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Highlights!

Initiatives thru ideation process among MGAs:

MGA Core Matters

MGA Registration Completed. Core Group working on the Byelaws and Website.

MGA Global Meet 2022 To hold the next MGA Global Meet in 2022.Matter being actively pursued.

MGA Monthly Zoom Meet

Monthly Zoom Meet held on 13 February at 1900 Hrs IST

AMMA Meet MGA Dominc organized Atlanta Metro Malayalees Meet

MGA Memories of Joys A narrative of memories and visual parade of MGAs

Read UN Initiatiaves World Radio Day and Human Fraternty for Peace and Cooperation

Renewing faith, hope and love: Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021

In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to *renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.*

Grounding his reflection on the Paschal Mystery, the Pope says, *This Lenten journey... is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Jesus.*

He goes on to say that the journey of conversion, through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, *makes it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity .*



Pope Francis ...

To experience Lent with love, says Pope Francis, means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic.” He invites us to speak words of reassurance, and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

Global Economic Outlook

Global growth is projected to rise from an estimated 2.9 percent in 2019 to 3.3 percent in 2020 and 3.4 percent for 2021—a downward revision of 0.1 percentage point for 2019 and 2020 and 0.2 for 2021 compared to those in the October World Economic Outlook (WEO).

Although recent vaccine approvals have raised hopes of a turnaround in the pandemic later this year, renewed waves and new variants of the virus pose concerns for the outlook. Amid exceptional uncertainty, the global economy is projected to grow 5.5 in 2021 and 4.2 in 2022.

MGA Matters

Zoom Meet -Ten MGAs participated in the Zoom meet which was held on 13 February 21. Apart from the regular nine MGAs, an experienced Website Designer John Mahesh too was invited for brainstorming for the proposed MGA Website. It was suggested a resource team may be identified for preparing the inputs for the MGA Website.

MGA Byelaws- Members were informed that Draft MGA Byelaws prepared by the support team of Sebastian Vattakunnel, PD Wilson and MG Jacob would be submitted to the Core Group within a week.

MGA Global Meet 2022- This matter was not discussed and deferred to the next Zoom Meet.

MGA News Snippet - It was suggested that more and more MGAs may be encouraged to contribute contents and other inputs for the MGA News Snippet for wider reach and benefit all.

MGA News Snippet of February 2021 touches on the the UN perspectives on impact of Radio and Human Fraternity for Peace and Cooperation.

Article on Human Fraternity for Peace and Cooperation is aimed to recognize

the valuable contribution of people of all religions, or beliefs, to humanity and the contribution that dialogue among all religious groups can make towards an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind.

Article on World Radio Day is an ode to the resilience of radio. It is a tribute to its capacity for perpetual adaptation at the rate of societal transformations and listeners' new needs. Accessible anywhere and anytime, radio reaches a broad audience. It presents itself as an arena where all voices can be expressed, represented, and heard hence why radio is still the most consumed medium worldwide today.

The February 21 edition also features a couple of poems.

The poem "Sip Your Tea Nice and Slow" by the Singapore Cultural Medallion Winner Mr Lee Tzu Pheng is expected to stir the soul of every reader leading him/her to a soothing state of mind.

The Poem "How Old Are You" shared by BO Sebastian aims to bring back the reader to the state of youth and zest.

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Idea.. Action

Say Yes to Action:

1. Telling Experiential Stories from Brothers and MGAs to share, care and nurture.
2. Inspiring Brothers and MGAs to bring out their talents for greater use.
3. Continuing to remain connected digitally through regular News Snippets
4. Reaching out to all MGAs scattered across countries and provinces:

Each One Bring One for the Next MGA Zoom Meetings. *Share Joys and Sorrows* Birthdays, Anniversaries etc to greet and be greeted.

5. This issue features *Which is the Best School for Your Child* as BO Sebastian speaks to you while the *Jo Pathyil Story Telling* brings vivid memories of his meeting Mani Mezhukunal in Switzerland. He concludes his rendezvous with Mani Mezhukunal: *We asked each other questions and decided that there are more questions than answers. As Mani said, we should accept the fact that we do not have all the answers to all our questions. But one keeps on searching till the very end.* The narrative of Joe Pathyil brings out the honest inquiring mind of the philosopher in Mani Mezhukunal who displays his intellectual honesty with conviction and humility - a trait very hard to find.
6. Experience two poems of relevance and go thru the list of MGAs.

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Out of The Box

Initiate action to remain happy and foster a Happy Group of MGA

1. Discover the Diamonds in us, amidst us
2. Expedite the MGA Website and finalise Byelaws
3. Complete the Aims and Objectives and Byelaws of Global nature
4. Reach out to MGAs who are not in the whatsapp groups and email.
5. Update MGA Information, Address, Contact Numbers
6. Get pictures of all MGAs and their family .
7. Plan to bring out a MGA Directory of Members.
8. Reach out to One or Two MGAs every month, speak to him to make him happy and pray for him.

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Quotes Inspire

Beautiful sayings : "When you think about the things that you will regret when you're 80, they're almost always the things that you did not do. They're acts of omission. Very rarely are you going to regret something that you did that failed ... I'm not just talking about business things. It's like, 'I love that person and I never told them,' and you know, 50 years later you're like, 'Why didn't I tell her? Why didn't I go after it?'" - Jeff Bezos, in a 2018 interview

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Random Remembrances: Mani Mezhukunal By Jo Pathyil . .

0.1 A Journey For A Rendezvous

(Jo Continues his Journey and Rendezvous with Childhood Batchmate Late Mani Mezhukunal who passed away on 30 January 2015 ...)



Joe Pathyil Narrates . . .

0.2 June 7, 2005

We are on our way to Fribourg in Switzerland to meet an old friend and companion of mine whom I have not seen in forty years. Mani Mezhukunal was one year my junior in school, and we were together from 1948 to 1956 in school, during religious studies, in Loyola College, Madras, and we had met rather irregularly till about 1965. Mani is a polyglot, knowing more than a dozen languages; brilliant at understanding and analysis; a rebel in his ideas, and a free spirit.

He has been in Switzerland for over thirty years, teaching, lecturing, organizing film festivals, writing and so on. I had always been curious about what he is up to, and how the young man I knew has evolved. This is an opportunity to find out.

We changed trains in Basel, then one more time in Bern for a short ride to Fribourg. We got out with our luggage and looked for Mani who had promised to meet us at the station. In my eagerness at the expected reunion, I carried both the heavy suitcases down some stairs-not a wise thing for one who has had an angioplasty done not too long ago!.

Josie spotted a bearded gentleman with a walking stick and I knew that must be Mani, as a mutual friend had told me that he needed a walking stick to move about. He greeted us warmly and took us to the parking lot where Danielle, his wife, was waiting in the car. She greeted us enthusiastically. Danielle is French, but speaks some English and understands it rather well.

We went in her car to the town of Beronnes where they have a beautiful house. They had bought land in the town of less than 4000 inhabitants, built a house about 15 years ago and have been living there ever since.

Danielle works in an institution for the handicapped not too far from their home. Mani's office used to be in Zurich, but did not have to go there too often.

Mani was the founder of a small group of about ten internationally known interfaith experts on religion and philosophy that arranged lectures, seminars, and training all over Europe. The Christian churches of Switzerland partially subsidized the group. In addition, he organized an Indian film festival in Fribourg that became very popular.

Now he is invited to be a judge at film festivals in several cities. He worked out of home, since he had to plan and prepare his lectures and seminars. Mani had met Danielle when he was convalescing in the institution where she was working. Danielle works twice a week now that Mani is retired. Their only daughter, Kamala has a child - Naya - a beautiful 9-month-old girl, who is the center of everybody's attention.

Mani and I stayed up late in to the night and caught up on each other. The conversation was easy and intimate. The ladies, in spite of languages difficulties, got along well. We had a typical Swiss dinner with melted cheese, potatoes, vegetables, and various pickles. And, of course, wine which is part of every meal. Mani still smokes a pipe. The doctors had discovered a tumour underneath his spinal cord a few years ago, and did not want to tamper with it as it might affect his spinal cord. They gave him two years to live. That was close to 15 years ago. He went to India for ayurvedic treatment that has at least arrested the tumour.

He has carried on with his work till he retired completely only recently. He has difficulty sleeping for more than a few hours; his movements are somewhat restricted; but he carries on cheerfully. In fact his main hobby is to work in his garden that he tends with great care and enthusiasm. The gardening enthusiasm surprised me, as the Mani I knew when young was not in the least interested in such manual activities.

We talked and talked and when we discovered how late it was, we decided to call it a night and carry on tomorrow. Mani told us that Danielle will turn sixty tomorrow. I insisted that we go out to a good restaurant to celebrate. Bookings are made to go to Fribourg at 6 p.m. tomorrow to celebrate Danielle's "shashtyapurthy".

0.3 June 8, 2005

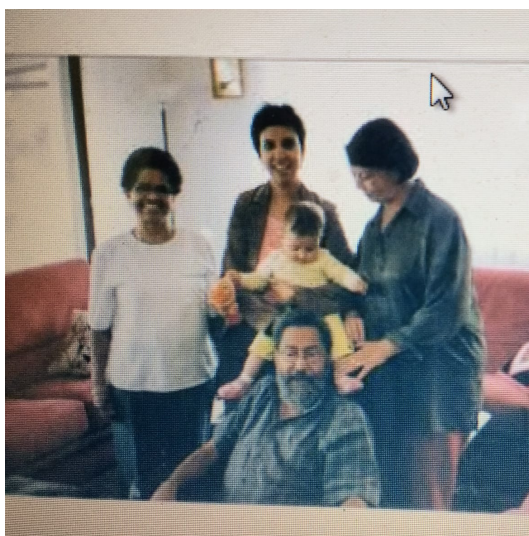
We had breakfast together, and, of course, resumed the unending conversation. By now we had gauged each other, and felt extremely at ease with each other. Since we had grown up together and knew people, had read the same books, and studied in the same institutions, it was easy to recall incidents, persons, and events with great ease. We developed the former trust, and repartee, poking fun at each other, bantering, laughing, singing, remembering and relaxing together.

11.30 Kamala came with Naya, and left the baby with the grandparents, as she worked a few hours a week. Danielle cooked a delicious chicken curry for lunch. In the late afternoon Kamala returned to get the baby.

We went to Fribourg. On the way to the restaurant we stopped to visit the local cathedral that had some vibrant stained glass windows and a history dating back to the 12th century. We drove around to see the medieval city, its fortress, the bridges that span the Sarine, quaint shops, stone paved square Some 34km southwest of Bern, FRIBOURG (Freiburg in German) is one of Switzerland's best-kept secrets.

It's winningly attractive, almost perfectly preserved, is set on a forested peninsula in a meander of the River Sarine. Steep, cobbled streets, bedecked with wrought-iron lamp standards and ornate inn signs, are picturesque and with its own character. Six bridges, from wooden fords to lofty modern valley spans, provide woodcut-pretty views back across the town of the old houses piled up together on the slopes. One of the country's most prestigious universities – and its sole Catholic one – attracts a massive student body to Fribourg from all over the country.

Restaurant de Trois Tours Bourguillon, Fribourg's finest eatery, housed in an old patrician mansion, serves up fresh and interesting gourmet menus in its formal restaurant where prices – and haute-cuisine quality – rise dramatically. The restaurant is the best in Fribourg. They offered to serve us their surprise of the day, rather than us fumbling as to what to order. The fare was exquisite, excellent wine, first class service. Never mind the bill!



Mani Mezhukanal . . .

0.4 June 9, 2005

We decided to leave early in the morning to see as much of Switzerland and its beauty as we can in one day. Danielle is an excellent driver and guide. She took us to Thun Lake and from there to Brienz Lake the Interlaken region. From there we drove up to the glaciers of Grimsel (2160 meters above sea level) and two other passes.

It turned cold up on the mountains and the wind was biting in to our faces. But the mountains are majestic; glaciers gleamed in the sun. River Rhone starts from these mountains flowing to France. A few kilometers farther we saw the glaciers from which originate the mighty Rhine. On a clear day one can see the Mattahorn of Alps from Grimsel. We had lunch in one of the restaurants that open only for five months of the year. The mountains, the passes, the snow on the Alps, the crystal clear waters of the streams and rivers, the dead lakes, the glaciers, the picturesque villages and towns nestled among the mountains, breathtaking beauty – add to these the pleasant company and informed guide- and one has the ingredients for a perfect day.

Danielle drove from 7.45 in the morning to about 9 p.m. stopping only for lunch, or to show us some places of spectacular beauty.

We stopped in a Chinese restaurant for dinner - the Tulip. She had driven over 430 kilometers and Trois Tours Bourguillon, Fribourg's find they have been married for shown us an enormous part of the country. The picture postcards about Switzerland came alive. We are happy and grateful.

0.5 June 10,2005

Danielle had to go to work at 8 a.m. We thanked her and invited both of them to Canada. At 11.30 a taxi arrived to take us to the station to resume our train journey to Frankfurt.

The parting with Mani was heartfelt. I had, in the last couple of days, learned much about and from him. We wished him all the best in the treatment that he is going to have in India, and again invited him to Canada. It was indeed a pleasure to have had the chance to meet Mani again. We hope we will meet again.

What did Mani and I talk about? About our mutual and separate past; about life in general and ours in particular; about philosophy and religions; about every topic above and under the sun. We asked each other questions and decided that there are more questions than answers. As Mani said, we should accept the fact that we do not have all the answers to all our questions. But one keeps on searching till the very end.



Mani- The Philosohper Keeps on Searching... . . .

(Joe Pathyil)

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Which is the Best School for Our Child? By BO Sebastian ...



BO Sebastina writes....

On the Joy of Giving even as the pendulum of life oscillates between being pulled towards holding on to things, persons or emotions and being pushed into leaps of joy through sheer generosity of sharing and giving. Read on..

Dear Principals, Teachers and Parents!

Most of us want our children to be educated in the best schools. Education is given the top priority by a large number of parents.

They are ready to make sacrifices to see that the future of their children is safe with the quality education they get.

Which is the Best School for Our Child? This is the common question asked by parents when their children are above the age of three and they are on the lookout for the best school. How can we judge the best school?

Their queries go like these....

Is the syllabus State, CBSE, ICSE, National or International? Is it a public or private, day or boarding school?

Are the staff qualified, experienced, talented and outstanding? Of course, the medium of instruction, infrastructure and the co-curricular activities are in the list.

We, the old timers can only reminisce the bygone days when our parents used to admit us without any apprehension in a school within the vicinity, usually a government or an aided school. Admissions for the next academic year have begun in most of the schools. Popularity and publicity are the order of the day. As the tree is judged by its fruits, posters with the list of the toppers, photos, their ranks and marks are exhibited in the prominent places of the town or city, on walls, streets and at the entrance to the school.

It is the early birds that catch the worms. Admissions are already over for some schools and we find boards 'admissions closed' since the procedures like entrance tests, interviews were conducted before September. On the other hand, some parents are still in a dilemma about admissions due to the pandemic.

Other areas of enquiry for some are the discipline, the ability of the principal and staff, care and personal attention of each student, facilities, co-curricular activities etc. Today, for many neither money nor distance stand in the way of getting admission in a school of their choice.

All of us agree that it is difficult to define the best school, yet, in successful schools, things hang together. There exists a sense of purpose, people rally around to a common cause. Their work has meaning and growth is significant. Teachers and students work together with a common goal and accomplishments are readily recognised.

Shouldn't the best schools be centred around inculcating a love for learning, critical thinking, and developing problem solving skills, aesthetic sense, love for preservation of the environment, curiosity, creativity and interpersonal competence? Shouldn't it cater optimum opportunities, involvement and participation of all the students in the curricular and cocurricular activities?

Research indicates that one difference between high and low achieving schools is the impact of the Principal with the collaboration of the staff. He/ She exercises strong leadership participates directly and frequently in instructional matters and has higher expectation for success and are oriented towards academic goals and personality development of each individual. Equally important and perhaps more significant is the quality of leadership density that exists in such schools.

Keeping aside the success rates, I believe that the best school should be one where we are able to pay attention individually so that character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded by which one can stand on his own feet as Swami Vivekananda had put it.

It is good if each educational institution thinks beyond the syllabus, the vision and mission and ask themselves what are their schools about, what are important there and how they could be unique?

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International Days Of Events ...

Why do we mark International Days?

International days are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

The existence of international days predates the establishment of the United Nations, but the UN has embraced them as a powerful advocacy tool. We also mark other UN observances.

Several events are celebrated around the world.

These are listed to invite the interest of the readers and stimulate their cerebral prowess.

4 February International Day of Human Fraternity (A/RES/75/200)

6 February International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female

Genital Mutilation (A/RES/67/146)
 10 February World Pulses Day (A/RES/73/251)
 11 February International Day of Women and Girls in Science (A/RES/70/212)
 13 February World Radio Day (A/RES/67/124)
 20 February World Day of Social Justice (A/RES/62/10)
 21 February International Mother Language Day (A/RES/56/262)
 1 March Zero Discrimination Day [UNAIDS]
 3 March World Wildlife Day (A/RES/68/205)
 8 March International Women's Day
 20 March International Day of Happiness (A/RES/66/281)
 20 March French Language Day (French)
 21 March International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/RES/2142 (XXI))
 21 March World Poetry Day (UNESCO 30 C/Resolution 29)
 21 March International Day of Nowruz (A/RES/64/253)
 21 March World Down Syndrome Day (A/RES/66/149)
 21 March International Day of Forests (A/RES/67/200)
 22 March World Water Day (A/RES/47/193)
 23 March World Meteorological Day [WMO] (WMO/EC-XII/Res.6)
 24 March World Tuberculosis Day [WHO]
 24 March International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (A/RES/65/196)
 25 March International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122)
 25 March International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members
 3 March World Wildlife Day (A/RES/68/205)
 8 March International Women's Day

MGAs may like to write on any of the above to demonstrate how these events have benefited human kind. Such writings would inspire others to nurture the humanity around us to demonstrate the Divinity that drives us on.

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Sip Your Tea Nice and Slow ...

Sip your Tea Nice and Slow...
 No one Ever knows
 When it's Time to Go,
 There'll be no Time
 to enjoy the Glow,
 So sip your Tea Nice and Slow...

Life is too Short
 But feels pretty Long,
 There's too Much to do,
 So much going Wrong,
 And Most of the Time
 You Struggle to be Strong,
 Before it's too Late
 And it's time to Go,
 Sip your Tea Nice and Slow...
 Some Friends stay, Others Go away,
 Loved ones are Cherished,
 But not all will Stay,
 Kids will Grow up
 And Fly away,
 There's really no Saying
 How Things will Go,
 So sip your Tea Nice and Slow...
 In the End it's really
 All about Understanding Love,
 For this World
 And in the Stars above,
 Appreciate and Value
 who truly Cares,
 Smile and Breathe
 To let your Worries go,
 So, Sip your Tea Nice and Slow...
 (By Lee Tzu Pheng : Singapore Cultural Medallion winner) [Back to Contents](#)

Memories Galore - Yesterday Once More

Birthday Wishes and Prayers of Remembrances to our near and dear ones...
 21 January Br Timothy Yercaud Province Passed away on 21 January 2021.
 27 January Br Ronald and Joy Thomas Birthday
 28 January Br Shaji Joseph Delhi Birthday
 28 January Bro. Philibert (28.01.1989) and Bro. Eugene Mary (28.01.2005)
 29 January Br James Ekka Birthday
 30 January Anniversary of Late Mani Mezhukunal died in 2015.
 31 January Bro. Chack Azhakath Birthday
 1 February C V Joseph (Richard) Birthday.
 1 February Late Sherly MJ died in 2016 spouse of MGA KM Sebastian

2 February Joseph Vadekemuriyil DOD 2/2/21, elder brother of Bro.Mani VJ, (Delhi Province) and uncle of MT Joseph(MGA, Hyderabad) MT Cheriyan (MGA, Delhi).

3 February Late Bro. Augustine's Mary. He left us on 03.02.1996.

3 February Brothers Show Reddy Gilbert Pinto Ranchi and William D Mello Pune, Brother Selvanathar Trichy Birthday

5 February Happy Birthday to Br Chandy Thottiyil Kazipet

5 February Second Anniversary of Late Fr Cyriac Francis DOD 5Feb2019

7 February Many happy returns of the day Brothers. Dominic and Shaju.

9 February - Mr. Damrong, the President of Montfort Associates in Thailand, celebrates his birthday

10 February Bros Dhanraj (Trichy) and George Turkey(Ranchi) Birthday

1 February Br Jim Thekkan Birthday

12 February Br Wilfred Yercaud 94th Birthday Born 1927

13 February Bros Jimmy Madavana, K K Thomas Birthday Bro Abraham PJ(Ranchi),Bro. Thomas Kaltjikottil Bangalore)Bro. Jim Thekkan(Fiji)Bro.Shine Alex(Hyderabad) Bro. Michele Packia Raja A.

Events and Memories Recalled

MGA 1980 Batch Rewinds..Recollects..Zoom Meets

1980 Sitaghara Batch of Montfortian Brothers and Former Brothers gathered in a zoom gathering on December 19 to renew and Celebrate their 40 years of friendship. The highly jovial, homely and informal common recreation was attended by 25 members out of 34 members.

Our common recreation started with " Glory to thee Montfort" prayer song lead by Peter Arockiadoss from Trichy, followed a Prayer by Fr. Ambrose Mong from Hongkong.

The inaugural Message of our Novice Master, Augustian Novello from Mysore was inspirational for all of us. Many Brothers from different parts of India was excited to see the faces of their long time novitiate mates from different continents.

Bro. Paulose Mekkunel, joined from Sitaghara Novitiate where he is the present Novice Master for 28 Novices. We sang songs, cracked jokes and shared old memories for nearly 2 hours. It was a wonderful experience of Reunion of friends



MGA 1980 Meet ...

Other Members who attended this memorable historical event are: UC Jose (Houston) Benny Joseph (NY) OC Jose (Chicago, Jacob Philip (LA) NC Luckose (Mary Land) Simon Cherukara (Bostwana) Fr. Gabriel Lathanaga (Mizoram) VD Jose (Chalakudy), NA Jose (Kerala) D Joseph (Trichy) VJ Joseph (Vellore) TD Jose (Orissa) Bros Lourdh Reddy (Bombay) Monty Hydrabad, Varughese Kallely (Chennai, Soosai Raj Augustian pillai (Trichy) John Minj (Bhopal) Surin (Ranchi) Markose (Ranchi) and Dominic (Atlanta).

A special thanks to VJ Joseph, UC Jose, Benny Munjanatt who took initiative to organised it successfully.

MGA Dominic organizes AMMA Meet in USA

MGA Dominic writes..... AMMA - Atland Metro Malayalee Association celebrated the Our Motherland India's Republic Day on 30 January,2021 thru a Zoom Meet



AMMA Global Meet ...

Rev. Bro. Varughese Theckanatt SG, prominent social activist was the the Keynote Speaker for the Indian Republic day Celebration. He shared the stage with Jose K mani Chairman of Kerala Congress and Thomas Chazhikadan Member of Parliament, along with Former Ambassador KP Fabian, Robin Elackatt Mayor of Missouri City TX.

Theckanatt who is the Founding Director of Montfort Social Institute, a center for Human rights and sustainable development Education is a well known social worker in India. He was actively involved in the farmer's agitation in Delhi. He delivered the Key note address for the seminar on the issues of the farmer's bill and strike, organized by the Kerala Association based in USA.

"We are extremely happy to have Rev Theckanatt, who represented India at the 99th general Assembly of the ILO,

Geneva, who is also the Honorary President of Domestic Workers Union of Telungana as Key note speaker" said the President of the organizing AMMA Association. Brother Varughese who was the Former Provincial of the Brothers of St. Gabriel, Hyderabad Province; National President of the Conference of Religious India (An Association of over 800 Provincial Superiors and Superior Generals of Religious Congregations in India). He is deeply involved in environment and Climate Change issues; Core Group Member, Solidarity with Farmers Movement in Telangana State. His presence in the celebration brings much credibility to the Indian Republic day Celebrations said the organizers



AMMA Global Meet . . .

Celebrating Life

Uncle of MGA Shaju George -103

"My oldest appappan alive celebrates his 103 year old birthday today. His son and wife help him take care of himself in his home in Areekara.

The rest of the family members live in America", writes Shaju George



MGA Shaju's Uncle.. . .

Br Wilfred B12FEB1927 Celebrating his birthday on 12 February in Yercaud.

At 94 years of age, Br Wilfred is the oldest living Brother and known for his impeccable discharge of duties ,consistent and meticulous religious living.



Br Wilfred B12Feb1927 . . .

Recalling Lives..Hoping to Meet Again

Br Cyril Lakra passed away. He was born on 3 February 1943.



Br Cyril Lakra DFEB21. . .

Sherley Sebastian D01Feb2016 MGA KM Sebastian recalls and remembers the the fifth Anniversary of his spouse Mrs Sherly Sebastian who passed away on 1 February in 2016. MGA joins KM Sebastian with prayers and memories of hope.



Sherley Sebastian D1FEB2016 ...

Fr Cyriac Francis D5Feb2019 Recalling the second Heavenly Birthday of of Fr Cyriac who left us all in 2019.



Fr Cyriac Francis D5FEB2019 ...

Br Timothy D21Feb2021: It's with great sorrow, I would like to inform you that our beloved Bro.Timotheyu passed away here in Campion at the early hours of the day (21.01.2021) in his room. Certainly he has lived his Religious life to his best setting example to all around him.



Br Timothy D21FEB2021 ...

It is indeed a blessing to the Congregation for he has lived up to his faith to the end. We seek your prayers for the repose of his departed soul and for his family members. Brother Timotheyu is 67 years old and he has been in religious life for 49 years. May his soul rest in peace - Bro. Irudayam -Provincial Superior-Trichy Province.

Br Peter Ekka D18Jan2021 Brother Peter Ekka passes away on 18 January 2021. Heart felt sorrow and prayers . Fondly Remember him for so many years of his mission here in Tanzania . I am here in Rujewa Montfort Secondary School where Bro Peter ekka was Head Master fir many years .

Writes Joseph MT : I have fond memories of Peter Ekka. Once during his visit to Hyderabad he spent two days in the room next to mine. I took him around for sightseeing. He was a great man...footballer.. musician.... a wonderful teacher... In his life and work I saw the power of prayer and faith. RIP my dear friend....



Br Peter Ekka D18JAN2021 ...

Recalls VJ Joseph : Heartfelt condolences to dear Brothers of Ranchi Province.Bro.Peter Ekka,a pleasing personality,with immense talents of both vocal and instrumental music, taught me music, which I still remember,in Junio-rate,Noatoli,thru him only I saw the first tape recorder in early seventies!! He influenced me lot in my growing yrs.His father also was a musicianGreat loss for the Gabrielites of former North Province. May His Saul rest in peace.

A man of silence who endeared him to all...

And in silence he bid

farewell to us all...

An ever smiling face

Spreading cheer to all...

Music was his language

To spread the message of love.

We shall remain

Eternally united.

Wilson

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World Radio Day 2021 ...

New World. New Radio

World Radio Day 2021 (WRD 2021) celebrates radio as part of humanity's history by following the various developments in our society and adapting its services. As the world changes, so does radio. Thus, during the Covid-19 pandemic, radio made it possible, for example, to ensure continuity of learning, to fight against misinformation, and to promote barrier gestures.

"New World, New Radio" is, therefore, an ode to the resilience of radio. It is a tribute to its capacity for perpetual adaptation at the rate of societal transformations and listeners' new needs. Accessible anywhere and anytime, radio reaches a broad audience. It presents itself as an arena where all voices can be expressed, represented, and heard hence why radio is still the most consumed medium worldwide today.

On the occasion of World Radio Day 2021 (WRD 2021), calls on radio stations to celebrate this event's 10th anniversary and the more than 110 years of radio through three sub-themes.

- Evolution: The world changes, radio evolves – radio is resilient and sustainable;
- Innovation: The world changes, radio adapts and innovates- radio adapts to new technologies and remains the go-to medium of mobility, accessible everywhere and to everyone;
- Connection: The world changes, radio connects - radio services our society during natural disasters, socio-economic crises, epidemics, etc.

Background

Proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day, February 13 became World Radio Day (WRD). Radio is a powerful medium for celebrating humanity in all its diversity and constitutes a platform for democratic discourse.

At the global level, radio remains the most widely consumed medium. This unique ability to reach out the widest audience means radio can shape a society's experience of diversity, stand as an arena for all voices to speak out, be represented and heard.

Radio stations should serve diverse communities, offering a wide variety of programs, viewpoints and content, and reflect the diversity of audiences in their organizations and operations.

Radio is a low-cost medium specifically suited to reaching remote communities and vulnerable people, offering a platform to intervene in the public debate, irrespective of people's educational level. It also plays a crucial role in emergency communication and disaster relief.

Radio is uniquely positioned to bring communities together and foster positive dialogue for change. By listening to its audiences and responding to their needs, radio services provide the diversity of views and voices needed

to address the challenges we all face.

On the occasion of World Radio Day 2021 (WRD 2021), UNESCO calls on radio stations to celebrate this event's 10th anniversary and the more than 110 years of radio.

This edition of WRD is divided into three main sub-themes:

- EVOLUTION . The world changes, radio evolves. This sub-theme refers to the resilience of the radio, to its sustainability ;
- INNOVATION . The world changes, radio adapts and innovates. Radio has had to adapt to new technologies to remain the go-to medium of mobility, accessible everywhere and to everyone;
- CONNECTION . The world changes, radio connects. This sub-theme highlights radio's services to our society—natural disasters, socio-economic crises, epidemics, education, tele teaching, tele learning, etc.

The world is changing, radio is evolving. For more than a century, radio has been an echo of our society. Voices and music have set the rhythm of our lives. Broadcasts mark their time. Radio has survived through the ages while remaining the relay of a world in perpetual change.

Celebrate the 10th edition of World Radio Day on www.worldradioday.org and on social networks

With new technologies, radio has adapted to our current behaviors and lifestyles. As a medium of mobility, radio has become multi-platform, accessible to everyone and everywhere.

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The world is changing, radio connects When events change, our daily lives and habits are disrupted. We have to adapt. Radio provides us with multiple services to exchange, inform and connect us.

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Human Fraternity For Peace And Cooperation ...

There is deep concern regarding acts that advocate religious hatred and, thereby, undermine the spirit of tolerance and respect for diversity, especially at a time when the world confronts the unprecedented crisis caused by the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation.

And in these times we need — perhaps more than ever before — to recognize the valuable contribution of people of all religions, or beliefs, to humanity and the contribution that dialogue among all religious groups can make towards an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind.

We also need to underline the importance of raising aware-

ness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance, which involves societal acceptance and respect for religious and cultural diversity, including with regard to religious expression. Education, in particular at school, should contribute in a meaningful way to promoting tolerance and the elimination of discrimination based on religion or belief.

Furthermore, we must acknowledge that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity. Thus, it is imperative that we encourage activities aimed at promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue in order to enhance peace and social stability, respect for diversity and mutual respect and to create, at the global level, and also at the regional, national and local levels, an environment conducive to peace and mutual understanding. Within that frame, the General-Assembly took note of all international, regional, national and local initiatives, as appropriate, as well as efforts by religious leaders, to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and in this regard took note also of the meeting between Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad al-Tayyib, on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi, which resulted in the signing of the document entitled “Human fraternity for world peace and living together”.

What is the Culture of Peace?

A culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, traditions and modes of behaviour and ways of life based on:

- Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation;
- Full respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;
- Full respect for and promotion of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Commitment to peaceful settlement of conflicts;
- Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations;
- Respect for and promotion of the right to development; Respect for and promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men;
- Respect for and promotion of the right of everyone to

freedom of expression, opinion and information;

- Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations; and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.

(Source: A/RES/53/24)

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How Old Are You ...

Many of my well wishers often ask me - how old are you?

I tell them how can I answer

this stupid question!

When I play with a little child

I am one year old;

When I watch cartoons

I'm three;

When I dance to the tune of music, I am sweet sixteen.

Yes, when I try to heal

someone's wound,

I'm sure I've crossed five decades of my life span.

And when I chat with sparrows or bulbuls,

Or run after my dog and his ball,

I become their age.

What is there in age?

Isn't it a number only?

Like the light of the sun and the flowing river waters -

I am ageless.

I keep changing with time; and the experience.

Days are marching towards night; No doubt.

Whenever age extends it's hand,

I shall hold it.

Till then, It's not my age that matters.

How fully have I lived thus far;

that is the consideration.

(- Shared by BO Sebastian)

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