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Winning Team with the Honourable Bishop

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## Mega Sports Gala

The Third Annual Mega Sports Gala was jointly organized by Mr. Bakht Buland H. Peters, Diocesan Event Coordinator and the Bishop's Core Group. The Christian Youth is encouraged by the Diocesan Institutions to indulge in Sports for their physical and spiritual wellbeing.

Around 183 sport persons, comprising of 13 teams from different Parishes of the Diocese of Peshawar participated in this event, and exhibited their talent and sportsmanship in this highly competitive tournament. Hundreds of people from all walks of life witnessed various indoor and outdoor sports competitions.

The Diocesan Sports Gala Event as a reputed Tournament is gaining popularity year by year.

This Year there were two new entries from Ternab and Yousafabad Parish, and were welcomed by the management.

The St. Paul's Sarhadi Church, Mardan Youth, stood first in this tournament, and the runner-ups were the St. John's Cathedral Youth Group. Whereas, third position was secured by the All Saints' Youth Group, Peshawar.

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Sports Gala in images



## International Father's Day

## Tradition kept Alive



Group photo of the Diocesan Officers and Staff with Honorable Bishop



Group Photo of Nurses with Administration

The Pannell Memorial Christian Hospital, Bannu is over a century old institution founded by Dr. Pannell of Church Missionary Society, UK. Ever since its birth the Hospital is known for its quality services for the masses without any apartheid. Over the decades the Hospital has kept its traditional values alive and has adopted new ways and technologies to serve the mankind.

Nowadays, the Hospital has earned reputation of a Teaching Hospital of the area. Recently, 25 Community Midwife Nursing students achieved 100% results in their final exam held by Department of Health, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

The Diocese of Peshawar feels very happy about this success and the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop Church of Pakistan congratulated the students and praised the leadership and administration of the Hospital.



Cake Cutting Ceremony in images



was presented a Gold Ring by Mrs. Naveeda Razaq, whereas other presented him flowers as their symbol of love and respect for the Bishop, as a Father.

The President Bishop in his short speech said that we must respect our parents equally. Mothers are seen as symbol of love and kindness, whereas, father is the one who commands respect and is provider for the family.

Similarly, "Our heavenly Father is the one who loves us unconditionally and His love is unmatched with our worldly parents". He Said. "Therefore we need to be thankful for His blessings who provided us life and love through our worldly parents." He added.



The International Father's Day was celebrated by all the Parishes and Churches of the Diocese of Peshawar. The Mission & Ministry Board of the Peshawar Diocese arranged celebrations of the Father's Day at Diocesan Centre, Peshawar. It was nicely organized by Mrs. Naveeda Razaq, Coordinator Junior Church Desk and her team comprising of Junior Church teachers.

At this occasion the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan was the Chief Guest and the Father figure as well. It is needless to mention that the Bishop treats everybody especially his staff like his children and the staff always respects and reciprocate his love and kindness. The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan

## The Women Camp



The worship service during the Camp



The Honourable Bishop at the Camp



The Revd. Alexander during session

The Diocesan Women Desk Peshawar organized the Women Camp at Donga Gali, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Miss. Reema Irshad, Coordinator Women Desk, Diocese of Peshawar (DoP) organized the Camp with the blessings of the Revd. Patric Naeem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board, DoP. The theme of the camp was "Powerful Hand".

There were around 60 participants from different parishes of the Diocese, and were involved in various activities regarding theme of the camp. The keynote speakers were Miss Reema Irshad, Mrs. Reena Patrick, Principal Edwardes High School, Peshawar, the Revd. Patrick Naeem, and the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, the Youth Coordinator.

All the speakers shed light on the theme and Powerful hands of the Lord, and quoted different verses regarding the theme.

During the camp participants were engaged in different games and group discussions. Women from various professions shared their personal experiences of everyday life.

On the 2nd last day, the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan blessed the camp by his presence. He appreciated the organizers for their efforts for holding a successful camp and maintaining the discipline. He also spent some time with the participants and discussed about their learning experience at the camp.

## International Nurses Day



Ever since the birth of Pakistan, the Christian Community is more inclined towards two noble professions, especially the female who choose either to become a Teacher or a Nurse. Whatever attitude the majority may have towards religious minorities in Pakistan, but everybody acknowledges the services of the Christian community in the fields of health and education. In fact it's the Christian community who established these services in the country in early days of Pakistan.

The International Nurses Day was celebrated at Diocesan Centre, Peshawar to acknowledge their services and to show respect and encouragement for their profession.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan was the Chief Guest at the occasion.

The Bishop in his short speech congratulated and blessed the nurses. "Our sons and daughters in the profession of nursing they work for His glory by serving sick and the disabled, they are the Light and a living witness. Many a time it appears a thankless job, but there is a great reward for those who serve humanity without any discrimination". He said.



## A Get-Together



The Very Revd. S.P Ashghar Welcomed the Revd. Aftab Gohar



Diocesan staff and Officers

## Religion and Faith Matters



Training workshop in images

The Diocese of Peshawar every summer organizes a Vocational Bible School Training Programme for the young school going children to develop their understanding and interest in Bible.

A 3 day Vocational Bible School training workshop was organized by the Revd. Khushbhakt John at Tank Parish. This training course for the children was run by the Scripture Union Trainers and the resource persons were Mr. Munawar Younis, Mr. Naveed and Mr. Joshua Mehboob.

During the workshop children were involved in various games, skits and academic activities to enhance their religious and Biblical knowledge. Children were also involved in coloring, and were taught Biblical stories through pictures by their instructors. The basic idea is to motivate children to learn about religion and faith matters.



The Church of Scotland is an old and time tested friend of the Diocese of Peshawar and is jointly running projects and programmes for the uplift of the Christian community in the Province.

Nowadays, the Church of Scotland and the Development & Relief Sector of the Diocese are running various welfare projects in Peshawar and around.

The Revd. Aftab Gohar, was in Peshawar on a personal business but the Diocese officially welcomed him and organized a get-together in his honour.

During his visit at Peshawar Diocese he was given a presentation on multimedia regarding the jointly run projects by the two faith organizations.

At this occasion, beneficiaries of the projects were also invited to meet the representative of the Church of Scotland. The Revd. Aftab Gohar discussed the projects progress with the Development Team and the beneficiaries. He showed his satisfaction and thanked everybody at the Diocese for their warm welcome and expressed his happiness for being a partner with the Diocese of Peshawar.

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