't accept the rules and regulations of an official

partnership. Rev. Schilzger, made it quite clear that the partnership between Corner Church and Berlin Brandenburg is not a project partnership, but a Church to Church relationship where proposals and wishes could be discussed but through the official channels.

I think you can work fairly to Rev. Schilzger, he is understanding the problem.

We also stopped an application of Dr. Jacob to the WCC for funds, as there was no official request either from your side nor from Berlin-Brandenburg. If there is a need it cannot be the make of a private person.

Up to now we didn't talk to Rev. Jacob. This will be the first task right in the new year. You can imagine how uneasy I am feeling.

3. There is another matter to discuss. The two persons, Rev. Siegen Schwabow and Mrs. Noack, who are involved in youthwork and had been chosen last year to visit the Gossner Church, are willing and able to come to India in the new year. In the period from the 15th of April to the 25th of May 1993 they would be able to come for 3 weeks. The exact date you should choose regarding what ~~would~~ be best for the program. They are inter-

ested to take part in one of the Bible classes of the youth, to get to know the work of Coimbatore and to get to know some congregations.

4. Rev. Schilzgen is prepared to visit the 3 Indias, guess you have chosen, for a LWF-program. T. K. K. Sripatna, Narahari Baro, and Santosh Keketta. We also agreed that it would be possible and good to have a program in Borrey also. May be for one of them even for 4½ months. I will inquire about the concrete possibilities.

We all wish you, your family and the whole staff of the churchboard a happy, healthy and peaceful next year. All the best to you and once more thank you very much for your hospitality.

Yours sincerely

Gudla Becker

I hope you can read my hand-writing, but all are on holiday there is nobody to type.

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Dr. Paul Singh  
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November 20, 1992

Dear Rev. Topno,  
Dear Dr. Singh,

Please find enclosed the itinary route of Rev. Hecker. Khunti and Govindpur date have been changed since Mr. Mukherjee cannot join later (changed from 11th to 8th).

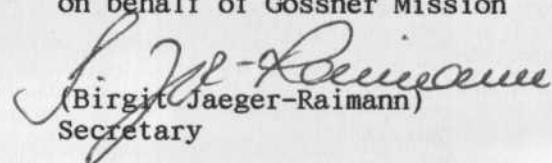
Mrs. Hecker urgently requests that someone from Ranchi should come to the Board Meeting of United Mission to Nepal to Kathmandu, since Mr. Rajarathnam will also not be there for UELCI.

Thanking you for all the trouble you have and greetings from everybody of the staff in Berlin

Yours sincerely

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

on behalf of Gossner Mission

  
(Birgit Jaeger-Raimann)  
Secretary

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Dear Brother Topno, dear Brother Toppo:

greetings to you from the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg. We are happy that the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church has invited members of our working group. Thank you for the invitation. We hope that this visit will strengthen our partnership - and our faith in Jesus Christ who is Lord of our Church.

We have heard that the jeep for Govindpur has to be repaired. We hope that this jeep can be used in connection with the visit. We have asked Gossner Mission to remit DM 1.000,-- to the GEL Church for the repair of the vehicle. Since Brother Dr. Jacob is willing to take care of the matter may we ask you to make this amount available to him for the necessary repairs. If you have not yet received the money may we ask to advance the amount.

You will probably talk with our representatives about a possible continuation of the project in Govindpur and about the assignment of a co-worker from the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg in Govindpur. Since we have procured the jeep for this project the vehicle should be kept in Govindpur (in the garage) on a permanent basis. May we ask you to take the necessary steps.

On Sep 9, 1992 you have forwarded to us concerns for intercession. For this we are thankful. We have passed on these requests to all congregations that belong to our church. Today we would like to name our concerns for intercession:

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Kassenstunden	Kontonummer	Geldinstitut	Bankleitzahl	Kontobezeichnung
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Many people from different countries in Eastern and South Eastern Europe are coming to Germany. They are refugees, asylum seekers or they come just to work here. Among many people here in Germany (especially in the former GDR) there is a growing resistance to these foreigners. They get attacked by young people, and we can read reports about these acts of violence in our newspapers almost every day. We are experiencing this in many cities here and also in the country. This situation is a big challenge for our church and the congregations to stand up for the victims and to protect them from violence. Our Lord himself has said that we are to love our neighbor regardless of race and color and to be there for him when he needs help.

We ask you to pray

that our church will have the courage to speak out against violence

that our congregations will open their hearts and doors for the foreigners here

and

that we will find ways to peacefully live together here in Germany.

We hope that this letter with our concerns for intercession will reach you in time so that you can pass them on to your congregations.

We are very happy about the manifold exchanges and we from the Berlin Konsistorium greet all Brothers and Sisters over there.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Eckhard Schülzgen*  
(Eckhard Schülzgen)

## GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR &amp; ASSAM

( Registered Under Societies Registration Act. XXXI of 1860 )

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

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Date 25th. Sept. 1992

To

Rev. Mrs. Ursula Hecker  
Secretary for India  
Gossner Mission  
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GERMANY.

Dear Mrs. Hecker,

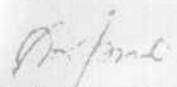
Many thanks for your letter dated the 23rd. Sept. 1992.  
Please find herewith the required information.

My full name	- Rev. Christ Saban Royan Topno
Passport No.	- W 723731
Date of issue	- 12th. July, 1985
Place of issue	- PATNA (BIHAR)
Date of expiry	- 11th. July, 1995
Number of my Visa for Germany	- E 19323340
Date of Visa	- 8th. Sept. 1992
Place of visa issued from where	- CALCUTTA

With many greetings,

PS :- I'll be arriving in Berlin  
on Oct 5 from Amsterdam and  
my back journey to New Delhi  
will be on Nov 15.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Rev. C. S. R. Topno)

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September 23rd, 1992

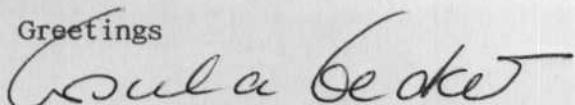
Dear Rev. Topno,

For the visa for Switzerland we need immediately some information:

- your full name
- Passport-Number
- date of issue
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- date of expiry
- Number of your visa for Germany
- date of visa
- place of visa, issued from where

Please give them per Fax or telephone.  
Thank you!

Greetings



(Rev. Ursula Hecker)  
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To the  
~~Acting~~ Pramukh  
Adhyaksh of G.E.L.Church  
Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
G.E.L.Church Compound  
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September 9th, 1992

Dear Rev. Topno,

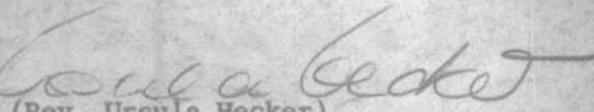
First of all thank you very much for your congratulations. You can imagine that the first few days are quite a bit confusing. But I hope soon I will find my way through all the files and new programs, plans and issues. The first big issue for me is your and the two ladies visit to Germany. I am happy that you are coming with Mrs. Bodra and Miss Bhengra. I already have informed some congregations, so there will be a tour program for you ready I hope. - Please find enclosed the Invitation Certificate for Miss Bhengra.

Now there are some official information: Today we remit Rs. 100.000,- for your tickets and additionally DM 1.000,- from the funds of Berlin-Brandenburg Church for the repair of the Jeep of Govindpur. Rev. Jacob was initiating this and these DM 1.000,- should be used only for that.

We would be thankful if you also could send us an itenary for the German group of Rev. W. Jacob. They will reach Ranchi at the 15th of October. Concerning the visit of Mr. Chatterjee from Fudi we are waiting for further information. But it would be good if he could send us his plans as soon as possible because we have to arrange his stay in the repair shop here.

Please give my greetings to all the KSS-Staff. I wish you a good journey and a happy arrival here. Auf Wiedersehen.

Yours sincerely

  
(Rev. Ursula Hecker)  
Secretary for India

Enclosure  
Invitation Certificate for Miss Bhengra

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# Kurzbrief

To  
Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L.C. Compound  
Ranchi 834 001  
India

September 4th, 1992

Ihre Zeichen	Ihre Nachricht vom	Unsere Zeichen	Ihr Korrespondenzpartner/Hausapparat	Datum
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Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

Please find enclosed certificates for Mrs. Tiru and Mrs. Bodra. We have send a certificate to both in the attached letters. Please forward these letters to them.

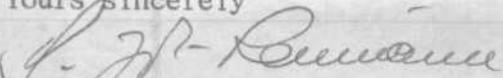
Would you be so kind and <sup>survivele</sup> ~~hand~~ the enclosed letter to Dr. Singh.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

Thank you very much in advance and

kindest regards

Yours sincerely



Birgit Jaeger-Raimann  
Secretary

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An den  
Telegrammdienst  
Fax-Nr. 1136

Berlin, 31. August 1992

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren!

Bitte übersenden Sie das folgende Telegramm:

Empfänger:

Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L.C. Compound  
Ranchi 834 001  
India

Text:

New invitation Bodra and Topno dispatched. Send confirmation of other name  
by cable.

Kind regards, Dieter Hecker

Absender:

Dieter Hecker  
Gossner Mission  
Fennstr. 31  
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Bitte bestätigen Sie uns telefonisch (635 11 98) die Versendung des  
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Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Sekretärin

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To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
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Ranchi 834 001 - India

Berlin, 21. August 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

We are glad to hear from you, that you will be coming together with Mrs. Purthy and Mrs. Tiru for your visit to Germany this year. As far as I can remember, we have sent a letter of invitation for you already. Just last night, it came to my mind, that we have confirmed the names of the two ladies, but not yet sent invitations for them. So today we have sent one copy to each of them directly; another one is enclosed in this letter. We have also made a new one for you, so that the exact dates are given there. As for the dates, they do fit in our program. We had also some requests for the German "Katni Parb" on the 4th of October, among others from Rev. Rieger in Frohnau, but you must decide, what is more important. If you could still consider the proposal, it would well be possible, that you would spend the 15th November with the Delhi congregation instead and leave here on the 13th. - Please let us know your decision, for us both is possible. Just yesterday we got a telex from Mr. Eden Kerketta about his invitation. He writes: "Request you to order to the president g.e.l.church Ranchi to pay the cost up-down travel as soon as possible." Naturally we have sent him a telegram instead, that his invitation is cancelled, since the Governing Body of FTTC has not recommended his visit and not granted furlough for this. We would never uphold our invitation against your advice.

Just now I got the exact dates for the Women's Consultation. I have sent the letters with the invitation yesterday already. So you may forward them to Mrs. Tiru and Mrs. Purthy. We shall also do it from our side within the next two weeks.

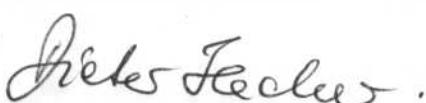
The whole consultation is connected with the 150-years'jubilee of the "Morgenländische Frauenmission" - Mission for Women in the Orient at Finckensteinallee. 5. November: Women's Conference of Mission for Women in the Orient. Request for a contribution of Sisters from India.

6. November: Arrival all participants at Berlin.  
7. - 8. November: Celebration of the 150 years Jubilee of The Mission for Women in the Orient.  
9. - 11. November: Consultation of representatives of Women from the Partner Churches of the Church in Berlin- Brandenburg.

Since the Mission for Women in the Orient has been founded in 1842, the same year, when Gossner Mission was officially registered with the Government, after a Lecture was given about the sad and depressed condition of Women in India, and many Sisters had been of this mission had also been sent to India through Gossner Mission, like Anne Diller and Hedwig Schmidt, it would be most welcome, if there would be a contribution of the Indian participants to the women's conference on the 5th November.

Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting you here in Germany from the 5th October to the middle of November, I remain with a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,



(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
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Ref 298/KSS-246

10. Aug. 1992

Date 30.7.92.

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To  
Rev. Dieter Hecker,  
Director, Gossner Mission,  
Fennstr. 31,  
0-1190 Berlin - Schoneweide. GERMANY.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Many thanks for your letters containing many good an encouraging news received during May, June and July. I am sorry to say that I could not write you earlier due to many reasons. I hope, by now, you have come back having enjoyed your holidays and have started your work afresh.

1) Let me first of all congratulate you for having received the extension of your work as Director till 1996. I am sending a separate letter to Rev. Mrs. Ursula Hecker and request you to pass it on to her.

Please also accept our congratulation for having succeeded in starting the new office of Gossner Mission in Berlin Schonewide. May the Lord Almighty bless the work of Gossner Mission its Director and staff and all the well wishers in Germany and elsewhere so that they may be able to work for the cause of the gospel and fulfil the great commandment of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2. Information about the visit of 8 members of the Indienarbeit Kreis has been received. While considering their visit a proposal about the programme has also been received from Rev. Jacob. I hope, the visit of Assam will also be possible. We have also enquired from our friends in Assam about it.

3. Last Thursday, Mr. Chatterjee, the Principal of T.T.C. came and informed me that according to the invitation received from you and also according to the decision of the Governing Body he will be visiting Germany during September and October this year. You know that the G.B. of the T.T.C. is not happy with the work of Mr. Idan Kerketta and, therefore, Mr. Kerketta is not sent. I know, it will really be painful to Dr. Jacob, who was so much interested for Mr. Kerketta. But you know, the KSS or the Pramukh Adhyaksh will normally follow the decision of individual committees related to different institutions and units of the Church.

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4. Now with regard to the names of the ladies who will accompany me to Germany during next October and November, please be informed that the following persons have been nominated :-

A) Mrs. Mary Tiru,  
C/O Sri G. Tiru, G.E.L.Church, Baithmhang, P.O. Gheramani, Dist. Sonitpur, Assam.

B) Mrs. Sarejini Purty,  
Qrs. No. B.III/587, P.O. Dhurwa, Dist. Ranchi.  
By profession - A teacher.

5. Regarding the dates, I propose that we start from Ranchi on the 3rd October and reach Berlin on the 5th October. This means we would like to stay with the New Delhi Congregation for Church Service on the 4th and we would take the early morning flight on 5th October.

We would stay there in Germany till 15th November. This would enable the two ladies to participate fully in the Conference of women delegates of all the partner Churches of EKiBB from 6th to 14th November 1992. I would like to be with the synod of EKiBB in the first two days.

6. Now, as you had suggested in one of your letters I would like to visit W.C.C. and L.W.F. Offices in Geneva, between 8th and 12th November 1992. I hope the ~~00000~~ visa for this purpose can be arranged in Germany itself. I will also inform Pastor Gerhard Luria about my visit of Geneva and also inform some one in the L.W.F. office.

7. In the last KSS we have agreed that Rev. Dr. Singh would accompany the Asia Secretary to Nepal in November. May be after this visit to Nepal we would decide about the joint venture of G.E.L. Church with that of Gessner Mission.

8. The KSS also decided to invite one candidate (VICAR) from Germany. Please, therefore, explore the possibilities and inform us as soon as possible.

9. You would be glad to know that a lady student by name Miss Kripa Kandulna has been admitted in the B.Th. course this year. One more lady student is expected to join The Theology College in August.

We are really very thankful that you have taken so much interest and have encouraged us by sending financial support for this programme.

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New, as you know we are facing problem due to lack of proper accommodation for the lady students and also for the staff members.

We have, therefore, planned to construct a hostel for lady students with toilet facilities and attached to that also a staff quarter. This would cost us at least 2,50,000/. We wonder whether you will be able to give us some financial assistance in fulfilling this plan.

10. Last summer, only two of our members ~~one~~ one Pastor and one woman were ~~able~~ to join the Gurukul summer institute on Dalit and women.

11. It is also let you know that the UELCI has been helping the GELC and NWGELC people to come closer to one another. In this process, it has been agreed upon that both side will try to maintain peace and at the same time a New Structure for the whole Church be formed. Now, there will be a meeting of the Steering Committee consisting of 4 GELC, 3 NWGELC and 1 UELCI representatives in Madras on August ~~19~~ 19 and 20. This Committee is responsible to bring a concrete proposal with regard to the New Draft Constitution.

12. We have also received letter from Pastor Michael Hess, in which he has mentioned about the donations being given to the G.E.L. Church (BEL) and also about some visitors who would come down to India. Therefore, a letter is being sent to him very soon.

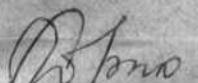
As you see this has become a long letter, but it is hoped that you will be able to go through it.

Please convey our greetings to all the staff members in the Gossner Mission.

We remember you all in our prayers.

With warm YISHUSAHAY and kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,



( Rev. C.S.R. Topno )  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
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Berlin, 3. July 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

By now, you will have heard, that we shall have a new India-Secretary, so we do hope, that will be more time and energy for Mrs. Hecker to work for this department from September as I could do it with all the additional responsibilities as a director of the enlarged Gossner Mission.

I shall leave for summer holidays from 6th July to 4th August. If any urgent documents are needed during this time, anyone can do this, esp. the invitations for the visitors. That can be done by the office. It would be very helpful, if you could send the names of the two ladies, who are expected to come along with you by cable or telefax, so that we can return the invitation letters immediately.

As for your visit, please let us know till the beginning of August, who will be coming with you. We would suggest, that you will be coming at the beginning of October. Best would be already at the 2nd, so that we can still have some talks before the Kuratorium, but 5th or 6th would also do. For the ladies the return should not be before the 15th November. In case you are very busy, you may return some days earlier, but Rev. Schülzgen is very much interested in having you for an address to the synod of the EKiBB between the 4th and the 8th November. This would definitely be possible in the first two days.

Please do remember to send the text for the intercession exchange this year before September, so that it still can be circulated in the EKiBB before the beginning of November. The intercessions for the GELC from Berlin will be brought along with the group of visitors.

Rev. Schmelter, the new chairman of the India Committee has suggested, that we should also exchange some sermons to get to know one another better. Our proposal is, that both sides may try to find one or two sermons (or ideas for a sermon like Predigtmeditation) on 1. Cor. 1, 18-25, which is one of the texts for the 2nd November in your Panjica. Please forward this to Dr. Singh and the Theological College. Maybe something might be coming.

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As for the visitors from Germany, the group of Indienarbeitskreis will now consist of 8 persons: Rev. Buntrock, Dr. W. Jacob and Mrs. Jacob, Rev. Martin and Irma Richter, Rev. Mrs. Sames, Rev. Kunick and Rev. Mrs. Zietz from Marzahn. As you can see from the minutes, they will start in Germany at the 13th October and return from Ranchi on the 4th November, so that thy can join in the Mission Parb. They would arrive in Ranchi at about the 15th October. They would like to visit different village congregations where Pracharaks are working, whom Rev. Jacob trained in Govindpur. On the 22./23. Oct. they would suggest to have a meeting with Pracharaks in Govindpur as a sort of refresher course. After that, they would all come for a few days to Ranchi. From the 27th to the 1st November, the group would again be divided. Some would like to go the West Bengal Mission, where Rev. Jacob knows some Pracharak. The others would like to visit the Dooars. They also have inquired, if it is possible now to visit Assam. Please, let us know, if there are any new developments in this respect.

The visit of the India Secretary, possibly along with a member of the Kuratorium, will be at the beginning of December. Since Mrs. Hecker is also Nepal Secretary, she will have to be in Kathmandu from 28-30th November. After that, there will be the Madras meeting. Most probably the visit to Ranchi will be after that. We shall let you know details at the beginning of August.

That would be all for today. We would be grateful, if you could send us the dates and participants of the visitors as soon as possible, so that we can plan the program here accordingly.

With all good wishes and a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker.*

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

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To the  
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G.E.L. Church Compound  
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India

Dortmund, den 13. Juni 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

I am just staying with the Hansens on my way after the special meeting of the Kuratorium on the 11th of June. Since I shall be back in Berlin only at the end of next week, I want to inform you about some points.

1. Dr. Hanns Uve Schwedler has applied for termination of his appointment with Gossner Mission with effect of the 30th June 1992, since he wants to take up a job with a new formed institution for city development of the European Community in Berlin. So we shall need a new Nepal Secretary and half a job for publications, since Mrs. Barteczko Schwedler remains with us, although she is still on maternity leave till November this year.
2. The Kuratorium has appointed Mrs. Ursula Hecker as new Asia-Secretary from the 1st of September till the middle of 1996. This means, that she is expected to use 75% of her time for India and 25 % for Nepal. We are not yet sure, if Elisabeth Hospital will release her before the 1st of October, since normally three months notice has to be given.
3. At the same time my term as a director has also been extended till the middle of 1996; from September then full time.
4. This will mean, that most probably Mrs. Hecker and myself, we shall come to India and Nepal in November / December this year together. The Board meeting of UMN will be in the last week of November in Kathmandu and the LMCI-meeting will be in Madras at the beginning of December. She will have to combine both dates with some time before or / and afterwards.
5. I just want to inform you, that I have heard from Rev. Michael Hess, that he wants to send a young lady from Bünde for practical work with the NWGELC within the next days for several months. She just finished her matric and has no training so far, so that she will come only for gaining some practical experience of the situation. I want to make it very clear, that Gossner Mission had nothing to do whatsoever with this decision or with the planning or anything else. She just called me a few days back and informed me about this. I am sure, that many people in the GEL Church will blame Gossner Mission, that we might have planned or arranged this. But I would request you to make this clear to everyone, this is not the case. - Since we are not in a position to do anything against this, she will come to Ranchi most probably soon. - The only consequence, which might be taken from this, would be, that

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the KSS side might also think about our former proposal to invite a candidate of theology (Vikar) for a practical work in the GEL Church. As you know, we would be prepared to arrange such a program.

6. Rev. Michael Hess has got a decision of the Ilaka Herford, that they will give a donation of DM 10.000.- for GEL Church and 10.000 for NWGEL Church. We shall forward this to you and the NWGEL Church Office. This was also his initiative and he informed us only about this after the decision had been taken already. I would request you to send a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the Superintendent through Michael Hess (Im Schling 29, 49 Löhne).

7. We would be grateful, if you could give your consent to the invitation of one or two ladies along with you for coming October and November, so that we can plan accordingly.

8. You might think about the old plan also, if GEL Church could not in some way be involved in the UMN. Could you imagine, that in November some person, either Dr. Singh or someone else from the KSS could come along to Kathmandu in November to get some information about the latest development there and if there would be any possibility for some member of the GEL Church to work for some time in Nepal in cooperation with GEL Church and Gossner Mission as a sort of joint venture.

9. We shall have a meeting of Indienarbeitskreis next week. There we shall finalize the plans for the group visit to India in October this year. I shall give you then the exact dates and the number of persons. Dr. Jacob has made some proposals for having a meeting with pracharaks and also for a sort of an exposure program of the different pastors with a number of pracharaks in their own Ilakas or congregations. We have not heard any comments from your side.

10. Finally I must apologize, that in the last few months I could hardly manage to keep contact with you, since we were so much occupied with the construction work and the joining together of the two parts of Gossner Mission East and West. I do hope, that with the new India Secretary this will change, so that the exchange of informations will improve again. - Please note, that we are on holidays from 6th of July to 4th August, so that it will be difficult to get any answers to letters in this period. If there are urgent things, you might inform us by telegram before that.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain with best regards and a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dieter Hecker  
Director

To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
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G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Berlin, 29th May 1992

Dear Rev. Topno!

You must have got the minutes of the last meeting of the Kuratorium by now. I am very sorry, that I did not find more time to write to you earlier. We do hope, that on the 11th June we shall decide for an India-Secretary, so that I am a little bit relieved from these tasks. You might have heard also, that Dr. Hanns-Uwe Schwedler wants to leave Gossner Mission to take up a job with a new centre for urban development in Europe, which is just now being started by the European Community. So there will be an additional responsibility for the Public Relation and Publishing Department till Mrs. Bärbel Barteczko-Schwedler will return for half a job in November after her maternity leave and we shall also have a new successor of Dr. Schwedler for the second half assignment. - As for the Nepal work, it seems, that this will be taken together with India in one person.

We have shifted here already at the beginning of April and now we are quite properly settled. We also had invited some friends last Thursday for getting to know our new rooms. It was quite a nice gettogether.

Today I have a few important informations:

- The first is about finances:

We have remitted today the following amounts to the KSS Account:

BEL: Second instalment:	DM 50.000.-
Takarma:	DM 3.000.-
Khuntitoli dispensary	DM 1.500.-
Purnapani dispensary	DM 2.000.-
Pension funds (interest)	DM 12.000.-
Theol. Education ( " )	DM 21.000.-
Material for Lal Bungalow	DM 1.000.- (Bills through Mrs. Hecker)
Donation for Andaman Congregation	DM 2.000.-
Support: Pastors through EKU 1991	DM 21.265.-

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Total: DM 113.765.-

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If there are any questions, or if more is needed for certain purposes like Theological Education or the pension funds, please let us know. Please acknowledge the receipt after the amount has been credited to your account.

- The second matter is about visitors from India:

You have already informed us, that you will be attending the meeting of the Kuratorium in October. Now there will be a conference of women delegates of all the partner churches of the EKiBB from 6th - 14th November 1992, which are naturally mainly invited by BMW. Therefore we would be very much interested, that one experienced and competent women delegate of the Mahila Sangh would also come with you and remain till this meeting. We shall send you an invitation to this programme soon. It will be mainly about the responsibility of women for the mission of the church. It would be good, if you could send us the name of the person as soon as you will know by telegram, so that we can send an invitation for passport and visa. Most probably it will be better, if two ladies are coming with you, so that one does not feel alone, since we know the attitude of the ladies in India.

Please try to decide this as soon as possible and let us know the result. I am including an invitation for yourself in this letter already, so that you can start with the travel formalities. I would suggest, that you would be arriving in the first days of October before the 7th to be in time for the Kuratorium. The return of the ladies should not be before the 18th of November. If you are very busy, you might return some days earlier. I shall write the invitation for six weeks in October / November 1992, so that you can still adjust.

- A few words about plans for visitors from Germany to India.

You have heard, that the Indienarbeitskreis plans to come with a group of 12 people in October. We shall let you know more after the next session of Indienarbeitskreis.

The visit of the India Secretary should be along with Rev. Jürgens from East Frisia in November / December only, since there will be a Board Meeting of the UMN in Kathmandu at the end of November and the LMCI in Madras in the first week of December. Both should be in the programme. Most probably I would also come along with the two to introduce them to the new task. But this might not be absolutely necessary. We should not be too much a burden for you.

About other questions like the bell in Hulhundu etc. I shall write you soon. Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain with best wishes and a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L.Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Invitation:

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Herewith we invite Rev. Christ Saban Royan Topno, president of the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam for a visit to Germany for six weeks in October and November 1992. Rev. C.S.R. Topno is a member of the Kuratorium of Gossner Mission and will attend the meeting of the same from 8th to 10th October 1992 in Mainz. Furthermore he will visit together with representatives of the Women's Organization of his church different congregations and Church Boards in Germany to strengthen the relationships between the Indian and the German Churches.

Gossner Mission will bear the costs for the travel and for the stay in Germany. For further informations, please contact the undersigned, Rev. Dieter Hecker, Director of Gossner Mission, 1190 Berlin, Fennstr. 31, Tel. 030 - 635 11 98.

Berlin, 26th May 1992

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

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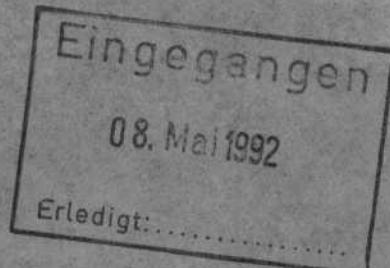
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Date 23-4-1992

Dear Pastor Hecker,



Respectfully I like to inform you that now the working condition of our church is very very smooth and all the members are very much co-ordinating in respect of development of the church with regard to its social, cultural, charitable and religious forum etc. Since now after a lot of pains and devotion our church has come into a very very good shape and has come back to its old glorious image it will not be good in the larger interest of the church to encourage indisciplined faction who of their own broke away from the official body.

I am sending you the statement of facts about the activities of the factions controlled by Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz and Rev. Niranjan Ekka which speaks itself.

The general feeling of the church members is clear that since they broke away of their own they should come down to our terms keeping themselves in low profile in the larger interest of this religious society.

With highest regards,

Enclo: As stated.

Sincerely yours,

*Topno*  
08/4/92  
(Rev. J. TOPNO )  
SECRETARY

Paster Dieter Hecker  
Director,  
Gossner Mission  
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THE STATEMENT OF FACTS WHICH REVEALS THAT DUE TO ANTI-CHURCH ACTIVITIES OF NORTH WEST GEL CHURCH CONTROLLED BY REV. DR. NIRMAL MINZ, REV. NIRANJAN EKKA, THEIR FOLLOWERS, SUPPORTERS AND ASSOCIATES, OUR GEL CHURCH HAS BEEN UNNECESSARILY DRAGGED INTO A NUMBER OF LITIGATIONS - CIVIL, CRIMINAL, REVENUE AND HIGH COURT CASES CUM LOWER COURT CASES. THE CHURCH HAS SPENT HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN DEFENDING THESE CASES AND MEETING OUT THE LEGAL EXPENSES TO SAVE ITS PROPERTIES AND INTEREST AND SHALL ALSO HAVE TO SPEND A HUGE AMOUNT TILL ALL THE CASES COME TO AN END. ALSO THAT FACTION IS BENT UPON NOT ONLY TO DESTROY THE CHURCH PROPERTY BUT ALSO TO DESTROY ITS IMAGE, INTEGRITY, SOLIDARITY AND THE ENTIRE RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE MOVEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

That in 1921 GEL church, Chhotanagpur and Assam after registration under Societies Act came into existence.

That before July 1960 when the new democratic constitution came into force, several factions and groups were in operation and there was no co-hesion in the church and after a lot of discussion in the Maha Sabha in 1959 a Commission was constituted helped by late Rev. J.J.P. Tigga, Mr. N.E. Horo and many other important personalities to draft a democratic constitution. The constitution was formed and approved unanimously in the general body meeting of M-aha Sabha.

Out of 5 Anchals, North West Anchal, a branch of the church was represented by Rev. Niranjan Ekka as its Adhyaksha continuously for 12 years against the provision of the article of the constitution and when this matter was raised in the church body meeting Rev. Niranjan Ekka declined to adhere to democratic constitution and his dictatorial spirit prevailed upon him to break away from the church along with Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz dividing the North West Anchal into two parts and not the whole church.

Having failed to capture church highest body through their very small group represented by only half of the North West Anchal, Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz, Rev. N. Ekka and others first begin to drag the church to the court for the reasons best known to them. Now to achieve their purposeless goal Rev. Niranjan Ekka and others filed T.S. 107 of 1977 wherein they challenged the election of the then KSS and its office bearers before the Munsiff Court Ranchi. The case was later on transferred to the file of Additional Munsiff Ranchi where they were not given any relief.

Now the church being apprehensive of malafide design of Rev. N. Ekka and Rev. Dr. N. Minz of bringing dissension among the followers of the church by misleading them as to who really represent the GEL church had no alternative but to institute Title suit No. 127 of 1978 against them and in the said title suit a prayer for permanent injunction was made stating not to allow them and their supporters and associates from adopting the name of GEL church in order that the followers of the church may not be misguided and misled. Till the final disposal of the case, an ad-interim injunction was issued by the court against them and confirmed. Still they used the name GEL church forming in the name and style of North West GEL church and applied for affiliation to the UELCI, Madras. Although they are not entitled to keep this name and if our body which is silent on this even after getting an interim injunction wants through official action, they will have to remove this name.

That the said title suit No. 107/77 was disposed off by Hon'ble Sub-judge under the Appeal made by GEL church vide title suit No. T.A.19 of 1984 and after hearing the case for more than a month observed therein: that since Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz and Rev. Niranjan Ekka did not belong to GEL church and have formed another church as North West GEL church and adopted a new separate constitution of their own they have no right title or interest of any kind upon any of the properties of the church and all the properties belong to the GEL church which has absolute right title and interest upon the same.

It would not be out of place to point out that the church has several educational institutions and one of the incident is of Ranikhatanga School which speaks how far they can go. In a meeting held by the appeal group Rev. Dr. N. Minz and his groups assaulted, abused and threatened late Rev. J. J. P. Tingga and Sri Kerketta, Headmaster of the School resulted therein a case u/s 107 of criminal procedure against Rev. Dr. N. Minz and his supporters. The learned Trial Court directed them to execute a bond for maintaining peace for a year and after a bond executing by Rev. Dr. N. Minz the criminal appeal No. 170 of 1981 was dropped.

The so-called faction group did not stop their nefarious activities and followed the same old path being dissatisfied with the order against them in T.A. No. 19 of 1984 and knowing fully well that they have formed a new church as North West GEL church and adopted a new constitution of their own Rev. Dr. N. Minz has filed title suit No. 285 of 1986 in the court of sub-judge against the then Pramukha Adhyaksha Rev. M.G.S. Mohan and others on the ground that they are the only persons who are real owners of GEL church. The church and its properties belong to their group. They failed to get any relief in this title suit till to day.

In the meantime the officers of the church decided that instead of leasing out the vacant portion to any individual they should construct a market complex of their own upon the open land facing the main road. The then Pramukha Adhyaksha Rev. M. Bage and Paulase Topno, the then Secretary of Board of Properties got the plan sanctioned from RRDA. The purpose was to earn revenue for the church. After getting the plan sanctioned they without the help of any contractor started construction departmentally and faced serious obstruction from Rev. Dr. N. Minz group. A title suit No. 71 was filed and got the work stopped temporarily which was vacated after certain duration. Then the church official decided that the construction of the commercial complex be done through some contractor in 1986.

That although the land ceiling is not applicable on the Societies a land ceiling case ULC 395/76 has been started by the State Govt. The replies were filed through legal experts and the Dy. Commissioner Court kept it pending unnecessarily and it was just as a silence dead case. The other group against the interest of the church got objection filed through their representative Mr. Jyoti Prakash Minz and others in 1986 against the church stating that the entire properties of GEL church campus belong to Union Govt. of India and hence the construction of the complex be stopped. They to achieve their mala fide design also took the help of BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY(BJP) and at their instance and connivance of Sri ~~...~~ N.G. Mitra Ex. MLA of Ranchi intervened and became an intervenor and fully supported the case and stand of the faction group. The supplementary case was registered as Misc. Case No. 59 of 86-87 in the court of Deputy Commissioner. After many serious contests the learned D.C. in his final order held that the GEL church is the real owner of the properties and the constructions were being made after observing all the formalities of existing laws.

Again the other faction through Jyoti Prakash Minz and others against the said order filed civil writ before the Hon'ble High Court Patna, Ranchi Bench which has been dismissed.

That when the church officers gave the work to a local contractor Rev. Dr. N. Minz and other went to the site to physically assault and disturb the work and on the request of the then Secretary of Board of Properties, Mr. Paulase Topno a case No. 107/IPC was registered against Rev. Dr. N. Minz and others asking them to refrain from any disturbing acts.

That from the year 1960 onwards the son of one Mr. Phool Chand Panna illegally got some of the shops built in the club side property of the GEL church and started collecting monthly rent from them. When the official body in 1986 raised the objection through legal procedure some of the persons started accepting that GEL church as their real owner and started paying the rent to the GEL church. Still the son of Mr. Panna (a strong supporter of Rev. Dr. N. Minz group) is taking rent from some of the tenants

The other faction is still continuously pursuing detrimental activities against the interest of the church. They got another C.W.J.C. No. 65 of 1989(R) filed in the High Court by Vijay Topno and others against the order of D.C. The said civil writ has also been dismissed. Thereafter they got filed T.S. 77/89 by Vijay Topno and others before the sub-judge for permanent injunction against the construction. However, the prayer for grant of temporary injunction has been refused.

They have become instrumental in getting civil and other cases filed against the church. At their instance one Prabal Tirkey filed T.S. 70/87 against the GEL church Press which has been dismissed since the Press was a liability to the church and was running on loss it was leased out by the then Pramukh Adhyaksha late Rev. Martin Tete to the son of Sushila Kerketta, sister of Mrs. Topno, Principal of Gossner College.

Very recently T.S. No. 121 of 1990 has been filed by Bimal Minz of Birmitrapur in the court of Munsiff at their instance challenging the election of the present office bearers headed by Rev. C.S.R. Topno. The prayer for temporary injunction has been rejected.

Not only that they got T.S. No. 3 of 1990 filed against Rev. Martin Tete by Suleman Minz and others in the court of Munsiff challenging his authority in which the prayer of temporary injunction has also been rejected. Title suit No. 156/90 has also been filed by Samuel Horo in the court of Munsiff against the present office bearers of the church headed by Rev. C.S.R. Topno and others was rejected.

In spite of the fact that in T.A. 19/84 it has been held that the other faction has no title upon any property of the church, they are occupying some of the properties, without making any payment of rent T.S. 80/87 against Rev. Dr. N. Minz and T.S. 81/87 against Vijay Topno have to be filed for their eviction from the premises occupied by them but no persuasion was made thinking that good sense may prevail upon the other faction sooner or later, but it seems that the church may not be able to achieve that end and the activities of the other faction remain unbounded.

There are many other litigation and cases directly or indirectly done on the church through this faction and it will become too long if we go on stating this here. In defending all these for the survival of the church lot of expenses are being made which would have been spent in the welfare of the church.

That in the last following points and factors need serious considerations in saving the church properties and its interests and religious charitable, educational and social activities of the church.

- a) Should the other faction who has created a new Church in the name and style of N.W.G.E.L. church be allowed to interfere in the affairs of the church ?
- b) Should the said other faction be allowed to have their say and indulgence in the affairs of its religious, social, charitable, educational and other matters of the church ?
- c) As to on whose account or instigation the church has been dragged in more than two dozen legal litigations.
- d) At whose instance the church has already spent and shall have to spend huge amount of money in defending the court cases ?
- e) What would be the fate of the property of GEL campus including the offices, schools colleges, other institutions and residential houses and quarters, if the same are acquired by the State under Urban Land Ceiling Act ?
- f) Is not the other faction solely and wholly responsible for destruction of the properties of the church and has damaged the image, integrity, solidarity and interest of the church in the eye of all concerned ?
- g) Is not the other faction indulging in church politics with the sole purpose to serve their personal vendetta at the cost of the GEL church in all respects ?
- h) Is the other faction following the path and doctrines and lone spirit of Lutheren church.
- i) Can the other faction be prevailed upon to desist from their nefarious activities against the best interest of the church and its activities even if they are persuaded to join the main stream of the church for getting all the past misdeeds ?
- j) Uptil now the other faction has not done any thing to raise the image of the church since 1977.

In the last but not the least the above problems are the outcome of the faction who is totally indisciplined and whose indisciplined acts have been supported and encouraged by certain agencies INSTEAD of putting it down and stopping all these nefarious acts in the name of unification.

*Bruno*  
22/4/92  
Secretary  
Board of Properties  
GEL Church in  
Chetanagpur & Assam  
RANCHI

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

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**Head Office :**  
G. E. L. church, Ranchi  
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Ref. 174/KSS-246

Date 21.4.1992.

To  
Pastor Dieter Hecker,  
Director,  
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dear Pastor Hecker,

Many thanks for your letters received by us during last February and March 1992. Thank you also for the amounts received in our Accounts Section.

I am sorry that due to many obstacles I could not write you earlier. Please excuse me. Now as Pastor Klaus Roeber and his wife are flying back to Germany, I take this opportunity to write you this letter. I hope they might have enjoyed to be here visiting different places and also celebrating Easter festival in Ranchi.

Well, I would like to give you the following informations :-

- (1) The Trust of the TIC Fudi has decided to send only Mr. Chatterjee to Germany. The members are not satisfied with the work of Mr. Eden Kerketta, so he cannot be sent at the expense of Gossner Mission (although, Dr. Willibald Jacob is very much interested to see him in Germany). I hope, you must have received the extract of the decision sent by the Secretary of the Trust.
- (2) The Hulhundu people are still trying to find out ways and means through which the Church-bell can be imported. They have given me an application form, in which some columns are to be filled by you. So I am sending it to you as their request.
- (3) We are very thankful to the EKU for their generous financial help rendered to us through the Gossner Mission. Please convey our hearty thanks to them.
- (4) The KSS which had its meeting in the end of January, has decided that the theological students who were so far supported only partially will get now full financial support by the KSS. This implies a better financial resources for KSS. I therefore request you to send the total amount which you get out of the Bank interest.

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(5) As you have mentioned in your letter, I propose to give some financial help to Takarma (which of course is being helped till now partially), Khuntitoly and Purnapani dispensaries. The amount may be as follows :-

Takarma	..	3000/- D.M. p.a.
Khuntitoly	..	1500/- D.M. p.a.
Purnapani	..	2000/- D.M. p.a.

For Purnapani, some well planned work is needed. I feel that Miss Elisabeth Badhan be given a voluntary retirement with a regular monthly pension. Because in my last visit, I felt that she cannot work any more.

(6) We had the meeting of Kalisiya Sangh. The recommendations will be considered only in next meeting of the full KSS.

(7) The G.E.L.C. and the N.W.G.E.L.C. will have a next meeting of New Structure Committee in Madras Gurukul on 28th of April, and prior to that we have a Seminar on 27th on Episcopacy. Please remember us in your prayers as we also pray for your present situation in the Unified Germany and also for other problems including of your new office. Please also send us your new address in full.

Please convey our greetings to the members of your staff in the Gessner Mission, and also to your wife and children.

May the risen Lord be with you in all the activities of the Gessner Mission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
 ( C.S.R. Topne )  
 Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
 G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Encl: as above.

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(Proforma Invoice to be submitted, in original).
5. Whether any foreign exchange is required for insurance and freight ? If so, the amount thereof in Indian Rupees.
6. Relationship/connection of the Donor/donating agency, with the applicant.
7. Purpose of the gift.
8. Name, Nationality, address and occupation of the donor abroad.
9. Donor's letter (in original).
10. Value of gift(s) received by the applicant during the course of year and details of the CCPs issued/ and applied for by him during the current financial year.
11. In the case of Institutions, Trust, Association and Societies etc.  
Please state :
  - (i) Whether the Institution etc. is registered with any Govt. authority, and if so, a properly authenticated copy of the registration/recognition certificate may be furnished.
  - (ii) The name and addresses of the Directors/ Governors etc. (as the case may be) may be mentioned.
12. Is it for free distribution without consideration of caste colour and race or is it only for use by the institution, trust etc ? A brief write up of Social Welfare work, if any, done already by the applicant may be submitted. (Recommendations of concerned State Govt. Department (in original) if the c.i.f. value of the items of gift/donation exceeds rupees one lakh).

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I/We hereby declare that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We fully understand that any CCP/Licence granted to me/us on the basis of the statement furnished is liable to cancellation, being made ineffective in addition to any other penalty that the Government may impose or any other action that may be taken having regard to the circumstances of the case if it is found that any of the statement of facts therein are incorrect or false.

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- (2) Printed Catalogue/leaflets of items, proforma invoice.
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To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Berlin, 26th February 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

This is to inform you, that we have just sent the first instalments for different purposes of G.E.L. Church. They are as follows:

To G.E.L. Church account:

- 1. Instalment B.E.L. DM 50.000.- (out of a total of DM 150.000.-)
- Grant for New Life Light Center, Govindpur from Mr. Vorberg DM 8.000.-

Furthermore we have sent directly:

Fudi (FTTC) 1. Instalment: DM 20.000.- (out of DM 40.000.-)  
Amgaon, 1. Instalment: DM 30.000.- (out of DM 55.000.-)

In the coming months we shall also send you the amount of DM 21.265,50 out of the Pastorenhilfe of EKU. As usual they can be used for whatever you think most necessary, either an additional payment for the Pastors, Pracharikas (!) and Pracharaks or for the pension funds, whatever seems more urgent.

Please let us know, how much you will need out of the interest of bank deposit for:

1. Theological Education
2. Pension funds.

At present there are about DM 33.000.- from 1991, but there will be also some interest coming in the course of 1992.

Furthermore we would like to know, how much contribution the dispensaries will need, i.e. Takarma, Purnapani and Khuntitoli. It might be good, if a certain grant would come into a funds of the Medical Board, so that it can be distributed in India itself. Practically, all three dispensaries can manage on their own and do not need any regular grant. We do very much appreciate this fact and they should be definitely encouraged to continue along this line. If they need some amount, we should think, it will altogether be not more than 2000.- to 4000.- DM, let us know this in the coming months.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon again, I remain with best regards,  
Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

# Gossner Mission



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To  
Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
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G.E.L.C. Compound  
Ranchi 834 001  
India

- Indien
- Nepal
- Zambia
- Öffentlichkeit
- Gemeindedienst
- Verwaltung

February 18th, 1992

Dear Rev. Topno!

By now the group from Elisabeth-Hospital must have reached Ranchi and handed over our letter. We got the telephone message, that you would come for the autumn session of the Kuratorium, which is much more reasonable, because in March there will be the mainly elections and formalities.

I forgot to put the enclosures to my letter, which was given to Mrs. Hecker for you. They are here:

- the programme for the Gurukul Summer Institute on Dalits and Women.
- The telefax offer with the details of the bell for Hulhundu.

Please, let us know, who will be handling the formalities for the import of the bell: your office, the Anchal/Ilaka or the parish. This will be important for the documents.

Since the bell will be a new bell now for about Rs 50.000,-, you might as well find out, if you could not get a cheaper one in India itself. The money comes from a fund, which was handed over by the EKIBB/East to Gossner Mission for special purposes concerning India. - We would be grateful, if you could send your opinion and the necessary information on this point soon, since it takes about six weeks till they will make the bell after placing the final order.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely Yours

(Dieter Hecker)  
Director

- Course Fee: Rs. 500/-
- Travel and hospitality will be provided by Gurukul
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WIDENING FRONTIERS OF CHRISTIAN  
THEOLOGY : INDIAN CONTEXT

DALITS & WOMEN

Dr. V. Devasahayam   Dr. Bage      Dr. J.R. Chandran  
Convenor              Director              Course Director

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GURUKUL SUMMER INSTITUTE 1992

## Preamble

The contemporary global reality is characterised by multifarious tensions and challenges. Proliferation of arms and nuclear pollution, ecological disaster, uprisings of marginalised groups such as women, indigenous people, ethnic and religious minorities, growing awareness of cultural and religious pluralism, rise of fundamentalism and communal violence and so on. Theological task should recognise the totality of life as its context and should seek to make theological response based on Christian faith to those multifarious challenges.

Discerning the crucial importance of these contemporary concerns for a more meaningful fulfillment of the task of theological education, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College has started the departments of Social Analysis, Dalit Theology, Women's Studies, Development Communication and Eco-Theology in order to seek theological responses to these issues. Gurukul has now become a recognised Centre for theological reflection on the Church's mission in relation to these frontiers.

With a view to sharing these concerns with Churches and Seminaries in India and outside and gaining new insights, Gurukul is organising the Summer Institute-1992 on the theme "WIDENING FRONTIERS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY: INDIAN CONTEXT" focusing on two of the concerns: Dalits and Women.

We are happy to obtain the services of Dr.J.R. Chandran, an ecumenical leader and a well known theological educator as Course Director. Very prominent national and international thinkers and theological educators are being approached to be Resource persons and many have already indicated their willingness to accept this responsibility.

This Institute is open to Theological educators, Church leaders, Activists and Lay Professionals related to the concerns and struggles of Dalits and Women and is restricted to 30 participants - Adequate representation will be given to men and women. It is also open to International participants from Churches, Development and Mission agencies and theological seminaries.

## Objectives

- To help Churches and Theological Institutions to enlarge their vision of God's mission by recognising the widening frontiers of Christian Theology and Mission in Indian context with a view to enabling them to make adequate theological and missiological response in their respective places.
- To sensitise and conscientise participants to the concerns of Dalits and Women in Church and Society with a view to enabling them to think theologically and to act on issues relating to these concerns.
- To situate the concerns of Dalits and Women in a global perspective of the oppressed people with a view to facilitating fruitful sharing of information and insights by participants from their national/regional perspectives.

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Sehr geehrter Herr Trovatoff!

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für Ihr Telefax vom 12. Februar 1992 mit dem Angebot der Lieferung einer Glocke für Indien. Wir haben es in unserem Indienarbeitskreis besprochen und möchten eine solche Glocke bestellen. Wegen der Lieferung ins Ausland ist dies allerdings ein wenig kompliziert.

- 1.) Wir bräuchten daher möglichst bald ein schriftliches Angebot in englischer Sprache, das wir dann nach Indien zur Beantragung einer Einfuhrgenehmigung weiterreichen könnten.
- 2.) Für die Zoll-Abfertigung in Deutschland nehmen wir normalerweise die Wirtschaftsstelle Evangelischen Missionen (WEM) in Hamburg in Anspruch. Falls Sie selbst darin Erfahrung haben sollten, würden wir Sie um einen Kostenvoranschlag für diese Leistung bitten. Die Glocke soll per Seebracht nach Calcutta verschickt werden.
- 3.) Da die Glocke erst gegossen werden soll, würden wir den Zeitpunkt des Gusses erst dann festlegen wollen, wenn wir eine Nachricht aus Indien erhalten, ob und wann mit einer Einfuhr genehmigung zu rechnen ist, was erfahrungsgemäß sehr schwierig ist.

Bitte teilen Sie uns mit, ob es möglich ist, eine Inschrift auf die Glocke zu gießen (evt. auch ein paar Worte in Hindi).

In Erwartung Ihrer Antwort, bin ich

mit freundlichem Gruß

Ihr

*Dieter Hecker*

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Berlin, 14. February 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

Since I have not heard from you about your coming to the next meeting of the Kuratorium, I must try to send you some important informations through handpost. There are some points, which have been decided in the Indienarbeitskreis this week, which you should know.

1. The question with the bell for Hulhundu has now been decided in that way, that we are going to order a new one from a factory in Karlsruhe. I include an order form with the necessary particulars, like size, weight and price. Please let us know immediately, if you think you can get an import licence before we place the final order. It will take about six to eight weeks from the order till the production.
2. I had written already in my telegram, that the Indienarbeitskreis plans a group visit to India in October for about three weeks. They would like to have the Mission Parb at the end and leave immediately after the 2nd November. They would like to attend either a pastor's refresher course or Kalisia Sangh, if possible. You might arrange your plans for this accordingly, if this is suitable. Since we do not yet know, who will be the India Secretary, I cannot say, if I will join them or come at another time. I definitely should try to introduce the new person after a decision has been taken.
3. Dr. Bage asked, if he could come for some months to Germany during his sabbatical term. Naturally he will be welcome. We do not know the timing so far. For us the months from May to June/July or then after August would be suitable.
4. Mr. Chatterjee and Mr. Eden Kerketta had made plans to have some training in a German motor workshop. Dr. W. Jacob would make arrangements at Neupetersheim for them. We are wondering, if they can also manage before the summer break in July. I have written separately to them and also sent them an invitation.
5. We are looking forward to hearing more about the negotiations concerning the relationship between GELC and NWGELC. We do hope, that the relationships will improve further and a peaceful settlement can be found for the future.

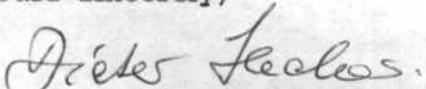
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6. I have heard from Mr. Lakra from the Andamans, that first Rev. Tete had returned to his duty again and now a new pastor has been appointed. I am very glad to hear that, since Rev. Dungdung, who does his work very faithfully, really needs some support, so that he is not responsible for the whole huge area of the Andamans and Nicobars.
7. Our construction and repair work in the new office rooms in East Berlin are making good progress. We hope, that we will be able to move there by the beginning of April. It will be not easy for us to leave the old house of Gossner Mission behind, but we have no other choice, if we really want to grow together in East and West.
8. We have got an information and invitation for a meeting of the Gurukul Summer Institute 1992 with the topic "Dalits and Women", which will be held from 3 - 16 May 1992 at Ooty. We would naturally be very much interested in taking part in the course about this topic, but it is impossible for us. We would however like to encourage people of the G.E.L. Church to participate in this course. Since the fees are Rs. 500/- per person, and this might be too much for some of them, we would offer to give the fees for upto four participants, out of which at least two should be ladies. You might inform the pastors, the Theological College and Govindpur, but also laypersons about this. We include a copy of the invitation for your information, in case you did not get the invitation from Gurukul so far.

We hope, that the group of Elizabeth Hospital will have a good experience in India and get to know the GELC and its medical work. We wish you all the best for your service in the Church.

With best regards and a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,



(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

Enclosures:

When B.E.L. was founded as a joint venture of G.E.L. Church and Gossner Mission after 50 years of autonomy of the G.E.L. Church this was a new experiment. Both sides could not know, how this would develop. It was clear from the beginning, that the missionaries had to be members of the G.E.L. Church, Indian Christians, since the task of the propagation of the Gospel is one of the three signs of an autonomous church according to the famous three selfs, which had been put up as signs of a real autonomy by the Chinese churches: self support, self government and self propagation. Furthermore in the present political situation of India it is much more appropriate, that the mission of the church is taken up by own members of the church. So the church can neither be blamed, that it is foreign to Indian culture nor is the mission work dependent on the availability of expatriate missionaries.

Therefore we think, it is a good solution, that Gossner Mission and the G.E.L. Church share the responsibilities for the common task of mission in this way: the GELC takes up both, sending people as well as financial support as far as possible, while Gossner Mission mainly contributes financial support of the pastors and pracharaks as well as of new congregations till they are in a position to support themselves.

This cannot mean however, that Gossner Mission confines itself completely to the giving of finances. The churches in Germany who are related to the GELC through Gossner Mission (esp. Bavaria, Berlin-Brandenburg, Hannover, Lippe and Westfalia) are extremely interested to hear about the mission work in India. It is like in the Acts of the Apostles, that our congregations and churches are eager to hear about "God's mighty deeds" in other countries and the spread of the gospel, so they can pray for it and rejoice and be thankful for all what God is doing also today for the spread of his kingdom.

In Germany people have been very much impressed, when they heard about the new concept of mission work in the G.E.L. Church, the Gramoday Ashram or the Five-Points-Programme. There is a great sensitivity in the German congregations for the needs of poor and oppressed people and many people, who have supported the action: "Bread for the World" are anxious, that in the mission work of the church there is absolutely no material incentive given for Non-Christians to join the church and that we do not behave like people who are criticised in James' epistle: if we just tell the hungry people, God may feed them and do not do, whatever we can do to help them in their need. So the concept of the Five-Points-Programme has been welcomed as a proper balance between helping people in their worldly needs and at the same time giving witness to the Christian faith. We are also convinced, that without changing the basic attitudes and improving the spirit of service and work it might be difficult to develop all the potentials, which are in a village or an area.

For the future we do wish the work of B.E.L. the same success as it had so far. We would like to join in the practical exchange about the concept as well. Some of the questions and suggestions for the coming years from our side would be:

- So far the mission work of the G.E.L. Church had concentrated on the rural areas. This is necessary and a very important thing, especially, if we see how many churches in India have neglected the rural congregations. But still, in future, there will have to be a new emphasis on the urban population as well.
- This will also mean a new concept, since the gospel in this area will have to meet people with much higher education. So the missionaries

will also have to have a suitable training for meeting critical questions of the academic youth and other well educated people. In the area of industrialization, there is not only a need for better education, but also for a new attitude and experience of the missionaries. People in the factories have different interests, different attitudes and a different set of values than in the villages. This starts with the attitude towards time and punctuality, the role of regular work, the dependency on the employer or company. At the same time there is much more free time at the weekends or during holidays. Where do we find institutions to train this new type of pastor and missionary, which is needed today.

More and more it seems, that the concentration of the G.E.L. church on the Adivasi population will not be sufficient in future. We can see, that it is no guarantee for the unity of the church, since the different communities among the Adivasis also tend to have own vested interests, which came out several times during the history of the autonomous G.E.L. Church in India. One should ask, what could be done to cross that barrier to the Non-Adivasis. In this respect other Christian institutions could be of help like the YMCA or Vikas Mai-tri.

Finally, we think it is also an important issue for the church to show to other people in the society, that women do have an important place in the life of the church. The mission department might be the first place, where ordained women might find a suitable place for their service.

But as it has always been the case in the churches. Wherever the outreach programmes have been done in a proper way, it had consequences for the established congregations as well. We have learned, that mission cannot be done without the whole church supporting it. So we could say, that mission is one aspect of the church. Without a church with a missionary spirit, no mission department or mission society can do anything. But it is also true: wherever Christian witness is done beyond the borders of the church, be it geographically or socialogically or in any other sphere of life it will also change the life of the church, renew it, give a challenge.

We can see this effect in Germany as well. The news about the mission in the G.E.L. Church in India are a challenge for our congregations as well, where there is so little concern about those who are outside. We really should learn much more from one another. And we look forward for a more intensive exchange of gifts and experiences.

Berlin, 10. February 1992

Rev. Dieter Hecker, Director Gossner Mission.

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Berlin, 14th February 1992

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
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To

Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 India

Berlin, den 3. Februar 1992

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

This is to inform you, that we have had our election for the Kuratorium on the 24th January 1992. After the meeting we had a service to celebrate the fact, that now we have a common Kuratorium again from Gossner Mission East and West and the time of separation is over and after that a reception for friends of Gossner Mission in Handjerystraße. We include a list of the members of the Kuratorium as far as we know it till now.

We welcome you as a member of the new Kuratorium for the next six years and also Mr. Paul Kandulna as your substitute for the G.E.L. Church. We are quite confident, that we will have a good cooperation in the coming years.

As you might know already, the meeting in which the new Kuratorium will constitute itself and have the elections of the chairperson and the Executive committee (Verwaltungsausschuß) as well as constitute the different committees (India-, Zambia-, Nepal- and Mainz-Committee) will be on the 6./7. March in Magdeburg. We do not know so far, when the meeting in autumn will be, but it will be some time between the end of September and the beginning of November.

We would request you to inform us as fast as possible, to which meeting you would like to come this year. If you will come in March, you would have to apply for a visa immediately. We would also have to plan for your programme soon. We include an invitation for that case. You may use it, if you wish. Otherwise we shall send you a new one for autumn. Maybe you could send us a telegram or have a telephone call from the box near Good Books.

We would naturally also be interested very much to hear about the further negotiations between G.E.L. Church and NW-G.E.L. Church, since we have heard, that a meeting has taken place recently again.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain with all good wishes and a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker*  
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Berlin, 13.1. 1992

Dear Rev. Topno!

We do hope, that you had a good beginning of the New Year 1992. I have just come back from a service at Schnathorst and Pfarrer Johanning send warm greetings to you and the other visitors, who had been there last year. We have been very busy in the last months with meetings for preparation of our new office rooms and the coming elections for the Kuratorium. We have noted the nomination of the KSS for the Kuratorium, and we are looking forward to cooperating with you in the coming 6 years. We have also informed Mr. Kandulna about your consent to his being his German substitute. We had asked Dr. Singh by telegram, if he would come in January, but did not get any reply so far. Naturally it was our fault, we had decided about this request so late. We are sorry for it.

We also have to apologize, that the remaining remittances for 1991 have not been sent in time, but we hope, that you will get them fast now. There are a number of different smaller amounts, which had been specially given for certain purposes; some of them during the visit of the group from India in Germany. I give a list of the purposes for the coming remittance of DM 109.305:

Last instalment 1991 for BEL:	60,000 DM
Grant for 1991 for Takarma:	2,500 DM
Donation for Purnapani dispensary	500 DM
Donation for a scholarship program for female students for Gossner Theol. College:	2,500 DM
Donation for Tabitha School Govindpur	1,205 DM
Grant for Pastors and Pracharaks from EKU (Pension or other support program):	39,150 DM
Donation for Mahila Sangh:	850 DM
Donation for Building program on the Andamans	1,500 DM
Donation for Pracharikas	350 DM
Donation for the work of Miss Bahalen Kandulna	150 DM
<del>Donation for church building Birsa Nagar Jamshedpur</del>	<del>500,-</del>
Total:	DM 109,305 DM

Please acknowledge the receipt after the amount has been credited to your account. - Looking forward to meeting you soon, I remain with all good wishes and kind regards also from Miss Martin and the whole group,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dieter Hecker, Director)

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13 Nov. 1991

Erliegt.....

Dear Rev. Kecker,

We thank God that by His grace, we have arrived quite safe in Ranchi, on the 23rd October. We also extend our hearty thanks to you, your staff and colleagues in the Gossner Mission and to your wife and children for all kinds of help and co-operation rendered to us, in order to make our visit a success.

We had the meeting and Bible class of the G.E.L.C. women at the Central level from 29th to 31st of October. In this meeting the officers of the Mahila Sabha (Kalisiya Mahila Sabha) were elected.

On 31st October Dr. K. Rajaratnam, the Executive Secretary of the UELCI arrived at Ranchi and 1st November, Bishop Jayseelan Jacob the President of the UELCI also came along with Mrs. Katakshama Paul Raj one of the members of the UELCI.

We had two very special programme with them :-

- (1) Laying on of the Foundation of Gossner College Building.
- (2) Meeting of the Promotional Committee.

We are very happy and thank God that we were able to perform both of these programmes successfully. The actual work of the building is expected to start from the 2nd week of January'92.

The Promotional Committee has decided that the (1) Peace Committee shall begin its work by visiting the divided congregations and establishing peace and unity (2) The New Structure Committee shall also start its work by framing new Constitution, which is to be finalised by June 1992.

Please convey our Greetings to your colleagues and family at home.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



( C.S.R. Topno )  
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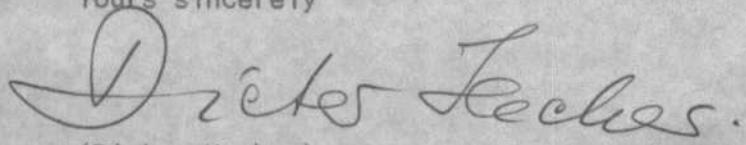
Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

This is to inform you that the Kuratorium of Gossner Mission will be formed new in January 1992. Therefore, we request the KSS of G.E.L. Church to nominate a delegate of G.E.L. Church for the Kuratorium as in previous years.

We will also elect German substitute for your delegate and would request you to make a proposal for this person.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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13th September 1991

Dear Brothers in Christ!

Thank you for your undated letter about the Gossner Mission Policy towards Gossner Church, which we received on the 12th September 1991.

You may permit me, that I am surprised about the method and the contents of this letter.

- 1.) We have always taken great care, that official letters are sent in the proper way. If the members of the Kuratorium addressed by members of the KSS, this should be done by the KSS as a whole or the Pramukh Adhyaksh. We would consider it as a very serious matter, if some members of our Kuratorium would send letters to the Pramukh Adhyaks or the KSS in policy matters in their own interest without discussing and passing it in the KSS properly. Therefore I shall definitely not discuss this letter officially in our Kuratorium.
- 2.) I see the main interest of your group to jeopardize the work of the Promotional Committee, which has been formed by U.E.L.C.I., G.E.L.C. and N.W.-G.E.L.C. The necessity of further talks has been accepted by the new KSS as far as we are informed and we do hope, that there will be progress in solving this conflict, which has so much paralysed also the sound relations between G.E.L.C. and Gossner Mission. Our Kuratorium is becoming tired of the fact, that since years we could only discuss matters of this conflict instead of going forward to substantial matters as the future improvement of partnership, a policy about financial relations. It is not a real good thing, just to continue in the same way for years without discussing new priorities, new projects and the problem of increasing the scale of self-support in fields like BEL, Amgaon to mention only two.  
*mit freundlichen Grüßen*
- 3.) You know exactly, I have spent much time for the G.E.L.Church: two services at Christ Church, a whole afternoon with the Acting Pramukh Rev. C.S.R. Topno at Kokar Mandeli, daily talks with Rev. S. Toppo and lunch together with the whole KSS-Office, while I only had lunch with our family and Mrs. Seeberg with Dr. and Mrs. Minz and was for tea for one hour with the N.W.G.E.L.Church people, where no negotiations took place, but general talks as I did much more with different members and office bearers of the G.E.L.C.

4.) About my visit to the Andaman Islands I can only say, that our visit was from 4th to 10th August. Since Rev. Barjo has seen, how much the congregations of the Andaman Islands felt isolated and neglected by the G.E.L.C., he decided to stay longer and must have thought it more important to be there than at the meeting of the KSS. This has nothing to do with my request in the interest not for myself, but for the congregations there.

*about supporting the Surya*

As for the other points, these are decisions of the Kuratorium. I am really very much disappointed to get such a letter from members of the KSS, trying to blame me for matters, which have to be solved in mutual negotiations. I doubt, if you will find anyone in future with so much care and sympathy for the G.E.L.Church in Gossner Mission again.

I therefore request you to solve the problems between G.E.L.Church and N.W.G.E.L.Church through the proper channels, i.e. The KSS and the Promotional Committee, which has been formed with the decision of the KSS. I am fully ready for cooperation with all concerned in the G.E.L.Church, but I expect, that this is done without false accusations and in the proper way which has been agreed to by the KSS and Gossner Mission.

With all good wishes for the life of G.E.L.Church and hoping for further good relations also with Gossner Mission, I remain,

Yours sincerely!

Rev. Dieter Hecker  
Director

Copy: Prof. Dr. Hans Grothaus, Chairman of the Kuratorium  
Rev. C.S.R. Topno, Pramukh Adhyaksh of G.E.L.C.  
Rev. Dr. Paul Singh, Director of Missionary of G.E.L.C.

# Gossner Mission



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To the

Pramukh Adhyaksh

G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam

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- Zambia -32
- Öffentlichkeit -35
- Gemeindedienst -34
- Buchhaltung -33/78
- Zentrale (BMW) -0

Berlin, 28. August 1991

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

I hope, that this letter will reach you before you leave Ranchi for Germany. It was a pity indeed, that we could not meet before our going to the Andaman islands, but I fully understand and appreciate, that your programme to Assam had priority.

I was really glad, that we could manage this time to go to Port Blair and Friso was also very much impressed. They have invited him already again and want to look for a "Dulhin" next time he will come! Rev. Barjo will also tell you, if he will be back before your departure. Fortunately he has agreed to remain for about four weeks instead of one week only, once he is there. We can discuss about this at your visit here. I think, it was good for the congregations there, that the Adhyaksh has come and they got the first visitors from Gossner Mission in the history of the G.-E.L. Church on the Andamans. I shall try to write a report with some essential informations about the Andamans and the congregations there, which you might also use for the information of G.E.L. Church people, since there does not seem to be any written material.

I was very much disappointed to hear about the fact, that there has been no promotional committee so far. I heard, that a date had been put for the 28th August (today) and I do hope, that it could be implemented. We are looking forward to hearing from you again. It would be a great pity, if the dialogue, which has begun would break again, because it will always be more difficult to take it up again later.

We are planning your programme in Germany with parts in the West and certain parts in Berlin-Brandenburg / East. We are looking forward to having you soon with us.

With all good wishes and a warm Yishu Sahay I remain  
Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)

Director

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
C.S.R. Topno  
GEL Church - KSS Office

Ranchi 834 001  
Bihar / INDIA

5.7.1991

Dear Rev. Topno,

today we received your letter dated 19.6.91. to Dr. Grothaus. We are very sorry, but there was no letter from the Secretary Assam Christian College Association enclosed. Please send the complete letters once more directly to: Dr. Hans Grothaus, Norderlück 28, W-2390 Flensburg.

With kind regards and many greetings from the members of Gossner Mission,

Yours sincerely,

*Barbara Pohl*

(Barbara Pohl)  
Secretary

Herrn  
Hans Grothaus

Berlin, den 5. Juli 1991

Lieber Herr Grothaus,

den beiliegenden an Sie gerichteten Brief hat Herr Hecker geöffnet und festgestellt, daß der Brief vom Secretary Assam nicht dabeilag. Daraufhin habe ich an den Pramukh geschrieben mit der Bitte, Ihnen den kompletten Schriftverkehr nochmals direkt zuzusenden.

Wir wünschen Ihnen und Ihrer Frau eine schöne Sommerzeit.

Viele Grüße aus Berlin  
Ihre

Jacob Pohl

## प्रतिलिपि ।

संवाद में

श्रीमन् अंचल अध्यक्ष साहब

जी० ई० एल० चंद्र० नौरी वेस्ट अंचल । राँची

विषय - नौरी वेस्ट जी० ई० एल० चंद्र० को क्वा एल० ई० शाई० के  
कारा अस्पायी मान्यता दिए जाने के सम्बन्ध में  
आपनि पत्र ।

महाशय,

दिनांक १७.१२.८९ से २१.१२.८९ को मिलाप की सेवा  
रुवाम् शन्देश समिति की बैठक में शुभला इलाका  
के सदस्यों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया जानेवाला प्रस्ताव ।

I गोस्खनर एवं लिंकल लूपरान कलिङ्गा जल से  
आमंपालित रुप स्वरूपित है, तब से अब तक  
थवावत है। गोस्खनर एवं लिंकल लूपरान कलिङ्गा  
से कारणवज्ञ निकली हुई उत्तरी-पश्चिमी गोस्खनर  
एवं लिंकल लूपरान कलिङ्गा कहलाती है।

II कि डॉ० निर्मल मिंज द्वारा अपनी जातीय संस्था  
हेतु उत्तरी-पश्चिमी गोस्खनर एवं लिंकल लूपरान  
कलिङ्गा के रूप में मान्यता के लिए गोस्खनर-  
मिशन अमृती के पास आवेदन किया था। किंतु  
माह नवंबर १९८९ के व्यवरूप में स्पष्ट तौर पर  
उल्लिखित है कि ठाको जातिगत कलिङ्गा का  
स्वीकृति नहीं दी गई है।

III हम आरम्भ की से कुक एम्बु में एक ही फुटप्लेट  
पर्टी भारु है। हो आनी कलिङ्गा को एवं इलाकर  
उत्तरी-पश्चिमी डॉ० ई० एल० चंद्र० शुभला इलाका के  
रूप में अलाग दरवाना स्वीकृति नहीं है। हमारे  
जी० ई० एल० चंद्र० शुभला इलाका में सिर्फ उसी जाति  
के लोग ही नहीं रहते हैं परन्तु लिमिन जाति

विभिन्न जाति के भाई-बहन गोस्खनर रखने वाले कल्प  
शुपरोन कलिङ्गा के सदस्य हैं। गोस्खनर नमश्नने का  
बहुधा है कि छू० छू० सी० छाई० के निष्ठाधनुसार उनका  
पञ्चिमी अंधल के साथ मेल-मिलाप करना है।  
हमलोग जी० ई० पर्व शुश्रावा इलाका हैकरा एक ही  
गोस्खनर नीचे ई० राल० पर्व शुश्रावा इलाका नामपर  
मेल-मिलाप पाहते हैं।

IV - हमारे अंधल के दुकड़े दृश्य ले हैं आविक शारीरिक  
कार्यिक दृश्य, कलिङ्गार्ड रूप में हानि तो उनकी  
ही पड़गी योकि इस बात को मान्यता देने के  
समय शम्भूरता से नहीं लिया जाया, खाच ही हमारी  
दृश्याओं को दिया दिया जाय। यदि इसका ख्याल किया  
जाता तो छू० ई० सी० छाई० में मान्यता देने के पूर्व  
हमारे भावनाओं को ध्यान में रखा जाता।

V - हम उत्तरी पञ्चिमी अंधल जी० ई० राल० पर्व शुश्रावा  
इलाका के भाई-बहन भर्तरशमाति से कहते हैं कि  
इक ही जाति की कलिङ्गा, कहाँ भी इस दृश्य नियंत्रण के  
कानून में नहीं है। इसलिए जोधपुर रेस्ट जी० ई० छू०  
पर्व की मान्यता को समाप्त किया जाय। डॉ० निर्मल  
मिंग के द्वारा उपनालिकरण ग्रन्थ विष्वमित्रियाति तथा  
नेष्ठूप्रेमता, खाच ही खाच कलिङ्गार्ड जाति को दुरू  
किया जाय।

निवेदन है कि हमारी कलिङ्गा के लिये अदिति  
यह कदापि प्रयत्न न करें कि किरी भी शरीरस्थिति  
में हमारी कलिङ्गा का दुकड़ा ~~मूर्दे~~ हो।

—डाँग जमता—

अंत पुनः अनुसूदा किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त  
लिखित लोकों को महानगर रखते हुए कलिष्मा की  
भलाई के लिए उद्धित कार्य सम्पन्न किया जाता है।

प्रतिलिपि :-

माननीय वेयरमैन ॥ मिस्टर ग्रोट हास्स  
गोसरर मिशन बेलिन पछियी जर्मनी को  
सूचनार्थ एवं आव्यक कार्यवाई हेतु  
प्रेषित ।

भाषा का विवरण भाषा

जी-इ-हल-वर्द-गुला  
डलाला उत्तरी पर्वती जंगल  
जी-हर-राज-वर्द-इन होलानाथ  
माद लासाग्ने-माद-लहन ।

दूरन्त लाला

भेदली वा लाला ।

राहिल दुजूर  
सोहिली जो उचूर  
बाली उल  
जुलिप्पा तुला  
अबाल उल  
जीलग लक्ष्मी  
जाकरियाबदी  
गालिल उपा  
तरका लकड़ी  
लिलदस लिंग  
मुलाहा उद्दूर  
जी-हर वला  
महानन उक्का  
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पत्तायाली मंडली IV

मुख्य नदी

मात्रारकमांडी

मेल्ली नदी

फुलचंद्र नदी

स्वेदन नदी

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कुल्ली नदी

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 रेण लेला  
 दुन्हा केला  
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 वेळेना हारा  
 रातीपला  
 शिलाना फाला  
 जिवानी लाला  
 मादला भिं  
 राम रामराम  
 महादेवी भिं  
 मीमारन रवलरा  
 Sevani kulla  
 रारोज रवलारा  
 निर्गीला रवलारा  
 Loden kujur  
 प्रांगी रोला  
 काला रोला  
 शुरां भ्रष्ट  
 Jagdishkujur  
 Samuel Sutur  
 Daniel Tice  
 Ahreshanikampi  
 Faust Klobuk  
 Nikas Kiro  
 e lekgum

द्विलक्षणा राजला  
 जी द्विलक्षणा दाता गुमला  
 डारहोला गुमला  
 राजद्वारा गुमला  
 भिसन दाता  
 करमा टोला  
 रामद्वारा  
 जिसन दाता  
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 उमद्वारा  
 नासा परा  
 लान्दपूर  
 D.S.P. Ram द्वारा  
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नोटिस

राज्य, राजीव देवीय विकास प्राधिकार, रायो ।

मुद्रणमा में योग्यता- 182/७४

नोटिस बनाम - राज्य राजीव देवीय विकास प्राधिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 39/N तथा 54/।।

बिहार राजीव देवीय विकास प्राधिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 39/N तथा 54/।।  
के अन्तर्गत नोटिस ।

ध्वनिरेख नोटिस आपको आगाह दिया जाता है कि आपके द्वारा बिहार

राजीव देवीय विकास प्राधिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 36 के प्रावधान का उल्लंघन

कर दिया राजीव देवीय विकास प्राधिकार से नकारा स्थीकृत करार प्राप्त

है।

का नियमित दिया जा रहा है ।

आपको उक्त अधिनियम को पारा 39/।। के अधीन आदेश दिया जाता है कि उक्त उक्त नियमित कार्य को बंद कर दें ।

आपको यह भी आदेश दिया जाता है कि दिनांक- १४-५-१९७९ तक राज्य विकास प्राधिकार रूप से कारण द्वारा कि क्यों नहीं अधिनियम को पारा 54/।। के अनुसार अप्राप्त आपके द्वारा किए गए अनाधिकृत नियमित को टाढ़ने का आदेश दिया जाय ।

उपरांकित ।

मुद्रणमा

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## Shopping Complex

Under Section 79012 R.R.D.R.R.  
R.R.D.R.

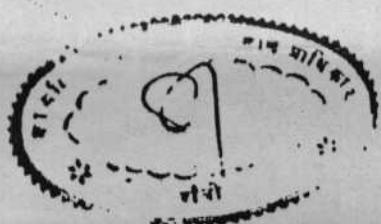
introducing the person - Recd. Martin Tele  
Signature - 182/183

Address - G. E. L. Ranchi Compound  
Date of protection - 30-11-28  
Place of occurrence -

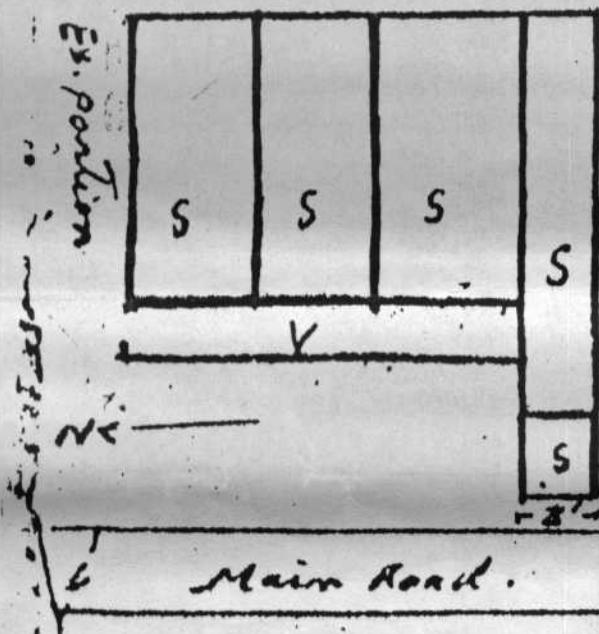
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S. village -

4. Village work or. by G. E. Lichner  
5. Local visitors - & compound houses  
7. Detail of construction. The above named

perior is constructing  
a commercial building  
(Three stories) without  
any permit. Please  
give him notice without  
taking prior permission  
from the U.C.R.A.D.T.



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50° but on my command the  
facilitate produce the same.  
The walls are being  
constructed with brick  
clay and lime mortar.  
And roofing thatched stone  
with lime. Further  
works are in progress.

5th December 1885

नोटिस

शार्पिंग, रायपुर देवीय विकास प्रापिकार, रायपुर ।

मुख्यमान नोटिस 31/४९,

नोटिस बनाया - देवीय विकास प्रापिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 36 के प्रावधान का अनुसार  
देवीय विकास प्रापिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 39/11 पारा 54/11

अनाधिक नोटिस ।

जरिए नोटिस आपको आगाह किया जाता है कि आपके द्वारा विवाह  
देवीय विकास प्रापिकार अधिनियम 1982 को पारा 36 के प्रावधान का अनुसार  
मर विकास रायपुर देवीय विकास प्रापिकार से नियमानुसार करार प्राप्त

नोटिस द्वारा देवीय विकास प्रापिकार से नियमानुसार करार प्राप्त

मेरे अधिक पर्याप्त अनाधिक रूप से (31/४९) द्वारा देवीय विकास प्रापिकार  
नियमित

मर नियमित किया जा रहा है ।

आ: आपको उक्त अधिनियम को पारा 39/11 के अधीन आदेश दिया जाता  
है कि उक्त अधिनियम का अधीन आदेश दिया जाता

आपको यह भी आदेश दिया जाता है कि दिनांक- ४-५-८७ रायपुर  
लिखित रूप से कारण दर्शायि कि व्यापों नहीं अधिनियम को पारा 54/11 के अनुसार  
अधिक आपके द्वारा किस गर अनाधिकृत नियमित को दावने का आदेश दिया जाय ।

मेरे अधीन  
म-132

2009  
23-5-83

Shosha Hostel

15. under Section 37 of the P.R.P.A

112 of the P.R.P.A

date - 31/89

Officer, the person - H. S. Martin Telt.  
Father's name -

Address - C/o Sri Roshan Lal

Address - G. E. L. Church - Bhakti  
Compound, Momin Rd. Ramch.

Date of election - 22-2-89

place of residence -

(A) / 21 No. M.S. post office No. 0793  
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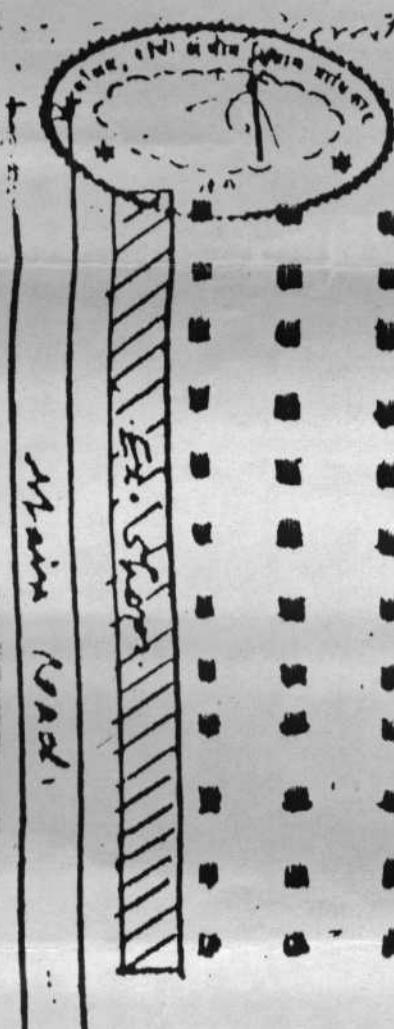
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Ref 434/91/KSS - 78

Date 3rd.July, 1991

To  
Rev. D. Hecker  
Director, Gossner Mission  
Handjerystr. 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41(Friedenau)



Dear Rev. Hecker,

Many thanks for the bank draft which we received just now, when I was thinking to write to you.

Well it is noted with joy that you will be arriving here on 28th July, accompanied by Mrs. Hecker and Mrs. Seeberg. As you have not mentioned anything about Mr. Friso, I do not know as to what happened of the previous plan. I am sorry to say that I have not yet got any news from Rev. Issac Dungdung of GEL Church Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Now for your information it is to say that due to the repeated request of Assam Anchal. I will leave for TEZPUR, ASSAM on the 25th July and on 28th July Sunday there will be an ordination of Candt. Niral Bhuinya, probably at GEL Church Baithabhang. The Secretary in consultation with the Adhyaksh Assam Anchal has made a programme upto August 3 for me. I have also already got my flight ticket for Assam from there I will straightway take flight for MADRAS on the 4th August, and stay there attending different meetings till the 8th August. Hence I will be back in Ranchi only on 9th August 1991. Now as your plan of Ranchi visit

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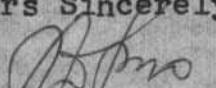
is also quite certain, please inform us about your stay in Ranchi. I mean how long will you be staying here. If this will be clear we will be able to make programmes for your people. We had the K.S.S. meeting from June 16 upto 19. As you know there are still problems in the Anchals inspite of our efforts to solve them.

The meeting of the promotional committee was also scheduled to be held on July 18 and 19 (dates were jointly fixed by Bp. Jayaseelan Jacob, President UELCI, Dr. N. Minz and myself) but was postponed by Bp. Jayseelan stating his inability to attend it. In this way not even a single meeting could be held so far inspite of our willingness to sit and talk together. The Building project of the Gossner College is in progress and we hope that the foundation stone may be laid on next Nov. 1, when the college will have attained its 20 years of service.

Please convey our Greetings to Mrs. Hecker, Mrs. Seeberg, Friso and to all the members of staff in the office of Gossner Mission.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
( C.S.R. Topno )  
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Date 4 - 7 - 1991

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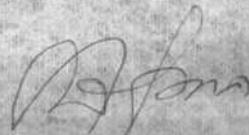
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21st June, 1991

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

Thank you for your letter dated 12th June 1991 with the information about your travels and our plans to visit India.

Friso and I have got an endorsement in our passport to Port Blair, which will include at least the central Andaman Island. So there is no need for further activities in this respect from your side. We have booked flights from Calcutta to Port Blair on the 5th and return on the 10th already as you can see from the list included in this letter. We would appreciate very much if a member of the G.E.L. Church from Ranchi or the South-East Anchal could come with us and use this opportunity to visit the congregations in the Andamans. As I told you already, Gossner Mission could bear the flight expenses for such a person. I think the pastor(s) and the congregations there would be glad about such a visit.

We have noted the timing of your visit and look forward to have such a big group with us here. We have tried to find out the fastest way of transfer of the Rs 95.000,-. We have ordered a bank draft in Rupees from the Frankfurt Branch of the State Bank of India. It is on the way from there and we hope, we can dispatch the same within the next few days. We do hope, that you will get it encashed immediately.

Looking forward to meeting you soon in Ranchi and later here in Germany, I remain with all good wishes and Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely!

(Dieter Hecker)  
Direktor

*Enclosure*

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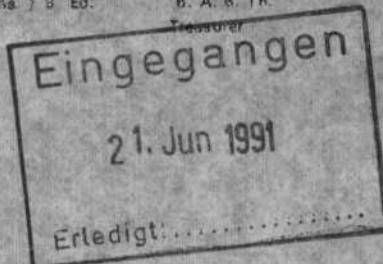
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Ref 379/91/KSS - 78

Date 12th. June, 1991

To  
Rev. D. Hecker  
Director, G.M.  
Handjerystr. 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)



Dear Rev. Hecker,

Many thanks for your letters of 14th and 15th May.  
I thank you very much also for the invitations received earlier  
for four of us.

We are glad to know that you will be here at Ranchi in  
July with Mrs. Hecker, Friso and Mrs. Seeberg. As far as my infor-  
mation is concerned Dr. Willibald Jacob tried to visit Andamans  
but he was not permitted. However, I have sent a letter to  
Rev. Issac Dungdung in order to seek the possibilities for visit  
of you people. I will let you know after I have received the  
information from him.

Now in order to plan for our travel we met and all of us  
would travel together and the dates are as follows :-

- (a) September 2, to start from Ranchi.
- (b) September 4 - to start from New Delhi.
- (c) October 22 - to start from Germany either Berlin or  
Frankfurt.

In case of urgency there may be a slight change, however  
we would stick or to be present at the meeting of the Kuratorium  
and also for Seminar on the Jharkhand problem in East Berlin.

With regard to our travel expenses we require about  
Rs 95000/- (Rupees ninety five thousand only). We could be really  
very thankful of the amount be sent immediately.

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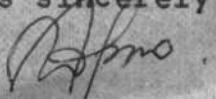
I am sorry to let you know, that the meeting of the Promotional Committee could not yet be held due to the non-availability of the UELCI representatives.

There will be the meeting of the KSS during June, 15 and 19, this time.

Please convey our Greetings to Mrs. Hecker, Paulus and Friso and also to the fellow-members of your staff in the Gossner Mission office.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
( C.S.R. Topno )  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

*Copy: Same letter to Rev.  
CSR. Topno + Dr. Paul Singh.*

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*Berlin, den 15. Mai 1991*

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno, dear Dr. Paul Singh!

We have sent the invitations for the visitors already in March this year and hope, that they have arrived at your office. Now the plans for the Kuratorium have been changed for one week. The meeting will now be on the 18 - 19th October instead of one week earlier as it was originally planned. We would therefore request you, to arrange the date for the visitors accordingly. Since the Indienarbeitskreis in East Berlin has planned a seminar on the Jharkhand problem on the 14th September and we have fixed a meeting of the Indienausschuß on the 16th September and a week's programme at Ostfriesland after that, it would be very good, if you could arrive before that. If all the four persons cannot come that long, two might come earlier. I think Dr. Paul Singh and yourself should be at the meeting of the Kuratorium in any case. Please let us know, if the timing is suitable for all of you, so that we can plan accordingly.

We are all still very busy with negotiations about the bringing together the two branches of Gossner Mission in East and West. It is a lot of work planning the details of assigning new responsibilities in the combined office, which will most probably look like that:

From the Western side:

One full person: Director;  
one full person: India-Secretary;  
one full person: Zambia Secretary (for the projects of East and West);  
one person for publications;  
one part time person for Nepal.

From Gossner Mission East we shall have the following:

One person for "Solidaritätsdienste";  
two persons for: UIM-work as in Mainz, but with a special focus on the situation of rapid changes in the former GDR.

The question of the relationships between the G.E.L. Church and the EKiBB (East) is not yet finally decided, but it seems, that the wish of G.E.L. Church to do this through Gossner Mission will be accepted.

We are looking now for new rooms for our joint office, because BMW will move with the whole new institution formed out of BMW and ÖMZ into our house in July already, so that we will have to vacate our floor sooner or later, and for a staff, which is double the present number neither the new office of Gossner Mission East nor ours would be sufficient. This will be quite difficult, since the rents have gone up considerably, since it is known, that Berlin will be the new German capital.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain with all good wishes and a warm Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)

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March 26, 1991

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

We have put together a number of letters for you and Dr. Paul Singh in this envelope. Please hand over the letters to Dr. Singh.

As for the invitations we have given a longer time for the visa than there is actually required for their visit. Please check them if the dates are correct otherwise we will issue new ones. There will be time enough for that till September.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

Enclosures

- 3 photos of LMCI, Madras
- Report of India Journey
- Invitation letters for C.S.R. Topno, Dr. Paul Singh, Miss Kandulna, Mrs. Guria in duplicate
- 3 letters
- 1 letter for Dr. Paul Singh

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March 25, 1991

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

First of all, I want to thank you once more for your kind hospitality during my visit to India.

I have been very busy since my return with meetings and other activities.

I include in this letter a number of different items:

- 1.) An information about our last remittance after my return to Germany.
- 2.) Some pictures from LMCI in Madras.
- 3.) My Report on the visit to India in German. You will understand most of it. Otherwise you may have a joint session with anyone of your two German speaking neighbours in your "Doppelhaus".
- 4.) The invitation for four persons to Germany. We have given two months on it. We would be very much interested if the arrival could be up to September 12th, 1991 and the departure not before October 14th, 1991, since we have programs fixed already from September 14th - 23rd, 1991, including Indienausschuß and our Kuratorium will be from October 10th -12th, 1991. There will be also much interest for a program in the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, which we also will coordinate from here with Rev. Schülzgen.
- 5.) As for future remittances, I have just heared from the Leipzig Mission people at Hildesheim, that they use Rupee-Cheques drawn on the State Bank of India in Frankfurt. This is the fastest and most reliable way according to their experience. We shall try this also with our next transfer. Please inform us about the time it takes to get this cheque encashed in Ranchi then.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon again, I remain

with best regards and Yishu sahai

Yours sincerley

Rev. Dieter Hecker  
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c.c. Rev. Eckardt Schülzgen

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March 25, 1991

Ref.: Visit of Dr. Ulrich Beyer from the Church Council of the Westfalian Church in Bielefeld from September 8th to 10th, 1991, in Ranchi

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

I just got the information, that Rev. Dr. Ulrich Beyer, a member of the Church Council (Kirchenleitung) of the Church of Westfalia will come to India on his way back from Indonesia. He has spared two days for Ranchi from 8th to the 10th coming from Calcutta and leaving again by flight to Calcutta. It would be good, if you could make the best use of this really short time, so that he might get an impression of both G.E.L.Church and N.W.G.E.L.Church. Please contact Dr. Minz to coordinate the program for him.

Dr. Beyer has been teaching for several years at a Theological College in Indonesia and is now responsible for the Ecumenical Relationships in the Church of Westfalia. Since Dr. von Stieglitz, who is still member of our Kuratorium, has retired from his fulltime church service, Dr. Beyer is now our contact person to the Church Council of Westfalia. He might be also the delegated member of the Church in Westfalia in our Kuratorium after Dr. von Stieglitz. He met the late Rev. Tete and Dr. Minz last year in February at Bielefeld.

We are glad, that Dr. Beyer can manage to find time even for a short visit to Ranchi and we are quite confident, that this visit will strengthen the relationship with the Christians in Chotanagpur and the Church in Westfalia. Please do note the date of his visit. Details can be made out later with him directly.

With all good wishes and a warm Yishu Sahay

I remain,

Yours sincerely

Dieter Hecker, Rev.  
Director

c.c. Rev. Dr. Ulrich Beyer  
Altstädter Kirchplatz 5  
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Date 25th Jan. 91

To  
Pastor D. Hecker  
Director  
Gossner Mission  
Berlin.

Dear brother in chirst,

Greetings to you in Jesus name.

Many thanks for your letters dated Dec. 15 and 20. As you are now preparing to come down to India. please be informed that we have arranged the following programmes in Feb. 1991 -

- (1) Feb. 19-24 Pastors Refresher Class
- (2) Feb. 25-27 KSS meeting.

We do hope that you can be with us here in Ranchi during Pastors Refresher Class.

As you will be here for a short time, I have not prepared any programme for you however, if you can visit the TTC Fudi on 16th Feb. and Amgaon Hospital sometime between 13th & 15th Feb. would be highly appreciated.

Move when we meet with New years Greetings.

C.C: Secretary T. TTC Fudi  
Dr. Hora, Amgaon.

Yours sincerely,

Pramukh Adhyaksh

PS - I have also  
received your letter  
of the 3rd Jan. 91.

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To  
Pastor D. Hecker  
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Gossner Mission  
Berlin.

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings to you in Jesus name.

Many thanks for your letter referred recd. 15 Aug  
20. We are at present preparing to come down to India.  
Please be informed that we have arranged the following  
programme in 1931 -

(1) Sep. 18-24 before Lenten class

(2) Sep. 25-31 1931 meeting.

We do hope that you can be with us here in

Rangoon during Lenten Lenten class.

As you will be here for a short time, I have  
not prepared such programme for you however, if you can  
visit the ILC Library on 10th Sep. and Amazon Hospital  
sometime between 13th-15th Sep. would be highly appropriate  
class.

More news as soon as meet with new class.

Yours sincerely,

Bismarck Schaefer

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4. Dez. 1990

Date 8-11-90

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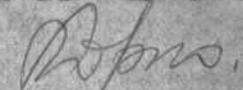
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**Suggested subjects for the intercessor prayer for Gossner  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam to be  
Offered In the Evangelical Church of Berlin- Brandenburg.**

**1. For the Country :-**

**(a) Internal problems :-**

India is a secular democratic country. In the Government there are various political parties (with different ideal, social and religious background) ruling in different states and the centre. Hence at present there is a great un-certainty and fear of instability.

Therefore please pray for the political stability of the country so that we christians especially in this part of our country may live and work so as to give our positive contribution towards peace and unity in the country.

**(b) External problems :-**

India is a sub-continent, surrounded by many small countries of different political and religious background more or less identical to that of our in the country. So even the small incidents lead to greater disaster (e.g. like that of Kashmir and Panjab) in which we as christians, are to be affected, as Indian citizens.

"Therefore pray for us that we may live with the neighbouring countries peacefully".

**2. For the Church**

**(a) Election :-**

Inspite of various difficulties and hurdles, the elections in the church have been completed and the new K.S.S. has been formed with the elections of the new officers and the church-leaders includings members for various committees for the term 1990-93

"Hence we request you to pray for the newly elected ones, so that they may be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve the church for Lord's Glory faithfully".

**(b) Unrest (Unrule) in the Church :-**

Due to elections administration and various other reasons in the term 1987-90, there have been unrests and even conflicts in various part and units of our church.

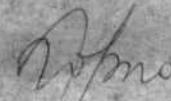
This is still continuing and is increasing towards a possible greater disturbance in the church.

"Therefore pray for the church members and leaders that the Holy Spirit may work for better understanding towards peace and unity in the church".

**(c) Schism (Splitting) in the Church :-**

This is long standing problems of our church. A group of Christians of our church have separated themselves with a new name North Western Gossner Evangelical Church, but are still clinging for certain rights and profits. Thus various church units, congregations and families have been divided. The United Evangelical Churches in India (UELCI) has been requested to take initiative towards mediation.

"Therefore we request to kindly pray that the negotiations may be fruitful for our church and Society".



(Rev.C.S.R.Topno)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

# Gossner Mission



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1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
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## Airmail

To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur  
and Assam  
G.E.L.C.-Compound  
Ranchi-834001-  
India

- Indien
- Nepal
- Zambia
- Öffentlichkeit
- Gemeindedienst
- Verwaltung

Berlin, den 04.10.89

Dear Rev. Tete,

Thank you very much for your letter dated June 24th, 1989, addressed to Director Hecker. As Rev. Hecker is sick and hospitalized I have to write this letter on behalf of Gossner Mission.

Gossner Mission read with interest the report of the meeting at Madras. We hope and pray that the steps and decisions taken at the meeting (dated April 27th-28th, 1989 at Madras) shall be agreeable to all concerned and may bring absolute peace and understanding in the GELC with the co-operation of the UELCI.

Certainly now the function of KSS is urgent to make the decision of Madras workable.

As I am going to visit the United Mission of Nepal and will have programs in Gurukul-College/Madras, I have also received an invitation to Amgaon during Christmas, Gossner Mission thus suggests that I should take the opportunity to receive detailed information to Gossner Mission to a better understanding of the situation.

Prof. Dr. Hans Grothaus

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Eingegangen

26. Jun 1990

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rev c.s.r. topno elected acting pramukh adhyaksh of g.e.t church  
address your letter in his name

rev s mohan m.g office superintendent

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Ref.No. 59/90/SEA.

Eingegangen

Dated 5th June 90

To,

Dr. Hans Grothaus, Chairman

Gessner Mission Kuratorium

19. Jun 1990

Erledigt

Dear Sir,

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

I on behalf of the South East Anchals extend my hearty thanks to you for your letter, dated the 29th January, 1990, which was addressed to Rev. Martin Tete the Pramukh Adhyaksh with copies to the Adhyakshas. Some how, I could not write you earlier and hence, I beg for excuse.

While Rev. Tete seems to have been annoyed or at least displeased through your letter (as it is seen in his response to that of yours), We were pleased to go through the contents of your letter. This actually represents our ideas and expectations for the better future of the Church.

However, It is really painful to see that Rev. Tete never bothers to convene any meeting whatsoever; (either it is suggested by you people from Gessner Mission or ever from the persons of G.E.L.Church, inspite of his commitment to call the K.S.S. meeting, once in July, 1988, and another time in Nov. 1989, he also overlooked his commitment to convene the Pastors' Refresher Class in May 1989, and the Kalisiya Sangh meeting in meeting in October 1989).

Now may I give you two more informations of the present situation :-

1. The lay-men members of the informal committee, when they knew that Rev. Tete is not convening any meeting, they filed an injunction suit against him, in the Munsif Court of Ranchi, which has now been rejected by the Court. But the lay-men have appealed in the High Court.

2. Rev. Tete has filed a defamatory case against the Officers of the South East Anchal. In February 1990, we have published an Anchal magazine by name Samachar Darpan' (News bulletin). This is an half yearly magazine of the Anchal. In this issue, facts about the Church-land at Purulia have been very clearly mentioned. At this point it is to be noted that a major portion of the Church land

at Purulia was being sold to a Marwari (business Man) by taking a huge amount as its price by Rev.Tete. It is also reported that the local partner and Rev.Tete intended also to make a good amount of black money in the process of sale of the land. This was however vehemently opposed by the local Christians, who succeeded in cancelling the sale agreement. This would not have been published, if Rev.Tete would not have neglected his appointments to us on Dec. 5 & 11, 1989. For, in that case the matter would have been discussed and clarified.

In this way the G.E.L.Churh has now become a battle field. It will therefore be highly appreciated, if you people from Gossner Mission would interfere and try to establish peace and unity in the Church. For this is required for the welfare of the Church.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

*Rs/Pro* 5/6/90  
(Rev.C.S.R.Tepno)

Adhyaksh

South East Anchal G.E.L.  
Church Kadma, Khunti.

S. E. ANCHAL

G.E.L. CHURCH, KADMA

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Copy to Rev. Dieter Hecker

Director G.M.

" " Rev. Gottfried Rieger, Chairman India Committee.

" " Rev. Dr. Singh G.E.L. Church member in Kuratorium

" " Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Executive Secretary UELCI MADRAS.

To the  
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - INDIA

Berlin, 1st September 1990

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

Dr. Paul Singh has arrived safely in Germany and is now for two weeks in GDR. In a few months there will be no GDR any more, but still I think the churches will not merge so fast and we also do not know, how our future will be, because Berliner Missionswerk will most probably have to cooperate closer or to merge with Ökumenisch Missionarischem Zentrum in Georgenkirchstraße/GDR. We will have some closer cooperation with Gossner Mission in GDR. You should think and give your opinion, how you would like to channelize the contacts to the reunited church in Berlin Brandenburg (GDR and West Berlin) in future: either through Gossner Mission or through a new department in (the new united) BMW. Dr. Singh will certainly report about the whole issue after his return to India.

Please excuse me, that I have written so much about our things before coming to the situation in GELC. We are naturally deeply concerned about the development after the sudden death of Rev. Martin Tete. We could not imagine these complications before we heard about it. We really gave way you, that these matters can be sorted out clearly and the impact on the community of the church be reduced again. We are glad, that you could come out of the custody after a few days again. We do hope, that the elections, which are going on now, will bring a clear result on no further conflicts.

We are sorry, that the two ladies could not come along with Dr. Paul Singh. There was apparently a misunderstanding about the finances. We were prepared to give the finances for the travel costs. We only were negotiating, if the church in GDR could also have a share. I think, the best will be, that we plan a programme for next year now.

We remember you in our prayers and do hope, that you can cope with all difficulties facing you and the church as a whole. Please give our good wishes and regards also to the other officers in the KSS-Office and the new KSS.

I greet you with a cordial Yishu Sahay!

*Dieter Hecker,*

((Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director



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Rev. Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
( President )

Ref 818 /90/KSS - 78

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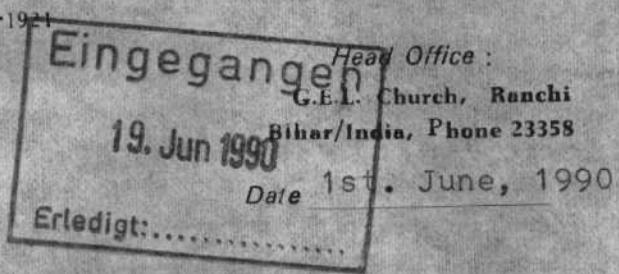
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With all good wishes,

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(XXXXXX)

Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
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963/90/KSS - 78

Head Office :

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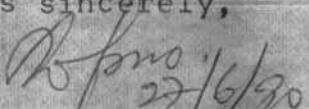
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Rev. Martin Tete. As I was informed that the birth date of  
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the letter just having corrected the birth date.

I hope, this will suffice your requirement. Now, as you  
have already been informed by the Rev. S.Mohan M.G., that  
I have been acting as Pramukh Adhyaksh since 21.6.1990.

Please do remember me in your prayers, so that I, a  
feeble and <sup>unwary</sup> <sup>unratty</sup> servant of the Lord, may be strengthened  
to shoulder the responsibilities and may be able to fulfil  
the new assignments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
27/6/90  
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Encl: as indicated

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
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Rev. C.S.R. Topno  
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July 9, 1990

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno!

Through a telex of Rev. S. Mohan we have been informed that you have been elected Acting Pramukh of G.E.L.Church. We want to wish you God's blessing for this difficult task, which is lying before you. We know that it will be not easy for you to face all the difficulties after the conflicts and the unconstitutional situation during the time of the late Pramukh Adhyaksh of Rev. Martin Tete.

We shall hear more about the present situation in the church soon from Dr. Singh, when he will come in August/September for his visit to Germany. We are now in closer cooperation with Gossner Mission/GDR and with Rev. E. Schülzgen from the Konsistorium of Berlin-Brandenburg/GDR. There are plans for a merger of two churches of Berlin-West and Berlin-Brandenburg/GDR in the coming years.

I think after the elections in the G.E.L.Church, it will be good, if the Pramukh Adhyaksh will think of a visit to Germany next year to get an own picture of the changes, which will also affect Gossner Mission and its relationship to G.E.L.Church.

I am not yet fully recovered from my chronical disease, but working halftime at present. My plans for a visit to India can be discussed with Dr. Singh. I would like to come to the UELCI meeting in Madras next February and would also come to Chotonagpur then. I do not know, if there is any urgency to come earlier already at the end of this year.

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Rev. Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
( President )

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22. Mai 1990

Erledigt:.....

Head Office :

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

Date 10th May, 1990

The Rev. D. Hecker  
Gossner Mission

The Rt. Rev. Jayasilan Jacob  
President, UELCI

Mr. Uttam Kumar  
Joint Secretary, UELCI.

Dear friends,

Please find minutes of Promotional  
Committee/UELCI meeting held on 27-4-90.  
Please pray for us.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

MINUTES OF THE PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT LAL BUNGLOW ON 27 + 4 - 1990 AT 8:30 A. M.

1. Opening Prayer :

The meeting started with award of prayer by Rev. M. Tete  
Pranukh Adhyaksh, and the meeting was also chaired by him.

2. Roll Call :

Bishop Jayashilan Jacob President UELCI and Mr. Uttam  
Kumar, Joint Secretary UELCI were not invited for this meeting.  
Hence they were not present for this meeting.

Members Present : -

1. Members of the Promotional Committee :

1. Rev. M. Tete
2. Rev. Obed Topo
3. Mr. C.S. Tigga
4. Miss. Helen Bhengra
5. Bishop Dr. N. Minz
6. Rev. Niranjan Ekka
7. Mr. Mukut Ekka
8. Mr. Dhiraj Lakra

Absentee :

9. Rev. John Dang - No apology was received.

2. Nominees for consultation : -

1. Rev. J.M. Minz
2. Mr. Bardan Ekka
3. Mr. Bishram Minz
4. Rev. Titus Kispetta

Members absent :

5. Rev. Manohar Barje - apology received
6. Mr. Nistar Topno - No apology received
7. Rev. Elias Surin - No apology received
8. Mr. Anmol Topo - apology received
9. Rev. Nirdes Lakra - No apology was received

3. Proceedings :

Rev. M. Tete welcome the consultants present and read  
the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th March 1990 and  
made a brief Report of the matters discussed during last  
meeting to high light some of the main points for the consul-  
tants present for the first time.

For Agenda for this meeting Bishop Dr. N. Minz suggested that it would be better to proceed along the mandate of the Executive Committee meeting of the UELCI. It was agenda, and, therefore, Bishop Dr. N. Minz read the resolution of the Executive Committee meeting of the UELCI held on 27 - 28 April 1969 and proposed that the committee may proceed on the lines of the proposal which says, " Towards achieving unity of the Two Groups as Gossner Community and take concrete steps . . . ."

On this Rev. M. Tete reported that the formation of the Construction Committee of the Gossner College, and the acceptance of the Draft of " The Trust for Gossner College " are the steps taken towards unity of the two groups.

At this Rev. Obed Ioppe spoke about the divided congregations and expressed his concern for taking concrete steps towards unity of the divided congregations. Rev. J.M. Minz spoke about court case in his congregation.

Summing up all the points of concern expressed by other members Rev. M. Tete suggested that in order to bring unity in the divided congregations and in both the groups it is essential to create congenial atmosphere in the congregations of both the groups.

Dr. N. Minz said that both the groups have worked for congenial atmosphere in the church. The agreement made by both the groups for the construction of the Girl's K.N.H. Hostel at Gumla is another step towards achieving unity.

The points of differences causing division in the congregations were also discussed. It was decided that in order to develop the goodwill relationship with both groups, the churches should be open for both sides for worship, taking into consideration the local situations.

Similar steps, as in Gumla, may also be taken for Development projects towards unity and Good relationship where even there is a scope.

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4. It was decided to hold the next meeting on 19th June 1990 at 9:00 a.m. in Lal Bunglow, Ranchi and Bishop Jayasieelan Jacob, President UELCI and Mr. Uttam Kumar, Joint Secretary UELCI be requested to attend the next meeting.

5. The meeting came to a closed with a prayer by Bishop Dr. N. Minza.

Dhiraj Lakra  
Recording Secretary

Helen Bhengra  
27.4.90  
Recording Secretary

Mention Below  
9-5-90

Pranab Adhikari

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860)

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

Rev. Martin Tete M.A.B.D.

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Ref..... 676 /90/KSS - 78



Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Date 29th.March, 1990

Dr. Hans Grothaus  
Chairman, Kuratorium  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
West Germany.

Dear Brother Grothaus,

Thank you for your kind letter of January 29, 1990. Thank you also for your private visits in December 1989. I had planned programmes for your free and frank listening to our brother and sisters and leaders of Gossner Church for constitutional solution of present problems. I would have greatly appreciated if you would frankly informed me on 31.12.89 of what the leaders/brothers/sisters said as to the solution of present constitutional crisis of the Gossner Church. Reliably I learnt that you received a memorandum on 29.12.89 signed by about 28 persons. This memorandum has been circulated in the church. Permit me to say that most of these signatories do not know the A.B.C. of our constitutional difficulties and affairs in the Gossner Church. At least one of those signatories is Roman Catholic. Moreover you went back to Germany with rumours spread about my becoming Kharia bishop through Dr. Nirmal Minz, by so called Orissa Anchal leaders whom you met at Khunti and in Orissa. Brother Grothaus, it would have been very very appreciable if you would have clarified these rumours from me on 31.12.89 before your departure from Ranchi. These rumours have been spread in Gossner House, Berlin also.

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Permit me to say something As Regards your understanding And My Agreement.

Point : 1. You expressed that Rev.S.K.Jojo will withdraw court case if the Pramukh Adhyaksh would withdraw his letter. In reply to your expression I said : "No problems in withdrawal of my letter. What about the decision of Election Tribunal ? Is Rev.Jojo willing to withdraw his letters of uspension to ten pastors of Orissa Anchal? I want to abide by the constitution of the church. Regarding meeting with the Adhyaksh I said : Due to court cases I have difficulties. If situation would permit I may invite Adhyaksh.

Point : 2. It is your fatherly advice from Germany. We have not discussed this point.

Point : 3. It is also your fatherly advice from Germany. We have never taked about a prepatory committee or involving UELCI for help.

Point : 4. We did not talk on this point. It is the decision of the Promotional Committee of UELCI.

Point : 5. It is your own thought. The Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church has not agreed on 31.12.89 on the morning of your departure from Ranchi." That Gossner Mission is allowed to keep a loose contact with North West, GELC... ....". Gossner Mission is an independent body, "who is the Pramukh Adhyaksh to allow or disallow Gossner Mission to keep loose or tight contact with NW, GELC ? In this regard if asked the Pramukh Adhyaksh can only say " help honour the decision of UELCI under process to do the ministry of reconcilliation between GELC and NW, GELC. More in my next letters.

With all the best,

Yours sincerely,  
*Martin Oele*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: 1. Director, Gossner Mission.  
 2. Chairman, India Committee  
 Gossner Mission  
 3. The Anchal Adhyakshes  
 of GELC.

To the  
G.E.L. Church of  
Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 824001 - India

January 29, 1990

Dear Rev. Tete,

With regard to our conversation at December 31, 1989, the morning of our departure from Ranchi to New Dehli, I would like to sum up and formalize now, as agreed, the results of my discussions with the leaders of the anchals of the North-West-, South-East- as well as Orissa-anchal (it was not possible to enter into conversation with the leader of Madia-anchal because of the changed journey programme, we either did not plan our tour to Assam).

I certainly understood that

1. the summoning of a conference with the anchal-Adhyakshas quite recently has most priority besides all the other dates,
2. at the meeting it should be discussed how to re-establish the legality within the church and how a constitutional leadership of the church can be nominated as soon as possible,
3. this year a further important aim is the guarantee of an orderly church election. The preparations should be made by a committee which at the same time should verify how observers could check the election (if necessary with the help of UELCI),
4. representatives of all the anchals will be able to participate in the meeting of the Promotional Committee from UELCI for GELCI and North-West-GELC,
5. Gossner Mission is able to keep a lax contact with the North-West-GELC and enter into conversation with them without therewith pronouncing an official acknowledgement.

With best regards, I remain

yours sincerely

Hans Grothaus

To the  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Rev. Tete  
Ranchi 834 001

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February 16, 1990

Dear Rev. Tete!

This is to inform you, that we have paid DM 2.000,- according to your letter to Ms. Shami Gupta in Berlin. The equivalent of this amount will be according to our bank Rs. 20.000,-. This amount should be paid to Gossner Theological College for scholarships for three students on behalf of Mrs. Oehler. I shall inform Dr. Dang accordingly.

Yours sincerely!

*Dieter Hecker.*

Dieter Hecker  
Director

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Martin Tete

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Ref. 399/89/KSS - 78

Date 1st. Sept. 1989

The Director  
Gossner Mission  
West Germany.

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Hecker*

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Finally Rev. Dr. Singh has got his flight cleared. He along with Rev. Biswas will be in Germany on 3.9.89.

Our request for two Mahindra Zeeps through Casa is with WEM. We hope to receive them towards the end of this month. The cost of two zeeps is Rs 2,56,220/-. These two zeeps are meant for B.E.L. and GEL Church. May we proposed that cost be paid through foreign currency. Regarding BEL zeep may we say that cost be paid through BEL fund. Regarding GEL Church zeep will you kindly help us to pay through the fund which you pay for theological education. The amount you pay for zeep in foreign currency shall be paid for Theological Education here through Indian money. Please let us know if our proposal is agreeable to you.

The promotional committee formed by UELCI for ministry of reconciliation between GELC and NWGELC is meeting in the last week of this month when your Kuratorium meets. Please pray for us.

Yishusahay to you all,

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Tete*

Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Dr.C.K.P.Singh

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Rev. Martin Tete

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Head Office 1

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Ref. 356 /89/KSS - 78

Date 2nd Aug. 1989

The Director  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19/20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
West Germany.

Eingegangen

14. Aug 1989

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Dear Rev. Hecker,

In continuation of our letter of July 21/1989 we have to inform that your addressed to us and copies sent to Adhyaksh, has been photo copied and circulated all over the Gossner Church.

Rev. S.K.Jojo has filed a case against us in the Sundargarh Court. We do not consider him as Adhyaksh or officer of Orissa Anchal. Since 2.8.88 he is no longer the Adhyaksh of the Anchal. Perhaps you have written a separate letter which he has exhibited in the Sundargarh Court to show that he is still a Adhyaksh recognised by the Gossner Mission. You are therefore advised to be careful as regards to whom and what you write.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Martin Tete*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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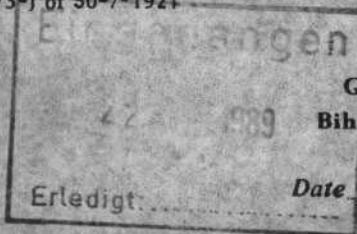
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Rev. Martin Tete M.A.B.D.

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Ref. 275/89/KSS - 78



Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Date

6th June, 1989

Director, Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
West Germany.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

With reference to your letter dated 5.6.89 to Rev. Dr. Singh the undersigned is prepared to pay the cost of one ticket for the fourth visitors. Your invitation to Rev. Barun Biswas New Delhi has been extended to him to accompany Dr. Singh. He may stay till the meeting of the Kuratorium. You are requested to kindly bear his hospitality and the cost of internal travels during his stay. Hope that this shall solve our problems.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Tete*

Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Dr.C.K.P.Singh

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IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

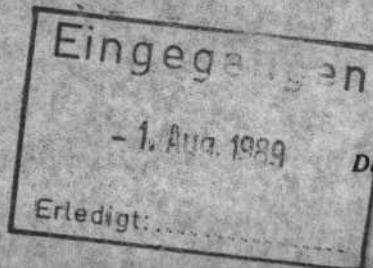
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Rev. Martin Tete M.A.B.D.

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
(President)

Ref. 337 /89/KSS - 78



Head Office :

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

Date 21st. July, 1989

The Director  
Rev. Dieter Hecker  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
West Germany.

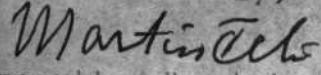
Dear Rev. Hecker,

As per your request dated June 22/1989 are enclosing herewith minutes of the UELCI meeting held on April 27 + 28/89. Please note item 20 of the minutes where GELC & NWGELC relationship have been mentioned.

I want to point out herewith that your letter of June 22/1989 has been photo copied and circulated all over the Gossner church by some one ~~for~~ <sup>we</sup> ulterior motives. Please therefore for future send only registered letters to us.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Rev. Martin Tete.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the UELCI held at Gurukul, Madras,  
on 27th & 28th April 1989

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### 1. Opening Devotions:

The opening devotion was conducted by the President UELCI, Rt. Rev. Dr. Jayaseelan Jacob. He gave an inspiring message based on Romans 1: 1-6. He emphasised that we are called to serve Christ and that we are servants of Jesus. In other words, we are Apostles of Jesus to obey the commands of Jesus and to do the will of God with love.

### 2. Roll Call:

The following members were present;

#### Officers

1. Rt. Rev. Dr. Jayaseelan Jacob	President
2. Miss Helen Bhengra	Vice President
3. Rev. D. John Hus	Vice President
4. Dr. K. Rajaratnam	Executive Secretary
5. Mr. Uttam Kumar	Joint Secretary
6. Mr. K.J. Williams	Treasurer

#### Members

7. Rt. Rev. M. Samuel	Bishop ALC
8. Rev. Martin Tete	Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC
9. Rt. Rev. S. Ahlad	Bishop MPELC
10. Most Rev. Sagenen Kisku	Moderator NELC
11. Rev. T. Anantham	President SALC

#### Co-opted Members

12. Dr. N. Isaac	AELC
13. Rev. Johan Dang	GELC
14. Mrs. Elizabeth Murmu	NELC
15. Rev. K. David Udaya Kumar	SALC

#### Ex-officio Member

16. Mrs. Prasanna K. Samuel	LWF Women's Desk
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#### Official visitors

17. Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorairaj Peter	Director Gurukul,
18. Dr. R.H. Thangaraj	Executive Director NLHMB
19. Mr. P. Sundaram	Bhind & Morena

#### Special invitee

20. Mr. Erling Nielsen	Director LWS(I)
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#### Staff

21. Mr. Jonathan N. Gnanadason	DSA/UELCI
22. Rev. A.G. Augustine Jayakumar	DSA/UELCI
23. Mr. Chandran Paul Martin	Campus Ministry
24. Mr. S.A. John	UELCI

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Members absent

1. Rev. Dr. K. Nathaniel	President AELC - Apology recd.
2. Rev. B.D. Bagh	Synod Chairman JELC-Apology recd.
3. Prof. Prema George	Co-opted TELC
4. Bishop M.M. Tudu	Ex-officio Member
5. Mrs. G. Dorathea Adison	Ex-officio Member
6. Rev. P.S. Shalem Raju	Youth Secretary - Apology recd.

3. Appointment of Recording Secretaries:

Mr. P. Sundaram of SALC and Mrs. Prasanna K. Samuel were appointed as Recording Secretaries for this meeting.

4. Homage to late Dr. I.D. Mantramurti:

The valuable services rendered by late Dr. I.D. Mantramurti, Finance Administrator of WIDA Project, DSA/UELCI, were remembered with thankfulness and praise to God. The following resolution was adopted:

We the Executive Members of the UELCI sadly mourn the sudden demise of our beloved co-worker Dr. I.D. Mantramurti, on Saturday, the 15th April 1989. We are much shocked and we will miss his dynamic and committed services relating to Division of Social Action Project.

We assure the bereaved family that we will uphold them in our prayers for God's comfort and consolation.

5. A word of thankfulness:

Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Executive Secretary UELCI, expressed that through the sincere and honest prayers of all Bishops, Presidents and Members of the constituent Churches of UELCI, God has restored him back his normal health after by-pass surgery at Zurich. He thanked all the Churches for their concern and affection.

A few of the members also expressed praises to God and their joy for restoration of health to Dr. Rajaratnam, which the members considered as a blessing to the Lutheran Churches.

6. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Gurukul on 7th December 1988.

The minutes as circulated earlier to all the members were adopted and it was -

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 7th December 1988 as correctly recorded.

7. Report of the Executive Secretary:

The report of the Executive Secretary was presented by the Joint Secretary and it was -

RESOLVED to receive the report with thanks and appreciation.

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8. Action on Executive Secretary's report:

The Executive Committee endorsed the proposal on the restructure of LWF, in the light of comments made by the Executive Secretary UELCI as at Appendix I.

9. Admission of ECODAWM into NCCI:

Mr. Jonathan N. Gnanadasan explained about ECODAWM approaching NCCI for admission as a related agency. He also informed that our request will be taken up at the forthcoming Executive Committee of NCCI on 4th/5th May 1989. It was -

RESOLVED to endorse the efforts undertaken already in bringing ECODAWM into NCCI.

10. Report of Bishops/Presidents and Officers of UELCI visit to LWS(I) Calcutta:

Rt.Rev. Dr. Jayaseelan Jacob, President UELCI, presented a report on the visit of all Bishops and Presidents and officers of UELCI with their spouses to LWS(I) Calcutta from 28th February to 3rd March 1989. He explained briefly how their visit has helped spiritually and in gaining knowledge and in strengthening fellowship among the member churches. They also appreciated all the arrangements made by LWS(I) Calcutta under the able leadership of Mr. Erling Nielsen, Director LWS(I). The Executive Committee resolved to record in appreciation the following resolution:

We the Bishops/Presidents, Heads of Churches and officers of the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, place on record our deep sense of appreciation for the warm hospitality and fellowship offered by the Lutheran World Service (India) programme during the 3-day visit to Calcutta, to have discussions and study the programmes of L.W.S. and learn from their experience and knowledge.

This has been a significant expression of the strong bond and partnership between the UELCI and LWS(I). The Lutheran Churches in India feel proud to be participants and co-workers in the work of LWS(India).

We specially thank Mr. Erling Nielsen, the Director of LWS(I), whose leadership we admire and endorse all his special efforts in making our visit a meaningful one.

11. Treasurer's Report:

The financial report for the second half of the year ending 31st December 1988 was presented by the UELCI Treasurer Mr. K.J. Williams and it was received with appreciation.

12. Report on Gurukul activities:

The Report on Gurukul activities was presented by the Director, Rt.Rev. Dr. Dorairaj Peter, whose services were highly appreciated and the members resolved to record their appreciation and thanks for all the able services rendered to Gurukul under his leadership, bringing it up to gain a place in the world map.

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The report was received with appreciation and Dr.K.Rajaratnam, Executive Secretary UELCI, also gave further information that Bishop Dorairaj Peter will continue to serve the churches as Managing Trustee of the Trust Association of Gurukul.

13. Report on Women's Desk activities:

The report on Women's Desk activities was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Prasanna K. Samuel, and was received with appreciation.

The Chairperson, Bishop Jayaseelan Jacob, emphasised the need for the Churches to take the Women's ecumenical decade seriously and to plan for the different programmes that will express solidarity with women of the Church who form the integral part of the community in the Church. Dr. Rajaratnam also appreciated the work and emphasised the need to keep the issue of ordination of women alive in the thinking of church leadership and strive towards the ultimate goal of ordination of women pastors.

It was resolved to support the efforts undertaken by the Women's Desk towards self-reliance and to encourage each and every member church to raise funds towards self-reliance of Women's Desk.

It was also resolved to record as an honour to UELCI Mrs. Prasanna K. Samuel being invited as a Speaker at the 8th LWF Assembly at Curitiba, Brazil.

14. Report on the activities of National Lutheran Health and Medical Board:

Dr. R.H. Thangaraj presented the report on the activities of the National Lutheran Health & Medical Board and highlighted several projects that he had undertaken during the last 18 months, especially Renigunta Hospital and Ambur Hospital.

He also spoke about the working of the Leprosy Rehabilitation programme. He said that the AIDS programme that is planned will continue.

The report was received with appreciation and Dr. Rajaratnam highlighted the different efforts undertaken by Dr.R.H.Thangaraj and that under his able leadership sick hospitals are being renewed. It was resolved to record appreciation of his services to Lutheran Churches.

15. UELCI Urban Mission in Calcutta:

Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Executive Secretary, gave brief information about Urban Mission in Calcutta and in response Most Rev. Sagenen Kisku, Moderator NELC, read out a letter from Rev. Pedersen for information. The members welcomed the UELCI Urban Mission in Calcutta and passed the following resolution:

We welcome the proposal of the creation of an Urban Mission for Lutheran Churches in India based in Calcutta and that we discuss with Bishop Sagenen Kisku the offer of the Danish Santal Mission to place the needed personnel

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for this urban mission. We recommend that the urban mission should be a joint venture of the UELCI through the NELC management. Any funds or personnel offered to this programme by any agency should come through the newly proposed Urban Mission Management structure.

The Lutheran World Service (India) could be approached as and when necessary for extending to this work their knowledge and experience. The proposed urban mission structure will consist of -

Bishop Sagenen Kisku	... Chairman
Rev. Martin Tete	... Vice Chairman
President UELCI	... Member
Vice President UELCI	... Member
Executive Secretary UELCI or Joint Secretary UELCI	... Member
Bishop MPELC	... Member

It was further resolved to share the Executive Committee's decision with the Danish Santal Mission and to discuss further details regarding this at the Mission Consultation in Calcutta in February 1990.

#### 16. India Mission Consultation:

Mr. Chandran Paul Martin briefed the members about the forthcoming India Mission Consultation, which is a joint programme, both of Urban Mission and India Mission in Calcutta, during 23rd to 28th February 1990.

Detailed plans of the India Mission Consultation will be shared with the members after the visit of Rev. Satoru Kishii, Asia Secretary, Department of Church Cooperation, in September this year.

#### 17. LWF Pre-Assembly meeting matters - LWF Restructuring:

LWF Pre-Assembly meeting matters were presented by Mr. Jonathan N. Gnanadason. He informed the members that the Department of Church Cooperation had already sent out letters of invitation and that P,L. Worldways is making all travel arrangements.

Dr. K. Rajaratnam, the Executive Secretary, encouraged the Bishops to take leading participation at the pre-Assembly consultation, as it will be a crucial meeting - discussions based on restructuring of LWF. He also expressed his inability to provide any additional funds towards FTS of the travellers.

#### 18. WDP Betul:

Problems faced by Water Development Project, Betul, was presented by Mr. Uttam Kumar, Joint Secretary UELCI. It was explained that WDP has a bank overdraft and a loan from ECLOF, which could be repaid by the reserve fund still with LWF. It was resolved to authorise the Executive Secretary UELCI to take suitable action.

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19. New D.S.A. structure:

The new DSA structure plan was presented by Mrs. Prasanna K. Samuel and the plan was reiterated as was discussed in the previous Executive meeting except for one additional point that is added as item (6), and former items (6) and (7) to be re-numbered (7) and (8), of para 11 of minutes of the former meeting of Executive Committee held on 7.12.1988:

(6) In sensitive areas to run development projects on behalf of/in cooperation with the Churches, on Churches request.

It was also resolved that -

In the light of the Resolution item No.11 of the last Executive Committee meeting on 7th December 1988 and the proposal presented by the Executive Secretary for restructuring the Division of Social Action, it is unanimously resolved that a 3-day consultation with the participation of Heads of Churches, office bearers of UELCI, along with Development Experts representing each Church with women representatives, and representatives from LWS (India) and overseas partners as well as CDS representatives, be held in Madras between the 6th and 10th of November 1989. The consultation/workshop will go into and study the enclosed proposal (Annexure II) and come out with specific recommendations as well as decisions concerning the restructuring of the present Division of Social Action.

20. Matters related to Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church;

Introduction

North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, formerly one of the Anchals of the main Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, had applied to the UELCI for recognition as an independent church and for membership in the UELCI almost eleven years ago. It is the convention that a break-away group will not be recognised as independent church by UELCI unless the main church gave its consent. Generally the UELCI will strive for reconciliation between the two and help in the process of negotiations for this purpose.

The UELCI on its own had taken several measures to bring these two bodies to the negotiating table together with the Gossner Mission. The latter had tried independently also to bring peace and working relationship amongst them but all attempts had failed.

The Executive Secretary UELCI in his personal discussion with the Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC, Rev. Martin Tete, understood that the GELC would not appreciate outside interference especially either from Gossner Mission or UELCI. Sensing this feeling on the part of GELC, the Executive Secretary proposed to GELC, if they would solve this matter if Dr. Nirmal Minz would meet the representatives of GELC, especially the Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. Martin Tete, and work out a solution. These interpretations and proposals were accepted by both the parties and both made attempts to meet in Ranchi but could not find suitable time due to extensive travels of Dr. Nirmal Minz.

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It is in this context, the Executive Secretary invited the representatives of the NWGELC - four of them led by Dr. Nirmal Minz, to join Rev. Martin Tete, Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC, and Miss Helen Bhengra from GELC, Vice President of UELCI, at a meeting of the UELCI Executive Committee in April 1989 at Madras.

The Executive Committee of UELCI appointed a special committee under the chairmanship of the President of UELCI, Bishop Jayaseelan Jacob, consisting of Mr. Uttam Kumar, Joint Secretary UELCI, and the following members from GELC and NWGELC:

1. Rev. Martin Tete	Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC
2. Rev. Johan Dang	GELC
3. Mr. Surjeet C. Canton	GELC
4. Mrs. S.B. Topno	GELC
5. Dr. Nirmal Minz	Bishop NWGELC
6. Mr. Dheeraj Lakra.	NWGELC
7. Rev. Niranjan Ekka	NWGELC
8. Mr. Mukut Ekka	NWGELC

which was given sufficient time to discuss the long pending matter of reconciliation between the two groups and was also requested to produce a positive proposal without wasting this opportunity.

Sub-Committee's report.

The Committee met and had serious discussions and produced the following proposals:

I. GELC

(1) In continuation of the dialogues held between GELC and NWGELC - it is proposed to UELCI that NWGELC be given provisional recognition for five years with the following aims and objects:

(a) To help the members of the Church to realise that they belong to one Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(b) To amend the Constitution of the GELC under the supervision of UELCI to give greater autonomy to all Anchals (Diocese) of the GELC.

(c) To help the divided congregation to be united.

(d) To help the members of the church to withdraw court cases filed against one another.

(2) As a gesture of our dialogue (sic) for establishing our relationship in Christ, lasting friendship and unity, Dr. Nirmal Minz be included in the Building Construction Committee of the Gossner College as one of the members.

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II. NWGECLC - Theme: We do not look backward but  
We look forward and move forward.

(1) We accept each other, that means GELC and NWGECLC, as two independent Churches functioning in the same Gossner tradition.

(2) The UELCI recognise us and grant us affiliation.

(3) We leave to the good offices of UELCI to work out the modalities to settle the other issues between the two Churches (GELC and NWGECLC) in the same Gossner tradition and cooperation between them.

The Executive Committee accepted the proposal and  
RESOLVED -

1. To accept GELC proposal to recognise NWGECLC as an independent church for a period of five years during which time both GELC and NWGECLC strive towards achieving unity of the two groups as Gossner community and take concrete steps, such as amendment of GELC Constitution, so that all anchals including NWGECLC will be autonomous within the framework of a United Gossner Community or accord permanent recognition to NWGECLC as an independent church.

2. That the efforts to unite congregations now divided as NWGECLC and GELC congregations be undertaken so that the congregations are either GELC or NWGECLC.

3. That as recommended in GELC proposals, the NWGECLC be immediately accepted as member of UELCI.

4. That as a first step towards concrete promotion of understanding and fellowship of Gossner community, the following Gossner College Building Committee consisting of members of GELC, NWGECLC, UELCI and LWF be constituted to supervise the construction of the proposed Gossner College building:

- (i) Rev. Martin Tete
- (ii) The Principal of Gossner College (Mrs. S. Topno)
- (iii) Dr. Nirmal Minz
- (iv) Executive Secretary UELCI or his nominee
- (v) The Architect in charge
- (vi) Miss Christa Held.

5. That a registered Trust be formed forthwith to manage the Gossner College, in which the Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC and the Bishop NWGECLC be members in addition to others. The Executive Secretary UELCI is requested to follow up the matter and constitute the Trust.

6. That the following Promotional Committee be constituted to implement the above action and help the Gossner community find true fellowship and understanding of the challenge of

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witness and service of the Gossner community in Chota Nagpur and within the wider ecumenical fellowship.

(i)	Rt.Rev. Dr. Jayaseelan Jacob, President UELCI
(ii)	Miss Helen Bhengra Vice President UELCI
(iii)	Mr. Uttam Kumar Joint Secretary UELCI
(iv)	Rev. Martin Tete Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC
(v)	Rev. Johan Dang GELC
(vi)	Names to be given GELC
(vii)	Pramukh Adhyaksh GELC GELC
(viii)	Dr. Nirmal Minz Bishop NWGELC
(ix)	Mr. Dhiraj Lakra NWGELC
(x)	Rev. Niranjan Ekka NWGELC
(xi)	Mr. Mukut Ekka NWGELC

21. Any other matters:

(1) The problem faced by JELC recently was shared among the members and it was sad to note that the Christian minority in Orissa is in panic. Dr. K. Rajaratnam explained the situation in Orissa and it was resolved to send a message to the Prime Minister of India, Chief Minister and Governor of Orissa, expressing our deep concern about the panic stricken situation of Christians in Orissa and to seek their effective intervention for the safety of the minority Christians.

(2) Information about National Lutheran Health & Medical Board meeting, which will be held on 28th and 29th April at Gurukul, was given by Dr. R.H. Thangaraj.

(3) Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz was invited to give greetings to the members of the Executive Committee and we shared part of his experience as Leader of NWGELC.

22. Vote of Thanks:

Mr. Chandran Paul Martin thanked all the members for their participation at the meeting and giving full cooperation.

23. Closing prayer and benediction:

The meeting came to a close with the benediction by Rt.Rev. Dr. Jayaseelan Jacob, President UELCI.

Bishop Jayaseelan Jacob President UELCI	Dr. K. Rajaratnam Executive Secretary	Prasanna K. Samuel P. Sundaram Recording Secretaries
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To,  
Rev. Dieter Hecker,  
Director Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19 - 20  
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
West Germany.

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31. Juli 1989

Erledigt:

Through the Pramukh Adhyaksh G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear,

We have come to know that persons working in G.E.L. Chuches and Institutions get pensons after retirement and also they can work up to the age of 65 inostead of 60.

T.T.C. Fudi also belongs to the G.E.L. Church and most of us belong to the G.E.L. Church. Some of us have left the valuable Government services and have served this Institute till old age.

Here the age bar of service is 60 years only inplace of 65. Further there is no provison of neither penson nor bonus. Thus we cannot reap any benefit either this or that way. Our life seems to be dry and hopeless. Therefore Sir, we request your kind honou<sup>r</sup> that would you please consider our request as stated above and for which we would be ever grateful to you.

Anxleously awaiting for your reply please.

'Yesusahay' from the staff & workers of T.T.C. Fudi.

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Request of the  
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Martin

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Pramukh Adhyaksh  
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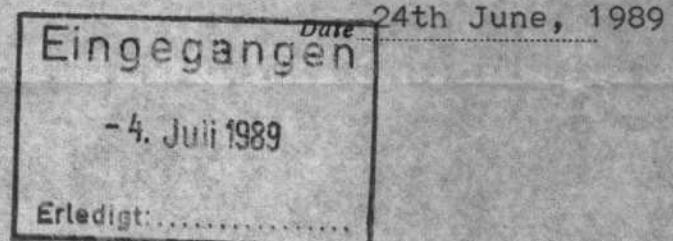
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Rev Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
(President)

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

Ref..... 286/89/KSS - 78 (A)

The Director,  
Gossner Mission  
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West Germany.



Dear Rev. Hecker,

Thank you for your letter dated Berlin, 25th May 1989. As regards your enquiries I am sending you the following comments and informations.

1. Formation of the Constitutional K.S.S. On this important issue three type of opinions have been dominating the church, the first is that the official of South East Anchal and some members of the other Anchals are of the opinion that the K.S.S. could be formed by ignoring the election dispute of the Orissa and the North West Anchals. They had even expressed that K.S.S. might be formed ignoring the election of the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh. This unconstitutional move has been rejected by the undersigned due to the past better experiences for unconstitutional K.S.S.

The second opinion is that the election disputes of the Anchal have to be settled for the formation of the constitutional K.S.S. The undersigned has been trying to create a situation in favour of this constitutional move. On the unanimous opinion expressed a programme for Pastors' Refresher Course to have discussion on this issue was planned between May 16-21/1989. But unfortunately this programme was postponed due to Jharkhand Bandh.

Thirdly In the midst of the hope against hope due to the court cases for the formation of the Constitutional K.S.S. the undersigned has been seeking for positive opinions from the members of the Gossner Church. The majority of the lay

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people (men & women) including a few officials of Anchals verbally and in writing express their opinion in the following words.

" Elections are due to begin after four or five months from now, therefore prepare the congregations, Parishes, Ilakas and Anchals" for electing right men/women for the coming constitutional K.S.S. Under the circumstances stated above I stand by the second opinion expressed requesting the Anchals' officials. for constitutional KSS.

2. Relationship to the North West GEL Church. On the request of Dr. N. Minz for affiliation the undersigned on behalf of the Gossner Church placed before the UELCI Executive the following opinions. The NW. GELC be given provisional affiliation for a period of five years with the following aims and objectsA(1) That the members of the Gossner Church(GELC-NW GEL) be helped within a period of five years to realise that they belong to one GELC in Chotanagpur and Assam (2) That within a period of five years the divided congregation be united. The UELCI officers will come to help us in this regards. (3) That the court cases filed against one another be withdrawn (4) That the constitution of the GEL Church be amended to give greater autonomy to Anchals, e.g. ( the power to ordain pastors, the power to depute delegats to LWF, NCC etc. the power to have free correspondence with the churches' organisations in and out of India etc. )

B. As a gesture of our immediate and future co-operation and fellowship on our recommendation Dr. N. Minz was accepted as one of the members of the Gossner College building construction committee.

The UELCI has accepted our recommendation and suggestions regarding relationship with NW!GELC. The spirrit behind is to make efforts for one Gossner Church.

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Criticisms for and against the resolutions of the UELCI are going on. The failure and success to implement the UELCI resolutions within a period of five years depend on how sincerely and faithfully Dr. Minz and I work to convince our people here in the Gossner Church. The UELCI has acted on our advice and even it has promised.

*To be* with us. Now it is our part to exercise faith, love and hope for one Gossner Church.

3. Exchange of visitors . By telex I have requested you to extend an invitation to Delhi Pastor Rev. Barun Biswas. The election disputes in Orissa Anchal, Assam Anchal and North West Anchal have devived our people. The officers elected are not able to bring peace and unity among the devived congregations. Under these conditions I do not want to invite you. How-ever I have an idea to plan for a joint (GELC & NW-GELC) pastors' Refreshers Course in near future. As soon as it is agreed. I shall let you know. I hope that we can invite you for joint programmes ~~like~~ this.

4. 70 years' Jubilee of the autonomy of GEL Church. The idea of jubilee is prevalent in the mind of the individuals. We have not taken any decision for it. We shall certainly invite Gossner Mission if we plan to celebrate historical festivals in the Gossner family.

Please remember Gossner Family of Chotanagpur in your prayers.

Yishu sahay.

Yours in His service,

*Martin Tete*  
Pramukh-Adhyaksh

cc: All concerned.

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
(President)  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur  
and Assam, Ranchi

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - INDIA

Berlin, 22nd June 1989

Dear Rev. Tete!

This is to inform you, that we have dispatched the following amounts through EMW in Hamburg to the KSS-Account. They are all special donation, which have often been collected not according to our request, but by private persons, but they should be forwarded according to the will of the donors. Please do forward them and give us an information about that, since often the donors are inquiring from our side.

For Church Building at Rajanandpur Parish, Singhbhum, founded in 1979 - donations requested through Rev. Cyril Hembrom	DM 1170.-
For Church Building in Muri (c/o Mr. S.C. Amrit) requested through Rev. von Falck, Sennestadt)	DM 1170.-
For Church Building in Mongu/Jamshedpur (from Wolfsburg, through Paul Kandulna & family).	DM 110.-
For women's work in G.E.L. Church (Mahila Sangh)	DM 1000.-
Scholarship for three Students of Gossner Theol. College, Ranchi through Mrs. Oehler	DM 2160.-
 Total:	DM 5610.-

Please acknowledge the receipt of this amount.

With all good wishes and kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker*

(Dieter Hecker)  
Director

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - INDIA

Berlin, 22nd June 1989

Dear Rev. Tete!

Today we got your letter about the invitation of Rev. Borun Vishwas, which was sent by special dispatch. Normally I think, letters should also need not much more than a week. If in urgent cases two copies could be dispatched simultaneously, I think, one should also reach in time.

I am including an invitation for Rev. Borun Vishwas in duplicate to you and another copy to Rev. Vishwas directly. As for the fare, my suggestion is much more, that you pay for one of the tickets of the guests to the GDR, since they have great difficulties with foreign exchange.

I wonder, we have not heard anything from your side about the joint meeting on the 27th April with the UELC and representatives of the NW-G.E.L. Church. We got a letter of Dr. Rajaratnam about this topic to LWF (?) and also the preliminary minutes of the same. We would appreciate very much to hear also officially from your side about this matter, since this will be an important topic to discuss with the visitors and also a point on the agenda of the Curatorium, since some of them have already been pressing very much at our last meeting.

About FUDI there seem to be differences of opinion. The last information, I got was, that the Trust is continuing to exist and also running FTTC. We have remitted the first instalment of our annual grant to the FTTC-Account and we hope, that this will still exist till the money arrives. Please let us know about the further development. In such an uncertain state, we also feel uneasy.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain,

Yours sincerely

*Dieter Hecker*

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 834 001 - INDIA

Berlin, 1st June 1989

Dear Rev. Tete,

this is to inform you, that we have dispatched to the G.E.L. Church account the sum of DM 80.000.- for the Board of Evangelism and Literature. We would request you to acknowledge the receipt of this transfer as soon as it arrives and also inform the Director of B.E.L. accordingly.

With all good wishes and kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker*

(Dieter Hecker)  
Director

cc: Copy to Dr. Paul Dröge



*J. B. Singh*

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam  
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Berlin, 1st June 1989

Dear Rev. Tete!

We just had a phone call from Rev. Schülzgen about the planned visitors to GDR in summer this year. You have agreed to send Rev. Mohan M.G. and Mr. Victor Kerketta from Govindpur from the 19th of August for about one month to GDR. There are several difficulties in this. From GDR they have applied for the release of foreign exchange to pay for the tickets, but this may either take longer time or not be possible at all. So Rev. Schülzgen has asked for our assistance. Our proposal is now, that the visitors come to both parts West and East Germany. This would mean, that they need also a visa for the FRG. Once they are here, the visa for GDR is no big problem. Since Rev. Mohan has already a passport, but Mr. Kerketta has not, it might be possible to get only Rev. Mohan's visa in time. In this case it would be advisable, that he would come alone.

In agreement with Rev. Schülzgen, I send you invitations for Rev. Mohan and Mr. V. Kerketta from Gossner Mission Berlin, so that you can apply for the visa. You may try to get plane reservations done on request, since, if the Church in Berlin Brandenburg-GDR will be able to get foreign exchange released, they will have to fly by Aeroflot only.

If everything turns out as planned, we would find it good, if Rev. Mohan could stay for the first half of Dr. Singh's stay in Germany upto the Curatorium at 29./30. September.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker*  
(Dieter Hecker)  
Director

*Copy to Dr. Prat Singh*

# Gossner Mission



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To the Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
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Berlin, 25th May 1989

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Dear Rev. Tete!

In this letter I want to write about the state of discussion about different areas of the G.E.L. Church in the India Committee and the Curatorium of Gossner Mission.

## 1. Formation of the KSS:

You have sent us the correspondence between the South East Anchal, dated 17.9.1988 (No. 124/88/SEA) and your answer of 1st November 1988 (No. 729/88/KSS-141) about the question of the validity of the elections in Orissa and North-West Anchal and the possibilities of calling the KSS and electing a new Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh. We have been discussing these letters in the India committee and in the Curatorium. Naturally it is not our task to interfere with these internal affairs of the church. You will have to solve these problems within the G.E.L. Church itself according to the Constitution and within the framework of the law of India. We also do not doubt, that in the present state of "emergency" the Pramukh Adhyaksh is the only recognized legal representative of the church and has to act on behalf of the KSS also for the different boards and subcommittees of the KSS. We have never doubted this and this is also the reason, why we as Gossner Mission have had our contacts and relationships to the G.E.L. Church through your office so far.

Nevertheless the India Committee and the Curatorium are both of the strong opinion, that this state of emergency is really only an emergency solution for a short time, till the problems of election disputes and the proper calling of the KSS is done. It can never be regarded as a normal long term state of administration of the church from our side. Especially the representatives of the different Churches in our Curatorium from Westfalia, Lippe, Hannover and Bavaria have stressed very much, that their support for the G.E.L. Church through Gossner Mission in the long run will depend on a real complete administration according to the constitution, i.e. with the institution of the KSS. So it is our serious request to you again, to do everything possible to create a situation, that the KSS can be duly called according to the constitution.

## 2. Relationship to the North-West G.E.L. Church.

After the visit of Dr. Grothaus and myself in 1987 a number of meetings have taken place between representatives of the G.E.L. Church and the North-West G.E.L. Church. There was a meeting in December 1987, another one in January 1988. Another three party meeting was held between yourself, Dr. N. Minz and Mr. Joy Lakra in September. We also had a discussion on that topic with Mr. J. Lakra after his return to Germany in the India Committee. We could see, that there is a certain process of readiness for a dialogue to solve the most burning issues. Now we got a letter from Dr. Rajaratnam dated 1st May 1989 about a Joint Meeting of the GELC Representatives and the NWGELC Representa-

tives with representatives of the UELCI held on the 27.4.1989 at Gurukul Madras. You can imagine, that Gossner Mission is very glad to hear these news. We have deliberately kept in the background since the meeting in 1987 and not tried to advice or impose any solution on any side, since we know, that the problem has to be settled within India itself. But we are glad to hear, that an agreement has been to recommend a membership of the NWGELC for the next five years and that other open issues may be settled with the help of the UELCI Executive Committee.

We got these letters and documents only recently, so that we had no time so far to have a meeting of the India Committee. We shall have that most probably in August after the summer vacations, since before that we have the big gathering of Kirchentag in Berlin with roughly 150.000 participants. We would very much be interested also to have your opinion and your comments on this agreement before our meeting. We would then also have to discuss the question of our relationships to the NWGELC.

### 3. Exchange of visitors

We have agreed with Dr. Paul Singh, that he will attend the September meeting of the Curatorium this year. We would appreciate, if another person from G.E.L. Church could accompany him to visit congregations here before and after the Curatorium meeting, which is on 28./29. September. Please make a proposal for a person. Naturally we would be much interested, that the Anchals are also somehow consulted for the selection of the visitor, so that there will be no ill feelings caused through this attempt to keep up our contacts and mutual ties with the G.E.L. Church. It might be necessary to send the name and address by telex or telegram, so that we can send an invitation immediately for the visa application.

As far as a visit from our side is concerned, we have been asking Dr. Singh already and would also ask you about your opinion. It would be possible, that myself (and a member of the Curatorium) could come for a visit either at the end of this year or the beginning of the next. But this would also be subject to the condition, that it should be beneficial for bringing about more cooperation rather than increase the tensions between different parts of the G.E.L. Church.

### 4. 70 - Years' Jubilee of the autonomy of G.E.L. Church.

As far as I remember, there will be the 70 Years' Jubilee of the autonomy this year on the 10th of July. We do send our greetings and well wishes for the future of the G.E.L. Church. We remember you in our prayers and hope, that you will be strengthened again in the autonomy and responsibility before God for the great tradition, which he has started through his own mission and work in Chotanagpur and in the other parts, where members of the G.E.L. Church live. We ask him for his blessings for this day, whatever services and functions you may have and for the years to come.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. With all good wishes and Yishu Sahay, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

*Dieter Hecker*

(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

Copies of this letter: - The Anchal-Offices of G.E.L. Church, who were addressed in the letters of para 1.  
- Bishop Dr. N. Minz, North-West G.E.L. Church  
- Dr. Rajaratnam, UELCI  
- Chairman of the Curatorium of Gossner Mission  
- Members of the India Committee  
- Rev. E. Schülzgen, Church of Berlin Brandenburg,  
GDR

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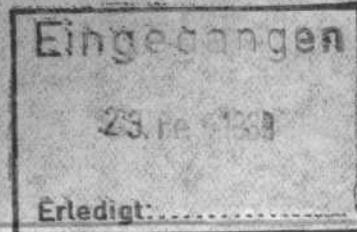
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Ref. 16 /89/KSS - 78 (A)



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G.E.L. Church, Ranchi  
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Date 17th Jan. 1989

The Director  
Gossner Mission  
Handjerystrasse 19-20  
1000 Berlin (Friedenau)  
West Germany

Reference :- Three party meeting in September 1988.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Due to certain circumstances three party meeting in Sept. 1988 was not held. After September Dr. Rajaratnam fell sick and I could not go to South India for many reasons.

In the absence of the constitutional KSS I can act on behalf the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam. On 27.12.88 we had one three party meeting of Dr. Minz, Mr. Joy Lakra and myself. In the forenoon we discussed regarding the present situation of the church. In the evening I had put the following direct proposals to Dr. Minz.

1. Let us send a new year's greetings to the Gossner Church by our joint signatures. There was no re-action from Dr. Minz's side on this proposal
2. Let us withdraw all the court cases filed by us against each other within January 1989. We both sensed the damaged done to the church by court cases.
3. Let us ask our Mandli Panches of Ranchi Congregations for joint meeting. Dr. Minz expressed that he had no Mandli Panch under him at Ranchi.

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4. I inquired from Mr. Lakra if Gossner Mission is strong enough to take decision to finance Dr. Minz's church also. I may take risk if Gossner Mission will be in need of my recommendation to finance Dr. Minz. We could not proceed on with our discussion on this point which relates to Gossner Mission.
5. Dr. Minz expressed that he could nominate five persons from his church for dialogue. To this proposal I agreed to find out some sincere friends from Gossner Church.

The new building for Gossner High School is to be consecrated in April. The fund for the new building was made available from the income of new shopping complex. The new building for Gossner Middle School is to be ready towards the end of this year.

In near future the relationship of the GEL Church with the North West GEL Church has to be resolved here with or without the help of the outside friends. This is the demand of the time.

More in my next letter. With all the best for 1989.

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Tete*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Dr. N. Minz

Mr. Joy Lakra

Dr. C.K.P. Singh



Rev. Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
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January 11, 1989

Dear Rev. Tete!

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd December 1988 about the renewal of the Lease Deed of FTTC Fudi Trust Society.

We are somehow surprised about it and do not know the background. You know from the last renewal, that Gossner Mission has been very much in favour of the Trust Society, since this is a Common Ecumenical Venture of the main Churches in Chotanagpur. Furthermore we got finances last year of the EMW - the Federation of all Missionary Agencies in Germany, for the overhauling of FTTC with special reference to this fact, that the Trust Society is an Ecumenical model venture.

Since Gossner Mission has one representative in the Trust and the whole financial contribution comes from us, it would have been good to give us also the reasons for this change in policy of the G.E.L. church, since we have the feeling, that the Trust Society has done a good work in the last ten years or so, guaranteed a good standard of education and also kept the institution free of organisational crisis or even setbacks.

We would therefore appreciate, if you could give us the reasons for this decision and when this decision was taken (extract of minutes). If you could reconsider this decision once more, we would be very glad, since we do not see at present a group or committee within G.E.L. Church which has as much experience as the Governing Body of the Trust Society had to guide and control such a Technical Institution. - I shall write to the member organisations of the Trust Society and thank them in the name of Gossner Mission for their efforts, which they have made so far for the good of this institution.

Hoping to hear from you soon and wishing you all the best, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Dieter Hecker*

Rev. Dieter Hecker,  
Director

cc: Dr. Paul Singh, member of the Kuratorium

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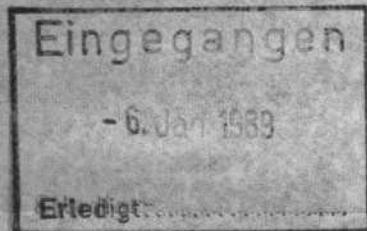
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Ref. 821 /88/KSS - 14



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

Date 22nd. Dec. 1988

The Secretary  
Fudi Technical Training Centre  
At & P.O. Fudi  
Dt. Ranchi.

Reference No. 48/88/F-4A dated 13th September 1988.

Subject :- Renewal of Lease Deed of the  
F.T.T.C. Fudi Trust Society

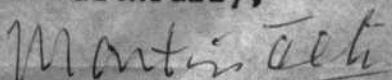
Dear Sir,

The undersigned is to communicate that the G.E.L. Church has voted against the renewal of the lease deed of the Trust Society which expired on 20-12-88.

You are therefore requested to handover the charge of F.T.T.C. with all documents to the undersigned between January 2-10/1989 on any day convenient to you.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: 1. Director  
Gossner Mission

2. Dr. C.K.P. Singh  
Member Kuratorium  
GELC/Ranchi.

To the  
G.E.L. Church of  
Chotanagpur and Assam  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi 824001 - INDIA

Berlin, 21st December, 1988

Dear Rev. Tete!

We have not heard anything about the further development in the matters of the forming of the KSS in the last months. we are looking forward, that a solution can be found in some way, since a long period has passed already since the last elections. We are also somehow helpless, what to do with the relationship of the G.E.L. Church with The "North West G.E.L. Church". As you know, the Kuratorium had decided last year to wait for a period of one year. After that there should be a decision, what will be our future attitude to the parties concerned. I have deliberately postponed the discussion on that matter in the last meeting, since the G.E.L. Church was not in a position to act in any direction due to the non existence of the KSS. Naturally we hoped, that this would be only a short. So, I donot know, what to propose, on which basis we can discuss the issue further in the India committee in January. Dr. Minz has already written a letter reminding us of the end of the one year period, about which we had informed both of you. You will understand, that the present situation in the G.E.L. Church does not improve the prospects for a return of the separated group.

Please, do understand, that we really donot want to exploit the present critical situation in the G.E.L. Church, but on the other hand, we find it unfair just to ignore any questions and requests for a progress in the dialogue, which was started after all in 1987. After all, it is now not their fault, that no further negotiations are possible at present. We were hoping, that there would be a three party meeting in September with yourself, Dr. Rajaratnam and Dr. Minz. Maybe this can be had later now.

I would appreciate very much, if you could inform us, how you see the situation in the coming months and years.

We all do wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year. We are rememebering all of you in our prayers and do hope, that the outward situation of the Church will also improve-again.

With best regards and Yishu Sahay, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
*Dieter Hecker*  
(Rev. Dieter Hecker)  
Director

*Copy to Dr. Paul Singh*

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860)

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

Rev. Martin Tete

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

Ref 616 /88/KSS - 78 (A)

Head Office :

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India, Phone 23358

Date 3rd. Sept. 1988

Eingegangen

7. Sep. 1988

Erledigt:.....

Rev. Dieter Hecker  
Director,  
Gossner Mission  
West Germany.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Thanks for your kind letter and International Postal money order. I have the following informations to send you through Dr. C.K.P. Singh.

1. Formation of the KSS. It has become more uncertain than before due to court cases filed by Rev. S.K. Jojo of Orissa Anchal. We ordered him for re-election for the unity of Orissa Anchal. But insted of re-election he has taken the church matter to the Sundargarh court. The cases are against the President and the Election Tribunal of the GEL Church. In our country court cases take long long times.
2. Parish House in Delhi - Money donated by Gossner Mission has been remitted to Delhi. We are sorry also that inspite of our reminders our people there have not been able to buy a piece of land. They have intimated that they will take time to register land in the name of GEL Church. The UELCI also has expressed its desire for co-operation in building up our congregation there after the land is bought.
3. New Life Light Centre at Govindpur. I am not quite clear yet if the new life light centre belongs to GEL Church. It seems that the institution is the private enterprises of Dr. Bage which is financed by some of our overseas friends. In the name of the GELC and for the betterment of the institution I had suggested that Dr. Bage shoud ~~sign~~ singn. He did resign and after a few months he withdrew his resignation.

All my good wishes and suggestions to better up the institution were not taken care of. Three days ago Rev. Manohar Barjo, the present Ilaka Chairman, came and informed that the trainees there have not sufficient food to eat, They have money only for the salary of the staff and the construction of the building.

4. Donation from Dortmund. "We express our thanks to Dortmund church for the donation. I have suggested to Dr. Singh that donation given shall be utilised in giving necessary books to our pastors. We know that they are unable to buy books. Dr. Singh will explain in detail regarding my proposal in this connection.
5. In the midst of our difficulties, differences, misunderstanding etc. etc. the Gossner Church is for the maintenances of the historical relationship, friendship and fellowship with Gossner Mission individually and collectively at present and in future . Let money be not made means of our relationship.
6. God willing under UELCI Dr. Minz and myself meet at Calcutta on 14.9.88. Detail will follow if we meet there.
7. The UELCI has decided to start relief work among the earth quake and flood victims in north Bihar. Gossner Church and the NELC have to take the lead. I visited the area between August 25-28/1988 as one of the members of the team. "We shall report you about our relief work.

May God bless all of you as you plan in your Kuratorium meetings for God's kingdom here on earth.

Yishusahay,

Yours sincerely,

*Manohar Barjo*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc: Dr. C.K.P.Singh

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15. Aug. 1939

Rev. Martin Tete  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
(President)

Erledigt: .....

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

Ref. 370/89/(SS-78(A))

Date 11/8/89

The Director,

Gossner Mission.

Dear Hecher,

Greetings from Ranchi.

We had a talk when Rev. Lin was here. In our discussion we agreed to send two or three Pracharikas(Bible women) as exchange visitors to East and West Germany's in 1990. Our Pracharikas are having Bible classes between August 13-17/1989. During these days they may select three Pracharikas to visit Germany's. They will have to be Trained in language(English) and other practices of Germany by the Mahila Sangh of G.E.L.Church.

With greetings to all you.

Sincerely Yours.

*Martin Tete*

Rev. M.Tete

(Pramukh Adhyaksh)

G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

C.C.

Director  
Gossner Mission  
East Germany.

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Date 8.2.88.

The Director Gossner Mission.

(Rev. Hecker.)

Camp Gurukul, Madras.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Greetings from Ranchi. Dr. Singh is to represent Gossner Church in the Mission Consultation. He will let you know in details regarding the recent dialogue meetings took in our midst.

During February 11-19/1988, I am in Assam. This has already been planned. On 14.2.88, I am to ordain Candidate Samuel Purty at Tezpur to Holy Ministry.

May God bless all participants and yourself during Mission Consultation.

Yours sincerely

Martin Tete  
( Martin Tete)



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Date 22/7/1992

To,

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Eingegangen

17. Aug. 1992

Erledigt

Dear sir,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the following remittance;--

1. Date of receipt

26/6/1992

2. Intimation No-

Dated 29th May 1992.

1. BEL Second Instalment	DM 50000	Rs. 9,21,812.00
2. Takarma	DM 3000	Rs. 55,308.72
3. Khuntitoli Dispensary	DM 1500	Rs. 27,654.36
4. Purnapani Dispensary	DM 2000	Rs. 36,872.48
5. Pension Fund (Interest)	DM 12000	Rs. 2,21,234.88
6. Theological Education	DM 21000	Rs. 3,87,161.20
7. Material for (LalBang)	DM 1000	Rs. 18,436.24
8. Donation for Andaman Cong	DM 2000	Rs. 36,872.48
9. Support: Pastors Through		
EKU 1991	DM 21265	Rs. 3,92046 .64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113765</b>	<b>Rs. 20,97,399.00</b>

(Rupees Twenty Lakhs Ninety seven thousand three hundred ninety nine) only

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Sincerely Yours

CC; Rev. D. Hecker. Director, G.M.

Berlin

(Pramukh Adhyaksh)