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## MESSAGE *from the Moderator*



Dear mission and development partners and friends in home and abroad, very warm greetings from me in Jesus' precious name. I do not have much to write this time, but must thank you for your loving prayers and generosity for the small church like "The Church of Bangladesh" and the congregation that we have within and beyond. But sincerely I must express our gratitude to you all for your love, concern and generosity

**Pray for us continuously and we too have been praying for you all who have been experiencing the same and we are in the solidarity with you.**

especially we are so thankful and grateful to the MCB, USPG, ERD, CMS, CWM, ACF, CMS Switzerland, SMCOC Egypt and CoS; which we have already distributed among the targeted people through making several proper diocese and deanery level operational committees and the people been much benefited.

On the other hand, the Shalom also has received generosity from the ICCO, Tear Fund, and MCB which they couldn't distribute it yet because of NGO Bureau permission for money disbursement and our offices were closed because of COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. Hope they can come up soon and can distribute it soon among the people we asked for. The CMCY has already worked very hard distributing all these things duly among the children and the parents and we are so

grateful to the CMS-Switzerland and CMD-Germany for all the cooperation, loving and kindness.

The overall news of the COVID-19 turmoil of our country isn't good, but day by day it has been deteriorating, rapidly spreading, nearly two thousand people have died so far, the Government of Bangladesh has been thinking to lockdown all the zones of Dhaka city corporation area again, we all are so much worried about its turmoil, so far two ministers and one city corporation mayor including the Archbishop Moses of Roman Catholic have died recently, some Christian and church members have also died and thousands of poor people have been suffering and struggling and lost their jobs and are driven from their rental houses. We have been doing the services through live streaming using Social Medias because of outbreak of the CORONAVIRUS. I had to declare the Synod Office and the wing offices Shalom and CMCY closed down again until further improvement. Pray for us continuously and we too have been praying for you all who have been experiencing the same and we are in the solidarity with you. I am so thankful to my own people and the congregation for their kind cooperation and able to send you the Newsletter in time.

On 23rd June 2020, a special zoom meeting was held between the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby his grace and the Primate and Bishops of Church of Bangladesh. We shared our views with him regarding the postponed Lambeth Conference 2020 and the COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh. The Archbishop also shared the current and thought of post Corona situation of the UK. We are pleased to hear the Archbishop and grateful for his loved time with the Church of Bangladesh.

## Message from the Bishop of Barishal Diocese



The continuation of the lockdown and the alarming rate of death & patients made me reflect, 'What did I learn during the last few months of isolation? I have learned, make the most of every opportunity there may be no next time. The programs we decided to postpone until after the crisis, now may never happen. We can't retrieve time.

There is an opportunity to start again: During the lockdown, many of my colleagues felt that we were all at the same stage. We were all starting from scratch, navigating the new ways of working. This led to abundant sharing of knowledge and resources to help one another out. The future is indeed unpredictable. We must plan and act on this plan so that in future we can bounce back. We cannot be sure that things will happen as we imagine. God's thoughts are not mine. God's ways are not my ways. (Isaiah 55: 8-9).

There would not be a budget without the mission partners who help make this ministry of sharing during the COVID-19 situation possible. We give thanks each day for you and ask that you will continue to support the mission of Church of Bangladesh, with your prayers and the generous financial donations.

## Message from the Bishop of Kushtia Diocese



Thanks to Almighty God, we are all healthy in the Diocese of Kushtia amidst the pandemic. Of course, some have lost their jobs, but even if they are having jobs, they are having difficulty to be getting paid. Some organizations are under new challenges. For example, it is not possible to pay the salaries of teachers in five schools of Kushtia Diocese, because the children are not coming to school, they are not paying their fees though we are trying to do as much as possible on-line schooling and trying to pay teachers by doing something innovative.

As Bishop, in May and June I was able to make few pastoral visits and distribute relief at every parish of the Bollobhpur Deanery. I thank God for the kind people who have helped for this relief.

## RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

Synod office distributed cash in three dioceses as the Gospel in Actions to Respond COVID-19 Project supported by our Mission Partners.

Honorable Moderator and Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin immediately made an appeal to the mission partners, friends of the Church of Bangladesh for assistance to the people of ill effects of COVID-19. We are very grateful for their generosity.

With the generosity of the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB), Anglican Communion Fund (ACF), CMS-Asia Desk, Church of Scotland (CoS) we have so far been able to provide cash assistance to buy food and daily necessities for a total of 991 poor and jobless families of 13 parishes and to the people of other religions living in and around the parishes of Bollobhpur Deanery of the CoB. Thus, 675 families of 29 parishes of Rajshahi Deanery of Kushtia Diocese have received this help. The cash has been disbursed from the Synod office to 651 families of Madhupur and Haluaghat Deanery and Chittagong City Pastorate within 22 parishes under Dhaka Diocese.

Besides, 500 families of 28 parishes under Jobarpar Deanery and 206 families of 10 parishes of Khulna Deanery under Barishal Diocese have received cash support for the same purpose.

For this help, the heads of thousands of unemployed and destitute families have been capable to manage their families by giving food to the destitute children and disabled members of their families and they have blessed the donors and praised the Almighty God.

In addition, we are very grateful to USPG and ERD for their kind financial supports for purchasing materials and essential medicines for health awareness and health protection. We have been able to deliver the health care equipment and we have distributed those material through their donations for 109 parishes and 11 clinics. We estimate that at least 30,000 people are directly or



The CoB also raised local donation to distribute food package to the needy in the COVID-19 crisis

indirectly benefiting from these donations.

Ultimately, as always, we are spending and we will provide the help to those who are being affected only. Keeping the guideline of the mission partners and our commitment to the partners in mind, we are assisting to especially those who are being affected by Corona. Through which we believe that the Good News of Christ is being preached in Corona pandemic through practical work.

The Synod office through series of zoom meeting of the active operation committee decided to enhance value for money avoiding overhead expenditure in this donation and distributed cash instead of giving the purchased food items to the vulnerable people.

**PICTURES OF RELIEF DISTRIBUTION BY THE GENEROSITY OF:**

**USPG, ERD**



*Health package (bucket, mug, mask, gloves & sanitaizer) distributed among 109 parishes.*

**SMCOC**



*Medicine support from SMCOC Egypt for tribal people of Mymensingh, Netrokona, Sherpur and Tangail districts.*

**MCB, ACF, COS, CWM, CMS**

**Cash distributed to 3,586 families of three Dioceses, Church of Bangladesh.**





# MY DORM OUR HOME PROJECT



Since May 2020, 'My Dorm Our Home' project started its journey, to strengthen the communal and social emotional resilience of over 160,000 migrant workers (MWs) in Singapore's dormitories during this COVID period. The project plans to address this concern by supporting Dormitory Room with online programmes to foster social cohesion within the rooms.

The **Project Dorm** is going on smoothly with its weekly one hour episodes in Bangla for the MWs. Program started from 01 June 2020.

**My Dorm Our Home- IDOL HUNT'** from 20th June 2020 among the MWs in Singapore. On behalf of CoB Paul Subrata Malakar is involved in developing the contents and quality of the program with the production company.

**Paul Subrata Malakar**

## Condolence Message



*To the Family and Friends of Andrew Kishore,*

This sudden message of the passing away of our beloved Andrew Kishore came to us as a blow, if not fully unexpected but we received it with great sadness. **A brilliant son of this soil and our Church** that he was, hugely contributed to uplift the cultural heritage of our nation investing all God gifted talents entrusted on him, stood high and strong, made us all proud of him. And we count it as a great loss of our society and the nation at large.

As the Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh and all members of our church, we join hands and hearts together to express our deepest sympathy to you and your children so God gives you enough courage and strength to sustain this family and personal losses that you are now encountering.

***But do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)***

Please be assured of our prayers for you all.

**God bless.**

**The Most Revd. Samuel S Mankhin**  
Moderator and Bishop of Dhaka Diocese  
The Church of Bangladesh

**Dr. Tejosh S Das**  
Synod Secretary,  
The Church of Bangladesh

# SHALOM... a development organisation of Church of Bangladesh

## Message from the Director

The outbreak of COVID-19 has thrown an unprecedented challenge and demands us to stand together and fight. We have to address the formidable challenge of coronavirus which has now evolved into a pandemic, visiting its wrath in our lives. The economic shutdown sparked by COVID-19 threatens millions of livelihoods, never experienced during our lifetime.

Long Shutdown and consequences of COVID-19 impact badly on our regular planned activities, field operations and timely fund release from NGO Affairs Bureau. We are working forward to prevent the bad from getting worse within our limited resources and

supports from our valuable partners. I am grateful to our development partners, our colleagues, volunteers, church members for their diligence. We have also been awarded to implement some strong possible project to help combat the humanitarian needs.

It is clear that the crisis made many people unemployed, ruins many small businesses, collapse livelihood. We all are God's best creature, have responsibility to help others. We will move forward to share their pain and continue our support.



## Shalom team has done immediate response Super cyclone Amphan for the Mongla area.



Response Super cyclone Amphan made the life of people more vulnerable by leaving massive impact. The cyclone affected 19 districts and 76 sub-districts in the country claiming at least 26 lives, and damaging TK. 1,110 crore worth property. The most affected districts are 9 and sub-districts are 34; and Khulna, Mongla, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Kushtia are the SHALOM area was affected.





*Shandhya Mondal is working for the leprosy patients, even at risk herself in COVID-19 pandemic. She is working with Shalom-Meherpur area as a leprosy health worker supported by the Leprosy Mission International-Bangladesh. Last five years she has visited around 50 km of dusty roads and remote villages in different communities near the Indian border area to find leprosy patient.*

## EDUCATION PROGRAMME



In the current situation, all the students are staying at home for their own safety. Their daily studies are going on. Syllabus is given for each class of each school. Even within difficulties students are trying to study their texts staying at home according to the syllabus. According to the syllabus, they are also preparing for the 2nd interim examination.

At present, all schools are closed as per the government directives to prevent the spread of corona infection. However, if the overall situation improves, the opening date of all schools will be announced as per the instructions of the Ministry of Education. Training has been

provided on how to take classes online for schools in the city.

Mr. Prodip Chand Mondal, Synod Office Admin and Mr. Philip Mondol, Health Coordinator assisted the teachers virtually how to be connected with students during COVID-19 pandemic. Currently in the city's schools online classes are going on. As a result, students are getting syllabus, homework and necessary information staying at home. For lack of internet connection in schools outside the city or in the villages, the teachers have been asked to go from house to house to complete the syllabus and daily homework of the students.



# CMCY Christian Ministry to Children & Youth



## Message from the Director

Greetings from CMCY. We are very grateful to kind donors for their generosity and supporting us financially by which we still are serving the needy children who are staying at home with their parents in corona-virus situation. We are trying our best to look after them well in difficult time. Thank God no children is so far infected in coronavirus they all are safe. Every month each children is receiving cash gift delivery through bKash and cash where applicable. All project in-charges, committee members, church secretary, staff members and higher authorities are heartily helping us to keep thing normal as much as possible. Apart from this, home based child care service is continuing by mobile. Sometimes the lockdown disrupted us to move forward but our efforts are going on to overcome the hurdles. Please pray for all of us. The merciful Lord, save us from the crisis.

## SSC residential students promoted in the next level

36 children from different residential hostels appeared for the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) final exam and 34 students got promotion with success. Unfortunately two students are not promoted and hope for the next chance for the future development with courage and assurance of our prayer with them. In the last month, May 31, 2020; the SSC result was published with average pass rate 82.87%. CMCY supported children's pass rate is 94.44%. Those who are succeeded they will take admission in colleges for higher studies.

## Family of the Hostel Children were supported from CMCY as cash gift on COVID-19 pandemic



**Cash support-Haluaghat**

Human cannot deny without food for our better healthy lives and survival. CMCY supported 792 sponsored children in cash, who are living with their parents at home who are mostly poor with huge food crisis in their families; and arranged support in cash for them the second time. In this time, CMD-Germany & CMS Switzerland has supported to 792 children monthly BDT 1,000 each. Besides, CMS-

Switzerland supported additional cash gift BDT 2,000 for 267 children.

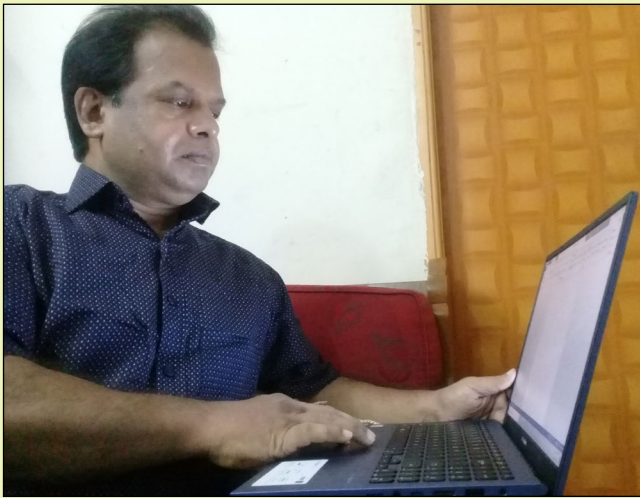
Mr. Bruno and Mrs. Rose Marie Antonietti, Chairperson-CMS donated additional funds as relief mentioned above as their blessing for the children. CMCY really acknowledge for their kind contribution with gratitude and great honor due to the global crisis by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Cash Support at Dhamsor Boys' Hostel**



**Cash support-Bollovpur**



## Well Equipped and Digitalized CMCY Central Office

Modern science has made our life easy and comfortable. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regular life has been stopped to work in the office by traveling from a distance, so Information Technology and devices were essentials to accomplish the duties and tasks in time for all officers who need to work regularly for monitoring the situation and daily activities.

## Zoom Meeting with National Director, CIB

A Zoom meeting was held with national director Mrs. Christabel Kalaiselvi, Mr. Michael Dey, a senior manager, senior staff members of CIB, CoB and CMCY on the 18th of June, 2020, at 11.30 a.m. with an aim to developing the present working strategy, planning, monitoring and future directions for the compassion project of Church of Bangladesh.

## Project visit



Mr. Tarun Mondol and Mr. Shyamal Sarker visited Babuldang-CDSP, Rajshahi CMD Girl's Hostel, Nobokoli Craft Centre in Rajshahi to solve a few local issues discussing with the local community, church leaders, committee members, LCC members and existing staff members.

## CMCY are focusing with the following:

### Challenges:

- o For COVID-19 children's education and
- o Children's health protection.
- o Distribute of Cash instead of Food

### Future plan:

- o Relief distribution for Duaripara slum area project-
- o Activity Hall Room Construction at Khamarmaria and
- o Continue to provide the technical education through Skype/ Zoom at Savar

## St. Andrew's Theological College and Church, Mirpur

### St. Andrew's Church arrange online service through social media

Rev. John Probhudan Hira, Priest in charge who arranges regular online worship service on Friday and Sunday through Social media and Catechist Suvojit Mondol also provides continuing technical support for the broadcasting of the service at 5:30 pm in Bangladesh time. We are so pleased to hearing from our congregation that they join us on our live worship services through official Face book page. We appreciate who are helping lot to broadcast the live online service in every time by providing the technical support in the local Church.



*Meeting with few advisors for SATC policies*

# KUSHTIA DIOCESE

## Message from the Director



Greetings from Bollobhpur Hospital. We are really grateful to you for your generosity & helping us financially by which we are still serve the needy & poor patients in this area. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible despite the disruption of

everything around us. No patients have been refused admission or treatment & our student nurses training has continued as previously.

Please keep us all in your prayer.

Thank you

goal of responding to the call of humanity, to reduce mortality and morbidity by COVID 19 in Bangladesh.

We believe this is our God calling Christian Mission Hospital and all of us here to be involved in corona services. And we feel we are the most privileged, as the service organ of the Church of Bangladesh (COB), to be a part of it. But we fully understand that we have to go a long way with our dedication and wholeheartedness in the midst of challenges and frustrations until the world is able to find an acceptable remedy to COVID 19. The sooner it comes, the better.

I would specially thank all our partners and patrons, at home and abroad, who have been with our endeavor, supporting us all the time and praying for our safety.



## Nursing Institute, Rajshahi

Greetings with Christian love on behalf of the Nursing Institute adjacent to the hospital.



Students on capping ceremony

Student capping ceremony with uniform during Sunday morning service at our chapel of Nursing School

## Christian Mission Hospital, Rajshahi

### Message from the Director

Respected Partners and Patrons of Christian Mission Hospital (CMH), Rajshahi

Warm Greetings to you all from CMH, Bangladesh.

The journey of Christian Mission Hospital at Rajshahi is ongoing, but this journey in a different form, which began since mid-April this year as a dedicated corona isolation and treatment centre. This journey is in the most particular crucial stage currently in the scenario of global corona virus pandemic. Though small, we have added all our resources and efforts to the very sacred

Since 1973, with respect to 18-22 year old boys / girls of the Church of Bangladesh from remote areas in all fields with the training of boys and girls. Church's self-help activities have been efficiently supported. Presently there are 141 students (21 boys and 120 girls) in the Nursing Institute. There is a total of 19 staff.

According to the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council, we follow their syllabus for the institute. As part of the corona virus alert, all students of the Nursing Institute have been discharged class from March 17, 2020 in line with the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and all academic activities are underway. Our students are keeping well and who taking classes are regularly in online.

# CLINIC BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME - *Supported by USPG-London*



*Sister Nomita is teaching about the health and nutrition to the women at Purbobaromari Clinic*



# BARISHAL DIOCESE

## Church during COVID-19

Throughout May in Barishal Diocese our clergies, deacon and catechists have continued the services in churches with their families and few members of the staff who resides inside the campus only. We followed the Government instruction to prevent the COVID-19.

In some churches, we had chain-prayer and meditation. The clergies with the help of a few members had chain-prayer and meditation throughout the month. Priest's families, staff, youth, women and some families actively participated in the initiatives. In this way, the church helped the devotees to fulfil their spiritual thirstiness when they were not able to join regular services. At least they had a chance to come to God and pray and receive God's blessings. When they were two or three people present, they kept the social distance.

In Oxford Mission Epiphany Cathedral, with the guidance of Fr. Francis, SPB chain-prayer and meditation is continuing. Throughout the day Fathers, Sisters, Clergies, staff are joining the chain-prayer and meditation. The Barishal Diocese Bishop is actively participating in it.

In some churches of Barishal Diocese are having online services which are helping church members to receive spiritual nourishment. Bishop Shourabh Pholia also uploaded few sermons on YouTube for church members to listen to the Word of God when they are locked down in their houses. (You can search " Bishop Pholia" on YouTube to watch those sermons and can subscribe to get more)

Two church member of St. Peter's church, Barishal rested in peace during this pandemic time. One of them Mr Bishu Bala was working with the Oxford Mission Primary School. Bishop Shourabh Pholia led the funeral service with the help of Fathers, sisters and clergies by following the health & safety regulation. All the diocesan Clergies are following the health safety guidelines when they are leading funeral services during this pandemic.

## Response to the affected families for COVID-19 pandemic

This month once again, we received some help for families of Jobarpar Deanery. Rev. Shanti Mondal received them and distributed among the families with the help of Caritas Barishal. We are thankful to Bishop Lawrence Subrata Hawlader, Bishop of Barishal Diocese, Roman Catholic Church and Mr Francis Byapari (Caritas) to extend their kind support for the families.

Barishal Diocese also provided support to underprivileged families of Khulna and Jobarpar deaneries who were affected due to lockdown situation. The Deans with their clergies and catechists have distributed support to the needy families. These supports were blessings for our members as they were going through hard times as they are not able to live their normal daily life to meet the needs of their families.



Soon we will distribute the support to 706 families to respond COVID-19 which we have received from Synod end of the month. We are thankful to organizations like Caritas, CMCY, CWM, USPG, BF, ERD, Methodist Church, UK extended their kind for needy families. We are also thankful to Mr Mark Mithu Choudhury & Mr James Subrata Hazra for their kind contribution to support the Diocesan relief work.

## Community Health and Nutrition Program, Barishal Diocese

The scheduled work of CHNP has been slow down due to the pandemic. Though our staff were ready to serve because of lockdown and panic people were not able to come to the clinics. Therefore, our staff are getting into those areas where they can work. They are distributing awareness leaflet published by Barishal diocese, creating awareness within the community. The staff are joining chain-prayer with our clergies.

## Creation Care

Due to pandemic now pollution and aggression towards nature is less and therefore, the creation is renewing itself. In this time, we have not forgotten our responsibility to care of the creation. Last year we planted trees and now they are bearing fruits. Bishop of Barishal diocese encouraged all the clergies to plant more fruit trees and care for the whole creation.

# STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



## Prayer and Unity, Source of Solvency

On 10-12th March 2020, a total of 33 high officials of the Church of Bangladesh: including the Bishops, Priests, and a few senior officers met to share views on the economic and spiritual sustainability of the Church of Bangladesh.

The Most Revd. Samuel S. Mankhin guided the participants to find out at least 20 possible means to become a self-sustained church over the next ten years in terms of spiritual and economic points of view. Moreover, he divided all participants into three diocesan groups and had a wide and fruitful discussion.

After analyzing the written points recommended by the aforementioned three groups, the outcomes of the workshop were in the following areas which and 33 participants felt that the CoB needs to do the following as one Body in Christ:

### Spiritual Sustainability:

- Enhance good and prayerful life
- Nurture a deep reliance on God
- Promote unity with all
- Honour our leaders
- Practice Evangelism
- Develop an action-oriented faith
- Listen for God's call in all places
- Foster dialogue at all levels
- Encourage the formation of family prayer teams
- Promote Bible reading because it could be the ultimate solution to make the church more spiritually sustainable.

### Economic/Financial Sustainability

- Utilize resources already available to us
- Refrain from being luxurious
- Practice accountability and transparency at every level
- Consider and study power decentralization for an effective sustainability goal of the Church of Bangladesh

### Other Needs for Spiritual Sustainability:

The CoB needs to repent for past mistakes and to work toward reconciliation

- Encourage prayer and fasting with a purpose
- Develop Christ-centered actions
- Trustworthy stewardship
- Generate and support worship-oriented parishes which feature a variety of worship experiences including
- Lively and energetic worship
- Quiet and reflective worship
- Contemporary AND Traditional liturgies
- Host local Bible schools
- Work on Capacity Development Training for our Human Resource Management
- Recognize the value of and raise the awareness of the importance of senior citizens
- Develop programs to promote caring for our environment

### Economic Sustainability:

- The 22 clergy participants out of the 33 including three Bishops and thirty Priests feel that the CoB will need to
- Generate income in general
  - Implements the SMART plan
  - Accept the challenge of sacrifices
  - Create funding for education and medical practices
  - Develop more profitable schools
  - Avoid dishonest negotiator
  - Enhance the capacity of CoB staff
  - Change the staff mindset of not reaching out to others
  - Sell the unused, barren land that the CoB owns- to create a CoB Endowment Fund with a savings plan

In addition to the items above, 11 participants out of the 33 reiterated that for spiritual sustainability the CoB needs to “pray in tears”, needs to support and foster fellowship for women and youth, hold the goal of increasing the number of worshipers in the church services, and they emphasized to practicing generosity in the CoB for economic sustainability.

### Workshop on Vision and Mission:

Another workshop was held on 10-13 February 2020 in the Synod Office Meeting Room. This workshop was held to work on the Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives of the Church of Bangladesh.

Bishops, Deans, and Secretaries of the three Dioceses were invited. Participants focused on revisiting the prevailing vision of the thematic areas of the church and recommended the following:

Vision and Mission should align with the Church's long term plan.

Most participants wanted to revisit the mission of the church, but after thinking in depth they were sticking with the present mission and vision which have been depicted in the following ways:

### Vision and Mission Statement:

#### Context

Church of Bangladesh is located in south asia region. Considering political, economic, social, technological,

environment and legal aspects we are very much different to western context. We are existing still depending on others generosity. Inspired by the directives of Jesus Christ, the Church of Bangladesh sets out its mission and vision to assist the deprived and vulnerable and to be a catalyst in enhancing the ability of its members and neighbors and to support the creation of Almighty God through achieving sustainable development and advancement towards fullness of life. The Church of Bangladesh aims to work as a united church with prayer and unity for the fullness of life.

#### Vision

The Church of Bangladesh seeks to achieve the fullness of life as a united church for all members, neighbors of the church and for all creation of Almighty God.

#### Mission:

'Love your neighbor as yourself' (Mark 12-31)

## The First Death Anniversary of Bishop B D Mondal



The Church of Bangladesh observed the first death anniversary of the late Bishop B D Mondal with great reverence despite the Corona Crisis. Our beloved and spiritual leader in Bangladesh, the first Anglican Bengali Bishop passed away on June 29 last year. He was buried at Narinda Cemetery in Dhaka next to his parents' grave.

Under the well-thought-out guidance of our current Moderator and Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin, a special service of worship and remembrance was held on 29th June at every parish of the Church of Bangladesh at the behest of his family.

As a result of the live streaming, the show has reached nearly 6,000 views so far even in Corona.

## Unexpected loss: Mr. Raphael Biswas died due to COVID-19

We are very sorry to inform you that we lost one of our church member Mr. Raphael Biswas (52) whose soul departed in the Lord on May 28, 2020.



We pray that God grants him heavenly rest and peace; and blesses for his family with the strength as they are going through this tough time.

Please keep his wife Mrs. Renetha Lina Ratna, sons, Ricky Biswas and Ratul Biswas in your prayers. From our church we buried him in the Wari graveyard in the same day. We continue to show solidarity and our earnest prayers for the peace of his soul and for the bereaved family in two days through online worship with the help of their relatives.

He served in Koromtola Christian Hospital for twenty seven years.

### Correction of the previous issues

Mistakes	Issues	Page and Column	Line No	Correction	Remarks
Mr. Ronen Gomes	1st	12-Left	15	Mr. Ronan Gomes	Apology
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