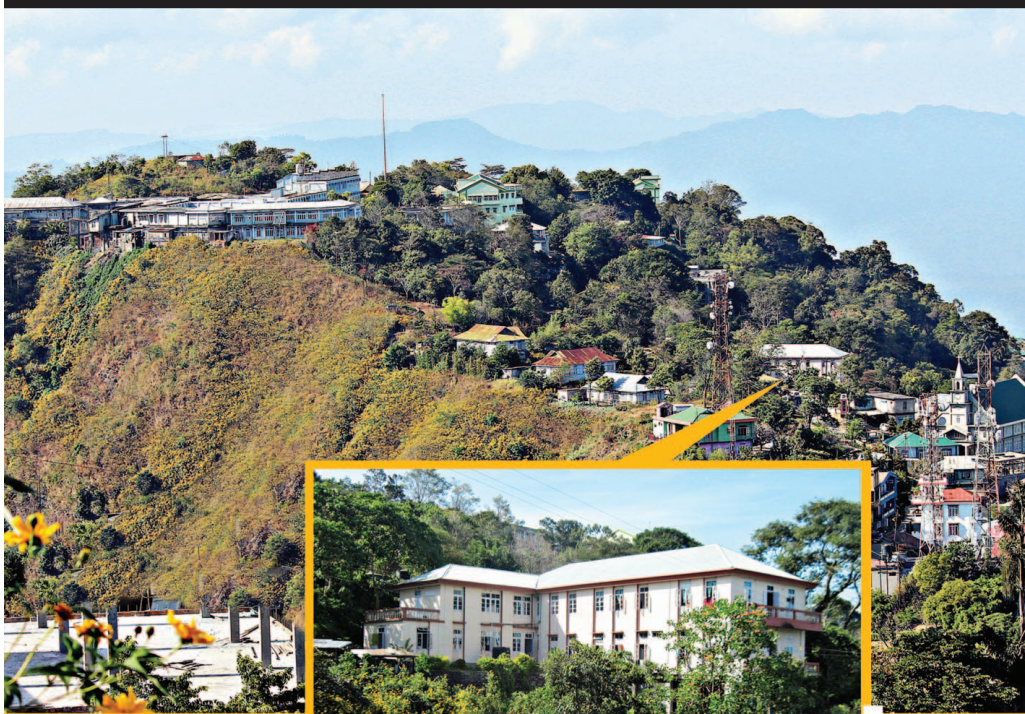


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*Editorial***MINISTRY FOR THE MARGINS**

The ministry of Jesus Christ was basically a ministry for the margins. He gathered his followers from the less-privileged group of the society. He confined his ministry largely in towns and villages of the rural territory of Galilee. He used homes, fields, hills and the sea shores as the main contexts for his ministry. He associated himself with the outcasts of the day—the ‘sinners’ (non-law observant Jews), tax collectors and the prostitutes. He healed the sick, feed the hungry and stood for the rights and privileges of the poor and the oppressed. Further, he challenged the injustices of the rich and the powerful, and denounced the superficial religiosity of the religious elites. He expounded the message of the Kingdom of God drawing insights from the daily experiences of the common people. Till the end he fought against the collaborated wealth-power hungry and oppressive civil rulers and the religious authorities of the day.



Jesus' ministry for those living in the periphery of life was not by chance or without a purpose. Rather Jesus accomplished the very purpose of his coming into the world by undertaking this novel and counter-cultural ministry. Jesus came to this world to establish the Kingdom of God that opposes and overturns the principles of the kingdoms of this world. Jesus taught and demonstrated, through his life and ministry, the values of the Kingdom basing on justice, peace and love in contrast to the standards of the kingdoms of the world that stand for exploitation, oppression and tyranny.

The ministry of the Church today, as an extension of the ministry of Jesus, has to take seriously the priorities which Jesus set in his earthly ministry. The world we live today has witnessed countless depressed and dejected peoples in the margins, seriously affected by natural calamities and human-made disasters, wars and crimes, deadly viruses and pollutions, poverty and unemployment, religious fundamentalism and spiritual bankruptcy. These realities call for a true discipleship and genuine ministerial commitment of the Church for God's people in the margins who need special attention and care.

Jesus said, “Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40. NIV).

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1. Lay Leaders' Training Dedication Service:

The 187th Lay Leaders' Training closing function was held in Synod Multipurpose Training Centre (SMTC) on July 30, 2015 under the chairmanship of Elder Vanlalthuma, Office Assistant, SMTC. Rev. Lalzuithanga, Senior Executive Secretary handed out certificates to the trainees and delivered a farewell message. The program was blessed with two beautiful songs by the female group called "Vohbik."

2. 23rd Pastoral Care and Counseling Training for Lay Leaders: The Graduation and Evaluation Service of the 23rd Lay Leaders' Intensive Residential Pastoral Care & Counseling Training was held on August 18, 2015 at Synod Conference Centre. 28 trainees from 8 different Pastorates received certificates from Rev Lalrinmawia, Moderator Mizoram Synod, who also delivered a message to the trainees. Each trainee presented a pictorial representation of the changes and development they gained in their understanding of Pastoral Care and Counseling through the program, and the meeting was blessed with a beautiful song by Kulikawn Pastorate choir.

The Family Guidance and Counseling Centre (FG&CC) has been conducting this kind of training for pastors and ministers who were working under the Mizoram Presbyterian Church for 24 times and was attended by a total of 407 pastors. The same program have been conducted 23 times for lay leaders, and was attended by 455 church leaders. The Synod Family Guidance and Counseling Centre has become more busy with helping people, and increased its Centre in different towns. As of now, there are six centres - Mission Veng, Chanmari, Vaivakawn, Champhai Vengthlang, Kolasib and Serchhip.

3. Laying of Youth Recreation Centre (YRC) Foundation Stone:

On October 13, 2015, Rev. Lalrinmawia, the Synod Moderator laid the foundation stone of the Youth Recreation Centre ((YRC) at Falkland, Aizawl. The function was led by Rev. J. Lalremsiam, Leader, Central Kristian Thalai Pawl (CKTP), and Rev P.C. Pachhunga, Executive Secretary, i/c KTP, etc. delivered a short message followed by YRC





Report from Mr. Zonunsanga Ralte, Secretary, YRC Sub-Committee. The Synod choir presented a special number, and the function was closed with benediction by Rev. B. Sangthanga, Secretary, Mizoram Synod.

4. Presbyterian Hindi Bible School (PBHS) Silver Jubilee and Graduation Day: Presbyterian Hindi Bible School, Bawngkawn celebrated their 56th Graduation Day cum Silver Jubilee on December 1, 2015. The program was conducted by Rev. Lachhuanmawia, Secretary, Synod Mission Board, and Rev. P.C. Pachhunga, Executive Secretary i/c Mission, etc., delivered a farewell message for the graduating students.



Established in 1990, PHBS is a residential six month course mainly for the Non-Mizo speaking people. On this occasion, 30 students received the Certificate of Theology (C.Th) degree from this institution.

5. The 25th Pastoral Care and Counseling Training for Pastors: The Graduation and Evaluation Service of an Intensive Residential Pastoral Care & Counseling Training for Pastors was held on December 1, 2015 at Synod Conference Centre. The function was led by Rev. Lalrinmawia, Moderator, Mizoram Synod. 16 Pastors including 3 ministers from Phai Synod, Presbyterian Church of Myanmar received certificates from the Synod Moderator. Durtlang Pastorate choir presented a special number.

6. The Presbyterian Bible School Farewell Cum Dedication: The Presbyterian Bible School (PBS) 35th Batch Session was closed with Dedication and Farewell Program on December 1, 2015 at Pi Zaii Hall, Synod Conference Centre, Aizawl. The program was led by Rev. Lalrinmawia, Moderator, Mizoram Synod, and Rev. Lalneihvura, Principal, PBS gave report of academic concerns. Rev. Dr. R. Lalbiakmawia, Finance Officer, Mizoram Synod handed out degree certificates to the graduating students. Pu Awithanga Award for best student was awarded to Miss Lalhriatpuii of Venghlui, Aizawl. Elder Vanengmawia, Statistician, Mizoram Synod offered an intercessory prayer for the graduating students.



Presbyterian Bible School, 35th Batch, December 1, 2015

7. SMTC Vocational Training Closing Function. : Synod Multipurpose Training Centre (SMTC) held the Closing Function of the Vocational Training Program on December 15, 2015 at the SMTC Lecture Hall, Mission Vengthlang. The function was led by Rev. R.S. Rokima, Member, SMTC Managing Committee, and Rev. Lalramliana, Executive Secretary, Mizoram Synod handed out certificates to the trainees and delivered a message.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 257TH AND 258TH SYNOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 257th (Special) session of the Synod Executive Committee sat on 18th September, 2015 at the J.M. Lloyd Hall, Synod Office, Aizawl to discuss some urgent matters. Two important resolutions were made as follows:

1. The PYF's application to register the Youth Recreation Centre (YRC) under Society Registration and hiring a consultancy firm to seek funding for the YRC was accepted.
2. It was decided that ₹1,00,000/- be given to Biateram Synod in the name of Mizoram Synod to felicitate the 125th year of Christianity in Biateram which will be commemorated during 18th-20th December, 2015.

During 10th-12th November, 2015, the 258th session of the Synod Executive Committee, which was largely a preparation for the upcoming Synod Meeting, was held at the same venue. Some important resolutions were as follows:

1. Since the Government of Mizoram enacted the Mizo Marriage, Divorce and Inheritance of Property Act 2014, the present marriage certificate and the concerned guidelines and practices of the Church need revision and amendment. This matter was forwarded to the Synod Meeting for approval, to be followed by an awareness drive for the same.
2. As per the request of Bishop Dr. Taranath S. Sagar, President of the NCCI to extend the service of Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, it was agreed with an appreciation that Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, who will retire from the Synod Service from January 2016, will continue to serve as the General Secretary of the NCCI for three more years.

The following persons were elected to hold the various administrative posts from 2016-2018:

Rev. Lalramliana Pachuaui, *Senior Executive Secretary, Mizoram Synod*
 Rev. P.C. Pachhunga, *Executive Secretary, Mizoram Synod*
 Rev. B. Sangthanga, *Executive Secretary, Mizoram Synod*
 Rev. K. Lalrinmawia, *Secretary, Synod Mission Board*
 Rev. Z.D. Lalhmachhuana, *Barak Area Administrative Secretary*
 Rev. R.C. Lalnghakliana, *South (Mizoram) Area Administrative Secretary*
 Rev. C. Zoramawia, *Manipur Area Administrative Secretary and Partnership Consultant*
 Elder Lalrinmuana, *Superintendent, Synod Office*





3. The meeting of the Mizoram People's Forum (MPF) Governing Board proposed that the General Secretary of the MPF will be a full-time worker and the matter was referred to the SEC by the OM. The proposal was accepted and the OM was entrusted to identify a suitable person for the post.

4. Drafted guidelines for Women Centre management was presented and accepted.

5. The Barak Area Manual, which needs amendment due to the inauguration of the Barak Mission Presbytery, was discussed and accepted after some revision.

6. Drafted proposal of Memorandum of Understanding between Karbi Anglong Presbyterian Church Synod and Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod was presented and accepted.

The following proposals were forwarded to the SEC by the Synod Hospital Board:

- a. The actual cost of installing water pump at Synod Hospital will be much higher than the initial estimate. The matter was referred to the Synod meeting for consideration.
- b. Merging various rehabilitation centers like K. Ward, Grace Home and Rescue Home to cut maintenance cost. The matter was referred to the Synod Meeting for consideration.
- c. Proposal to revise Manual for John Williams Hospital, Lunglei was accepted and the Synod Hospital Board was entrusted to make a revision for the approval of the SEC.
- d. Proposal for establishing Nursing College at the Synod Hospital was discussed and the matter was referred to the Synod Meeting for consideration.



7. Revised proposal for Synod Administrative Set-up and Management was presented and forwarded to the Synod Meeting for approval.

8. Detailed proposal for Synod Pastoral Ministry Guidelines was presented and forwarded to the Synod Meeting for approval.

9. Summary of “Consultation on the Church Vision” which was held on six major places on 30th June 2015 was presented by the OM. After some deliberation, it was agreed that the summary be reported to the Synod Meeting.

10. Detailed proposal for Synod Prison Ministry was presented and forwarded to the Synod Meeting for approval.

11. Revised proposal of the Mission Service Manual forwarded by the Synod Mission Board (SMB) was discussed and referred to the Synod Meeting for consideration.

12. Plan and estimate for constructing a church at Silchar Mission Compound was presented and forwarded to the PCI General Assembly.

13. The proposal of the Synod Education Board BEC to grant permission to the following churches to open a Presbyterian English School was accepted:

- a. West Lungdar church
- b. Champhai Zote church
- c. Ngur church.

Mr. Lalvena Hnamte was elected as the Principal of Synod Higher Secondary School (2016-2019).

Rev. Dr. C. Chawngghmingliana was elected as the Editor of Synod Literature and Publication Board (2016-2019)

14. The following proposals forwarded to the SEC by the Synod



Reports of the **92TH** SYNOD MEETING of the MIZORAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Lalfakzuala

The Synod meeting is the highest church court/decision-making body within the Presbyterian Church of Mizoram which meets annually to review its ministry and mission and to re-equip and re-orient herself in order to engage for a meaningful ministry in the context of post-modern world. The 92th Synod meeting was successfully held on December 2-13, 2015 at Tuikual Presbyterian Church. This was the first time Tuikual Church hosted the Synod meeting and it was indeed a red letter day for the life of Tuikual Church. As many as 1973 delegates attended from within and outside Mizoram of which 1,102 members were permanent members and 871 were elected members. The Synod was blessed with the presence of 10 fraternal delegates, of which 2 delegates were from outside Presbyterian Church of India and 8 delegates were from within Presbyterian Church of India. Various matters concerning the Church's ministry and mission had been deliberated in the Synod meeting.

The officers for the Synod meeting 2015 are as follows:

Moderator:	Rev. H.Lalrinmawia
Secretaries:	Rev. B.Sangthanga (Sr) Elder H.Ronghaka (Jr)
Finance Officers:	Rev. Lalramliana Pachuaui Rev. Dr.R.Lalbiakmawia
Statistician:	Elder Vanengmawia
Executive Secretaries:	Rev. Lalzuthanga Rev. P.C. Pachhunga

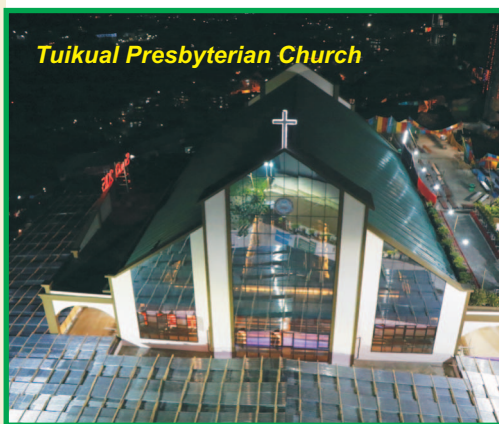


From L-R: Rev. Lalramliana Pachuaui, Rev. P.C. Pachhunga, Rev. B. Sangthanga, Rev. H. Lalrinmawia, Rev. Lalrinmawia, Rev. Lalzuthanga, Elder H. Ronghaka, Elder Vanengmawia, Rev. Dr. R. Lalbiakmawia



Public Worship Service and Fellowship:

Public worship service started at Tuesday night (i.e. 8 December, 2015) with a customary welcome programme and reports given by the outgoing Moderator Rev. Lalrinmawia. From Wednesday night onwards, there were lively public worship services each night with appointed preachers preaching sermons on their favourite topics. The blessing of the Spirit of God and its concomitant spiritual fervour was strongly manifested during worship services. Several peoples including young people and children used to dance in circle, raising their hands and wagging their bodies in praising God as the community sang in the Church.



On Saturday night, Rev. Dr. C. Lalhlira, Principal of Aizawl Theological College preached on the chosen theme of the Synod Meeting 'Worshipping God'. As usual practice, Sunday morning service was particularly designed for ordination of the final year Probationary Pastors and installation of new Probationary Pastors. In the afternoon service,

obituary to four ministers such as Rev. Z.T. Sangkhuma, Rev. K. Lalhminglana, Rev. Thianzalal and Rev. R. Vanbela who passed away in between Synod meetings, was solemnly observed and thereafter the Moderator celebrated the Lord's Supper with great solemnity. At Sunday night, valedictory sermon was delivered by the outgoing Moderator Rev. Lalrinmawia with much enthusiasm and persuasion.

In every public worship service, the Synod was blessed by two or three melodious Pastorate choirs from within and outside Aizawl city which make the church service more lively and uplifting. Apart from these services, one session was arranged for discussing 'Revival Issues', led by Rev. R. Lalchangeliana, Director, Synod Revival Department, where there was a lively discussion. As normal practice, another worship service (named locally as 'Mual Inkhawm') was arranged at the Church's hall after Sunday afternoon service where Rev. L. Lhouvum, Senior Secretary of the PCI delivered a message. Moreover, a programme of singing inspiration was arranged two times with a signs of enthusiasm and interest.



Congregants : Singing and dancing in the Worship Service

Pastoral Concerns:

As common practice, the Synod made decision concerning posting and transfer of Ministers/Pastors, ordination of Pastors and installation of Probationary Pastor, creation of new Pastorates and new Presbyteries, etc. As many as 77 Pastors/Ministers had been transferred to new posts. Meanwhile, 18 Probationary Pastors were ordained and 25 persons were commissioned as Probationary Pastor out of which 6 were candidates from Mission Board and 3 were from Manipur Area. A few number of Pastors/Ministers were permitted to pursue higher studies at various levels - 1 DPC, 5 D. Min, 6 M. Th, 2 D. Th. As a token of appreciation for their valuable services rendered to the church, certificates of appreciation were given to four retiring ministers such as Rev Dr Roger Gaikwad, Rev. K. Lalthangmawia, Rev. K. Lalmuchhuaka, Rev. Thangzauva, Rev. T. Ngama and two other heads of department. The Synod had created 10 new Pastorates within Mizoram and another 4 Pastorates in Mission fields.

Resolutions:

The business session was scheduled to be held from 8-12 December (Wednesday-Saturday) between 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. On the first day Rev. H. Lalrinmawia, who is one of most senior Pastors/Ministers serving under the Mizoram Synod, took over Moderatorship from the out-going Moderator Rev. Lalrinmawia. In the business session, serious deliberations and discussions were carried out. As the business sessions could not finish as scheduled, the session continued after Saturday public worship service till 12: 10 am. During the business sessions, 78 general agenda/items had been deliberated upon in the Synod and resolutions had been made as follows:



- **Church Unity and Co-operation among different Church denominations:** As proposed, the Synod resolved to seek a way towards achieving unity and co-operation among different church denominations in Mizoram and the Synod Executive Committee has been entrusted to do the needful.
- **Ringing of Church's Bell for suicide death:** A proposal to ring the church's bell when a church's member committed suicide was passed.
- **Rehabilitation to Deceased Pastor/Minister's wife:** A proposal to rehabilitate a deceased Minister/Pastor's wife was accepted and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to make concrete measure for such rehabilitation which will be effective from the year 2016.
- **Liquor Card's Holder/License for Selling Liquor:** A proposal that church members who have license for selling liquor or those who hold liquor card, be not used in any ministry of the church, was passed.
- **Synod-wise Mass Prayer:** A proposal that mass prayer for Mizoram be conducted at the Synod level was passed and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to make prayer items.
- **Giving financial assistance to church members with four or more children:** A proposal that church members who have four or more children would be given financial assistance was passed and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to do the needful.
- **Conservation of Source of Stream or River:** A proposal that the Synod should make some remedial measures to conserve source of stream or river was passed and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to take the necessary steps.
- **Revocation or Cancellation of Ordination Certificate:** A proposal that a minister who leaves the Synod service and who avails of voluntary retirement to other services be revoked of their ordination or disallowed of their pension benefits was discussed at length. The Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to make some guidelines in relation with revocation of ordination or non-availing of pension funds and to put forward the same at the next Synod meeting, 2016.
- **Presbyterian Church in Manipur Area:** A proposal that Presbyterian Church in Manipur Area be prepared for full-fledged Synod in the near future was discussed and it was agreed.
- **Establishment of Nursing College:** It was resolved to accept the proposal that Nursing College be established at the Synod Hospital and the Synod Hospital Board was entrusted for the implementation of the same.



- **Youth Empowerment Programme:** A proposal regarding Youth empowerment programme was discussed and the Synod entrusted the Synod Executive Committee to have an in-depth study about youth empowerment programme and to bring the findings of the study at the next Synod meeting for further discussion.
- **Free Medical Treatment for Contract Missionaries:** A proposal that contract missionaries who are working under Synod Mission Board should be allowed to avail medical free-treatment was discussed and it was agreed that free medical treatment will be given to contract missionaries including their spouses and children.
- **Sending Delegates between Baptist Church of Mizoram and Presbyterian Church Synod:** A proposal to exchange delegates between Baptist Church of Mizoram and Presbyterian Church Synod at the Assembly and Synod meetings respectively was discussed and it was resolved that the proposal be materialized and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to do the needful.
- **Establishment of Secular College at Synod Higher Secondary School:** A proposal to explore the possibilities be explored to establish Secular College at Synod Higher Secondary School was discussed at length and the Synod Executive Committee was entrusted to look into this matter to make concrete suggestions and to put forward the same at the next Synod meeting.
- **Revision of rules about Marriage and Divorce:** A proposal that current rules pertaining Marriage and Divorce be revised was discussed and was passed.
- **Revocation of Ordination of 10 ministers of MPS Provisional Synod:** The Synod Executive Committee's proposal for revocation of the ordination of 10 Ministers of Meitei Presbyterian Singlup (MPS) Provisional Synod was discussed as they refuse to vacate Mizoram Presbyterian Church's house and property at War Cemetery Road, Imphal even after Presbyterian Church of India (PCI) and Mizoram Presbyterian Church (MPC) had made repeated requests to vacate the same. After a lengthy deliberations, it was decided that the Mizoram Synod would wait for the decision of the PCI General Assembly Executive Meeting which will be held during January 13-14, 2016. However, it was also decided that depending on the outcome of the decision of the PCI General Assembly Executive meeting, the Synod Executive Committee would do the needful even to the extent of revoking the ordination of 10 ministers of MPS.



The 93th Synod Meeting and Officers

Venue:	Durtlang Presbyterian Church
Date:	6-11, December 2016
Moderator:	Rev. Lalzuithanga
Secretary:	Upa H. Ronghaka (Sr) Rev. Lianhmingthanga Sailo (Jr)
Finance	Rev. P.C. Pachhunga
Officers:	Rev. H. Remthanga
Statistician:	Rev. R. Lalchhangliana
Executive	Rev. Lalramliana Pachau
Secretaries:	Rev. B. Sangthanga

Financial Budget 2016/17:

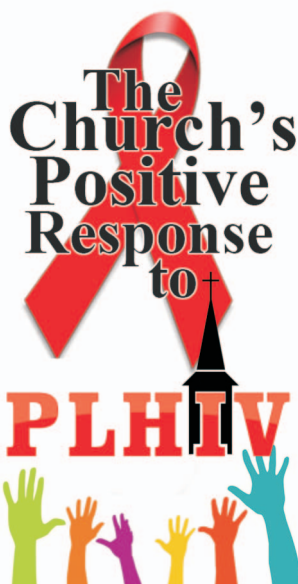
The Synod Budget estimate for 2016-17 amounting to ₹2,37,42,97,000 was presented by Rev. Lalramliana Pachau, Finance officer and was passed.

Final Remarks and observations:

The host Church, Tuikual Presbyterian Church, was well prepared for

the Synod meeting and their hospitality, generosity and dedication deserve much appreciation. They hosted the Synod with much enthusiasm and dedication which no one would fail to notice. The host church showed their zeal and excellent preparedness in various tasks including reception, ushering, refreshment etc. The Synod as a whole attested its increase in membership and financial contributions which reflect the active participation of various local churches and wholesome growth of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church. The creation of new Pastorates within and outside Mizoram also manifest the zeal and commitment of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church in its ministry and mission. The Church indeed moves forward! At the same time, the Church is hugely challenged to re-equip and re-orient herself to engage effectively for a relevant ministry in the context of multi-pluralistic and post-modern world so as to be able to discern the signs of the time, to address and respond the multifarious needs of the people effectively and, to be a visible sign of the reign of God here on earth. ■





GRACE HOME

(A unit of Synod Hospital)

Introduction: Grace Home is a faith based 20 bedded Hospice for HIV/AIDS patients at the Synod Hospital. It was started in 31st March 2004 as a project under MSACS/NACO. It is the first and still the only hospice for People living with HIV/AIDS free of cost in Mizoram. Though it started as a NACO project, the project was terminated in 2013. Due to necessities of the service provided, the Presbyterian Church of Mizoram then took up the responsibility of running the Hospice and now becomes a unit under the Synod Hospital.



MAIN OBJECTIVES

Consultation and treatment of illness related to HIV/AIDS

Addressing various issues faced by PLHIV like stigma and discrimination, gender inequality, care of the sick and dying, side effects of ART.

Sensitizing the local community about HIV/AIDS
Spiritual nurture of the patients

Networking with NGO's for the benefit of the patients.



SERVICES

Medical : OI diagnosis and treatment, TB diagnosis and treatment, ART registration and screening, treatment counseling, pain relief and symptomatic care, follow up, PEP

ART adherence : In patient admission on initiation, ART adherence education and support, identification of treatment supporter. Watch for side effects, complications, defaulter follow up/tracking. Education on nutrition and hygiene.

Referrals and linkages to : ICTC/ART Centre/RNTCP/STI Clinics, NGO's and govt, for various supports – nutrition, shelter, life skills etc.

Positive prevention : Support positive attitude and disclosure of status, promote correct and consistent use of condoms. Self care, basic hygiene and sanitation, partnership, family planning education and referrals.

Outreach : Verifying patient's address, home visit for health check up and assessment of treatment adherence, home based care.

Advocacy against stigma/discrimination : Participation in District/State Aids Committee meetings, village and school health and committee meetings. Encouraging and training of local church and leaders.

Psychological support : To family members, young adults, linkages to life skill trainings, de-addiction centers, bereavement counseling, support group meetings.

Staff of Grace Home



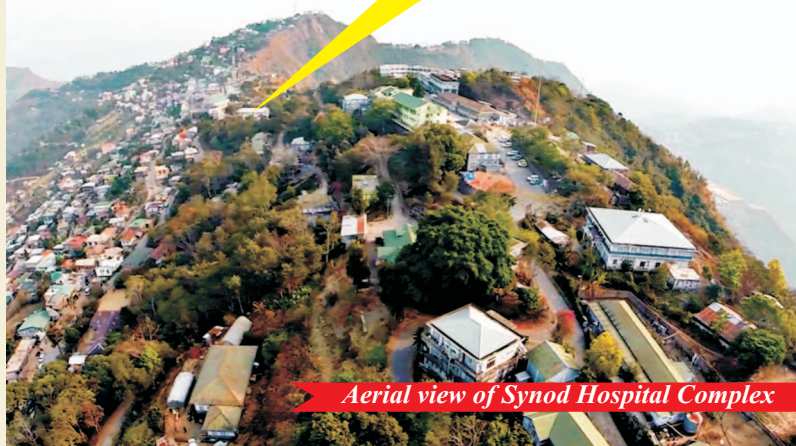


The building of Grace Home which was opened on 12th August 2010 was constructed from donations and contributions of the following:

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| 1. Presbyterian Church of Wales | ₹45,96,050/- |
| 2. Rev. Ian Hodgins, PCW | ₹2,20,000/- |
| 3. Central KTP, Mizoram | ₹2,00,000/- |
| 4. Mrs. Lynne Seal and friends, Scotland | ₹83,543/- |
| 5. Rev. Tudor Lloyd, Wales | ₹17,00,000/- |



Grace Home



Aerial view of Synod Hospital Complex





PALLIATIVE CARE

It is a dream to have a full fledged palliative ward and team. Steps are being taken taken by the Hospital to be the first to offer Palliative Care in the state through Grace Home given our uprising rate HIV/AIDS patients who are in need of this care.



INITIATIVES

Continuous Medical Education is crucial for the Center to grow. CME class is held every week for the staffs working in Grace Home.

Various trainings and workshops organized by govt., hospitals and other agencies are attended at every opportunity. Preachers/evangelists,

missionaries are invited to share the gospel along with special number/songs from Gospel singers

NGO's working in the field of HIV/AIDS all over the city are invited to share about their works, creating an opportunity for network and linkage.



"The Caring of PLHIV requires a multidisciplinary approach for holistic care. It is beyond medical treatment and requires a team of dedicated staffs. Even in a resource limited setting with migrant population and unemployment issues, we can rehabilitate our patients. To sum it all up, being a faith based hospice constantly given support by the Synod Hospital, local churches and community; Grace Home has become what it is now today."

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE SYNOD MISSION BOARD MINISTRY

The Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod constituted the Synod Mission Board (SMB) in 1961 to promote evangelistic works within and outside the territory and to renew the Churches for mission and evangelism.

Mission

The Synod Mission Board of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church strives for the promotion of evangelistic works within and outside the territory and for continual renewal of the Churches, the Church related institutions and individual Christians to be effective witness for Christ. Ensures solidarity, cooperation, and harmony of the Churches and institutions within its statement of faith.



Rev. K. Lalrinmawia
Secretary, SMB



Missionaries commissioned in 2014



Mission Objectives

1. Reaching the unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Strengthening and uplifting the believers in faith, unity and unified Christian activities.
3. Planting and edifying the Churches to the status of self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing.
4. Extending partnership and collaborative net working among the Churches and Christian Organisation.

Functions

The SMB will exercise overall directions of the ministry including the following specific functions.

The Synod Mission Board (SMB):

1. Will appoint 15 members from the members of the SMB to form Board Executive Committee (BEC).
2. Will approve the job descriptions of the Secretary SMB.
3. Will recommend constitution and bylaw changes to the Synod Executive Committee (SEC).
4. Will approve the policies, plans, strategies of the SMB.
5. Will prepare financial budgets subject to the approval of the Synod Meeting.
6. Will approve the projects to be undertaken by the SMB.
7. Will make administrative arrangements necessary for the smooth running of the ministry.
8. Will determine the terms and reference of any committee appointed by it.
9. Will receive and approve reports from the Secretary, SMB.
10. Will do transfer and posting of the workers.



New Missionaries undergoing pre-service training

Current Activities

The Synod Mission Board achieves its objectives through :

1. Holding relevant workshops, seminars, mission awareness campaigns, consultations to build Christian capacity.
2. Publishing monthly Mission journal.
3. Running Missionary Training institution for in-service and Pre-Service Missionaries.
4. Running Mission Development Training Centre
5. Running Bible Schools with Hindi and Manipuri Medium of instructions.
6. Formal educational institutions.
7. Non-Formal Educational ministry.
8. Direct evangelistic ministry
9. Medical Ministry
10. Agriculture and Horticulture ministry
11. Pastoral care and Church administration
12. Philanthropic ministry
13. Supporting native Christians for theological studies to promote pastoral ministry and leadership capacity.
14. Partnering with other Churches and Organisations.

Major institutions under the Synod Mission Board

1. Missionary Training College (MTC), Mission Vengthlang
2. Mission Development Training Centre (MDTC), Bualpui
3. Presbyterian Hindi Bible School (PHBS), Bawngkawin

Synod Mission Board send missionaries to the following countries:

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| 1. Cambodia | 2. Bolivia |
| 3. Sri Lanka | 4. American Samoa |
| 5. Samoa | 6. Solomon Island |
| 7. Wales | |

OPERATIONAL AREAS:

Sending out more than 1500 missionaries to the mission fields, the operational areas and the year of establishing the mission fields in India are as follows:

Home Mission North	1949
Barak	1975
Masihi Sangati	1979
Tripura	1986
Home Mission South	1987
Delhi	1988
Kolkata	1988
Siliguri	1988
Karbi Anglong	1989
Arunachal 'E'	1991
Lucknow	1999
Patna	1999
Nepal	2000
Arunachal 'W'	2001
Assam	2008
Jharkhand	2008
Cachar Hill Area	2009
Cambodia	2010
Odisha	2011

Source: www.mizoramsynod.org



INAUGURATION OF THE WOMEN CENTRE

The newly-constructed Women Centre Building at Phunchawng was opened and dedicated to God by Rev. Lalrinmawia, the Moderator of the Mizoram Synod, on 12th August, 2015. The opening ceremony was led by Mrs. Rinchawii, Chairman of the Central Presbyterian Women Fellowship (PWF/Kohhran Hmeichhia) and Mrs. Lalfakmawii, the PWF Co-coordinator and Secretary of the Women Centre Sub-Committee gave a report. Mrs. C. Lalmangaihi, Ex-Chairman of the PWF proposed a vote of thanks and Rev. Lalramliana Pachuau, Executive Secretary i/c PWF closed the program with benediction. One member each from all the churches were requested to attend the opening program and around 1200 people turned up for the event.



Origin and development of the Women Centre: The Women Centre was the Centenary Project of the ‘Mizoram Presbyterian Kohhran Hmeichhia’ (Mizoram PWF). Basically meant for a training and retreat centre, the 2001 Synod Meeting granted permission to the Mizoram PWF to construct this centre to commemorate their Centenary (1904-2004).





Top left: Mrs. Rinchawii, Chairperson;
Top right: Mrs. Lalfakmawii, Women Co-ordinator;
Above: Lungmual Church Female Voice presented a special number;
Left: The Commemorative Plaque;
Below: Some of the attendees



Initially, the Women Centre was planned to be constructed at Hlimen, which was situated at the southern part of Aizawl. But, a great landslide in the area made it difficult to approach the spot earmarked for the construction. So, the PWF Central Committee decided to look for another suitable place.



After searching for many years, the Synod makes an arrangement for constructing the Women Centre at Phunchawng. The location was a large plot of land about 12 kms. from Aizawl, which was donated to Mizoram Synod by Mr L.H.Thanga in memory of his parent Elder Thansanga and Mrs. Tawni. Plan and Estimate was prepared by

TBL Architectural Consultants and the building was constructed by Elder Chawngthanmawia of Kolasib.

The purpose of the Women Centre: The Women Centre consisted of three large buildings meant for

Training cum Production Centre: In order to rehabilitate, uplift and empower the poor and needy women, training will be given in different categories like knitting, tailoring, beauty culture, cooking etc. The output will be marketed.

Retreat Centre: The center can be used for spiritual retreat, camping and devotional program.

Expenditure and fund raising: While ₹3,65,54,000/- was the initial budget estimated, the actual expenditure gradually rose to ₹5,42,71,000/-. In order to meet these expenses, fund drive was organized in various ways. Each member contributed a day salary/earnings which amounted to ₹1,15,00,000/-. Annual budget was given to every Pastorate and fund raising committee was constituted in every churches. Offering was also collected annually on the PWF Worship services and PWF Day celebrations. Some groups, families and well-wishers also make a donation in memory of their departed love ones which amounted to ₹52,00,000/-. In appreciation and acknowledgement of the zeal and effort of the PWF members, the Mizoram Synod also sanctioned ₹1,30,00,000/- toward the construction of the Women Centre.



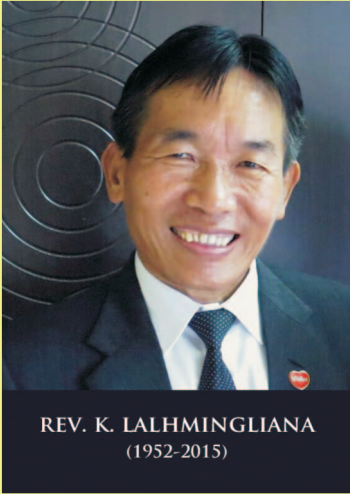
Workers and launching of projects: Being such a huge building and a big project, a number of workers were needed. In the initial stage, a Superintendent and peon-cum-chowkider will look after the place. The program will soon commence with tailoring as the first project and the Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UD&PA) started to place sewing machines for that.

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IN MEMORIAM



REV. K. LALHMINGLIANA
(1952-2015)

Rev. K. Lalhmingliana, the youngest son of Elder Leta (L) and Zathluaii Pachuau was born on July 16, 1952 at Bawngthah village. He had one brother and four sisters. After completing Primary School from Bawngthah, he joined St. Paul's High School, Aizawl as he was under the care of his older brother K. Lawmzuala. He then joined Synod High School and passed classes VII and VIII there. He moved to St. Paul's High School again and passed the HSLC Examination in the II Division.

After that Rev. Hminga taught at St. Paul's School (Middle Section) for a while. He then joined a government service as an LDA in the Secretariat Office. He was soon promoted to the post of an Assistant. He got married to Lalthanpuui, Dam Veng, Aizawl, who was working in the same office on May 4, 1978. They have three children, Jenny Lalrindiki, Andrew Lalrinfela and Carrey Lalrinchhana, who all got married.

Rev. K. Lalhmingliana decided to dedicate his whole life for God and consequently left his government job and joined the ministry of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church (MPC) as Synod Worker in-charge of Kristian Thalai Pawl (PYF). He served as General Secretary of Kristian Thalai Pawl for six consecutive years. After that he joined BD Course at the Serampore College and after completing his BD studies from there, he joined ordained ministry under the MPC.

Rev. K. Lalhmingliana held different important positions in the Church's ministry. He was a member of PCI Theological Education Board, PCI Executive Committee, SEC, Synod Mission Board, Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee and Synod Hospital Board. He was a Vice President of BSI, Shillong Auxiliary. He served as Moderator of two different Presbyteries while he was in the pastorate.



**A sketch of his ministry under
the Mizoram Presbyterian Church is as follows:**

1981- 1987	: General Secretary, CKTP
1987-1990	: BD Studies
1990	: Synod Revival Worker, Synod Office
1991-1993	: Pro. Pastor at Kawnpui, Lunglei and Hnahthial Pastorate
1994-1995	: Pastor, Khawzawl Venglai Pastorate
1996-1998	: Field Secretary, Karbi Anglong
1999-2001	: M.Th (Missiology) Studies, UTC, Bangalore
2001-2003	: Pastor, Shillong Pastorate
2004-2006	: Administrative Secretary, Barak Area, Silchar
2007-2010	: Lecturer, ATC
2011-2014	: Pastor, Chanmari Pastorate
2015	: Lecturer, Missionary Training Centre (Contract)

Rev. K. Lalhmingliana has been fondly remembered by his co-workers and the people whom he served as a humble person, cheerful friend, gifted organizer, devoted minister, fervent evangelical preacher and charismatic-revival leader.

In December, 2013, he was admitted to Synod Hospital, Durtlang due to serious illness which required him a series of investigations and landed up in an ICU. This time he was miraculously healed at the recitation of Psalm 118:17, which reads: "I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done."

He was referred to Christian Medical College (CMC) Hospital, Vellore for a more thorough investigation and specified treatment, and left Aizawl in January 26, 2015. There in CMC Hospital he was diagnosed with a low grade lymphoma group B, a kind of blood cancer, which eventually led to his untimely demise in July 1, 2015, 10:00 AM. In the midst of thousands of mourners, solemn funeral services were organized on July 2, 2015 (Thursday) both at his residence at Khatla where Pastor R.S. Rokima, i/c Khatla Pastorate administered the programme and, at the Khatla Presbyterian Church where Rev. Lalrinmawia, MPC Synod Moderator led the funeral service.

With the demise of Rev. K. Lalhmingliana, the MPC has lost one of its faithful and dedicated ministers who had served God and His people with untiring zeal and unfailing commitment. The MPC will remember Rev.K. Lalhmingliana as a true and commendable channel of God's grace and love. May the Good Lord comfort his wife and his children in their sorrow and bereavement!





REV. R. VANBELA
(1945-2015)

Rev. R. Vanbela was born in Bungzung village in January 1945. He was the eighth child of Tesena (L) and Bawrrunthangi (L), and had eleven siblings. Nine of his siblings are still alive.

After completing Middle School in his village, R. Vanbela continued High School in Aizawl. However, before he completed Class 10, he decided on his father's advice to join Aizawl Theological College in 1965 for G.Th course, which he finished in 1967. After his graduation in theology, he joined the pastoral ministry of Mizoram Presbyterian Church in 1968 as a Probationary Pastor, got ordination in 1971. After ordination, he studied B.Th

from Cherra Theological College during 1979-1980, and then completed B.D (External) from Serampore College in 1982.

Rev. R. Vanbela lived a rough marital life. He was married in 1968, and his wife, Tlangkhumi D/o Rev. Langa passed away in 1988. His second wife, Zoramthangi also passed away in 1992; and divorced the third wife Sailianpuii; and he was survived by his fourth wife Lalpekliani. Rev. R. Vanbela was blessed with six children – Malsawmtluangi, Rev. R. Vanlaltluanga, Lalvenpuia, Ramdinpuia, Lalbiakdika, and Lalhruaizela.

**A sketch of his ministry under
the Mizoram Presbyterian Church is as follows:**

1968-1971	: Pro. Pastor at Khawbung
1972-1978	: Pastor, N.E. Khawdungsei Pastorate
1979-1980	: B.Th studies at Cherra Theological College
1981-1990	: Pastor, Lengpui Pastorate
1991-1992	: Pastor, N. Hlimen Pastorate
1993-1999	: Director, Synod Rescue Home
2000-2005	: Family Counselor, Family Guidance and Counseling Centre
2006 Jan-April	: Pastor (Contract), Haulawng Pastorate



Rev. R. Vanbela retired from service in 2006. During his 38 years of active service under Mizoram Presbyterian Church, he was appointed as a Presbytery Moderator for three times, member of various Synod committees like Synod Executive Committee, Pastoral Committee, Hospital Board, Social Front Committee, etc. He solemnized 218 wedding and baptized 2542 persons during his ministry.

Apart from his Pastoral ministry, Rev. R. Vanbela involved in different educational and social upliftment activities at the local and State level. Few Schools and Public Health Centre were established in his pastorates under his chairmanship. He also founded Self Help Channel, Mizoram for recovering addicts and alcoholics.

Rev. R. Vanbela had a massive heart attack at 11:00 a.m. on 3rd Oct. 2015, and was rushed to Synod Hospital, Durtlang. He was admitted in the ICU, and died of heart failure at 10:35 p.m on the same day. His funeral service was led by Rev. Lalramliana Pachuau, Executive Secretary of the Mizoram Synod, at Serkhan village on 4th Oct. 2015. May the Good Lord comfort his wife and his children in their sorrow and bereavement!



Rev. Chawngmingliana, pastor in charge of Zamuang Pastorate, was born on October 26, 1982 at Civil Hospital, Aizawl to be a second child between Elder K. Darthanga and Mrs. Lalnunziri. Rev. Chawnga has one sister and two brothers. Rev. Chawnga was always obedient to his parents and always sacrificed his own interest for the sake of his parents. He earned Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from Aizawl College 2004, and joined Aizawl Theological College for Bachelor of Divinity (BD) course which he completed in 2009.

While Rev. Chawnga served as Probationary Pastor in Serchhip Vengchung Pastorate, he married Varthanpuii Varte, d/o Varthanchhunga (L) Khatla on March 22, 2012. They are blessed with a son, Lalmuanhlua Khawlhing, who turns 2.



Ministry: Rev. Chawnga was selected by Mizoram Synod in its annual meeting in 2009 at Mission Vengthlang Church to be a Probationary Pastor posted at Bungtlang South which he joined from January 2010 till December 2011. In January 2012, he was transferred to Serchhip Vengchung Pastorate to complete his probationary period and he was ordained in December 2012 by the Synod Meeting at Chanmari Presbyterian Church. He was posted at Zamuang Pastorate where he was accompanied by his wife and his son. In 2015, he was posted at the Synod office (Headquarters) to take medical treatment for his sickness. During his short service for the Lord, Rev. Chawnga solemnized 29 marriage couples, and baptized 185 people.

Last days: In December 27, 2014, while on the Church Committee meeting, Rev. Chawnga started bleeding and soon, he became very sick. He was taken to Synod Hospital, Durtlang on December 29, 2014 and it was found that he was suffering from rectum cancer. He was referred to the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, and admitted there on January 16, 2015. He started taking chemotherapy and radiation therapy after which he was taken to the operation theater. But as the cancer spread in his Peritoneum, he was not in the position to undergo operation and returned home to Aizawl on September 4, 2015.

On October 6, 2015 he was admitted at Grace Hospital, Aizawl to drain fluid from his stomach, and was released from the hospital on October 20, 2015. His illness developed dramatically and he became very weak and was admitted again in the Synod Hospital on November 5, 2015. He was discharged and treated at home for sometime. On December 22, 2015, he was admitted to the Synod hospital and after a long battle with rectum cancer, he died on December 24, 2015. His funeral service was led by Rev. H. Lalrinmawia, Moderator of the Mizoram Synod on December 25, 2015 (Christmas Day) at the Republic Vengthlang Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Chawnga patiently bore his suffering during his fight against cancer and he was always thankful to God. He received many spiritual inspirations on his sick bed and encouraged his family to be happy and grateful to God. On his death bed, he said, "God is good all the time," "I'd rather have Jesus than anything..." He whispered his last words saying, "There, they come to receive me!" May the Good Lord comfort his wife and his family in their sorrow and bereavement.



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