



URI Pakistan celebrated a wonderful and beautiful program of URI's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017 with Cooperation Circle coordinators at Peace Center Lahore-Pakistan. Lahore MCC coordinator Mr. Zubair Farooq Ahmad said to pray for all nations and all religions and thanked God for this beautiful opportunity to celebrate URI's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mr. Asher Nazir, Executive Secretary URI Pakistan, welcomed to all CC coordinators and Lahore MCC coordinator. He shared that the URI star is shining strong and steady through its 866 Cooperation Circles in 102 countries, and 17 years have gone by since URI was established. He said Cooperation Circles, in short, are at the heart of the URI agenda. CCs are self-organized groups that are "locally rooted and globally connected." According to the URI, "Cooperation Circles support the spirit, values and vision expressed in the URI Charter's Preamble, Purpose and Principles and carry out this vision in a multitude of ways." Networking CCs "provide opportunity for worldwide collective interfaith actions."



In this celebration Mr.Asher Nazir Executive Secretary URI Pakistan Mr.Zubair Farooq Ahmad Coordinator Lahore MCC, Mr. Derek Bernard Coordinator Hand in Hand, Mr. A slam Zahid Coordinator Paras CC, Baba Barkat Coordinator Bhatta Brick kiln CC, Dr. Munawar Chand Coordinator Anglo Asian Friendship CC and Mr.Faisal Executive Secretary Peace Center Lahore were present



With it Mr. Asher Nazir told to coordinators that Fr. James Channan OP URI Regional Coordinator Asia – Pakistan in USA for official meetings and he shared the message of Fr. James Channan OP with CCs Coordinators and congratulated on URI'S 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Dr. Munawar Chand Coordinator Anglo Asian Friendship Society CC shared his views he said I am very thankful to URI and specially to Fr. James Channan OP that he gave me opportunity as a cc coordinator of Anglo Asian Friendship Society in URI Pakistan. Today I feel proud that we are part of URI and we are working as ambassadors of peace in Pakistan and promoting interfaith harmony between different religions as Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh. In Pakistan we are working for the promotion of Peace and interfaith harmony from many years with Fr. James Channan OP and today we are looking beautiful and sweet fruits on this Peace Tree. He said that I approved many funds for Hindus community from Government of Pakistan. Governments officials and institutes gave honor us because we are representative of URI Pakistan. He said that I am very happy that today URI is working in 102 countries with 866 interfaith Cooperation Circles in the World.





Mr.Zubair Farooq Ahmad Coordinator Lahore MCC said that today we are unite and working together according to URI Charter's Preamble, Purpose and Principles. He said that we are happy that we are the members of URI Family nationally and globally. He congratulated to Fr.James Channan OP for his best working and services as a URI Regional Coordinator for the promotion of Peace and Interfaith harmony. He said that we are giving best result through ours programs, conferences, events and activities because we are unite and as Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh we are equal and we are giving honor to other people. We are happy that now in Pakistan URI working with 50 interfaith Cooperation Circles.

Baba Barkat Coordinator Bhatta Brick Kiln shared that we are URI family and we act as a family member with another. If a member in problems other should help him and guide him. Today we are celebrating of URI 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday with joy and we feel proud because we are funding members of URI I have met to Bishop William Swing when he was come in Lahore, Pakistan. Now we are working with URI Pakistan in the leadership of Fr.James Channan OP for all people a peaceful world. He shared

his best wishes on URI 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday and congratulated to URI Regional staff Pakistan. He appreciated to all CCs Coordinators for their great working for Peace.



Mr.Asher Nazir Executive Secretary URI Pakistan Cutting the URI Birthday Cake along with CCs Coordinators Mr.Zubair Farooq Ahmad, Mr.Derek Bernard , Mr.Aslam Zahid , Baba Barkat, Dr. Munawar Chand and Mr.Faisal at URI Regional office Pakistan.

Mr. Derek Bernard Coordinator Hand in Hand CC, Mr.Aslam Zahid Coordinator Paras CC also shared that we are learning and getting skill through programs, conferences and events. They said that our relation as URI family members is good but we need to be stronger and with better understanding together we can play an affective role for the promotion of Peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan.

In the last the of celebration Mr.Asher Nazir thanked to all CCs Coordinators for their joyful participation on the URI 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday and congratulated to all coordinators and CCs members from Fr.James Channan OP and Sr.Sabina Rifat.

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