



# Maktaba-e-Anaveem Pakistan MAP

(People's Forum for Contextual Theologies)

## NEWSLETTER 2017

### MAP General Assembly: Evangelization and Interfaith Dialogue

The General Assembly of Maktaba-e-Anaveem Pakistan (MAP) was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at Christ The King Seminary, Karachi. The theme of the Assembly was: "Evangelization and Interfaith Dialogue". The keynote speaker was Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Chairperson, MAP. As practice in vogue, the MAP General Assembly is held after every three years to bring together MAP Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators and general members from all over the country to meet each other and exchange views and experiences at the grass root level. The event helps create fellowship and solidarity among the MAP members, friends, well-wishers and potential members.

The MAP General Assembly under report started with holy mass celebrated by Fr. Emmanuel Asi. The event was entirely organized and conducted by MAP groups functioning in the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan.

Flanked by Dr. Patras Bhatti, Assistant Chief Coordinator, the participants were welcomed by Mr. Yousuf Gill, MAP Chief Coordinator, Sindh & Balochistan regions. Mr.

Samuel Rahi, a senior member of MAP, introduced MAP in historical perspective.

Mrs. Alishba Javed Akhtar, the first ever female Director of MAP, was introduced to the participants by Dr. Patras Bhatti and expressed good wishes for her and success in her endeavors to promote the cause of MAP.

Fr. Emmanuel Asi gave keynote address on the theme of General Assembly: "Evangelization and Interfaith Dialogue" focusing on the holy scripture and the notion of pluralism in the modern societies.

A new book authored by Archbishop emeritus Everest Pinto titled "Meet the Church in the Acts" and published by MAP was launched by its unveiling jointly by Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Mr. Hamid Henry, Mr. Yousuf Gill and Mrs. Alishba Javed Akhtar, Chairperson, General Secretary, Chief Coordinator and Director of MAP respectively.

The General Assembly was made colourful with fun activities i.e. singing and dance both by male and female participants.



*(L to R) Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Alishbah Javed Akhtar, Hamid Henry and Yousuf Gill show the book after unveiling it during the assembly.*

More than 130 male and female, MAP Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, MAP members, potential members, friends and well-wishers attended the general assembly.



*Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Yousuf Gill and Alishbah Javed Akhtar address the general assembly.*



## Summer Theological Training Session (STTS) “Leadership and Participation of Laity in the Church”



(L to R) Suneeta Hameed, Samuel Rahi, Aziz Sailani and Salomi urveil a MAP publication.



(L to R) Erum Parvez and Nomi Munir show MAP publications on Training in Theology.



Noreen Haroon conducts a group workshop.



Presentation of group workshop



Group Photo



Fr. Bonnie Mendes, Hamid Henry, Yousuf Jalal Gill, Yousuf Gill, Alishbah Javed, Dr. Farhana Anthony and Noreen Haroon address STTS.

MAP organized 4-day STTS on “Leadership and Participation of Laity in the Church” from 25 to 28 June 2017 at Theological Institute of Laity, Sadhuke, Gujranwala.

The newly appointed Director, MAP Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar welcomed the participants (MAP Coordinators and their Assistants) and highlighted objectives of the STTS. Earlier, the participants congratulated the first ever female Director of MAP and offered her best wishes as well as their cooperation in promoting the cause of MAP. Mrs. Alishbah told that MAP launched STTS in 1990 with an aim to train lay people in doing contextual theology enabling them for leadership and participation in the Church and society. She added that STTS also provided a common platform for MAP Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators to exchange views and experiences with other MAP groups coming from all over the country. She concluded that STTS would mainly focus on Theology and Spirituality of Laity, Role of Laity in the Church Ministries and lay participation in the church against the backdrop of the teachings of Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC).

During the ensuing sessions of STTS presentations were made on the following topics followed by groups' workshops:

Fr. Bonnie Mendes, former Secretary, OHD Office of FABC shared views on “FABC and Theology of Laity”.

Mr. Yousaf Jalal Gill (Treasurer, MAP) gave an overview of theology of laity in general terms.

Mr. Hamid Henry made presentation on “FABC and Spirituality of Laity”.

Mrs. Noreen Haroon Gill, a lay theologian, spoke on “The Role of Laity in the Church Ministries”.

Dr. Farhana Anthony, a trained feminist theologian from the Presbyterian Church, made a presentation on “A Theology of Lay Leadership”.

Mr. Hamid Henry explained secular theories of leadership i.e. Trait Theory of Leadership and Contingency Theory of Leadership. Apart from leadership theories, his talk included: Basic Traits of a Leader, Leadership Styles and Factors Affecting Leadership. In conclusion he linked these theories with leadership role of laity in the Church and society as Persuasive, Facilitative, Team, Cross Cultural, Transactional, Coaching and Transformational leaders.

On the sidelines of STTS, a special session was organized in which designated participants gave review on a book on Christology published by MAP under its project “Training in Theology: Read Theology – Do Theology”. The book consists of three articles on Christology separately reviewed by Ms. Erum Pervez, Mr. Shamoun Gill and Mr. Riaz David – all bonafide MAP Coordinators and prospective lay thinkers and writers.

In the last session on “Evaluation and Suggestions”, MAP Coordinators presented performance reports of their respective local groups for the period from January to June 2017.

The certificates of participation were distributed by Mr. Hamid Henry, Mr. Joseph Nayyer (Chief Coordinator Punjab-KPK), Mr. Yousaf Gill (Chief Coordinator Sindh-Baluchistan), Mrs. Sajida Pervez (Chief Coordinator, WTF) and Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar (Director – MAP). (Continued Page 3)

## MAP COORDINATORS' EVALUATION & PLANNING SESSION

MAP organized two-day workshop on Evaluation and Planning from 14-15 October 2017 at Dominican House, Karachi. The working sessions were conducted by Mr. Hamid Henry and Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar, Director-MAP.

Mr. Yousaf Gill, MAP Chief Coordinator (Sindh & Baluchistan) and Mr. Joseph Nayyer, MAP Chief Coordinator (Punjab/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) welcomed the participants.

Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar in her opening remarks, noted that the purpose of the event was to bring together MAP Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators from all over Pakistan to evaluate activities undertaken by them during 2017. She added that planning for the year 2018 will also be made during the workshop. She informed that MAP Executive Board had decided to launch a 4-year (2018-2021) new Project "Revisiting FABC Documents: Exploring Asian Bishops' Teachings" in Pakistan. However, MAP will also held its regular annual programs, including Summer Theological Training Session and Women Theological Forum programs, at Theological Institute for Laity during year 2018.

Mr. Hamid Henry explained the process of planning for the year 2018. He distributed working papers on

planning to be accomplished in three stages. He divided the participants into four groups: (1) MAP Central Office (2) MAP Punjab Region (3) MAP Sindh Region and (4) MAP Baluchistan Region. He read out FABC Documents titles on Laity, Women, Dialogue, Mission and Social Communication that will be revisited by the groups at local and diocesan level. He asked the groups to make their annual plans which should be included the following:

- Study Circle on FABC documents at local level
- Sale of MAP Publication
- Launching of MAP new books
- Writing reviews on MAP Books
- Recovery of annual MAP membership fee from the members
- New Membership drive
- Formation of New Groups

On the second day of the workshop, groups presented their respective planning for the year 2018 which were thoroughly deliberated and finalized for submission to the MAP Central Office.

34 MAP Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators from 11 cities (Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkhar, Mirpurkhas, Kharipur Miras, Kunri, (Sindh), Jurian, Sadhoke, Gujranwala, Sheikhupura (Punjab) and Quetta (Baluchistan) participated in the workshop. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar. ■



*(From above) Hamid Henry, Yousuf Gill, Alishbah Javed Akhtar, Patras Bhatti and Shamoon Gill express their views.*



*Group photo of the participants*



*Participants in discussion on planning for 2018.*

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#### Summer Theological Training Session

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar and holy mass celebrated by Fr. Mushtaq Piara, life member of MAP.

78 men and women from different cities of Pakistan (Karachi, Hyderabad, Kotri, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur Miras, Sukkur, Loralai, Quetta, Attock, Lahore, Hafizabad, Jurian, Gujranwala, Farooqabad, Ghazi Minara, Sheikhupura, Harpoken and Sadhoke) participated in this four days training program. ■

# WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE GOSPEL

Women Theological Forum (WTF) – a subsidiary of MAP - conducted two days' seminar from 1 to 2 April 2017 on "Women's Role in the Gospel" at TIL.

In her welcoming remarks, Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar said that WTF-MAP hold seminars regularly for the theological formation of women whereby they got the opportunity to learn different feminist theologies and share their views and experiences. Elaborating aims and objectives of the seminar she added that the topic of seminar "Women's Role in the Gospel" would make the participants to evaluate their own role as women in the perspective of Pakistan. She advised the participants to share the outcome of the seminar with those women who could not attend this seminar.

In the first session, after self-introduction of the participants, Miss Nomi Munir introduced MAP highlighting its slogan "Participation, Formation and Leadership" of laity in the Church and society. Later, Miss Sunita Hameed explained historical background of WTF and its objectives aiming to promote feminist theologies and to train lay women for participation and leadership in the church.

The speaker of the seminar, Dr. Farhana Anthony Nazir was introduced by Ms. Suriyya Chanan (Secretary, Women Desk, Lahore Diocese). Dr. Farhana spoke on the role of women in the Gospel dividing her topic into three parts. In part one: "Women's Historical Background in the Bible" the speaker said that in the initial stage women had

no status in the society and they were considered very inferior. They were deprived of their rights. But Jesus Christ made women part of his ministry.

In part two of the lecture, Dr. Farhana elaborated women's role in the ministry of Jesus. She said that women used to listen to the Word of God while sitting in Jesus's feet. Mary always did this and preferred it over the worldly deeds. She concluded that women should assert their identity and struggle for restoration of their self-respect, equality and human dignity.

In part three of her talk, Dr. Farhana talked about financial assistance in Church Ministry. Referring to Luke 8 she said women financially helped Jesus in his ministry. She told about Mother Teresa who was symbol of love and sacrifice.

In conclusion the speaker said that a woman who was fearless touched Jesus's clothes and got healed. Jesus admired that woman for her strong faith and character. Today women have to know their importance and open their houses for church ministry and play their due role in the church and society.

Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar concluded the seminar with vote of thanks to the speaker, participants and staff of MAP.

150 women attended the seminar from 11 cities and towns of the country - Sheikhpura, Ghazi Minara, Feroqabad, Hafizabad, Jurian, Gujranwala, Harpoke, Muridke, Lahore, Raja and Fr. Stani Selas Twon, Sadhoke.



Group photo of the participants



Presentation of group workshop



Participant sharing views



Participants in group discussion



Dr. Farhana Anthony speaks at the Seminar

Participant sharing views

Participants during Seminar

# FEMINIST THEOLOGY IN PAKISTAN

Women Theological Forum (WTF) organized 4-day seminar on "Feminist Theology in Pakistan" from 18 to 21 May 2017 at TIL.

Mrs. Sajida Pervez (Chief Coordinator – WTF) welcomed the participants. Later, the participants expressed their joy over the appointment of Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar as the first ever female Director of MAP and assured her of their solidarity and cooperation. The newly appointed Director, MAP - Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar – welcomed the participants and highlighted objectives of the WTF. Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar told that MAP launched WTF in 1992 with an aim to train lay women in doing contextual theology enabling them for leadership and participation in the Church and society.

During the seminar presentations were made on the following topics followed by group workshops:

Dr. Farhana Anthony, a trained feminist theologian from the Presbyterian Church, shared views on "Doing Feminist Theology: A Case Study Method".

Mrs. Mehwish Gulfam, a lay theologian spoke on "Feminist Theology: A Positive Approach".

Mrs. Noreen Haroon Gill a lay thinker and social activist spoke on "Situation of Women: Human Rights Perspective".

Ms. Ayra Inderyas a trained feminist theologian from Church of Pakistan, Raiwind Diocese, shared views on "Dimension of Sexual Exploitation: Cases Based Biblical Perspective".

Mrs. Sarafeen Yaqoob a lay thinker and activist shared her views about "Women and Ecology".

In the last session "Analysis and Future Planning" participants



Group Photo of the participants



Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Asi (Chairperson MAP) awarding Certificates

presented their views and shared their opinions about the seminar.

Fr. Emmanuel Asi (Chairperson-MAP) appreciated the seminar He said WTF platform was for women, they are invited to come, get training and play their role in families, church and society effectively.

The certificates were distributed by Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar and Mrs. Sajida Pervez.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar followed by holy mass celebrated by Fr. Emmanuel Asi.

57 women from different cities of Pakistan (Karachi, Kotri, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur Maris, Jurian Distt Hafizabad, Lahore, Mian Sansi Gujranwala, Francisabad, Sangla Hill, Sheikhpura, Village Raja, Harpoka and Fr. Satani Selas Town Sadhoke) participated in this four days' seminar. ■

## Feminist Reading and Interpretation of The Bible

WTF conducted two days seminar, 19-20 August 2017, on "Feminist Reading and Interpretation of the Bible" at TIL.

The seminar commenced with prayer and reading from the Holy Scripture by Ms. Humera Salamat and Ms. Fozia Niamat respectively. In her welcoming remarks Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar highlighted aims and objectives of the seminar.

Mrs. Noreen Haroon Gill a lay thinker and social activist spoke on "Feminist Reading and Interpretation of the Bible".

The session followed by the group workshop. The participants actively shared their thoughts. They said such seminars should be organized in future too so that more and more women can know about the feminist reading and interpretation of the Bible.

85 women attended the seminar from different cities and towns of the country - Sheikhpura, Ghazi Minara, Farooqabad, Hafizabad, Jurian, Gujranwala, Harpoka, Ladywala Warich- Gujranwala, Lahore and Fr. Stani Selas Town, Sadhoke. ■



Sr. Edith (FTL) presents her group report.



Mrs. Noreen Haroon Gill speaks at the Seminar

A Group jointly presents its report



Participants during Seminar



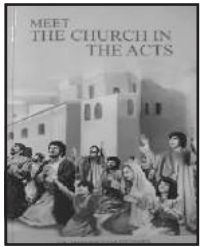
Speakers at WTF Seminar

# MAP PUBLICATIONS

During the last 29 years (1989-2017) MAP has published over 291 books on: Sacred scripture, Contextual Theology, Contextual Christology, Mariology and Feminist Theology, Ecclesiology and Socio-Political Context, Sacrament and Worship, Mission and Ministries, Society and Justice Issues, Feminist Theology, Spirituality, Sacred Personalities, History, Art and Culture, Local Ecclesia and Local Church History and Document of Ecclesia and Papal Encyclicals

During the year 2017 MAP published 12 books – 8 by MAP itself and 4 in collaboration with Catholic Bible Commission Pakistan (CBCP).

## 1. Meet the Church in the Acts



Author: Archbishop (Emiratis) Evarist Pinto

Pages: 178  
Price: Rs.300

The book provides knowledge about the Word of God in a very unique and creative way. The book helps readers to know about prayer, preaching the Word of God and Witness of the Jesus Christ. The book enables the readers to overcome challenges and hardships in their life as Christians and transform them into leaders. The book also reveals St. Paul's missionary zeal for the Word of God.

## 2. Culture and Charism

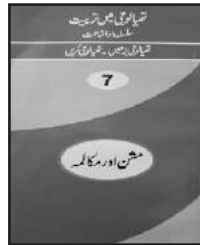


Author: Dominican Sisters  
Pages: 36  
Price: Rs.100

The book is divided into five chapters which reveal that culture is based upon shared values. We know about how to hold each other and be aligned around a common set of values. Culture is only way to inherited ideas, beliefs, values and knowledge which constitute traditions and transmitted by group of people. Culture brings people closer to work together for common goals. Without culture we cannot think about

life with a goal. We are connected with culture for decades which can be called our second nature.

## 3. Mission Aur Mukalma (Mission and Dialogue)



Translator: Aqif Shahzad  
Special Support: Fr. Emmanuel Asi  
Pages: 72  
Price: Rs.120

The book is at 7<sup>th</sup> number in the series of publication project "Doing Theology, Reading Theology" named as "Training in Theology". Theological reprints are theological articles appeared in world class theological magazines and are being translated into Urdu and published by MAP.

There will be 48 volumes of series of theological reprints. This volume consists of four articles. This issue emphasizes on mission and dialogue in life and highlights different models of mission. Author stressed upon dialogue of life which bring communion and strengthen relationship among different races, cultures and religions. He added that it is fundamental for every believer to understand different models of mission, evangelization and dialogue.

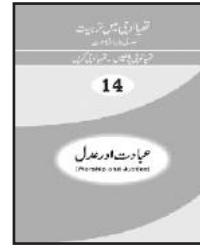
## 4. Mehromon ki Hamayat (Option for the Poor)



Translator: Saleem Anjum & Tony William  
Special Support: Fr. Emmanuel Asi  
Pages: 100  
Price: Rs.120

The book is at 8 number in the series of publication project "Doing Theology, Reading Theology" named as "Option for the Poor". This volume consists of five articles. In the current age it is a need of the time to take stand against injustice and discrimination. The laity who is neglected should be positive and courageous in their lives. This is fundamental element of Christian life.

## 5. "Ibadat aur Adal" (Worship and Justice)



Translator: Aqif Shahzad  
Pages: 72  
Price: Rs.120

The book is at 14<sup>th</sup> number in the series of publication project "Doing Theology, Reading Theology". This volume consists of three articles and tells about the biblical justice and Christian liturgy and also about the Jews' way of living and unity in family life. It also tells about faithfulness of Jews with God. The book reminds how to live as a family of God and find the spiritual way of life.

## 6. Puran Bhagat (Urdu)



Compiler: Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar & Ms. Nomi Munir  
Pages: 152  
Price: Rs.160

Puran Bhagat was a Hindu saint of India and his story was written by a Muslim Sufi Poet Mian Qadir Yar from Gujranwala. He was a great preacher of love and brotherhood. This is documentation of a seminar on Puran Bhaghat organized by MAP in 2011. The book consists of four chapters and each chapter throws light on different aspect of Puran's life.

## 7. Punjabi Anthro-pology (Urdu)



Compilers: Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar and Ms. Nomi Munir  
Pages: 132  
Price: Rs.150

The book is documentation of a seminar organized by MAP on Punjabi Anthropology. The book tells about what is Punjabi Anthropology? what is knowledge and nature of Punjabi Anthropology and different aspects of Punjabi Anthropology through Archaeology and Architecture. Through Anthropology and Religion, we know about history of Sufism in India.

**8. Talmud (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) – Urdu**



Translator:  
Stephen Bashir  
Pages: 240  
Price: Rs.550  
The Talmud is one of the famous book and big contribution of MAP.

**9. Khuda ki Baat (The talk of God) - Urdu**



Author: Paul Earnest  
Compiler:  
Fr. Emmanuel Asi  
Pages: 72  
Price: Rs.120  
The book has three chapters which gives knowledge about the reality of bible. This book unveils that bible is eternal; it cannot be changed. Word of God is for salvation.

**10. Khuda ki Kitaab (The Book of God) – Urdu**



Author: Paul Earnest  
Compiler:  
Fr. Emmanuel Asi  
Pages: 168  
Price: Rs.180

The book consists of four chapters – a source to give knowledge about Holy bible and tells about basic knowledge, methodology and some models to study bible. The book also tells about laws of the bible which lead us to know about Old Testament and New Testament. The purpose of the book is to give knowledge to Christians, non-Christians and especially to seminary students about bible.

**11. Tafseer-ul-Kalam Vol– 32 (Urdu)**  
Pages: 171  
Price: Rs.300

**12. Tafseer-ul-Kalam Vol– 36 (Urdu)**  
Pages: 111  
Price: Rs.180



The above publications are abridged Urdu translation of “Jerome Biblical Documentary” and being published in series of 36 volumes.

**BOOK LAUNCHING**

**Contextual Christology**

On 6 August 2017, the book “Contextual Theology” was launched at St. Pauls’ Church, Jurian, Hafizabad. This is issue No. 11 in line with series of MAP Publications entitled “Training in Theology: Read Theology – Do Theology”. The book was unveiled jointly by Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar, Fr. Mushtaq Piara, and Mr. Joseph Nayyer. 60 participants from Jurian Group-Hafizabad and from Father Setani Selas Town, Sadhoke participated in the book launching program.

**Eucharist: Justice and Society**

On 3 November 2017, the book “Eucharist: Justice and Society” was formally launched by MAP Mirpurkhas group. Mrs. Yasmeen Riaz (group member) presented review on the book.

Mr. Riaz David introduced book “Eucharist: Justice and Society”. 135 participants attended the seminar.



**Eucharist and Family**

On 10 September 2017, MAP Kotri group hosted a book launching program. Mr. Akber Pervez welcomed the participants. The book “Eucharist and Family” unveiled by Fr. Baber John. Mr. Ashfaq Majeed shared his views on the book. 30 members of the group participated in the program.

**Mother of All Nations: Mary: Believer & Disciple**



On 10 September 2017, MAP-WTF hosted a book launching program. Mrs. Sajida Pervez (Chief Coordinator-WTF) welcomed the participants.

The book “Mother of All Nations: Mary: Believer and Disciple” unveiled by Fr. Baber John. Ms. Erum Pervez threw light on the role of Mary. 30 members of the group participated in the program.

**Blessed Among the Women: Forward Mary Like Mary**

On 16 September 2017, MAP Sukkur group launched book “Blessed Among the Women: Forward Mary Like Mary”. The book gives knowledge about Holy Mary who is a role model and plays a vital role in the church. The book helps parents how to raise their children. There were 20 members in the program.

**BOOK STALLS**

During the year 2017 MAP Central Office setup book stalls at 38 places for sale of MAP publications at Lahore Sadoke, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Hafizabad, Francisabad, Kamonke and Peshawar.

**MAP Publications are available at:**

- St. Paul's Book Centre,**
- 8, Blue Heaven, Mansfield Street, Saddar, Karachi-74400, Pakistan.  
Ph: 021-32790920 Email: fspkhi@khi.comsats.net.pk
  - Temple Road, Lahore-54000, Pakistan.  
Ph: 042-36367039 Email: spcchr@yahoo.com
  - 63-Aurangzeb Road, Multan Cant
  - c/o Bishop's House, Tameezuddin (Church) Road, Lal Kurti, Rawalpindi Ph: 051-5791533
- Maktaba-e-Anaveem Pakistan**  
GT Road, Sadhoke, Distt. Gujranwala  
Cell: 0322-5653561 Ph: 055-6665373

**“The Beatitudes” and “Holy Mary: Steward of the Word”**

On 10 May 2017 a one-day seminar on “The Beatitudes” was organized at St. Christopher Catholic Church, City Rasool Nagar by MAP. The team of MAP, Fr. Rashid Alfons (Asth. Parish Priest-Hafizabad) and Mr. Joseph Nayyer (Chief Coordinator Punjab-CPK) were warmly welcomed by the participants



Fr. Rashid Alfons threw light on the topic by giving references from the Bible (Matthew 5:1-48). Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar, Mr. Joseph Nayyer and Ms. Aasia shared their views. 90 participants attended the seminar.

On 31 May 2017 MAP organized a seminar on “Holy Mary: Steward of the Word” at St. Mary Church, Mariamabad Colony, Gujranwala. Ms. Erum Pervez respectively. Babu Amir Shahzad welcomed the team of MAP: Fr. Rashid Alfons and Mr. Joseph Nayyer. Fr. Rashid Alfons was the main speaker on the topic.

Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar thanked Fr. Mushtaq Piara (Parish Priest-Hafizabad), Fr. Rashid Alfons (Asth. Parish Priest-Hafizabad), and all members of Mariamabad Colony. 85 men and women attended the seminar.

**Mortification and Forgiveness**



*Fr. Paulus Gill*

On 11 March 2017, a seminar was hosted by Mirpurkhas group on “Mortification and Forgiveness”.

Fr. Paulus Gill (Hyderabad) was the speaker. He said that while having fast we have to be in

prayer and bow our self. He emphasized on adoration in fast. There were 92 participants in the seminar.

**Importance of Passion and Paschal Mystery in Family Life**



On 11 March 2017, MAP Sadhoke group organized a seminar on “Importance of Passion & Paschal Mystery in Family Life”. The speaker was Babu Luban Patras, Catechist in Fr. Stanislaus Town, Sadhoke. He spoke on spirituality of fast. 120 beneficiaries attended the seminar from different cities of the Punjab – Hafizabad, Sheikhpura, Harpoke, Nitharanwali, Village Raja and Fr. Satani Selas Town, Sadhoke.

**Renew Face of the Earth**

On 22 April 2017, MAP Sadhoke group organized a one-day seminar on “Renew Face of the Earth” at TIL. Fr. Rashid Alfons, Assistant Parish Priest, Hafizabad was the resource person. Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar and Mr. Joseph Nayyer appreciated and encouraged MAP Sadhoke group. 120 men and women attended the seminar.



**GIFTS OF HOLY SPIRIT**

On 30 April 2017, Jurian group organized a seminar on “Gifts of Holy Spirit” at St. Paul's Church, Jurian, Hafizabad with Fr. Rashid Alfons as speaker. Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar shared her views and appreciated this effort by Jurian group. There were 73 members in the seminar.

**Forgiveness and Acceptance**

On 27 May 2017, MAP Sadhoke group organized one-day seminar on “Forgiveness and Acceptance” at TIL with Fr. Rashid Alfons as the speaker. Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar shared her views, appreciated and congratulated MAP Sadhoke group. Fr. Emmanuel Asi (Chairperson –MAP) said there should be completeness in our forgiveness and acceptance, for its helps one to be close to God. 137 men and women attended the seminar.



**Feminist Theology**

On 27 August 2017, MAP Jurian group, inspired by seminars conducted by Women Theological Forum (WTF), organized a one-day seminar on “Feminist Theology” at St. Paul's Church, Jurian. The participants shared their views on “Women's Role in the Gospel”, “Women's Rights” and “Feminist Theology”. 40 members of the group attended the seminar.

**Formation in Family**

On 22 October 2017, MAP Jurian Group organized a group meeting at St. Paul's Church, Jurian. The meeting commenced with prayer by Mr. Safdar Samuel. Mr. Flouruist Bashir (Coordinator-Jurian group) presented review on the book “Formation in Family”. There were 15 members in the meeting.

**MAP BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION**

On 12 February 2017, MAP Mirpurkhas group celebrated birthday of MAP on local level. They shared their views and devotion with MAP.

**MAP JURIAN GROUP**

On 17 April 2017, MAP staff visited Juria and met members of the Jurian group. Mr. Joseph Nayyer introduced MAP. Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhtar thanked and appreciated those who wanted to be a member of MAP. She welcomed them in the family of MAP and invited them to participate in the seminars. Mr. Javed Akhtar (staff-member) shared his views and appreciated the participants. There were 28 participants.



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**MAP MIRPURKHAS GROUP**

On 28 January 2017, Mirpurkhas group conducted group meeting to discuss some group matters.

On 12 February 2017, Mirpurkhas group celebrated birthday of MAP on local level. They shared their views and devotion with MAP.

On 4 March 2017, the group hold a meeting to discuss the seminar to be hosted by Mirpurkhas group. Some other matters were also discussed in the meeting relating to responsibilities of seminar and MAP annual membership 2017.

On 3 November 2017, MAP Mirpurkhas group launched book "Eucharist: Justice and Society". Mrs. Yasmeen Riaz (group member) presented review on the book. On the sidelines of this program the group also analyzed its performance during 2017.



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*Meetings of  
MAP Mirpurkhas Group*

**MAP KOTRI GROUP**

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**MAP SUKKUR GROUP**

On 16 September 2017, MAP Sukkur group launched book "Blessed among the Women: Forward Mary like Mary". The book gives knowledge about Holy Mary to be taken as a role model. The book also helps parents as to how to raise their children. There were 20 members in the program.



*Fr. Sikandar (Sukkur Parish) shares his views on the book : "Blessed among the Women"*

## OVERSEAS TRAINING AND EXPOSURE

Mr. Joseph Nayyer (Chief Coordinator-Punjab-KPK) attended one-month biblical course, held at National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (NBCLC), Bangalore, India from 28 August to 24 September, 2017. The topic of the course was "The Intensive Bible Course: Walking with the Word".



Mr. Joseph Nayyer (second from right) at NBCLC

Mr. Yousaf Gill (MAP Chief Coordinator-Sindh-Baluchistan) was sponsored by MAP for the pilgrimage of Holy land Jordan. The Biblical Tour was organized by Catholic Bible Commission Pakistan (CBCP) from 5-12 May, 2017.



Mr. Yousuf Gill (third from right) along with Akbar Rapheal and Fr. Emmanuel Asi (first & second right) during the biblical tour

## MAP Executive Board Meeting

MAP Executive Board meeting was held on 10 April 2017 at TIL. The activities of MAP was discussed, evaluated and planned. In this meeting MAP annual and financial reports were also approved. In this meeting Mrs. Alishba Javed Akhtar, Office Executive Secretary was promoted as Directress from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## Christmas Get Together

MAP organized Christmas Get-together on 21 December 2017 at TIL. On this seasonal celebration MAP staff families were also invited. Chairperson-MAP Fr. Emmanuel Asi and Board Member Fr. Raphael Menhga OP were also present. At the end cake was cut by Fr. Emmanuel Asi.



Flanked with MAP staff families Fr. Emmanuel Asi cuts Christmas cake.



## PLANTATION AT TIL

TIL is a place where one can experience silence and beauty of nature conducive for deep reflection. In order to keep this cool and calm atmosphere in tact, MAP staff make new plantation of trees in the already lush green area of TIL. For this purpose a Plantation Day is observed every year. In 2017, the Plantation Day event was led by Fr. Emmanuel Yousaf Mani, Vice Chairman, MAP.



New trees are being planted at TIL premises led by Fr. Emmanuel Yousaf Mani

## DANISH GAH

Danish Gah is a project of MAP, providing residential facilities for graduate and post graduate university students since 2004. It has facilitated 69 students till date and now 10 students are being facilitated. Danish Gah hostel for boys is situated in Veenus Housing Scheme, Ferozpur Road, Lahore, the major Christian populated area in Lahore laid at the crossroad of Lahore. Students are able to move from here to different directions to colleges, universities and professional and vocational trainings centers in Lahore.

On 16 December 2017, MAP organized a Christmas get-together for Danish Gah students. At this occasion Fr. Emmanuel Asi, Chairperson-MAP and Directress - MAP Mrs. Alishbah Javed and staff member Mr. Javed Akhtar were present.

During the year 2017 the accomplishment of Danish Gah was as under:

1. Mr. Shoukat Bourat from Mariamabad completed his ACMA and now he is working as a Senior Audit Officer in Ministry of Defense, Government of Pakistan.
2. Mr. Dilawer from Mariamabad completed his M. Com from Superior Collage, Lahore.
3. Mr. Baber from Mariamabad completed his Associate Degree in Accounting & Finance from Superior Collage, Lahore.
4. Mr. Naeem from Kasur completed his M.com from Toppers Academy, Lahore.



## VISITORS FROM ABROAD

On 22 March 2017, Indian Jesuit priests Fr. John Kalottinl SJ and Fr. Joseph visited TIL. Both appreciated the services of Maktaba-e-Anaveem Pakistan (MAP) to uplift the laity.

Fr. Klaus Beurle from Germany, a well-wisher of MAP, stayed at TIL for one week to participate in Asian Week of Priestly Fraternity. He appreciated the efforts of MAP for the empowerment of laity.

Fr. Philip Young and Fr. Oh Chang Ho both from South Korea, visited TIL while attending Asian Week of Spirituality. They were happy to know about the long journey of MAP from its inception (1989) for empowerment of Laity in Pakistan.



*Fr. Klaus Beurle while writing his remarks on MAP Visitors' Book*



*Fr. John Kalottinl SJ and Fr. Joseph while writing their expressions on MAP Visitors' Book.*



*Fr. Philip Young and Fr. Oh Chang Ho (front row extreme left and right) with MAP Chairman, Director and staff members.*

## VISITORS FROM PAKISTAN

During the year 2017 the facilities of TIL were availed of by the following. All appreciated services of MAP for Laity. Asian Priestly Fraternity organized an Asian Week of Spirituality at TIL from 13 to 17 November 2017. 29 priests participated from Karachi, Peshawar, Sargodha, Rawalpindi/ Islamabad, Faisalabad, Lahore and Gujranwala.

On 30 March 2017, a group of pastors of Presbyterian Church, Lahore visited TIL, Sadhoke.

On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Rev. Dr. Evelyn Bhanjan from Lahore visited TIL.

Prof. Shahzad Khal (Director QEC University of Gujrat) visited TIL on 24 May 2017 with his M. Phil students.

Mr. Anthony Gabriel Felix (Federal Urdu University, Karachi) visited TIL on

29 May 2017 for his research work.

Pastor Dr. S. M Zachariah Samuel (Gujranwala) visited TIL on 21 July 2017.

On 16 Nov, 2017, Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw OFM visited TIL premises during Asian Priestly Fraternity organized an Asian Week of Spirituality.



*Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw with TIL Staff*



*The participants of Asian Priestly Fraternity at MAP Publications Stall*



*Group Photos of pastors, Presbyterian Church, Lahore*



*Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Asi (Chairperson-MAP) with TIL Staff*

### The New Director MAP Mrs. Alishbah Javed Akhter



The MAP Executive Board, in its meeting held on 10 April 2017, promoted incumbent Office Executive Secretary, Mrs. Alishbah Javed

Akhtar as Director MAP with immediate effect. The decision came after Mr. Yaqoob Shahzad chose to separate from MAP as its Director in early January 2017. Mrs. Alishbah joined MAP in November 2005 as Office Secretary. She was promoted as Office Executive Secretary in 2008. Since then she has been Chief Coordinator for Projects, Programs and Reports. She received considerable experience of international and national networking for MAP. She has attended international meetings and conferences. Holding Masters in Arts and Education, Mrs. Alishbah will make much desired feminine contribution in the ministry of MAP.

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# Annual National Assembly 2017 THE SPIRITUALITY OF BR. CHARLES

*Lay Fraternities  
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Lay Fraternities in Pakistan organized its Annual National Assembly 2017 from 14 to 17 December 2017 at Theological Institute for Laity (TIL), Sadhoke. The theme of the Assembly was "Spirituality of Br. Charles".

Mrs. Alishba Javed (Lay Fraternity National Coordinator) welcomed the participants, gave orientation and explained the purpose and objectives of the National Assembly. She said National Assembly of Lay Fraternities in Pakistan began in 2005 in Karachi. She emphasized that there was a need to strengthen coordination on local, national and international level for an effective and meaningful networking in terms of making the Fraternities a viable entity.

The following sessions were held to elaborate theme of the Assembly:

Fr. Mushtaq Piara spoke on "Conversion in Br. Charles' Life".

Fr. Emmanuel Asi member of International Council of Jesus Caritas, spoke on "Dialogue and Br. Charles".

Ms. Nargis Heera (Multan) elaborated on "Spirituality of Obedience in Deficiency".

Ms. Sunita Hameed (Sadhoke) spoke on "Abandonment and Br. Charles".

Mr. Majid Victor (Multan) gave insights into the "Personal Experiences in Br. Charles' Spirituality".

Miss Nomi Munir (Sadhoke) spoke on "Identification of Nazareth's Call".

Mrs. Alishba Javed Akhtar National Coordinator of Lay Fraternity highlighted "Journey of Faith of Br. Charles".

During the assembly, Holy Eucharist was celebrated daily which was presided over by a guest priest of Jesus Caritas. Adoration was also held. Prayer of Abandonment was read before and at the end of every session. Bible Sharing was held daily. The texts used were Matthew 11:16-19 and Matthew 13:10-17. During these Bible sharing it was expressed that there was a cultural and spiritual need of 'self-denial'. Only self-denial can lead one to abandonment. Being 'little' is difficult but fundamental and essential for the spiritual followers of L.B. Charles.

The Assembly took the following decisions:

1. Regularity in the monthly get-together and fidelity to the spirituality of the Fraternity was

emphasized.

2. Every member was advised to contribute and financially support the Fraternity.

3. National Assembly Pakistan 2018 will take place in November 15-18, 2018 at Theological Institute for Laity (TIL), Sahoke.

The event was attended by 25 participants from Multan, Lahore, Sangla Hill, Sheikhpura, Gujranwala, Harpoko and Sadhoke. ■



*Rev. Fr. Mushtaq Piara during Pak Mas*



*Participants engaged in group discussion.*



*Fr. Emmanuel Asi addresses the participants.*



*Group photo of the participants*