



INTER-CULTURAL YOUTH COUNCIL ISLAMABAD

Inter-Cultural Youth activities, Peace, health, education and environment



PROGRESS REPORT OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2017

In the month of October, 2017 the Inter-cultural Youth Council arranged a meeting with the Executive Body and discussed with them the upcoming Training work shop of Youth which will going to be arranged by the URI Head Office Lahore. All youth were happy to learn about this program and welcomed. The undersigned out of some active members has given responsibilities to arrange this training workshop in a befitting manner and participation of more than 30 well educated youth from all walk of life be ensured to attend this useful training workshop. They have accepted the responsibilities given by the undersigned to them.

HEALTH PROGRAM:

The Intercultural Youth Council Islamabad – Pakistan also includes its activities of Health Program to provide free blood. A number of youths have been registered for live blood donation.

In the first week of October, 2017 a team of Pakistan Red Crescent Society approached the Vice-President, Mr. Khurram Ahmad, Inter-cultural Youth Council, Islamabad – Pakistan in his Technical Training Centre, Islamabad, where he is working as Resource Person. He delivered a lecture to the students of his Technical College and make them ready to donate blood. About 80 students have given live blood to the Pakistan Red Crescent Society Islamabad. It is very interesting to note for the kind information of the reader of this report that Mr. Khurram Ahmad, Vice-President, Inter-Cultural Youth Council, Islamabad make a leadership spirit and given his own blood first of all and make an example of leadership to the student. After that the other students given the blood with smiling face.

On 9th October, 2017 another example, Engineer (Civil) Hamad Ahmad, a member of Inter-Cultural Youth Council Islamabad –

Pakistan, also arranged 3 bottles blood to a heart patient who was admitted in Military Hospital Rawalpindi, and was operated there at his Open Heart Surgery. Now he is feeling well and discharged from Hospital. Young Donors were i) Mr. Hamza Khan, ii) Mr. Muhammad Noman including iii) Engineer Hamad Ahmad donated blood free of cost to the heart patient. The family of patient appreciated the efforts being done by Engineer Hamad Ahmad and thanked all the donors.



The undersigned appreciated the efforts of Youth donors. It is interesting to note here that they informed the undersigned after giving the blood to the needy patients and Red Crescent Society. They set an example for other youth to come forward and help the Inter-Cultural Youth Council regarding its Health activities. This is our ongoing program.



YOUTH TRAINING WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 9, 2017:

The undersigned, Coordinator, Intercultural Youth Council, Islamabad – Pakistan, has received a call from URI Head Office Lahore – Pakistan regarding Training Workshop of Inter-Cultural Youth Council, Islamabad – Pakistan and a date was fixed to arrange a Training Workshop on **9th November, 2017**, Thursday at 03:30 p.m. 2017. The theme of this Training Work was **“INTER-FAITH YOUTH IN PEACE BUILDING; CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”**

Due to strike in Islamabad by Islamic religious groups was very difficult to reach Islamabad, because this city was blocked at Faizabad Rawalpindi. After a great discussion, the URI Coordinator Fr. James Channan, postponed the said Training Workshop and decided to make it will be convened on 29th December 2017.

CC COORDINATORS MEETING ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2017:

A meeting of URI CCs Coordinators of Islamabad Region was held in the office of Mrs. Khurshid Malik, Coordinator Hayat-e-Now, Islamabad, at Chatta Bakhtawar, Islamabad to discuss the affairs and activities of the CCs and MCC of Islamabad Region at 12:00 noon.



Fr. James Channan OP, Regional Coordinator URI Asia – Pakistan and Director, Peace Centre, Lahore, Chaired the meeting of CCs and MCC, of Islamabad Region. A URI Head office Lahore team along with Fr. James Channan were attended the meeting. They are i) Mr. Asher Nazir, Executive Secretary URI, ii) Sr. Sabina Riffat, URI Women Wing in Pakistan, iii) Ms. AsmaraH Daud, URI Trainer and iv) Ms. Neelem Nisari, URI Program Manager attended this meeting.

Due to that strike as mentioned above, there was very difficult to reach at Chatta Bakhtawar, Islamabad, which was blocked by the religious activists. Some CCs Coordinators from Peshawar, Muzaffarabad and even from Islamabad were not attended this meeting. Some CCs Coordinators attended they are i) Allama



G.R. Chishti, MCC Coordinator, Islamabad ii) Mr. Ahmad Hussain, Coordinator, Inter-Cultural Youth Council Islamabad, iii) Mr. Ummer Ahmad, President Inter-Cultural Youth Council, iv) Mr. Ghulam Kibria, Coordinator Ibtada Foundation, Rawalpindi – Islamabad were attended. Allama Chashti was gone to another program after taking his presence.

Allama G.R. Chishti MCC Coordinator and Chairman Universal Interfaith Peace Mission, Islamabad, said that I have organized many programs as like World Interfaith harmony week, International Day of Peace, URI Charter signing, Opening ceremony of URI MCC office Islamabad. UIPM organized a seminar in Islamabad Hotel on the eve of 10th anniversary of Common Word Movement (SWM) in collaboration of URI and URI MCC Islamabad. So many dignitaries were attended this seminar.



After the interfaith prayer Fr. James Channan OP welcomed to all CCs Coordinators to attending CCs Coordinators Meeting. He Chaired this meeting and introduced himself as a URI Coordinator Asia and Director, Peace Centre, Lahore. He invited to every one to introduce themselves and shared latest CCs activities and achievement with impacts.

Mr. Ummer Ahmad, a well educated Young Man and President, Inter-Cultural Youth Council, Islamabad was asked by Fr. James Channan OP, to introduce about himself. He introduced himself that My name is Ummer Ahmad, I am president of Inter Cultural Youth Council, which is working for Peace, Environment, Health and Education. Fr. James Channan OP further enquired when you came to know about URI. He was very happy to answer that after completion of my F.Sc./Diploma in Information Technology, he was joined Ibtada Foundation as a Volunteer and worked with Syed Hasnain Gillani, President, Ibtada Foundation. He informed the Chair that all computer work and reports of Ibtada Foundation were made by him. He is well conversant with the URI work. He told the participants that now he is appointed as President, Inter-Cultural Youth Council and working with Coordinator, Mr. Ahmad Hussain from January 2016. All reports of Inter-cultural Youth Council were composed by him and this is my main responsibility to compose all its activities and reports etc.



Mr. Ghulam Kibria, as Vice-President, Ibtada Foundation, in absence of its President, operating the affairs of Ibtada Foundation, Rawalpindi under the kind direction of Syed Hasnain Gillani, President Ibtada Foundation (presently he is IN abroad). Fr. James Channan OP, asked him to introduce about him and what is Ibtada Foundation doing now a days. When you came know about the RI. He respectfully answered the question and said he is doing with Syed Hasnain Gillani for the last 15 years. First of all Allama G.R. Chashti introduced URI/Interfaith Peace harmony among the religions. Since than he is with Mr. Gillani and also with Allama Chashti. He also said that due to government servant, he was not in a position to come front line of the said organization and played a vital role as a back. Now Syed Hasnain Gillani asked me to attend the URI CC coordinator meeting. He is well conversant with the Mission of URI through out the world. He told the URI Coordinator Asia, about the ongoing programs of Ibtada Foundation. These programs are running successfully and it is functional till now. Fr. James was very happy to know about him and he welcomed Mr. Ghulam Kibria and advised to continue it.



The undersigned briefly said that when he was taken the Charge of Private Secretary to Minister of State for National Council of Social Welfare Col. Retd. S.K. Tressler, Allama G.R. Chashti came to see the Minister for Social Welfare. When P.S. asked about the purpose of his visit to see the Minister, Allama introduced the program of Universal Interfaith Peace Mission, and URI, which are working together for Inter-religious peace. From that time he is working for peace with URI, its program of Peace Poll which was first time installed at Yadgar, Lahore by Sardar Rais Jahangir Ahmad, Chairman NCSW along with other. He is also Secretary General of Ibtada Foundation. At present he was assigned the affairs as Coordinator Inter-cultural Youth Council, Islamabad – Pakistan, and appointed its whole time Chairman, its main function are Peace, Environment, health and education.



Mr. Asher Nazir was introduced himself as Executive Secretary, URI Headquarter, Lahore. He briefly introduced about the affairs of URI. He told that he looked after all affairs of URI in Pakistan and coordinate the CCs/MCCs Coordinators. All events, trainings and program we arrange in Peace Centre for interfaith communities for the promotion of peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan. The head office collect different activities news and reports from all CCs and publish them quarterly in URI Newsletter UMANG.



Sr. Sabina Riffat, URI Coordinator for Women Wing in Pakistan introduced herself and highlighted the affairs of Women Wing working for the development of Women. She expressed the role of women in development of Pakistan. She said that if the rural women are supported and to educate them, they can become useful citizen of Pakistan.



Ms. Asmara Daud, URI Trainer introduced herself. She said that recently appointed as URI Youth Trainer and this is her first tour to Islamabad as a Trainer. A youth training programs was arranged by Inter-Cultural Youth Council, Islamabad sponsored by URI Lahore but it was cancelled due to strike of some religious group. The next training program will be organized on 29th December, 2017.

Mrs. Khurshid Malik, Coordinator, Hayat-e-Nou (New Life) CC who was the facilitator of this Meeting, introduced herself and she welcome all the CCs members. The said meeting was held in Hayat-e-Nou office at Chatta Bakhtawar, Islamabad. The said office is well decorated by her and all members of CCs were very happy to see this well-equipped office. Mrs. Malik pointed out the change of MCC from Ibteda Foundation to Allama Chashti. She said that if a member was not present the URI headquarter must telephonically asked about his or her view point about the change of MCC the reason why they are doing so. This was a valid point of Mrs. Malik and Fr. James Channan accepted it. She said that when Mr. Gillani is representing as President of Ibteda Foundation and he has not informed the URI headquarter about his absence, why he was removed from MCC. Even the Secretary General (Mr. Ahmad Hussain) was not aware about the change of MCC leadership. She said that there was no need at all to change the leadership of MCC. She suggested to change the MCC coordinator if necessary it must be democratically change and two third majority will be the policy of URI Headquarter. The office of MCC at present is not approachable and need to be changed. She also drawn the kind attention of URI Headquarter about the provision of at least 3 peace poll, as requested by her some time back. In this connection Fr. James Channan said that if you are ready to do so and get permission from CDA, URI headquarter will send the same within 3 days. As soon as you will get permission from CDA tell us and the peace polls will be handed over to you well in time.



She also expressed Mr. Gillani work as a MCC Coordinator, he was well engaged with all the CCs of Islamabad region and well behaved all the Coordinators, and have a rich relations with all the CCs Coordinators. He did a lot for the betterment of humanity. This point of view was also endorsed by the Undersigned and appreciated the work of Ibteda Foundation. He workd with Ibteda Foundation as a Secretary General and at present he is with it.

Fr. James Channan OP expressed his thanks to all participating CCs members and advised them to work hard for the peace and harmony among the religions and mandate of URI. He was very happy to learn about the work of CCs working in Islamabad/Rawalpindi region. He said that two new CCs namely Inter-Cultural Youth Council Islamabad and Sudanese Community Pakistan CC from Islamabad have been approved and Mr. Ahmad Hussain and Mr. Osman Ali Sadduddin are the CCs Coordinators of URI Pakistan.

Further Fr. James Channan appreciated the work of newly approved CC i.e. Inter-Cultural Youth Council Islamabad – Pakistan. He said although its age is only 9 months but the work and coordination with the URI headquarters is appreciable and tremendous work done by its members regarding plantation of 1300 saplings during the month of September, 2017.

A very delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Khurshid Malik and all participants enjoyed this eastern hospitality and thanked. The meeting was ended with a prayer and vote of thanks to the Chair.

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