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# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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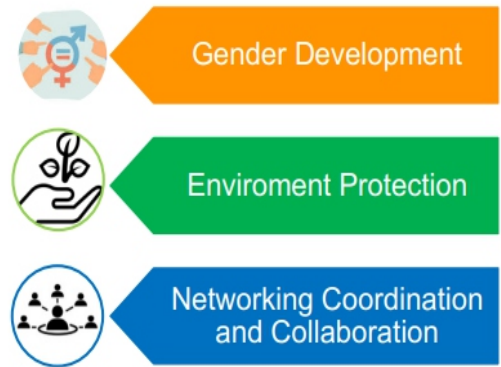
United Council of Churches (UCC) family is cherishing and enjoying many blessings from God Almighty as we work with faith and in humility for the deprived communities in Pakistan.

The board members, management and staff of United Council of Churches are realistic about the task that lies ahead of us. The sheer magnitude of the development challenges in Pakistan can be quite overwhelming; we are doing only a little of what is actually required. There is great joy and satisfaction in doing a little and doing it well. We know that others need to step forward and so we endeavor to equip and empower communities to plan and manage change.

*Our Thematic Areas are:*



*Crosscutting Thematic Areas:*



All Believers are Missionaries

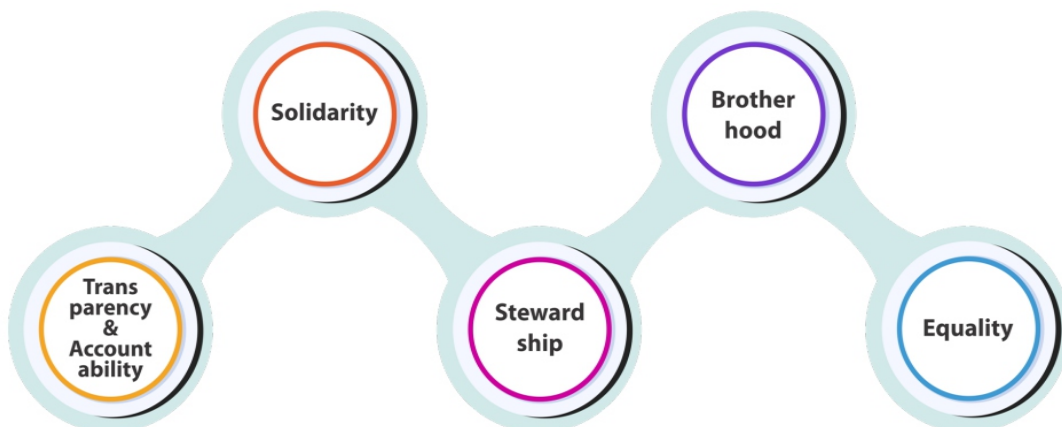


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Unity and Spiritual Transformation of all Churches

*Core Value:*





**E**AM Missions Conference themed "Compassion in Action" held in Bangkok, Thailand. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Asher Imran of the Goodwill Foundation for extending the invitation, marking a significant event that we had eagerly anticipated.

The collaboration between the Goodwill Foundation and UCC in addressing community and church challenges is truly commendable. Throughout the conference, partners showcased their remarkable work, illustrating the tangible impact of their dedication and efforts. Following these presentations, a special prayer was organized to bless the endeavors of partners, emphasizing the spiritual significance and unity of purpose underlying the collective mission. Delegates from 28 countries actively participated in this conference, representing a global community dedicated to the mission of compassion. Moreover, the presence of over 350 church leaders further enriched the discussions and engagements, reflecting the depth of commitment and solidarity within our faith community.

This conference will serve as a vital platform for honing our skills and leveraging our expertise in the realm of Mission work. It is a testament to the power of compassion in action and the transformative potential of collaborative efforts within our communities.





Today, our church confronts a critical challenge: drug abuse. Partnering with ICAN, we joined hands with the United Council of Churches to host a session titled "Stand Against Drug Abuse." Pastor Raymond Ramos shared his powerful testimony and unveiled a comprehensive strategy to combat this issue. The highlight? An interactive Q&A session that sparked insightful conversations among participants. Peter Calvin facilitated in interpretation, ensuring everyone was engaged. Dr. Ishtiaq, Chairman of ICAN, was also present, lending his expertise to the session. Together, let's stand strong against drug abuse.





**U**CC Diary: The UCC Executive Director, Rev. Samson Sohail, and his team recently participated in the Annual TEF Conference. TEF serves as a crucial bridge between churches and theological institutions, and over the past five years, it has consistently organized this event with commendable success. Dr. Rev. Qaiser Julius has been instrumental in the conference's success, serving as its backbone. Under his guidance, the Pakistani church and theological institutions have drawn closer, fostering a positive impact. As UCC, we deeply appreciate Dr. Rev. Qaiser Julius for his exceptional leadership in faith. The conference was enlightening, providing valuable insights that will benefit churches across Pakistan. Faith leaders from across Pakistan actively participated, further enriching the discussions and outcomes of the event. God Bless you TEF team.





**U**UC Interior Sindh Diary: A heartwarming journey of UCC team, into the heart of Interior Sindh. With pride, UCC and our esteemed partner SMPD showcased our collaborative efforts, shining a light on the impactful work we've been engaged in. The warmth and hospitality extended to our team by the local community were truly exceptional. From door-to-door visits, where our guests and team immersed themselves in the vibrant tapestry of local life, to moments of shared culture, prayer, and worship expressed in the beautiful melodies of the local language, every encounter was a testament to the rich diversity and unity of humanity. One of the highlights of our journey was witnessing the talent and enthusiasm of the Sunday school children, whose performances filled our hearts with joy and hope for the future. We carry with us cherished memories and a deep sense of gratitude for the kindness and generosity of the people of Sindh. May God bless the Sindh team for their unwavering warmth and hospitality.





Certificate distribution ceremony was organized in Partnership with our local partner SMPD .sixteen women completed six month adult literacy programme, By the grace of God now they are able to read and write the word of God.



## UCC Strategic Partnership Meeting:

The Executive Director of UCC, along with dedicated team, convened for a strategic meeting with our international friends. Our aim? To fortify and expand our partnership in advancing the Kingdom's work. Gathering around the table, ideas flowed, and plans were laid out to deepen collaboration and enhance the impact of our joint efforts. It was a productive session filled with enthusiasm and shared commitment to our mission. As we look ahead, we're excited about the opportunities this strengthened partnership will bring, empowering us to make even greater strides in our collective endeavors.





## The signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Community Development Foundation, Green Life Ministry and United Council of Churches (UCC).



## MoU signing ceremony between Children Evangelism Fellowship and United Council of Churches





I am deeply honored to attend the 144th Commencement Ceremony of Gujranwala Theological Seminary (GTS), Pakistan's oldest institution, renowned for its profound contributions to the Church and community. GTS stands as a beacon of education and enlightenment, having nurtured some of the most prominent scholars and leaders in our nation, many of whom have gone on to serve both nationally and internationally.

Amidst the celebration of academic achievement and spiritual growth, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Principal Madam Nosheen Khan, Vice Principal Dr. Saleem Younas, Faculty Member Dr. Qaiser Julius and Rev. Sabir Gul for their unwavering dedication and inspiration. As we commemorate this milestone, let us continue to serve the Church and community with grace and determination. Congratulations to the graduates, and may the legacy of GTS shine brightly for generations to come.



The United Council of Churches (UCC) recently hosted a prayer worship, Sur, Saz aur Sitarey "Divine Worship" program at UGA Church, where local worshippers showcased their emerging talents. It was a beautiful moment filled with joy and heartfelt worship, as voices harmonized in praise to God. The UCC, committed to nurturing spiritual growth, aims to inspire youth to embrace true worship in accordance with Biblical teachings.

During the event, Reverend Samson delivered a touching sermon, accompanied by performances from the gifted worshipers. Their talents illuminated the sanctuary, enriching the worship experience for all present. UCC continues its mission to foster a deeper connection to God among the youth, encouraging them to cultivate authentic worship rooted in Biblical principles.





## #WorldWaterDay Initiative by UCC

We take a stand for water conservation and management!

In collaboration with our partners, the Community Development Foundation and Green Life Ministry, UCC organized a special program to highlight the crucial importance of water on #WorldWaterDay.

Esteemed guests including Dr. Yousaf Riaz, Dr. Asif Riaz, Waris Masih, and Rev. Samson, Executive Director of UCC, graced the event. Together, they pledged to tackle Pakistan's water scarcity head-on. Dr. Yousaf Riaz, renowned author and expert on the matter, shared insights from his book on overcoming water challenges. With Pakistan facing a critical water shortage, it's time for action! The Christian community, represented by its leaders and members, is ready to contribute at a national level. UCC has formed a dedicated team under Dr. Yousaf Riaz's guidance, aiming to collaborate with government and international partners for a sustainable solution. Let's make waves together! Stay tuned for updates on our water conservation efforts.

#WaterForAll #CommunityAction #PakistanWaterCrisis #UCCInitiative





**Title: UCC's Christian Cricket League:**

A Fusion of Faith and Sports The United Council of Churches (UCC) recently organized a Christian cricket league tournament, epitomizing the fusion of spirituality and sportsmanship. With 36 thrilling matches, G-7 Thunder emerged victorious over G-8 Viking in the final showdown.

Led by Pastor Samson and other key leaders, this initiative aimed at nurturing both physical and spiritual growth among youth. Beyond the trophies and awards, the tournament symbolized the power of community, faith, and sport to uplift the next generation. Congratulations to all participants, and hats off to the UCC for cultivating an environment where faith and sports intertwine for the advancement of youth. Let this tournament stand as an inspiration for future endeavors in holistic development.





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