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Group Photo of Clergy with the honorable Bishop

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“Glorious through Floods”

Annual Clergy Retreat, 2019



Retreat in Images



Prayer Service in Images



Annual Clergy Retreat in Images



The Diocese of Peshawar’s ‘Annual Clergy Retreat’ was held from August 20th -23rd , 2019 at Diocesan Retreat Centre, Donga Gali. The theme of the Retreat was “*Glorious through Floods*” and the main verse was “When you pass through the waters, I will be with You” Isaiah 43:2. Around 35 Priests, Deacons and Catechists from all over the province were among the participants.

During the retreat the participants were divided into groups, and were given various assignments, including the group discussions. The participants took keen interest and felt as though their knowledge and skills have been enhanced.

The Revd. Patrick Naeem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board informed the ‘Frontier News’ Correspondent that all the session touched their heart and it was a wonderful learning experience.

The keynote speaker of the Retreat was the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, Moderator/President Bishop, Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Every day started with prayer, devotion and Holy Communion Service. The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters during his sessions described the theme and its verse in detail.

The Clergy during their group discussions and prayers thanked God for His blessings and asked for divine help to serve His people with utmost dedication. The Retreat also helped them to overcome their weaknesses and they returned with new energy and positive attitudes.



Honorable Bishop gifted stoles to the Clergy

Interfaith and Beyond



Group Photo of Youth during activity



Activity during camp



Activity during camp

The Interfaith Youth camp was held in August, 2019 at Khaira Gali, organized by Mr. Bukhtbuland H. Peters, Diocesan Events Coordinator, along with the Bishop's Core Group Members. The youth leaders, both male and female from Sikh, Hindu, Muslims, Shia, Ahmadi, Bahi, Ismaili and Christian community were also among the participants. The camp was mainly focused on Interfaith and beyond.

The speakers included; The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan, Miss. Khatija Zafar, Physiologist, Dr. Khushbakht H. Peters and Mr. Nayar Mushtaq.

The speakers conducted Sessions on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Mental Health and Stress for youth and Our identity as Pakistanis.

The organizers divided the 55 participants into 4 different groups

while maintaining equal representation of various faiths in each group.

It is pertinent to mention that the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, the Moderator/President Bishop, Church of Pakistan graced the camp by his presence and spent consecutive 4 days at the camp.

Later, the youth from different faiths participated in joint environmental protection activity and set an example for others to follow.



Peace Building



Religious leaders during press conference

Pagaim-e-Pakistan Peace Conference (message of peace from Pakistan) was held under the Chairmanship of Moulana Abudl Khabir Azad, Chief Amam Badshahi Mosque, Lahore at Press Club, Peshawar.

The Faith Friends, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter and religious leaders, scholars, prominent citizens, social activists and representatives of the various sects were among the participants.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, while addressing the press conference said that we may belong to different religions but we have one agenda of peace and together we stand firm as one nation to promote peace, reconciliation and interfaith harmony for a prosperous Pakistan.

The Clergy and Diocesan Officers also participated in the conference as delegates from the Diocese of Peshawar. All the participants in their speeches highlighted the value of peace according to their religion.



“Your Will” Youth Camp. 2019



Group photo of Youth Camp participants

Our Youth Our future



The Revd. Alexander with Nowshera Youth Group

August 18, 2019: The Revd. Shajeel Khan, Priest Incharge, Christ Church Nowshera especially invited the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Youth Coordinator, Diocese of Peshawar to re-organize and strengthen the youth group of Nowshera.

The Revd. Alexander Mehboob in his message during the Sunday Church Service extended invitation to the young members of the Church to come forward and join the Parish Youth Group to serve the Church and their community.



Prayer service in images



Group Photo of Youth in Chapel



Later, the Revd. Alexander held formal meeting with the Youth group and explained them about the role of youth and its importance as future of the Church and community. The youth responded well and ensured their full cooperation and dedication for the cause.



Service in images

The Youth Summer Camp was held from 5th- 9th August, 2019 at Diocesan Retreat Centre, Donga Gali, organized by the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Youth Coordinator under the leadership of the Revd. Patrick Naem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board, Diocese of Peshawar.

Around 78 Youth members from 19 Parishes of the Diocese of Peshawar participated in the camp. The theme of the camp was ‘Your Will’ Luke : 22: 42.b

The keynote speakers were the Revd. George Ghulam, the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, and the Revd. Patrick Naem.

The speakers shed light on different aspects of the theme, and quoted references from the Holy Bible. During camp, participants were

divided into different groups and were assigned various tasks, including the group presentations.

The Revd. Alexander Mehboob informed ‘*The Frontier News*’ correspondent that the participants took part in all the activities with keen interest and enjoyed the learning experience in a beautiful natural environment.

It is pertinent to mention that The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan graced the camp on 2nd last day of the camp and took a session as well.

On the last evening of the camp, participants enjoyed the Bon-Fire, and exhibited their talent by singing and presenting various kinds of skits and dramas.



Peace Rally at All Saints' Church, Peshawar



Group Photo of Seminar Participants

A one day Youth Seminar was jointly organized by the Revd. Alexander, Youth Coordinator and Bannu Youth Group at The Church of the Holy Name Bannu. The theme of the seminar was “ Importance of Prayer ” .

Around 55 young boys and girls were among the participants of the seminar. The Revd. Yousaf T.M Azam, Bishop's Chaplain and the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Youth Desk Coordinator, Diocese of Peshawar were speakers at the occasion.

Both the speakers stressed upon Importance of Prayer and described methods of prayers. They mentioned that by praying to God we unleash the divine powers for our health, support and salvation. This seminar was a source of blessing for the youth and Christian spirit was high.



Children presenting a skit



Cake cutting ceremony

The Diocese of Peshawar celebrated Pakistan's Independence Day at all churches and Parishes throughout Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan. Special prayer services were held at all the Churches, and prayers for the prosperity of Pakistan were offered, including prayer for the Government of Pakistan.

The Flag raising ceremonies were conducted throughout the province in all Churches and Diocesan Educational and Health Institutions. The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peter, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan celebrated the Independence Day at St. John's Cathedral, Church, Peshawar

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters in his sermon mentioned that Christian Community is among the pioneer of the Health and Education Sectors and plays a vital role to strengthen Pakistan.

Special prayers for Kashmir situation were also offered and Bishop said that Christian community stands together with the fellow Kashmiris in their struggle.

At this occasion national songs were sung and sweets were distributed to celebrate Independence Day of Pakistan.



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