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Participants at Advocacy Event

## Advocacy for Special Children

The Advocacy Event for the rights of special persons was held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Mental Health Centre, Peshawar.

Mr. Khalid Waqas, President of Al-Khidmat Foundation, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KpK) was invited as a Chief Guest. Mr. Daniel Samuel, President, Al-Khidmat Foundation, Peshawar, Mr. Samuel Dass, Secretary Health, Diocese of Peshawar, Mr. Anjum Tasneem, Secretary, Property Diocese of Peshawar Mr. Indrias Barkat, Treasurer, Diocese of Peshawar and the Very Revd. S.P Asghar, Arch Deacon, Diocese of Peshawar were among the guests of honour.

The programme started with prayer offered by the Very Revd, S.P Asghar. Mr. Oliver Caleb, Principal MHC welcomed the guests who were garlanded by the special children. He in his brief introduction of the programme explained about years long services of the Mental Health Centre for the special

persons without any discrimination of colour, caste, creed or religion which was much appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Indrias Barkat in his speech showed satisfaction over the services rendered by the Centre and said that he will keep on working for this noble cause. He also announced Rs: 200,000/- (Two Hundred Thousand Rupee) as a donation for Mental Health Centre. All present at the occasion clapped for his generosity and welcomed his gesture of solidarity with Special Children.

Mr. Khalid Waqas, the Chief Guest in his speech thanked the organizers, parents and special children for their warm welcome. He explained about Al-Khidmat Foundation's aims, objectives and scope. He said that Al-Khidmat is willing to extend its hand of friendship and support towards Mental Health Centre, Peshawar by contributing towards food for children and will provide equipments for Mental Health Centre.

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Advocacy Event in images



## Pastors and Leaders Conference



Group photo of the conference participants

## Religious Minorities Youth Awareness



Minorities Youth Group with Honorable Bishop



Conference in progress



Conference participants in images

July , 24-29, 2018: The religious minorities Youth Awareness Training Programme was inducted at Capacity Building Centre, Khaira Gali.

Mr. Bukhtbuland H. Peters, Event Coordinator, Diocese of Peshawar along with Bishop's Core Group members, invited prominent youth leaders, both male and female from Sikh, Hindu, and Christian community and were given special awareness training on minority rights, tolerance and existence amongst the majority community.

This training programme exhibited unity, reconciliation, co-existence, respect and understanding amongst the youth from various faiths. The youth in a friendly environment developed understanding and respect for each other's religious beliefs, festivities and sensitivities, which strengthened bonds of friendship and patriotism as equal nationals of the country.



reconciliation as one body of Christ.

All the speakers stressed upon religious and spiritual development of the youth and the old alike. However, the children need special attention and professionally trained teachers to execute the plan of religious teaching.

A few participants informed *The Frontier News* correspondent that it was a wonderful learning experience in an Intra-denominational environment which promoted peace and understanding between different creeds , thus new friendship bonds were created among the participants.

July 12, 2018: The Diocesan Youth Desk in collaboration with Awana Ministry, Pakistan organized a one day Pastors and Leaders conference, held at St. John's Cathedral School's Hall, Peshawar.

The Awana Pakistan specifically works for education and training of the children and adolescents. The keynote speakers were senior management members of the Awana ministry, Lahore, Pakistan .

Around 150 people attended the conference, including the Clergy, Youth and Lay Pastors. It is pertinent to mention that it was a intra-denominational programme in which representatives of 17 different denominations participated actively. It was a great witness of peace, and

## Junior Church Camp, 2018



Group photo of organizers and participants



Session in progress

July 2-7, 2018 : The Junior Church camp was held at the Diocesan Retreat Centre Donga Gali, which was jointly organized by Pakistan Sunday School Ministry (PSSM) and the Diocese of Peshawar. There were around 70 participants, including children, teachers, organizers and the staff. The theme of the camp was "Jesus is our Friend".

The Junior Church Desk constantly keeps working on Religious and Spiritual development of the Sunday School Children. Each year children are taken to Hill Station for camping and are taught religious education in a friendly environment. It is needless to mention that children always look forward to attend these summer camps.

Every day of the camp started with prayers, followed by social and academic



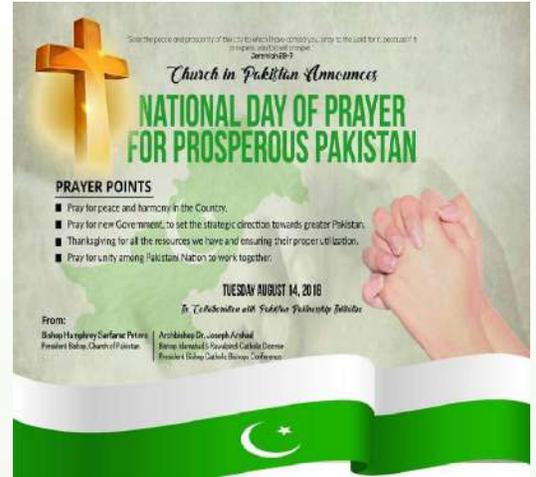
The Revd. Patric Naem during session

activities, such as, formal teaching sessions, group work & assignments, various skits and Bible quiz shows which kept the children involved and occupied all the time.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan also visited the camp and was warmly welcomed by children and the organizers. In the evening the Honorable Bishop attended the Talent Night, and loved various performances of the children.

At this occasion, the Bishop encouraged the children, their teachers and the organizers for holding such a successful and memorable camp.

## National Day of Prayer



*"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7*

Both the Catholic and the Church of Pakistan has announced a National Day of Prayers for Prosperous Pakistan on August 14, 2018 to celebrate Independence Day of Pakistan.

Every year, all the churches and Dioceses of the Church of Pakistan hold special prayer services for peace and prosperity of the country.

The National Day of Prayer by the Christian community of Pakistan will promote patriotism among religious minorities and will further strengthen understanding and Peaceful Co-Existence of various faiths in Pakistan.

This announcement by the Church has already started receiving positive vibes from all sections of the society.

## Peace Building Initiatives



Peace Initiatives by Diocesan Schools



Peace and harmony classes in images



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The Diocesan Schools nowadays are working on the training of young minds regarding Peace building and Interfaith Harmony.

It also promoted friendship bonds among school children of various faiths and religions. In the past students from religious minorities used to face discriminative attitude of the religious majority students, although its intensity varied from person to person, rather student to student but the seeds of poison of any size will grow into a tree of poisonous fruit.

This initiative of Peaceful co-existence will grown into a large tree of love, peace and tolerance and will be beginning of a new era of prosperity in Pakistan.

This year the Peace activity/exercise took place in 5- Diocesan Schools ; i.e ,St. Thomas High School D.I.Khan, St. Mary's High School Risalpur, Christ Church School Nowshera, St. Paul School Mardan, Edwardes High School (Urdu Medium), Peshawar.

Both parents and professionals have welcomed this gesture of promoting peace and friendship among children of various faiths.



## Cookery classes for Girls



Students preparing food

The Diocesan Education Sector organized cookery classes at Elizabeth High School, Peshawar. The Diocesan Schools apart from academic curriculum promotes co-curricular activities as well.

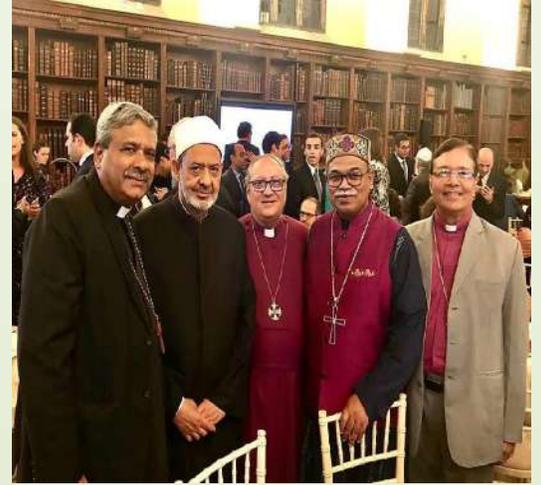
This time it has been decided to equip the girls in household chores, especially the cookery skills. This activity also reflects cultural norms and expectations of the society from its female members.

However, most of the girls love to do cooking as a fun activity and comestibles are a common topic of discussions among girls.

A couple of parents informed the Frontier News correspondent that they are very happy about this initiative as it has evoked the interest of food among their girls and has improved their appetite for the food. Especially, breakfast and dinner.



## Christian, Muslim Dialogue at London



His Eminence Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Egypt, His Grace the Arch Bishop Muneer of Egypt, Bishop Samantroy (Ex-President Bishop) North India, Bishop Paul, The President Bishop of Bangladesh, The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan, after the Christian Muslim dialogue at the Lambeth Palace, London, July, 18, 2018.

His Eminence Grand Mufti of Al-Azhar , Egypt along with His Grace The Arch Bishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace London . The entire group gathered for the Christian Muslim Dialogue at London. The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters along with Bishops from India, Bangladesh and Egypt were also present.



*The Christian Community of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa congratulates all Pakistanis at the Independence Day.  
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