

# Interfaith Celebration of URI Pakistan and Approval of Paras Welfare Foundation CC.



The Interfaith Celebration of URI Pakistan and approval of Paras Welfare Foundation Cooperation Circle event was organized by Paras Cooperation Circle on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Youhanabad Ferozepur Road in Lahore, Pakistan. Zahid Anwar was the stage secretary of this program. One hundred and twenty people participated in this program, representing different faiths including Muslim, Christian and Hindu. The program began with interfaith prayers by all faiths Christian, Muslim and Hindu. **Aslam Masih Zahid**, coordinator of the Paras Welfare Foundation, gave a brief introduction of Paras Welfare Foundation and talked about how we started the Orphanage home and Paras School System. We have 150 kids from different religions which are studying here without any caste. Paras School System is free for all the deserving kids. In the orphans' home, we have 20 interfaith children and with the help of God we are giving them shelter, education, medical, clothing and food, and all the basic necessities of life.



We are working on Women's Empowerment and giving skills training to 30 interfaith women through the skill-training education center in Youhanabad and Kasur. Now that Paras Welfare Foundation is a Cooperation Circle of URI Pakistan, we will work with all religions for the promotion of peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan. I hope Paras Welfare Foundation will work on URI's purpose, preamble and mission through connecting people in Pakistan.

**Mrs. Zarina Agnis** talked about the school and said that her vision to teach those kids wandering in the street that their parents do not pay attention to the cause of poverty. She said that we are doing work (skills training) for the women for their empowerment.

**Ch. Zubair Ahmad Farooq** said that Mr. Aslam and his wife are very hard-working. Their work is very admirable. Aslam Zahid knows URI very well because when I participated in the URI Global Trustee election, then he supported me, asking for a vote from the entire Asia region, and I was successful by his support.



I hope that his effort will bring a change in community. I heartily desire that God gives him progress by leaps and bounds. He talked about loving one another. All the faith gives a lesson of love.

**Sr. Sabina Rifat**, Coordinator of Women Wing URI Pakistan, gave a brief introduction of Women Wing and said that we are working with interfaith women for empowering women in rural and urban areas. URI working with women, children and Youth for peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan.



She said many stars make a moon and shine in the dark. I am telling you that URI also same work.

**Pastor Waseem Ullah Khokar** talked about thoughts if we thoughts then we think about practical then made a character. Our good character leads a community then our community will be development. Peace begins in our heart then family then our area then community then our country and world.



**Mr. Ashar Nazir** shared that Aslam Zahid is very active in all the CC work. His work is very good like orphanage home, Skills training and frees school for the deserving interfaith children and woman. He said this is very difficult work but he proved good practical work and today we are all appreciating him for his great contribution.



Dr. Munawar Chand said that we should love one another. He said that, if every religion's base is love, then why we should no act as such? If we want to have peace, then we need to forget each other's mistakes. In this way, we can live together with harmony and peace in the future.



**Ms. Almass Butt**, Director of SOS village Lahore, was very happy to join the URI Program that Aslam Zahid CC has approval from the USA and he is doing good work for the orphan kids and street kids from all the faiths. She said, "I am very happy and I learn more things from all of you."



**Fr.Dr.James Channan OP** presided over this program and was very happy that Paras Welfare Foundation Cooperation Circle is doing great work for the communities of all religions. He congratulated Mr. Aslam Zahid, coordinator of Paras Welfare Foundation, and arranged a wonderful program with interfaith communities. He gave appreciations to Aslam Zahid and his team that Paras Welfare Foundation CC is doing good work for humanity. **Mr. Aslam Zahid**, coordinator of Paras Welfare Foundation, gave an Ambassador of Hope award to Sr. Sabina Rifat for her good work with women and kids for the interfaith community.



An Ambassador of Kindness Award was given to Ms. Almas Butt for her good service to the orphaned kids.



Mr. Aslam Zahid gave an Ambassador of Peace to the Fr.Dr.James Channan op for his noble National and International work for interfaith harmony and Peace.

In the end, Mr. Aslam Zahid thanked all the guests for their participation the in URI Interfaith Celebration Program. Pastor Patras gave a prayer for dinner and everybody enjoyed.

