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"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." — Romans 12:2



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ
Greetings In the precious and exalted name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

As we enter the month of October, our hearts and minds are naturally drawn toward a pivotal milestone in the history of the Church: Reformation Day, observed annually on October 31st. More than five centuries ago, when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, a profound spiritual awakening was sparked. It was not merely a protest against medieval ecclesiastical practices, but a clarion call to return to the supreme authority of the Word of God and the timeless truth of salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ (Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus).

This month, our reflection centers on the theme: "Renewed by the Word, Reformed for His Mission."

The enduring legacy of the Reformation is captured in the classical Latin phrase, Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda—the Church reformed, always reforming. This principle reminds us that the Church is never a static institution resting on past achievements or rigid traditions. Rather, it is a living body that must continually align itself with Holy Scripture, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

To be Renewed by the Word requires an intentional rejection of worldly conformity. The Apostle Paul instructs us in Romans 12:2 not to allow the patterns, values and anxieties of the present age to shape our thinking. The world constantly pushes us toward self-centeredness, compromise and division. In contrast, God's Word acts as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, cutting through cultural noise to transform our minds. Spiritual renewal begins when we immerse ourselves daily in the Scriptures, allowing God's truth to refine our motives, anchor our convictions and reshape our worldview.

However, spiritual renewal is never meant to end with individual piety. Internal transformation must lead to external action: we are Reformed for His Mission.

The Reformation restored the Biblical understanding of the "Priesthood of all believers." Every member of the Church of North India—Clergy and Laity alike—is called to be an active participant in God's redemptive work in the world. In a rapidly changing society marked by socio-economic disparities, environmental crises, and moral ambiguity, our faith must be visible and active.

God's mission demands that we live out the Gospel with both conviction and compassion. We are called to be agents of His Justice, Mercy and Grace. Justice means standing alongside the vulnerable, defending the marginalized and opposing all forms of oppression. Mercy means reaching out with practical aid and open hearts to those who are suffering. Grace means proclaiming the unconditional love of God to a broken world desperate for hope.

As the Church of North India, our witness becomes powerful when our lives reflect the radical love of Jesus. When we allow Scripture to continuously reform our congregations, our Dioceses and our personal lives, we become true light and salt in our communities.

As we commemorate Reformation Day this October, let us not treat it merely as a historical remembrance but as a present spiritual imperative. Let us examine our hearts, our Worship and our Ministries under the light of God's Holy Word.

May God grant us the courage to resist worldly conformity, the grace to undergo daily spiritual renewal and the fervour to carry out His mission to the ends of the earth.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Yours in His service,

The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning
Moderator, Church of North India
& Bishop, Diocese of Calcutta

THE DESK OF ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY

RENEWED BY THE WORD, REFORMED FOR HIS MISSION



Beloved Brothers & Sisters, Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

I am certain that there have been moments in the life of the Church, when we ask, What does it mean to be the Church of Jesus Christ in the present World? Every generation of the Church is called to ask an important question: Are we simply preserving what we have received, or are we allowing God to continually renew and transform us for God's mission? The Christian faith is a living faith that must address the reality of the present rather than existing solely in recollections of the past. Our beliefs, relationships, technology, and social realities are all continually evolving in the world in which we live. In such a world, the Church is called to be firmly rooted in God's creation rather than blindly conforming to everything around it or withdrawing from it.

Paul's writings to Romans 12:2 and the theme, "Renewed by the Word, Reformed for His Mission" both powerfully communicate this perspective. This verse in the Bible challenges us to view renewal as a change that shapes the Church's identity, witness, and involvement in God's work rather than just as an individual spiritual experience. This biblical verse challenges us to go beyond external religious traditions and consider the transformation that God seeks within us since the Christian religion is a path of ongoing renewal. Paul consistently reminds us that being a Christian disciple is about letting God renew our minds so that our lives can influence His will rather than being influenced by the norms, values, and expectations of the society around us.

We are living in an age where there are several challenges to our faith. In the midst of all of this unrest-discrimination, persecution, violence, social pressure, and the destruction of churches-Romans 12:2 teaches the Church as the whole to stay faithful to Christ even in the face of challenging circumstances. The Bible reminds us to listen to our neighbours, identify injustice when it occurs, show compassion in the face of suffering, and resist discrimination. This verse from the Bible serves as a reminder that when we see injustice and hatred, Christ shows us the path of love and unity and the gospel gives us courage to witness.

Reformation is an ongoing task to consider if our words, structures, and actions genuinely reflect the gospel. It is not just an event in the Church's history. Reformation Day, which is celebrated on October 31st, honours Martin Luther's spiritual awakening and the Reformation of the sixteenth century. This serves as a reminder to the church even now to return to the scripture and let God rejuvenate our lives so that we can bear witness. Let us challenge our complacency, when churches have neglected to show unity, voices have failed to bear witness, and hands no longer reach out in service. Let us ask for repentance, transformation, and a renewed commitment to Christ.

Let us be renewed not just for ourselves but for God's mission. May God bless us all to carry the good news to places of despair, stand with those who face injustice and care for those who are alone.

Mr. Subrata Gorai
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NICR Board, CNI Synod

EDITORIAL

REFORMATION: AN EVENT AND A PROCESS

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.' Romans

Paul's invitational apostleship in this message asks the people of God to change themselves into holy individuals whose life and mission will become acceptable at His table. It is appropriate therefore that we reflect on this thought during October that climaxes in Reformation Sunday, when we focus on Martin Luther's crusade against corruption in the Western Church. A turning point in this revolution was Luther's nailing a catalogue of ninety-five theses to the door of All Saints Church, Saxony. These itemized points of corruption in existing church structures. While university debates on the nature of doctrine constitute the early stirrings of revolt, Luther's movement would go on to reconfigure the relationship between Western European monarchies and the Church, and to presage the division between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Alongside seismic shifts in these institutions, however, the spirit of questioning individualism continues to throb. As Erasmus, one of Luther's doctrinal adversaries insisted, 'I will put up with the Church until I see a better one, and it will have to put up with me until I become better'(Mac Culloch, 614). We must continually re-imagine ourselves and our belief. Then this idea will resonate strongly because it involves a recreation and re-formation not a rejection of the community of faith to which we belong.

As individuals, one of the milestones of our journey in faith is Confirmation Sunday, when the church welcomes us as fully communicant members into its fellowship. The reading from Ezekiel during the service of Confirmation looks forward to the intervention of the Holy Spirit into the life of each individual. It reminds each of us of God's role in the re-formation of every soul. 'A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you... and you shall be my people and I will be your God' (Ezek 36.26- 28). It is a powerful, faith-based reminder that the act of spiritual reconstruction centres on the individual soul. However, reformation comes from God. The refreshed and renewed believer never walks alone, but is part of a community that perpetually revises itself, in the service of God.

Institutionally, we belong to the Church of North India. To mark this early phase, the Rt Revd. Eric Nasir, then Bishop of Delhi, who served its first Moderator preached a moving sermon at the Cathedral Church of the Redemption, He chose a text from Revelation: 'I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away'(Rev 21.1). Rich possibilities of institutional renewal are available to all of us, if we renew our heart and faith on a one-to-one basis. At first it seems a thoroughly disorienting thought, because what we know and depend upon at present may exist no longer. This might seem terrifying and sad. However, if this institutional revision is to take place, each of us --- working on our own souls ---- will find that the Holy Spirit has already intervened and transformed us from within.

We will be new people in a new community. That is surely something to anticipate eagerly. As the text continues, we learn that sorrow and pain will be absent from the New Jerusalem. A reformation that is perpetual, and that involves us both as individuals and as a community of believers is surely one for which we need to work and pray.

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DEVOTION

CONFORMING TO GOD; NOT TO THE WORLD

There was one very interesting and amusing incident reported in Newspapers couple of years back. During the Covid pandemic some parrots were rescued and placed in a zoo in England. After few days it was noticed that these parrots were speaking bad words. Investigation revealed that one of the rescued parrots spoke bad words, and so gradually the other parrots copied him and began speaking bad words. The staff tried to solve the issue by separating parrots and putting them in a company of "good" parrots.

In Romans 12:2 Paul urges the believers, do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. We live in a world which is surrounded by many ideologies, thinking patterns and values which contradict to our Christian values. It may happen that we may get influenced by these surroundings. The month of October also reminds us about the reformation triggered by Martin Luther in sixteenth century.

Often, in fact we are doing it, we mistaken reformation as some past event. But actually it is and has to be a continuous event involving and influencing the church in today's context. Let's take few minutes and stimulate our minds to think, how and in which ways this reformation could be a continuous event? How does it matter to me individually?

Luther gave three slogans that became watchwords and theological base during the reformation – sola scriptura, sola fide and sola gratia meaning, scripture alone, faith alone, and grace alone.

Sola scriptura: Luther argued that our theology and values should conform to the teaching of Bible. Anything outside it, is not acceptable. Luther was arguing this in a context wherein many teachings of the church, called as tradition, had replaced biblical teaching to a large extent. This reminds us today that no matter how good a teaching, church plans, decisions, policies, or activities may sound, but we are to ask a simple question that, "does this align to biblical values and teachings"? We have to ask, "How would Jesus react to what we are doing today as individual believers, as believers' community and as leaders". Does our life-style conform to the world or to God's word? The church has to be within world and influencing it, not the other way round where in the world getting inside the church and influencing it. Reformation begins with individual transformation. We want our church to be reformed but don't want ourselves to be reformed. Luther was touched by God's word first, and then made efforts to reform the church.

Sola fide. Luther held that a simple faith alone can save us and bring transformation. He was speaking in a context where in it was argued that human efforts are needed to gain salvation. Luther pointed out that God just wants us to put full faith in Him. In our context we are surrounded by many frightening challenges individually and as community. There are ideologies which want to harm or even wipe out believers' community. Individually we are faced with many practical issues in our life which stresses us out. Let us put a simple faith in God that he can deliver us. God wants us to repent and turn to him with faith and situation around us will change. It is a crude and bitter reality that as church we want things around us to change, but we do not want to change. We do not want to repent and reform. With faith we are to change the pattern of this world.

Sola gracia. Luther believed that it is the grace of God that helps us to have such faith. We have many limitations and as humans we are unworthy even to receive God's love. But, God is gracious to love us. Let us continue to be gracious to our fellow humans and even environment. Sometimes it is noticed that we have forgotten to be gracious to our fellow humans. Let us not conform to the worldly pattern of selfishly individualistic. Let our acts and words resonate God's grace.

October reminds us to continue reforming ourselves so that we do not conform to the patterns of this world, but we conform to the patterns of our living God.

The Revd. Sanjay Malaviya
Diocese of Gujarat



NEWS FROM CNI SBSS

HANDS THAT BUILD FUTURES

Far away in the Sirajuli Tea Estate of Assam, within CNI SBSS's North East Project Area, Ashman and Aman Munda were growing up with limited opportunities to build a secure livelihood. Belonging to the Adivasi



Grace Welding Centre, Ratanjuli, Sonitpur, Assam

"tea-tribe" community, they had seen many families depend on low-paid tea garden work, struggle without land of their own, or leave home in search of employment. Both young men completed their education hoping it would open doors to a better future. Instead, education gave them hope, but jobs remained scarce.

Their situation began to change when they came in contact with CNI SBSS, which was working in the community to promote youth development and expand livelihood opportunities.

Through its engagement with local youth, CNI SBSS encouraged Ashman and Aman to explore practical, market-oriented skills that could help them earn a sustainable livelihood. Recognizing their potential and willingness to learn, CNI SBSS, with support from KiA, Netherlands, sponsored their residential training in Welding and Fabrication. For Ashman and Aman, the training was a turning point. Along with technical skills, it gave them the confidence and capacity to become economically self-reliant.

When they returned to Sirajuli, they looked at their community through a different lens. Farmers, households and small businesses regularly needed iron gates, window grills, agricultural tool modifications and other fabricated items. Much of this work was sourced from distant towns. The two young



SBSS programme review meeting

men recognized an opportunity to use their newly acquired skills to meet local demand and create income close to home. Together, they established a Welding and Fabrication Unit near the tea estate.

Today, their enterprise earns them around INR 16,000–20,000 a month, depending on orders. This steady income has enabled them to contribute to household expenses, manage their own needs and reinvest in tools and equipment, allowing the business to grow and making their livelihood increasingly sustainable.

As their enterprise grew, so did its impact. Ashman and Aman brought two other unemployed youth from the tea estate into the workshop as apprentices, sharing the skills they had acquired and creating further livelihood opportunities within the community. Their experience shows



KiA FCRA meeting in Bangalore

how CNI SBSS's investment in skills can translate into sustainable livelihoods, helping young people move from unemployment to selfreliance, strengthening local economic opportunities, and enabling one livelihood intervention to create opportunities for others.

As such initiatives continued across the project areas, programme experiences and learnings were also brought into wider discussions during the CNI SBSS Programme Review Meeting in Kolkata, following a visit to the Bishop of Barrackpore, and the KiA meeting in Bangalore.

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VISIT OF THE MODERATOR AND GLOBAL MISSION DIRECTOR, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

It was on 16th September 2026 had a privilege for the Church of North India to have our historic partners from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, The Moderator, The Right Rev. Peter Dunn along with Rev. Phil King, Global Mission Director.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Church of North India, The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning along with the Acting General Secretary and Treasurer, CNI Synod, Mr. Subrata Gorai extended a warm welcome to our partners in mission from PCANZ. Both the churches shared forthcoming plans and explored new avenues for collaborative mission and partnership. The blessed time reaffirmed the deep bonds of commitment to journey together in God's mission envisioning greater cooperation in the years ahead.



We are thankful to Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, The Right Rev. Peter Dunn and Rev. Phil King, Global Mission Director for their kind visit to the Church of North India.

CNI SYNOD











NEWS FROM CNI SYNOD

14th WORKSHOP ON DISCIPLESHIP AND WITNESSING

The 14th Workshop on Discipleship and Witnessing was held at CNI Balangir, Diocese of Sambalpur, Odisha, from 28th to 30th September 2026. The three-day workshop was a meaningful,



enriching, and blessed occasion for the participants, providing an opportunity to reflect deeply on the Christian calling to discipleship, witnessing, leadership, and evangelism. Around 300 people attended and were benefitted from this workshop.

The workshop was thoughtfully designed to engage different groups within the Church on each of the three days, enabling participants to reflect on discipleship and witnessing according to their respective roles and responsibilities in the life and ministry of the Church.

Day One: Presbyters, Evangelists and Missionaries The first day of the workshop was dedicated to Presbyters, Evangelists, and Missionaries. The sessions focused on the biblical understanding of discipleship and witnessing and their significance in the ministry of the Church.

Participants were encouraged to understand discipleship not merely as a programme or activity, but as a lifelong commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear witness to the Gospel through words, actions, and Christian life. The discussions also highlighted the responsibility of ministers and evangelists to become effective witnesses of Christ in their communities. Day Two: Local and Pastorate-Level Office Bearers.

The second day was specifically conducted for local and pastorate-level office bearers, particularly Secretaries and Treasurers. The sessions emphasized the importance of Christian leadership and the responsibilities entrusted to those who serve in various administrative and leadership positions within the Church.

Special attention was given to the qualities of a Christian leader from a biblical perspective. Participants were reminded that Christian leadership is fundamentally a ministry of service, humility, integrity, accountability, commitment, and care for others. The workshop encouraged office bearers to exercise their responsibilities with prayer, wisdom, transparency, and a spirit of servant leadership.
Day Three: Youth and Women's Fellowship The third day was dedicated to the Youth and Women's Fellowship. The sessions created a space for young people and women to reflect upon their important role in the mission and witness of the Church.

The participants were encouraged to recognize their gifts and God-given responsibilities and to actively participate in the ministry of evangelism and Christian witness. The discussions also emphasized the need for every member of the Church to become a disciple who is willing to share the love, hope, and message of Jesus Christ with others.
Major Themes and Sessions A number of significant topics were dealt with during the three-day workshop. These included

- Understanding Discipleship and Witnessing
- The Importance of Christian Leadership
- Qualities of a Christian Leader from a Biblical Perspective
- Jesus Christ as the Role Model for Evangelism
- The responsibility of Christians to witness to the Gospel through their lives and actions
- The importance of servant leadership in the ministry of the Church

The sessions were participatory and reflective, encouraging the participants to connect biblical teachings with their



practical responsibilities in the Church and society. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ were presented as the central model for Christian discipleship, leadership, service, and evangelism.
Resource Persons The workshop was enriched by the presence and ministry of two resource persons: The Rt. Revd. Sharad Gaikwad Director, CNI Programme Office, CNI Synod
The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati Communication Secretary, CNI Synod and Principal, Satyaniketan School of Theology, New Delhi Their teaching, reflections, biblical insights, and interaction with the participants contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the workshop. Their presentations helped the participants to look afresh at the calling of the Church to make disciples and to bear faithful witness to Jesus Christ.
The workshop was truly a fruitful and blessed experience. It provided a valuable platform for ministers, office bearers, youth, women, and other members of the Church to come together, learn, reflect, and renew their commitment to discipleship and witnessing.



The three days also reminded the participants that the mission of the Church is a shared responsibility. Every Christian, regardless of position or ministry, is called to follow Christ faithfully and to become a witness to the Gospel in everyday life. Special gratitude is expressed to the Diocese of Sambalpur for graciously hosting the 14th Workshop on

Discipleship and Witnessing. Our sincere appreciation goes to The Rt. Revd. Immanuel Dani, Bishop of the Diocese of Sambalpur, and all the office bearers of the Diocese for their hospitality, cooperation, support, and commitment in making the workshop possible.

The warm welcome and support extended by the Diocese contributed greatly to the successful and meaningful conduct of the three-day programme.

May God richly bless the Diocese of Sambalpur, its Bishop, clergy, office bearers, congregations, youth, women, and all its members, and continue to strengthen the Diocese in its ministry and witness.

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through such programmes and workshops. Their vision and encouragement have made it possible to continue creating spaces where the Church can equip its leaders and members for effective discipleship, witnessing, evangelism, and Christian leadership.

The 14th Workshop on Discipleship and Witnessing concluded with a renewed sense of commitment and enthusiasm among the participants. The workshop was not only an occasion for learning but also a time of spiritual reflection, fellowship, encouragement, and renewal.
The gathering reaffirmed the call of every Christian to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ and a committed witness to the Gospel. May the lessons, reflections, and commitments made during these three days bear lasting fruit in the life and ministry of the Church. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…" — Matthew 28:19
May God continue to bless the ministry of the Church of North India and strengthen all its dioceses, congregations, leaders, and members in the faithful calling of discipleship and witnessing.

The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati
Communication Secretary
CNI Synod

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS TO THE ENTIRE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA FAMILY

On 27 September 2026, The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning the Moderator, CNI Synod and the bishop of Calcutta diocese addressed the entire CNI family, sharing his concerns, reflections, and vision for the growth, development, and strengthening of the Church of North India. His address was both a reminder of the rich heritage of the Church and a call to renewed commitment to its mission, unity, and witness in the nation. The Moderator began by recalling the history and formation of the Church of North India. He reminded the gathering that the CNI did not come into existence merely as an institutional arrangement, but through the prayers, sacrifices, commitment, and vision of many faithful people and leaders. He paid tribute to those who gave their time talents, resources, and possessions for the formation and holistic development of the Church. Their sacrifices, he emphasised, continue to provide a foundation and inspiration for the present generation. Reflecting on this history, the Moderator encouraged the CNI family to recognise the responsibility entrusted to them by those who came before them. The heritage of the Church is not simply something to be remembered; rather, it is a calling to continue building the Church faithfully and to ensure that its ministry remains relevant to the needs of society. heritage of the Church is not simply something to be remembered; rather, it is a calling to continue building the Church faithfully and to ensure that its ministry remains relevant to the needs of society.
The biblical reflection served as an invitation to examine the life and ministry of the Church. Just as Jesus approached the man who had been waiting for healing, the Church is called to recognise the needs around it and respond with compassion, faith, and action. The passage therefore became a meaningful backdrop to the Moderator's concern that the Church should not remain passive but should rise to fulfil its God-given calling.
The Mission of the Church: Teaching, Preaching and Healing A significant emphasis of the Moderator's address was the continuing mission of the Church of North India to serve the nation. He highlighted the three-fold ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing, through which the Church can make a larger and more meaningful contribution to the life of society. The ministry of teaching includes the Church's commitment to education and the formation of individuals and communities. Through its educational institutions and other initiatives, the CNI has an opportunity to nurture knowledge, character, values, and responsible citizenship. The ministry of preaching reminds the Church of its primary responsibility to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to bear witness to God's love, justice, peace, and reconciliation. The Church is



called not only to proclaim its faith through words but also to demonstrate that faith through its life and actions.
that faith through its life and actions. The ministry of healing extends beyond medical care. It encompasses the Church's responsibility to respond to human suffering in its many forms. Through healthcare, social services, community development, care for the vulnerable, and other ministries, the CNI can continue to demonstrate Christ's compassion to society.that faith through its life and actions. The ministry of healing extends beyond medical care. It encompasses the Church's responsibility to respond to human suffering in its many forms. Through healthcare, social services, community development, care for the vulnerable, and other ministries, the CNI can continue to demonstrate Christ's compassion to society.

The Moderator therefore presented the Church's mission as a holistic one—concerned with the spiritual, physical, educational, social, and human needs of people. He encouraged the CNI family to recognise the opportunities before the Church and to strengthen its ministries for the greater service of the nation. Another central theme of the Moderator's address was the unity of the Church of North India. He expressed his concern about situations and individuals that contribute to difficulties and divisions within the Church. At the same time, his appeal was directed to the entire CNI family to rise above differences and remain committed to the unity of the Church. He emphasised the importance of brotherhood, harmony, mutual understanding, and a spirit of togetherness. The Church, he reminded the members, can effectively fulfil its mission only when its members work together with a common purpose. He emphasised the importance of brotherhood, harmony, mutual understanding, and a spirit of togetherness. The Church, he reminded the members, can effectively fulfil its mission only when its members work together with a common purpose. The Moderator encouraged all members of the CNI family—leaders, clergy, laity, dioceses, institutions, and various ministries—to recognise that they belong to one larger family and that the Church's common mission must remain greater than individual interests and differences. **A Call to Faithfulness and Renewed Commitment**

Towards the conclusion of his address, the Moderator once again appealed to the whole CNI family to remain faithful to the call and commitment entrusted to them by God and His Church. His message was essentially a call to remember the past, understand the responsibilities of the present, and look towards the future with faith and hope. The sacrifices of previous generations provide the Church with a rich heritage, but that heritage also places a responsibility upon the present generation to preserve, strengthen, and advance the ministry of the Church. The Moderator's vision was therefore directed towards a Church that is spiritually committed, united in fellowship, faithful to its calling, and actively engaged in the service of humanity. He encouraged the CNI family to renew its commitment to God, to the Church, and to the mission of serving people through education, healthcare, preaching, social service, and other forms of ministry. The Moderator's address on 27 September 2026 was a significant reminder of the identity, heritage, mission, and responsibilities of the Church of North India. By recalling the sacrifices made during the formation and development of the CNI, reflecting on the message of John 5:1–15, emphasising the Church's ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, and calling for unity and harmony, he presented a vision of a Church that must continue to grow in faithfulness and service. At the heart of the address was a clear appeal to the whole CNI family: to remain united, faithful, committed, and ready to serve God and humanity. The Church is called not merely to preserve what has been received from previous generations, but to build upon that foundation and respond courageously to the needs and challenges of the present and the future. The address thus served both as a reflection on the journey of the Church of North India and as a renewed call to its members to embrace their collective responsibility. With faith in God, commitment to the Church, unity among its members, and dedication to the service of the nation, the CNI can continue to fulfil its calling as a community of faith and service.

The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati
Communication Secretary
CNI Synod



INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE REVD (DR.) SWARUP BAR AS THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE, KOLKATA

It was a blessed and memorable occasion on 30th September 2026, when the Revd. (Dr.) Swarup Bar was installed as the new Principal of Bishop's College, Kolkata. The service was conducted by The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator of the Synod of the Church of North India, Bishop of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI, and President of Bishop's College, Kolkata, who officiated with prayerful grace. The ceremony was further graced by the presence of The Rt. Revd. Dr. Silvans S. Christian, Deputy Moderator, CNI Synod, and Mr. Subrata Gorai, Acting General Secretary & Treasurer, CNI Synod, along with respected Bishops, Members of the Annual General Meeting, Bishop's College Society, dignitaries and members from the Diocese of Calcutta, ecumenical leaders, and representatives from the Senate of Serampore. Their participation grace and significance to this blessed occasion. We give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His providence in granting Bishop's College new leadership to continue its mission of theological education and service to the Church. On behalf of the Church of North India Synod, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to The Revd. (Dr.) Swarup Bar and assure him of our prayers. May the Lord strengthen him with wisdom, strength and vision to carry forward the mission entrusted to him, for the glory of God.











NEWS FROM DIOCESE OF AGRA

ORDINATION SERVICE

We want to thank and praise God for the blessings and also that he added three Presbyters in his flock through the Ordination to the Office of Presbyterate in the Diocese of Agra. We are thankful to the Rt. Revd. Manoj Charan (Moderator's Episcopal Commissary) for the Diocese of Agra, for doing the honour by conducting the Holy Ordination to the Office of Presbyters for following, The Revd. Dn. Abhishek Hingsley, The Revd. Dn. Anshul Massey, The Revd. Dn. Shenoy Shem Karamchandani on 20th September participated in the Ordination Service followed by the Holy Communion. They are, the Revd. Ashwin Plomer (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. George's Cathedral, Diocese of Agra) and Vice President, Diocese of Agra, the Revd. Nitin Robinson (Presbyter in Charge, St John's Church Agra. Diocesan Communication Secretary, Diocese of Agra), the Revd. Santosh Pandey (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Diocese of Agra), the Revd. Bonhomie Nayak (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. Paul's Church, Diocese of Agra), Dr. Avinash Chand (Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Agra), Mr. Ashish Habil (Diocesan Treasurer, Diocese of Agra)and the members of the Diocese of Agra.

Wishing and Blessing to the newly Ordained presbyters for their future endeavors and fruitful ministry through Diocese of Agra.



2026 at St. George's Cathedral, Agra. We are also thankful to the following Presbyters and Diocesan Officials (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. George's Cathedral, Diocese of Agra) and Vice President, Diocese of Agra, the Revd. Nitin Robinson (Presbyter in Charge, St John's Church Agra. Diocesan Communication Secretary, Diocese of Agra), the Revd. Santosh Pandey (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Diocese of Agra), the Revd. Bonhomie Nayak (Presbyter In-Charge) (St. Paul's Church, Diocese of Agra), Dr. Avinash Chand (Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Agra), Mr. Ashish Habil





The Revd. Nitin Kumar Robinson
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INTER-BRANCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION OF ST. STEPHEN'S GROUP OF SCHOOLS AT DUM DUM

On 7th August 2026, an Inter-Branch Football Competition of St. Stephen's Group of Schools was held at Dum Dum St. Stephen's School. A total of ten branches of St. Stephen's Group



of Schools participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and excitement. Throughout the various stages of the tournament, the players displayed outstanding sporting skills, team spirit, unity, and a competitive attitude, which greatly delighted the spectators. After a long and exciting series of matches, Sonarpur Branch and Dum Dum Branch faced each other in the final.

In an exciting final match, Dum Dum Branch emerged as the champion, while Sonarpur Branch secured the honour of becoming the runners-up. The programme was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore. The Chief Guest was Shri Arijit Bakshi, Hon'ble MLA of the Dum Dum Assembly Constituency and Advocate.

Also present on the occasion were Shri Soumen Ghosh, local Mandal President; ShriSukalyan Halder School Secretary; Mrs. Anupama Toppo, Principal of the school; and other distinguished guests. Before the commencement of the matches, the dignitaries warmly greeted and shook hands with all the participating players. At the concluding ceremony, trophies and prizes were presented to the victorious Dum Dum Branch and the runners-up, Sonarpur Branch. In their speeches, the distinguished guests highlighted the importance of participating in sports alongside academic studies. They encouraged the students to take greater interest in sports and motivated more students to participate in such sporting activities in the future.



The football competition played an important role in fostering discipline, team unity, leadership qualities, friendship, camaraderie, and a spirit of healthy competition among the students. The entire programme was successfully concluded in an atmosphere filled with joy, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a beautiful spirit of fellowship.





DWFCS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OF BERHAMPORE PASTORATE

On 9th August 2026, a beautiful and blessed Women's Conference of the Berhampore Pastorate was held at St. John's Church, Berhampore. With the participation of around 100 women members from various churches, the programme was filled with joy, fellowship, and a deeply spiritual atmosphere.

In his address, the Bishop highlighted the significant role of women not only in their families but also in the Church and society. The participants were encouraged to build their lives upon the Word of God and to become a source of blessing to their families, churches, and communities as Christian women. The conference created a beautiful spiritual atmosphere through prayer, Bible

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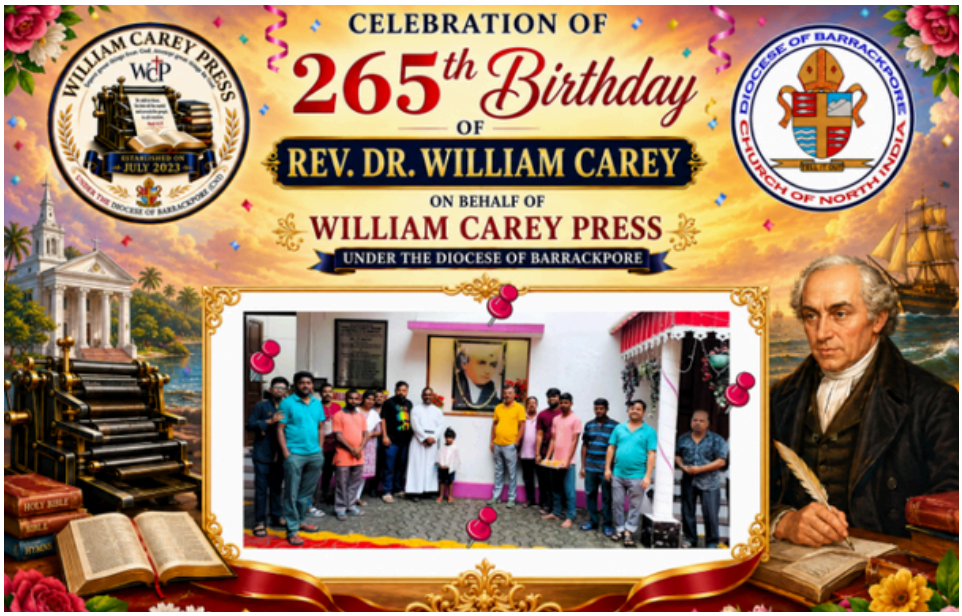
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The central theme of this year's conference was based on Proverbs 31:26: "She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Reflecting on this Biblical message, discussions focused on the importance of God's wisdom, compassion, love, and faith in the lives of women.

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THE REVD. DR. WILLIAM CAREY'S 265TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

On 17th August 2026, a special memorial programme and prayer service was organised by William Carey Press of the Diocese of Barrackpore to commemorate the 265th birth anniversary of Rev. Dr. William Carey. All the staff members of the offices and press participated in the programme and paid their respects to this great missionary, educator, linguist, and social reformer. The programme began with prayer, singing, and Bible reading under the leadership of the Revd. Shantanu Sardar and Mr. Arjun Chakraborty. During the programme, the life, work, and remarkable contributions of the Revd. Dr. William Carey to Indian society and the field of education were remembered and highlighted. Special emphasis was placed on his pioneering contribution to printing and publishing, which played an important role in the development of education and the dissemination of knowledge in India. The programme concluded with prayer and an exchange of greetings, creating a meaningful occasion to remember and honour the enduring legacy of the Revd. Dr. William Carey.



DWFCS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OF BERHAMPORE PASTORATE

On 16th August 2026, a one-day Youth Seminar was organised by DYFC at St. Giles Church, Maslandapur, under the Habra Pastorate. The central theme of the seminar was "Walking in the Way of Unity" (Ephesians 4:2–3).

The seminar became a joyful and spiritually enriching gathering for the young people. The main focus of the programme was "Know Him, Grow in Him, Make Him Known"—to know Christ, grow spiritually in Him, and make Him known to others.

Through this theme, the young participants were encouraged to strengthen their Christian faith and deepen their relationship with Christ. A Bible Quiz Competition was organised as part of the seminar, where the participants enthusiastically

demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. The programme also included various Bible-based activities, congregational praise and worship, and joyful moments of sincere fellowship among the participants. The Revd. Tapas Biswas, Priest-inCharge, along with members of the

Local congregation and other guests, were present at the programme. The speakers, reflecting on Ephesians 4:2–3, encouraged the young people to bear witness to Christ through their faith, character, and daily lives. The Youth Seminar proved to be an important and blessed initiative in fostering spiritual awakening, mutual

unity, fellowship, and a renewed commitment among the youth of the Habra Pastorate to live as witnesses for Christ.

Sukalyan Halder Secretary
BDC
Diocese of Barrackpore (CNI)

71ST FOUNDATION DAY OF THE DIOCESE OF BARRACKPORE

71st Foundation Day of the Diocese of Barrackpore and Memorial



Thanksgiving Service in Honour of the Late Bishop Brojen Malakar, Former BDC Secretary Late Subodh Kumar Das and Former BDC Treasurer Late Pradip Chakraborty Under the initiative and leadership of the Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, the 71st Foundation Day of the Diocese of Barrackpore was celebrated this year, as in previous years, along with a special prayer service to pay tribute to the departed faithful servants of the Diocese. The programme commenced at 11:00 a.m. with a Holy Eucharistic Service at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral. At the outset, the CNI flag and the Diocese flag were hoisted by the Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty at the open stage, following which the clergy and dignitaries entered the Cathedral in a procession.

The Vice-President of the Diocese, Revd. Dr. Surajit Sarkar, BDC Secretary, Shri Sukalyan Halder, Treasurer, Smt. Chaitali Mondal, all the clergy of the Diocese, along with members of the GBFB, EC, BDTA, DWFCS and DYFC, Secretaries and Treasurers of various Pastorates, Heads of different educational institutions, and other office-bearers and dignitaries, were present at the programme.

The Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty, on behalf of the Diocese, extended his greetings to all those present. In his address, he briefly reflected upon the 71-year journey of the Diocese, recalling the many years of God's blessings and faithfulness. He called upon everyone to move forward together in unity, faith and dedicated service to God and the Church. Following the Thanksgiving Prayer Service marking the Foundation Day, a special Memorial Service and



Prayer Meeting was held in remembrance of the distinguished departed servants of the Diocese. During the memorial service, the Diocese of Barrackpore respectfully remembered the late Bishop Brojen Malakar, former Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore and Acting Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India; the late Subodh Kumar Das, former BDC Secretary;

and the late Pradip Chakraborty, former BDC Treasurer. In his address, the Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty spoke about the lives, dedication and valuable contributions of these departed servants to the Diocese. He emphasized that their lives of faithfulness and service would continue to inspire the present and future generations to remain steadfast in the service of God. Tributes and reflections were also shared by former BDC Secretary Shri Manoj Mondal, Shri Sanjit Sanyal, Shri Manjur Halder, BDC Secretary Shri Sukalyan Halder, and BDC Treasurer Smt. Chaitali Mondal, who expressed their gratitude and shared their memories of the departed servants. The meeting was conducted by Revd. Dr. Surajit Sarkar. Through prayers of remembrance, tribute and thanksgiving, the programme gained a deep spiritual significance. On the one hand, the 71-year journey of the Diocese of Barrackpore was remembered with gratitude for God's unfailing grace and faithfulness; on the other hand, the lives and service of the departed servants were honored, remembering their legacy of faithful Christian service and dedication to the Diocese. The occasion thus became a meaningful celebration of God's faithfulness, the Diocese's rich heritage, and the enduring legacy of those who faithfully served the Church and the Diocese of Barrackpore.

GOSABA PASTORATE'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

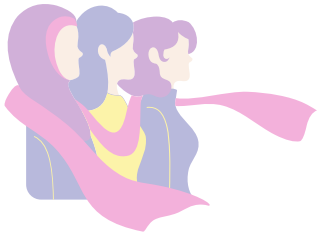
A beautiful and blessed Women's Conference was held on 5th September 2026 at St. Andrew's Church, Gosaba Pastorate. With the enthusiastic participation of women members from different



congregations, the conference became a joyful and spiritually enriching occasion. The programme was graced by the presence of Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, Smt. Florence Supriya Chakrabarty, President of DWFCS, and other distinguished guests. The programme commenced with prayer led by the Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Saptadwip Biswas. In his address, the Rt. Rev Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty highlighted the theme "Mother Mary – Blessed Among Women", encouraging the participants to reflect upon the life, faith and obedience of Mother Mary. The conference created a beautiful spiritual atmosphere through prayer, Bible reading, singing, worship and fellowship. The women present participated in the conference with great joy, enthusiasm and devotion. In her address, Smt. Florence Supriya Chakrabarty, President of DWFCS, emphasized the importance of mutual support, unity and spiritual growth among women. She encouraged the women to remain united in faith and to



support one another in their Christian journey and service. The entire conference was a meaningful occasion of prayer, learning, fellowship and spiritual renewal, bringing together women from different congregations in a spirit of unity and Christian love. The programme concluded with the cutting of a cake to celebrate the pre-birthday of Mother Mary. The conference came to a blessed conclusion with the prayer and benediction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The conference will remain a memorable occasion of faith, fellowship, unity and spiritual encouragement for all those who participated.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE HELD AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CATHEDRAL, BARRACKPORE PASTORATE

A Confirmation Service was held on 20th September 2026 at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, Barrackpore Pastorate, in the presence of the Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, the Priest-in-Charge, Revd. Arabinda Mondal, and the priests of the local congregation. A total of 21 candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation, comprising 8 boys and 13 girls. During the service, the Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty encouraged the candidates through his message and teachings, exhorting them to remain steadfast in their faith and to live committed Christian lives. The service was followed by the Holy Communion Service, after which the worship concluded with prayers and the singing of hymns. Following the opportunity for fellowship and joyful sharing among the members and participants. The occasion was a blessed and meaningful gathering, marking an important step in the spiritual journey of the young members of the Church.





TWO-DAY YOUTH SEMINAR HELD AT ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, JEADARGOTE PASTORATE

A two-day Youth Seminar was organized by the Diocesan Youth Fellowship Council (DYFC) at St. Thomas' Church, Jeadargote Pastorate, on 12th and 13th September 2026. The theme of this year's seminar was "Remember Your Creator" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).The seminar became a joyful and spiritually enriching gathering for the young people. Under the visionary leadership of the Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, and through the initiative of the Youth Committee of Jeadargote Pastorate, a two-day youth conference was organized at St. Thomas' Church for the first time. The conference was organized with the purpose of inspiring the young generation to live a Christ-centred life, deepen their faith, and encourage them to become examples of Christian living in society. Nearly 200 young men and women from different Pastorates participated in the conference. The programme was graced by the presence of Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, Revd. Dr. Surajit Sarkar, Vice-President of the Diocese; Shri Sukalyan Halder, Diocesan Secretary, along with other clergy members and distinguished guests. The youth conference commenced with an opening dance and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Thereafter, the Bishop and all the distinguished guests were warmly welcomed and felicitated with mementos and the traditional Bengali gamcha, symbolizing the rich cultural heritage of Bengal. In his inaugural address, the Rt. Revd. Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty encouraged the young participants and emphasized the importance of faith, commitment and Christian values in their lives .Following this, Revd. Bishwarup Chatterjee, Priestin-Charge of Dum Dum Pastorate, delivered a message based on the theme "Remember Your Creator" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). His message deeply inspired and encouraged the





young participants to remember God and to place Him at the centre of their lives. On the morning of 13th September 2026, the Rt. Revd. Subrata Chakrabarty conducted the Holy Communion Service. Along with the youth participants, members of the local congregation also took part in the worship service. Following the worship, Shri Pinaki Mondal, a teacher from Scottish Church College, conducted an informative session on "Career Guidance and Personal Challenges to Youth Today." The session addressed various challenges faced by young people and provided meaningful guidance for their personal and professional development. A Bible Quiz Competition was also organized as part of the



conclusion, every participant contributed wholeheartedly and gave their best to make the conference meaningful and successful. The two-day seminar became a significant occasion of faith, learning, fellowship, spiritual renewal and youth empowerment. It provided the young people with an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God, deepen their understanding of Christian faith, and encourage one another in their journey of Christian life and service. The conference concluded with the closing prayer led by Revd. Dr. Surajit Sarkar, Vice-President of the Diocese of Barrackpore. The successful completion of the seminar reflected the Diocese's continued commitment to nurturing and seminar. The participants took part with great enthusiasm and demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. In addition, the seminar included various Bible-based activities, congregational praise and worship, interactive sessions, and moments of joyful fellowship. From the beginning of the programme to its empowering its young generation to grow in faith and become faithful witnesses of Christ in the Church and in society.



Mr. Sukalyan Halder
Secretary, BDC
Diocese of Barrackpore (CNI)

NEWS FROM DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA

DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BIBLE WARRIOR 2026

On 30th August 2026 Bible Warrior 2026(Annual Competition) was organized by the Diocesan Sunday School Committee at La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata. The Most Revd.



Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning inaugurated the programme. In the inaugural address, he emphasized the importance of nurturing Biblical values among the younger generation. He further encouraged the parents to instill the love of Christ in the children and for their holistic development. In conclusion he said, the Sunday School should encourage the children to pursue their academics seriously. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 900 children, who showcased their talent in a range of activities which included a Bible Quiz based on the Book of Judges, drawing and colouring, tableau competition and singing and dancing competition (online). The day began with spirit filled singspiration by the DYFC members and the opening prayer by Revd. Raju Singh Chhetri.

The event was marked by joy, creativity, and a spirit of fellowship, leaving participants enriched and inspired. Mr. Sydney Menezes - Principal, La Martiniere for Boys; Mrs. Rupkatha Sarkar - Principal, La Martiniere for Girls and Mr. Supriyo Dhar - Secretary, La Martiniere Schools, Kolkata encouraged the children with their presence. On behalf of the entire Diocesan Sunday School Committee, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved Moderator and Bishop, The Most. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning for time, the Sunday school teachers and escorts present, the dear participating children, parents, Bishop's House Staff (Mr. Pranab Biswas and Mr. Anupam Bera) and the entire team of La Martiniere for Girls for their logistical support. Please continue to uphold our children's ministry in your prayers.

Pinaki Mondal,
Secretary,
Diocesan Sunday School
Committee Diocese of Calcutta(CNI)



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - JAI HO 6.0

On 15 August 2026 Holy Trinity Church Youth Fellowship organized Jai Ho 6.0, a vibrant celebration of faith, unity, and talent. The evening was marked by warmth and a spirited cultural showcase (Song and dance performances), bringing together youth groups from Churches cross the Diocese of Calcutta. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator, Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta was acknowledged for his concern for the progress of the Youth and dynamic leadership in the Diocese of Calcutta and the Church of North India. Rev. Sarojit Biswas, Vice President, Diocese of Calcutta, was the Chief Guest and was thanked for his presence and encouragement. Mr. Suman Biswas (Principal, St. Thomas' School, Kidderpore), Mrs. Sanchita Biswas (Principal, St. Paul's Mission School), and Yvonne Zoy a Sadiq—for gracing the occasion and making the celebration truly special.

The Revd. Saikat Nath
Presbyter-in-Charge





HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - TIRANGA 2026

On 29th August 2026 the Women's Fellowship of Holy Trinity Church organized Tiranga 2026 an Intra-Church competition to mark the 80th Independence Day of India, on



Saturday the 29th August, 2026 from 10 am onwards with the members of the Church and specially the Sunday School students. The programme commenced with the opening prayer by the Presbyterin-charge, Revd. Saikat Nath, followed by the address of The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator, Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta. He shared a motivational speech and praised the Women's Fellowship for their active participation in Church events and programmes. The performances were judged by Mrs. Madhumanjari Mondal, Principal Scottish Church College; Mrs. Jayita Biswas, Principal, Union Chapel School; Mrs. Sanchita Biswas, Principal, St. Paul's Mission School; Mr. Suman Biswas, Principal, St. Thomas' Boys' School, Kidderpore and Mr. Pinaki Mondal, Secretary, Diocesan Sunday School Committee. The children mesmerized everyone with their soulful patriotic songs,



vibrant dances and colorful paintings. Members of all ages participated in Bible quiz. The day was filled with fun and frolic. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks, the closing prayer followed by the National Anthem, a time of fellowship and lunch for all gathered.

Moumita Biswas,
President, HTC WFCS

PATRONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH

The 162nd Patronal Day of St. James' Church, Kolkata, was celebrated with deep spiritual fervour and joy on Sunday, 26th July 2026. We were honored by the presence of His grace, The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator of Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta, who celebrated the Eucharist and preached the word of God to St. James'family. The Worship began with a solemn procession. The processional cross and banners led the way

St. James' School, and Pratt Memorial School added to the sacred grandeur. The hymns and prayers during the Eucharist created an atmosphere of deep contemplation and spiritual nourishment to all in Pastorate Committee members of the Church. The Patronal Celebration continued throughout the day with fellowship activities. Immediately after the Worship, the traditional and highly accompanied by the soulful singing of the hymn, 'For all the saints who from their labours rest…' The altar was beautifully adorned with a rich red backdrop, candles, and incense. Exquisite floral arrangements and the historic banners of St. James'Church,





Programme put together by individuals and various wings of the Church by sharing their God-given talent through songs, instrumentals and dance. The memorable day concluded with dinner, reinforcing the bonds of love, faith, and fellowship within the St. James' family. On the occasion of Patronal celebration, like every year, the Women's Fellowship of our Church lovingly organized a time of treat for pensioners and staffs of the Church the previous day. The ladies took time to lead them in worship songs, prayer and interaction along with a lunch box and gifts showing their love and appreciation. We record our heartfelt and sincere thanks to His Grace, our Moderator and Dr. Ireland, Principal St. James victorious once again! As the sun began to set, Parishioners gathered once more in the sanctuary for the Solemn Evensong – this evening Worship featured the chanting of Psalms, Bible readings, and Canticles. The day of thanksgiving culminated in St. James' School Hall with a vibrant Variety Entertainment school and Mrs. Carolyn Lionel, Principal Pratt Memorial School for giving us the consent to use the school facilities and their constant support.

The Revd. V. V. Gain
Presbyter in-Charge

WORLD ANGLO-INDIAN DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

On 9th August St. Stephen's Church hosted a vibrant Anglo-Indian Programme to Commemorate World Anglo India that successfully brought the community together in fellowship and faith. The event commenced with an inspiring Address by The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator of



The Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta (CNI) followed by felicitations, guest musical performances, and a sumptuous lunch. Attendees enjoyed lively activities throughout the day, including spot dancing, three lucky coupon draws, and refreshments like momos, juice, and evening tea. Amajor highlight was the Senior Citizens Ramp Walk, where an honorary judge and makeup artist helped select the day's Anglo-Indian King and Queen. Through generous contributions and enthusiastic participation, the programme effectively spread Christian love while generating a net surplus, which will be used for



development works in the Church under the guidance of The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning.

Mr. Leander Pereira
Convener
of the Anglo-Indian Programme.

ST. THOMAS DAY SCHOOL 83RD FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



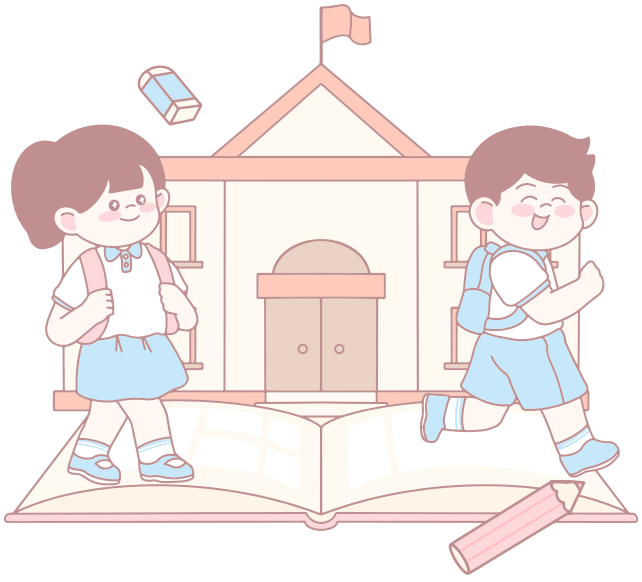
On 26th July 2026 St. Thomas' Day School celebrated its 83rd Founder's Day in a Thanksgiving Worship in St. Thomas' Church. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator, Church of North India, Bishop of Calcutta and Chairman – Board of Governors presided over the worship. Distinguished Guests, members of the Governing Body, Heads of Institutions, Alumni, Parents, Staff members, and Well-wishers attended the programme.

The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning in his message for the occasion reflected on the vision and dedication of the Founder, Bishop Bryan, whose commitment to providing quality education rooted in Christian values continues to inspire generations of students and educators. Through a moving and thought-provoking story about the Apostle St. Thomas, he emphasized the true meaning of charity, reminding everyone that genuine acts of kindness, compassion, generosity, and service towards others are among life's greatest virtues. He encouraged all present to cultivate hearts of love and selflessness, stressing that it is through our actions and concern for others that we leave a lasting impact on the world and honour the ideals upon which the school was founded. The celebrations concluded with a time of fellowship and dinner for all gathered.



Aniket Deb Roy
Principal,
St. Thomas' Day School





DIOCESE OF DELHI'S PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL, AMBALA HOLD MEDICAL CAMPS IN NEPAL

The recent Glacial Lake Outburst in Nepal causing devastating floods has yet again reminded us of neglecting our responsibility of caring for God's



creation. A possible cause of these is the rising temperatures leading to the permafrost layers thawing, thereby causing the rocky layer above to shift. The terrible floods caused huge damage to life and property. It is in times such as these that medical aid can provide some relief to the affected. Diocese of Delhi's Philadelphia Hospital at Ambala was quick to respond to the suffering and the dire need for medical aid in the flood impacted areas of Nepal. Dr. Sunil Sadiq, Director of the hospital himself took the lead in taking a team to set up medical camps across different affected locations. Others in the team were Mr. Amit Kapoor, Hospital Administrator, Dr. Rajat Lazarus, Dr. Chetan Joshua, Mr. Eric Dean and Mr. Daniel Swarup. They were also invited by a global humanitarian organization, Operation Blessing who partner with compassionate people like to transform lives through immediate relief and long-term solutions that demonstrate God's love in action.



Early morning on September 4th, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup, Bishop of Diocese of Delhi, CNI flagged off the team with a fervent prayer from the Diocesan office at New Delhi. The almost week long camps starting September 5th examined and treated people on ground for common health problems. Dr. Sunil Sadiq was pained by the suffering being faced by the people after these floods. Families continue to face problems and the camps treated them generally for high fever, gastroenteritis, vomiting, sore throat, blood pressure etc.. Medicines worth Rs. 5 lakhs were given away during this camp. The team was moved by the resilience being shown by the people in Nepal. As Mr. Amit Kapoor mentioned that "every camp reminded them that behind the numbers and reports of the disaster were real families, individuals and children trying to rebuild their lives. The team felt their small effort was to stand with them, partake of their grief and provide medical care where needed." The dislocation and pain were writ large in the search and waiting for their missing kin and close ones. These camps once again bring to life the recent Diocesan Mission and Objective of demonstrating Christ like compassion for our society. The regional newspapers of Haryana, both in English and the vernacular carried extensive coverage of the Philadelphia Hospital, Ambala team medical camps visit.









THE SENIOR CITIZENS APPRECIATION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The "Senior Citizens Appreciation Thanksgiving Service" organized by Shanti Niwas Church, Faridabad family was not just an event, but an unforgettable spiritual celebration of gratitude, respect, memories, and love across generations. Our respected elders are the living heritage of our family and church—their prayers are our strength, their experience our guidance, their patience our inspiration, and their faith is a priceless legacy for future generations. We especially remember with love and gratitude those beloved elders who, having completed their worldly journey, are resting at the feet of the Lord. At the same time, we thank the Lord that many of our respected elders are still with us today—being God's living blessing for us. Every moment spent with them, every conversation, every prayer, and every smile is a priceless treasure in our lives.

Heartfelt thanks to all our respected elders, children, all esteemed members of PC, Sunday School Department, Youth Fellowship, WFCS, all servants, volunteers, every brother and sister involved in the preparation of the program, and the dedicated Food Incharge and their entire team for the arrangements of food and fellowship, for making this beautiful occasion meaningful and memorable.



We pray that the Lord grants our elders health, peace, strength, joy, and long life; and that our younger generation and children continue to learn from their wisdom, faith, and life experiences. May God ensure that the bond of love, the respect of generations, and the spirit of praying for each other always remain in the Shanti Nivas Church family.

The Revd. Sachin Kumar
Presbyter-In-Charge
Shanti Niwas Church Faridabad,
Diocese of Delhi

DIOCESE OF DELHI'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ORGANISES YOUTH MAHASANGATI



The Diocesan Youth Fellowship (Ad hoc) Committee had organized its first Youth Mahasangati for this year n 29 August 2026, bringing together over 130 young people from CNI churches across Delhi-NCR for a day of worship, reflection, fellowship, and joyful celebration at Free Church, Sansad Marg. Held under the theme "Salt and Light: Ambassadors in Christ," the gathering encouraged young people to deepen their faith, strengthen their fellowship, and embrace their calling The programme commenced with a word of prayer by Rev. Timothy Shaw. The Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup, graced the occasion with his presence and words of encouragement to the youth. The keynote message was delivered by Revd. Adino Abraham, Youth Director, who challenged the young people to live boldly as salt and light, reflecting Christ in their daily lives and communities.

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Ms. Prarthana Peters
President
Diocesan Youth Fellowship
Diocese of Delhi

