

CEO SPEAK



Mark S. Clive
General Secretary & CEO

At the outset let me thank God for keeping our extended NDY family under Thy care. Three Board members, Mr Alope Michyari, Mr Peter Prem and Mr Sanjeev Edward had turned Corona positive. But all three are on the recovery trail. Some members of the staff also fell to the virus but they have also recovered.

The Board has decided to hold the Annual General Meeting on December 5. The meeting will be online and available at Zoom at 5:15 pm. Please log in at Meeting ID 98511476698 Passcode 966322. Please join in large numbers to make the AGM a success.

In the meantime we welcome two Assistant Secretaries to our fold -- Mr Hemant Aggarwal and Mr Noel Phillips have joined at their postings.

The mood is upbeat with Christmas approaching fast. There are several interesting programmes lined up leading up to Christmas day with a food distribution programme to the poor slated for December 25.

In between there are other musical events. For the first time, we are organising a unique Christmas music event on December 12. In this event, organists at different locations in the country will play Christmas carols exclusively on Pipe Organs. The event will be live on Zoom. All the units of NDY will also have their online Christmas programmes. Do join us and enjoy the festive season. Details of Zoom platform will be in your mailbox soon.

With Christmas in the air, how can goodies be far away? The Tourist Hostel has a variety of mouth-watering assortment to offer book your orders now! Remember, no distancing from the yummy cakes! But otherwise maintain social distancing and stay safe.

God bless all

Mark

PIPE ORGAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 12

Despite setback all over due to Covid-19, the New Delhi YMCA is gearing up for Christmas. There are several events lined up for next month – of course all under full Covid-19 protocol and with all safety measures. In fact all programmes will be live to avoid gathering.

An online concert on Pipe Organs at different locations in the country, possibly also abroad will launch the festivities on December 12. This unique programme will make up for the annual Festival of Choirs, which is not being held this year.

To be organised live on Zoom and also streamed on Facebook, the pipe organ concert will feature organists in Bengaluru, Secundrabad, and Ranchi and possibly at Melbourne and Bonn.

Glory to God in the Highest and
Peace to His People on Earth
Luke 2:14

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Felix Fernandes
Chairman

Jovial Vignhella
President



Each organist will play two or three traditional carols with some also playing short classical pieces.

The concert will be followed by an evening of Carols and fellowship tea at Greater Noida programme Centre of New Delhi YMCA on December 17. It will be at 4:30 pm

Next day, on December 18, Staff and Members will present an evening of Carols. The main attraction of this would be singing by a choir of NDY staff conducted by Reginald Vijay

Milton.

A similar programme would be at the YMCA School at Nizamuddin at 5 pm on December 19.

The grand finale of the New Delhi YMCA Christmas activities would be a 'langar' or freed food distribution to the poor at the head quarters of New Delhi YMCA at Jai Singh Road.

Away from the Delhi and NCR, a special Christmas programme is also planned at the Sattal Campsite in Uttarakhand on December 28. ■

NEW DELHI YMCA FELICITATED FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

The Punah Sanskar Foundation has acknowledged the services of New Delhi YMCA during critical Covid-19 time. At a glittering ceremony at the Constitution Club on November 3 the Foundation felicitated Mr Mark Clive, CEO and General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA

Mr Parvesh Verma, MP, Lok Sabha presented the plaque to Mr Mark



Clive. The event was organised by Idea TV News. Within days of the first lockdown in the Capital in March, New Delhi YMCA had swung into action with

daily distribution of 1,500 food packets to migrants and homeless. "This honour is a tribute to YMCA's mission of service to humanity," said Mr Clive after receiving the plaque.

The New Delhi YMCA has also been making masks at its Community Development

Centres for distribution among needy. The Covid-19 centre run by the NDY's Tourist Hostel was adjudged as one of the best in Delhi. ■



YMCA-YWCA OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER AND WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Ministries, Bengaluru. Rev Raj spoke on Breathing Together in Solidarity.

The highlight of the inaugural session was Prayer and Worship by the newly formed New Delhi YMCA Choir. The Choir, conducted by Mr Reginald Vijay Milton consists of staff members of NDY performed on all the days when New Delhi YMCA was the host.

The New Delhi YMCA host again the next day when Rev Sujeeb Das, Presbyter In Charge, Centenary Methodist Church, Lodhi Road gave an interesting talk on Spiritual and Economic Empowerment through Crisis.

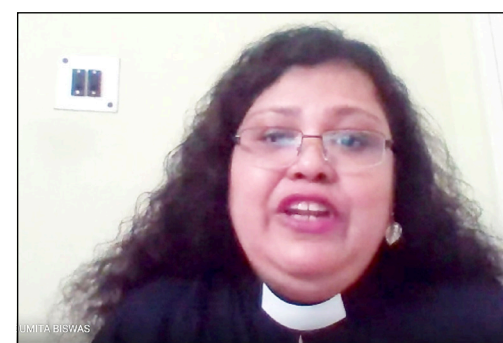
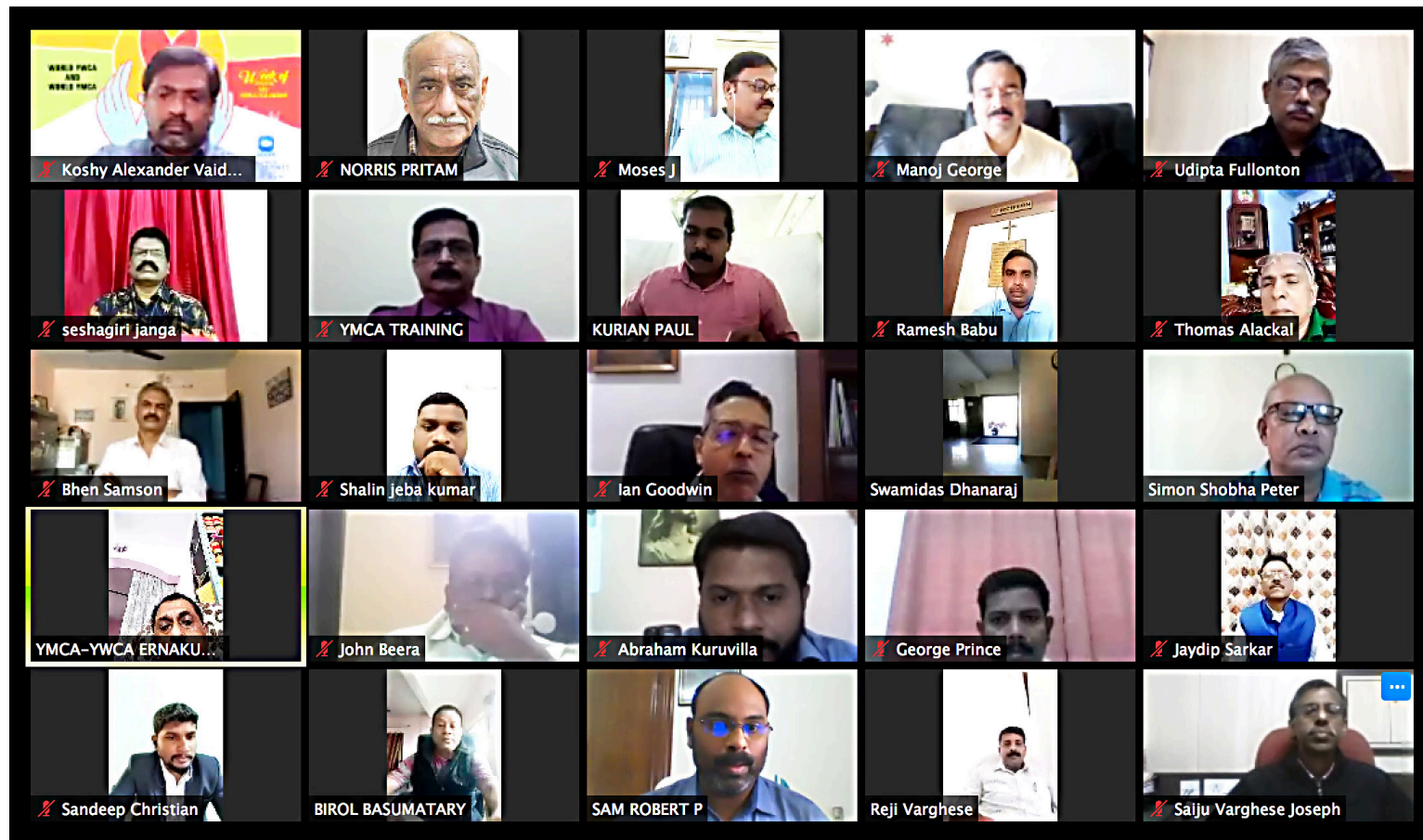
Dr Ms Ahwathy John, Vice Principal

World YMCA and YWCA observed a global Week of Prayer and World Fellowship from November 8 to 14. The Week is an annual event organised throughout the world by YMCAs and YWCAs.

The theme for this year's Week was 'Rays of Hope'. All the speakers made a special reference to the on going pandemic.

Several top spiritual, lay leaders and corporate speakers presented their talks in the week-long event jointly organised by the National Council of YMCA's and YWCA's, New Delhi YMCA and YWCA and YMCA Multi-Sports Complex, Faridabad.

New Delhi YMCA hosted the inaugural session on November 8 with a talk by Rev Prabhu Raj, National Director, VBS



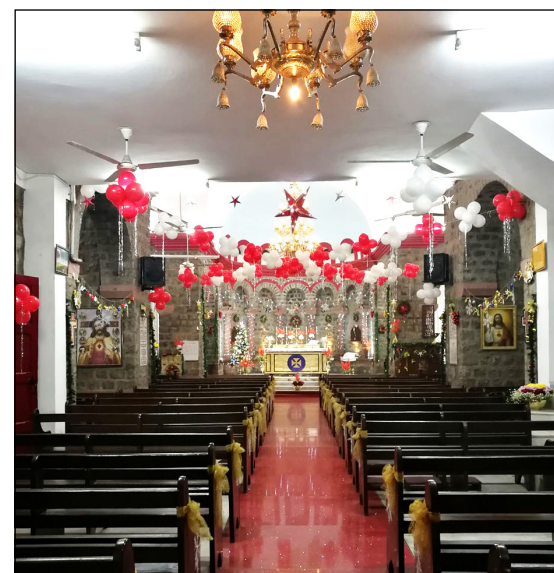
of Serampore University College, Kolkata, was the guest speaker at the event organised by YMCA Multi-Sports Complex, Faridabad.

The topic of Dr John lecture was Addressing Social Injustices in Our Communities: A Call to Action.

Rev. Moumita Biswas, Church of North India Gender, Justice & Development Specialist Ms Vinita Shaw Founder, Disha Foundation and Pastor Sandeep Christian were the speakers at the events organised YWCA.

Mr Anand Pillai, a well-known corporate speaker and trainer and a Bible teacher brought the curtains down to the Week of Prayers with his thoughts on Rays of Hope on November 14. The event was organised by New Delhi YMCA. ■

HISTORIC HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COMPLETES 115 YEARS



The historic Holy Trinity Church completed 115 years of its existence on November 7. Situated on the edge of the Old Delhi at Turkman Gate, Holy Trinity Church was designed by Rev A Coore and consecrated by Bishop Lefory, the third Bishop of Lahore on November 7, 1905. The consecration service was followed by celebration of Holy Communion, attended by some 250 communicants.

Holy Trinity Church is a memorial to a priest, the Rev Alexander Charles Maitland who died in Delhi in 1894. His wife Mary Rosetta laid down the foundation stone in his memory on February 1, 1904.

MEMBERS SPEAK

• Thanks a ton. May God bless all the members and the staff at NDY. Good health and long life.

— J F Williams

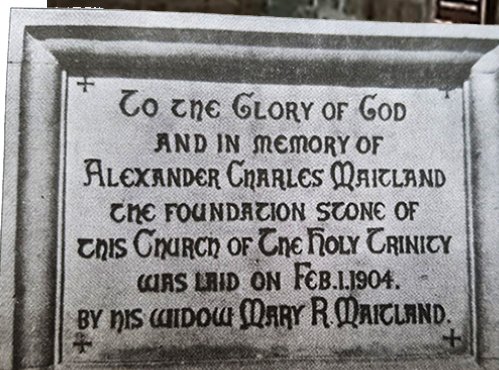
• Very good evening. Newsletter is done in a very nice and meaningful way. Congratulations.

— Sanjeet Singh

Later Rev Coore, a Member of the Brotherhood, remained in person on the spot and supervised the building operations.

The Bishop had designated Rev W S Kelley as first Priest-In charge of the Church. Rev Samuel Ghosh was the first Indian who became the Vicar of the Church in 1913.

Rev Hugh Basil King served Holy Trinity Church till his death in 1939. The electric fans in the church were first put as a memorial to him and a compound near the church premises is named after his name and is now known as King's compound. ■



JOHN DAYAL RETURNS TO EDITORS GUILD EXECUTIVE

Senior NDY member and veteran journalist Dr. John Dayal has been made a special member of the Executive Committee of the Editors Guild of India. A treasurer of the Guild in the 1990s, Dayal is a well-known human rights and civil liberties activist.

Dayal was a two-term member of the National Integration Council chaired by the Prime Minister of India, founder secretary-general of the All India Christian Council [1999-2014] and a past president of the century old All India Catholic Union. Seema Mustafa of TheCitizen.Com is the Guild President, the first woman to hold that post, and HardNews editor Sanjay Kapoor is the Secretary general.

Besides Dayal, the other new members of the guild's executive committee are Scroll Editor Naresh Fernandes, Malayala Manorma executive editor Jayant Mammen Mathew, Sakal Media Group consulting editor Vijay Naik, Dainik Bhaskar group editor Prakash Dubey, NDTV editorial director Sonia Singh, India Today former managing editor Dilip Mandal and The Quint editor-in-chief Raghav Bahl. ■



VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS CELEBRATE DIWALI

The trainees at the New Delhi YMCA Volleyball Academy celebrated Diwali in a unique fashion. After their training session on the eve of Diwali on Friday night (Nov 13), they gathered at the court and lit diyas and candles to mark the festival of lights. ■





COVID-19 TIME FOR REFLECTION

COVID-19 pandemic came like a thief to steal, to kill, and to destroy lives. I remember the thing that hit me the most was when work from home was announced. The second hit was when churches were shut down.

Being a liturgist and actively involved in the ministry, I started feeling the vacuum of not being able to exercise my responsibilities in the church. I missed my daily singing at weekday Masses and conducting the children's choir over the weekend. Above all, I missed receiving the physical presence of Jesus in me.

How do I proceed from here?

I had to find my sunshine in everyday things. I began to navigate my way through the lockdown and I experienced

a certain peace within me as I found more time to be in the presence of the Lord. I started feeling rejuvenated.

The negative coverage by the media seemed to affect me less and lesser with each passing day. I started spending time with my family more than ever. I had a new refreshing routine in place that started with personal prayer and ended with gratitude.

I saw the book of Ecclesiastes 2:22 coming true where the author says, "For what does a man get for all the toil and striving with which he labours under the sun? Indeed, all his days are filled with grief, and his task is sorrowful; even at night, his mind does not rest."

Here God was allowing me to enjoy the fruit of my labour and unlimited

compulsory rest which I forfeited being on the go. It was time to reflect and prune off what did not matter both mentally and spiritually and make some serious changes. I found time to be able to learn new hymns, start journaling, prepare for sessions for confirmation students and of course pursue my hobbies too.

When certain relaxations were made to the lockdown, I was invited to resume singing for Mass recordings that were being streamed online. I felt like a spring in my step as I looked forward to singing every weekend for Mass and to be able to receive Jesus once again. ■

Elaine D'Souza

(A member of Our Lady of

Mt. Carmel's Parish, Bandra, Mumbai)

— (Courtesy Matters India)

SANITATION IS AN ISSUE OF JUSTICE, SAYS BISHOP

During an online morning prayer service on 16 November, Bishop Arnold Temple, chairperson of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Water Network and the president of All Africa Conference of Churches, reflected on World Toilet Day, which will be observed this year

on 19 November.

The Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, National Council of Churches in India, and World Council of Churches will participate in a webinar on November 19 to discuss sanitation for all, and its linkages to climate change, stigma

and taboo related to casteism in India.

"We are reflecting here on a subject that we do not usually want to discuss: toilets," said Bishop Temple. "Somebody may have defecated upstream, and that same water is collected by people who live downstream, and they are open to diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera, etc," "Most people take sanitation—and particularly toilets—for granted," said Temple. "You know, my friends, the movement of our bowels is a natural phenomenon." ■

IN MEMORIAM

World YMCA mourns the tragic passing away of **Nina Beata Hustedova**, a volunteer at the Prague YMCA in the Czech Republic. She was 24. Nina was also a member of the 250-strong 3rd Cohort of the YMCA Change Agents Programme from 2017 to 2018.

"In trying to make sense of this appalling loss, and in trying to find hope and light within this despair and darkness, we thank God for the rich legacy of Nina", said World YMCA Secretary-General Carlos Sanvee.

We regret to announce the sad demise of **Mrs Lajwanti Pal**, mother of NDY member **Mr Samuel S Pal** on November 12.

May her soul rest in peace.

BIDEN THANKS POPE FRANCIS FOR BLESSINGS

Pope Francis has telephoned Joe Biden, says a statement from the US president-elect.

"President-elect Joe Biden spoke on November 12 with His Holiness Pope Francis. The President-elect thanked His Holiness for extending blessings and congratulations and noted his appreciation for His Holiness' leadership in promoting peace, reconciliation, and the common bonds of humanity around the world.

"The President-elect expressed his desire to work together on the basis of a shared belief in the dignity and equality of all humankind on issues such as caring for the marginalized and the poor, addressing the crisis of climate change, and welcoming and



integrating immigrants and refugees into our communities."

When he is inaugurated, Biden will

be the second Catholic president of the United States. John F Kennedy was elected November 8, 1960. ■

ROLE OF CHURCHES DURING "PROFOUND ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL CRISIS"

During a World Council of Churches (WCC) executive committee meeting, WCC moderator Dr Agnes Abuom and WCC interim general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca shared highlights on the WCC's role in a world facing great challenges.

Abuom noted that the world was still in a big fight against COVID-19. "It has abruptly disrupted the momentum towards achievement of the development agenda, having triggered the most profound economic and societal crisis the world has seen for the last century," she said. WCC publishes "Global Health COVID-19 Response Framework"

After on going consultations between church and healthcare leaders from many countries, the World Council of Churches has published an "Ecumenical Global Health COVID-19 Response Framework."

The framework, which is the product of collaboration by

more than 40 organizations, provides practical ways to translate the church's prophetic voice into action in ways that demonstrate love and compassion.

"Unprecedented challenge for churches worldwide"

The leadership of the Joint Working Group between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches (WCC), during an online meeting released a communique acknowledging the current unprecedented challenges and mapping the work ahead.

The Group acknowledged that the anti-COVID-19 measures had created an unprecedented challenge for churches worldwide, limiting the access of the faithful to pastoral care and restraining ecumenical contacts," the communique reads. "At the same time, the crisis had necessitated the use of modern technologies, with churches developing new and enduring forms of pastoral ministry and ecumenical life." ■

'COVID-19 AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE'

2020 remains an incredibly tough year for the YMCA Movement and above all for the young people it serves. "But YMCAs the world over are confronting their new Covid reality, and seeing it as an opportunity for change," says Carol Sanvee, Secretary General, World YMCA.

With the Solidarity YMCA clubbed together to tide over a difficult period, and with the 'Padare' process, it is planning towards the next steps of 'Reimagination', and 'Reset'. And through the Youth-Led Solutions Initiative, the young people will show the way.

Resilience, recovery and reimagination - the three pillars of the World YMCA response to the Covid-19

pandemic in 2020 - were the themes running through the agenda at the 80th Executive Meeting ended on 31st October.

"Five years ago, none of us could have imagined that our 2020 would be anything like this", said World YMCA President Patricia Pelton, "The Covid pandemic of 2020 means that we have to bring our horizons nearer to us. While definitely a huge challenge, we should see it as an accelerator of change, and opportunity for change."

The Committee also discussed the Secretary-General's written report on the year to date, and his spoken address highlighting priorities and directions for the year to come. ■

