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Group photo of Retreat participants

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## Junior Church Retreat

February, 2018, A two day Junior Church Retreat was held at St. John’s Cathedral, Peshawar, organized by Mrs. Naveeda Razaq, Coordinator, Junior Church Desk. The Parish members and Youth group of the St. John’s Cathedral Church were the Co-organizers of the event.

Around 80 participants, including Junior Church Teachers from 13 different Parishes attended the Retreat, and highly appreciated the theme and content of the Retreat.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan was the keynote speaker who encouraged the organizers for choosing “Sadaqat” (Honesty) as their theme for the Youth. The Bishop in his Session highlighted the theme and stressed upon character building of the Children as per Biblical values based on honesty

and high moral standards. “ now is the right time to invest truth, honesty and sow the seed of righteousness in our children to reap a good harvest”. He said.

The Revd. Joseph John, Priest Incharge St. John’s Cathedral Church, the Revd. Shahid Younas, Priest Incharge ,St. Augustine Church, Kohat, and the Revd. Patrick Naem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board were also among the speakers.

All the speakers in their sessions mentioned that if children are taught about truth, and moral values in their ripe & right age they will grow up as good Christians with strong faith and high moral character.

A few participants informed *The Frontier News* correspondent that they thoroughly enjoyed all the sessions in a spirit filled environment.



Bishop Humphrey during session



Session in progress



## International Prayer Day



Group photo of the Chief guest and guest of honors



Seminar in progress

The International Prayer Day was celebrated by Rafaqat –e- Khawateen of All Saints' Church, Peshawar. Mr. Bakht Buland H. Peters, Event Coordinator, Diocese of Peshawar, and Miss. Reema Irshad, Women Desk Coordinator were the main organizers of the event.

Around 100 women from All Saints' Church, and St. John's Cathedral Church were among the participants. It is pertinent to mention that there was no keynote speaker or a renowned Resource Person involved, instead all the women by themselves offered intercessory prayers for the Church, the Christian Community,

and for peace in the whole region. The Rafaqat –e- Khawateen also organized/ presented a beautiful skit to mark the occasion. Whereas, Mr. Bakht Buland H. Peters gave a presentation on Multimedia to highlight the importance and effectiveness of Intercessory prayers and its blessings.

At this occasion Bishop Earnest Jacob, Orthodox Anglican Church, Peshawar was the chief guest, whereas the Very Revd. S.P Asghar, Vice President Clergy, the Revd. Joseph John, Priest Incharge St. John's Cathedral, the Revd. Patrick Naeem, Secretary Mission & Ministry were among the guests of honour.



Skit about International Prayer Day

## Lamb of God



A one day special prayer convention, was held in D.I.Khan organized by the Revd. Akmal Haroon, Priest Incharge St. John's Church. The theme of the convention was "Lamb of God" and the Revd. Shahid Younis, Priest Incharge St. Augustine Church, Kohat was keynote speaker.

The Convention was attended by more than 100 participants who thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and felt illuminated. The keynote speaker in his session stressed upon the need to spend life according to Biblical teachings.

Earlier, the Revd. Shahid Younas was garlanded and warmly welcomed by D.I.Khan Parish.



Revd. Akmal welcomed Revd. Shahid



## A vibrant Christian Community



The Revd. Patrick Naem welcomed by Jaloza Congregation

## New Initiative



The Revd. Patrick welcomed by Yousaf Abad Congregation

Yousafabad is situated in the suburbs of Peshawar, it is also known as Christian Colony, as hundreds of Christian inhabitants live there.

The Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Diocesan Youth Coordinator often visits this area and runs various programmes involving the youth in healthy activities, such as sports, Bible studies, etc. He is very popular among the youth for his good character and humble personality.

Recently, he also took along the Revd. Patrick Naem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board with him for Special Prayer Service and Holy Communion. Their work and conduct was so impressive that around 35 Pentecostal families joined the Church of Pakistan, Diocese of Peshawar.

Since, there is no church of the Diocese over there, thus the prayer services are held on the roof top of the houses. Which is unique witness of the faith of God loving people.



Service in Images



Holy communion service in images

Jaloza is a small village situated between Nowshera and Peshawar District, around 35 Christian families live there among the hard core Muslim majority Pakhtun culture. Although, they look and live like majority, but their Christian character has given them distinction over the rest.

The people of Jaloza are God loving and fearing people, However, they find it very difficult to travel a long distance to Nowshera or Peshawar to attend Church or prayer services as both the places or equally far from them. Therefore, they have rented a community hall for Sunday prayer services which they also use for other social events as well.

Since they are very vibrant Christian community, the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop Church of Pakistan keeps them very close to his heart. He spent a whole day with them during the advent season last year.

Recently, they invited the Revd. Patrick Naem, the new Mission and Ministry Secretary, and welcomed him in their traditional manner and showered their love in shape of rose petals over him. The Revd. Patrick Naem in response spent the whole day with them, and prayed for each and every family. In his message he said that their presence as Christians in this Pathan culture is a great witness and source of inspiration for many.



Prayer service in images



## New Community Hall ... Yet another Success!



Opening ceremony jointly conducted by the Very Revd. SP. Asghar and Government Officials

The Diocese keeps on trying to get development allocated for the religious minorities of the Province. The Local Government of Nowshera District on the request of Church has come forward to provide resources for erection of a Community Hall in the premises of the Christ Church, Nowshera.

The Very Revd. S.P Asghar along with Government officials jointly cut the ribbon to officially start the construction work. The Very Revd.S.P Asghar in his speech expressed his gratitude to the local government and said that the Christian congregation must be thankful to God as their years long prayers have been heard. “ This new building will become a witness of His work, and a source of blessings for the whole community”. *He added.*



Proposed Area for Community Hall



Christian Community in images

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