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The group photo of the Lay Pastors and Priests with the honorable Bishop



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Christian Liturgy The Lay Pastors Retreat

The Mission & Ministry Sector of the Diocese of Peshawar organized a two day Retreat for the Lay pastors, organized by the Revd. Yousaf T.M Azam, Secretary (Acting) Mission & Ministry at St. John's Cathedral, Peshawar .

Around 15 Lay Pastors from all over the province attended the Retreat, along with their respective area Deans. The guests participants reached Peshawar by evening and were welcomed and accommodated by the organizers of the event.

The next day started with prayer and welcome address by the Revd. Yousaf T.M Azam. The Resource person for the first session was the Revd. Joesph John, Priest Incharge, St. John's Cathedral, Peshawar. He in his session explained in detail about the Holy Communion Service and mentioned that it is comprised of three main divisions , i.e, Sacrament of Initiation , Sacrament of Healing and Sacrament of Services.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters was the keynote speaker of the Retreat and his Session was about Liturgy.

The Bishop explained in detail and in an easy manner and language for the Lay Pastors to understand. He mentioned that there are three aspects to Christian Liturgy: The Celebration of divine worship, then the proclamation of the Gospel, and the last but not least , is the active charity.

He further said that these three aspects summarize the Mission of Christ as He came into the world to do the work of God. The Lay Pastors felt illuminated and blessed for being a part of this Retreat.



Lay Pastors Retreat in images



Col. Kanwal Issac presented Holy Bible to the Lay Pastors

Ecumenical Services and Electronic Media



Seminar in images



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The Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Coordinator, Diocesan Youth Desk of the Mission & Ministry in collaboration with Pak-7, a Christian Private TV Channel, organized a one day seminar.

The theme of the seminar was “The importance of Electronic Media for promotion of Ecumenical Services”. Around 70 young boys and girls with their active participation made the seminar a success.

The Revd. Yousaf T.M Azam, Secretary (Acting) Mission & Ministry welcomed the Speakers, participants and the honorable guests.

The keynote speaker in her session shed light on the importance of the electronic media for the spread of the good news and for promotion of the ecumenical services. She also mentioned that the youth nowadays, is already preoccupied

with the electronic gadgets, and is well aware about harmful effects of the immoral material uploaded on the social media.

She said that the now is the time to use the same resources for understanding of Faith and its moral & ethical values. Therefore, this session is to equip the youth to understand and create awareness regarding religious education and faith matters, especially for those who are still naive regarding religion and Christian Character, thus they fall for the lies and become prey of the evil.



Bishop Meets Mayor of Brampton



Bishop being presented the souvenir

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, Bishop of Peshawar, Church of Pakistan met the Mayor of Brampton in Lahore at occasion of Anniversary of Mr. Shahbaz Bhatti, Martyr of Christian Faith.

The memories of the day (2011) of Assassination still haunt the Christian Community when Pakistani Minorities Minister was shot dead by a gunman who ambushed his car in broad daylight in the Capital, Islamabad. Mr. Bhatti received death threats from anonymous sources for urging reform to blasphemy laws.

It is also to mention that Mr. Salman Taseer, Ex. Governor Punjab was also killed by his bodyguard for opposing the law.

The Honorable Mayor of Brampton in his short speech said, “It was a privilege to sit down with Pakistani Christian community leaders in Lahore. We presented a miniature Shahbaz Bhatti Park sign to the faith leaders in attendance”.

He further said, “ we are very proud that his legacy lives on in Brampton where his family still reside.



Annual Drama

Lay pastors' dedication



Honorable Bishop with the Chief Guest



The Revd. Yousaf and his team being welcomed

The Revd. Yousaf T.M Azam, Secretary (Acting) Mission & Ministry along with his team was warmly welcomed by the Parish Committee, Bannu.

The Revd. Yousaf was there for Mr. Shahzad and Mr. Ambrose John who were dedicated as Lay Pastors by him at the Church of the Holy Name Bannu.



Annual Drama in image



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The Elizabeth Girls High School, apart from academics, also pays attention on character building of its students through co-curricular activities, such as sports, academic debates, quiz shows and stage dramas which builds up their confidence, and polishes their talent to the optimum level.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters was the Guest of honor who participated in the function along the clergy of the Diocese of Peshawar, Diocesan Officers and Institutional Heads. Whereas, Mr. James Iqal, Member of National Assembly, Pakistan was the Chief Guest.

At this occasion parents of the students, community leaders and prominent citizens were also invited to witness the Annual Day drama, 2023 and to encourage the students.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters in his short speech praised the children for their beautiful performances and also appreciated the staff, school management and Mr. Afreen Sarfraz, Principal of the School.

The Chief Guest also praised the children and management and announced financial help and promised to donate free books for the poor children of the school.



It is to mention that both of these young men have been serving the Church since past two years as volunteers. Their services were helpful for the Church and were much appreciated by the congregation as well. Thus, in recognition to their selfless service the Church dedicated them as Lay Pastors and blessed them to serve the God and His people as selflessly as they have been doing in the past.



Dedication service in images

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