



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

2021 VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Being Reformed in a Time of
COVID-19 and Beyond:
What does the Lord Require?

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MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR OF SYNOD



RT. REV. JOY E. ABDUL MOHAN

Greetings in the name of the Liberated Christ, who reforms and is always reforming!

I welcome you to this 1st Presbyterian National Convention on the cusp of Reformation Sunday.

The Biennial National Convention of the PCTT was scheduled for October 24, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Global Pandemic, this important and much needed event was cancelled and our lives and livelihoods were interrupted. We all had to shift priorities with urgency because the life for the PCTT and the world changed drastically. We have been tested and tried, as a people of faith, but have demonstrated fortitude and resilience.

Thankfully, the PCTT discovered its ingenuity out of necessity, that one year ago, on the 25th October, 2020 and for the first time an Ordination Service (Reverend Sanya Sita Beharry) took place at the Chapel of the St. Andrew's Theological College

(SATC) and was live streamed to hundreds of persons.

Suffice it to say, since March 2020, the PCTT has been doing things differently and adjusting to the "new normal," which is not new any longer. And here we are again, albeit with some trepidation, doing something new. There is no doubt that this 1st Virtual National Convention will not be the same as an in-person Convention, because we are living in unique times.

The WCRC, of which the PCTT is an active member, has been engaged in a process of Discerning, Confessing, and Witnessing in the Times of COVID-19 and Beyond. Hence, the Theme for this Virtual National Convention is in keeping with the World Communion of Reformed Churches' (WCRC) Reformation Celebration theme: *"Being Reformed in A Time of COVID-19 and Beyond - What does the Lord Require?"* This theme is also related to the PCTT's general theme for 2021, *"Living Faithfully in Christ and Building Relationships in*

Community". As such, the PCTT, by the grace of God aims daily to discern and do what the Lord requires.

Maybe there's a silver lining in all of this for the PCTT. Way before the pandemic hit, churches, including ours, were struggling with the question of how to be more relevant and compelling in our context. Many churches have been wondering what the future holds for the church and whether they will be able to survive. We have known for a long time now that to be the church in COVID-19 and beyond, we need to make a paradigm shift and transform the model by which the church functions. For the church to survive, it needs to be robust in its missional focus and identity by seeking out the ostracized and marginalized through active pastoral care.

The PCTT cannot be inwardly oriented but must embrace its reformed heritage and missional responsibility. But it's hard when we have grown accustomed being church only within four walls and not

going beyond these walls. This Global Pandemic taught us more about what it means to be the church beyond four walls. The PCTT did not stop existing because our church buildings were closed. COVID-19 did not stop us from being church, rather it clarified what being the church meant and compelled us to engage in the missional opportunities in our current changing context.

Let us pray that the mission and work of the PCTT will continue to make a positive impact on our community and nation.

Therefore, the work and mission of God's church must not cease in a time of crisis. We can use this new experience as an opportunity for spiritual growth and to strengthen relationships. In doing so, we will enter new unexplored areas of ministry and servant leadership.

Since 1985, the definitive purpose of the PCTT's National Convention remains the same: *to express our devotion and loyalty to Christ as a united*

people and to be empowered by God's Holy Spirit so as to fulfill the mission to which we have been called as a Reformed community of faith.

Therefore, it is with incredible joy that I thank all of you, the Laos – God's people for the support, love, compassion, care, concern and resilience demonstrated during these challenging and changing times. As we continue to navigate through uncertainty and disruption, may we become spiritually empowered to do what God requires of us and to God be all Glory!

PROGRAMME

CHAIRPERSON – INTERN MINISTER CYNARA DUBE-SOOKOO

MUSICAL PRELUDE – MUSIC SELECTION FROM MKS

PROCESSIONAL – PANNIST MR. ZACHARY ALI

ENTRY OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NATIONAL FLAG

– MR. LESLIE NAIPAUL, GENERAL TREASURER OF THE SYNOD

ENTRY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S FLAG

– DEACONESS AMBER SEESAHAJ-PAYNE

ENTRY OF THE PASTORAL REGIONS' FLAGS AND ROLL CALL

– YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL ANTHEM – RONDELL MUNGAL, EMILY RAMPERSAD & MELANIE BABOOLAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

– MR. TERRENCE WARDE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF SYNOD

SINGSPIRATION – SANCTIFIED ALLIANCE

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore,
Every heart that is broken
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It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You...

Withholding nothing,
Withholding nothing.
Withholding nothing,
Withholding nothing.

I surrender all to You,
Everything I give to you.
I surrender all to You,
Everything I give to you.

Like a rushing wind,
Jesus breathe within,
Lord have your way,
Lord have your way in me.

Like a mighty storm,
Stir within my soul,
Lord have your way,
Lord have your way in me.

Witholding nothing (X4)

Jireh...Jireh
Jireh, You are enough
Jireh You are enough

I will be content in every circumstance
For you are Jireh, You are enough (x2)
Jireh You are enough
Jireh, You are enough.

Jehovah, You, I trust in You,
Oh Lord. Jehovah, You,
I trust in You, Oh Lord.
I believe, I believe

You are the God of miracles.
You are the God of wonders.
You are the God all powerful,
I believe, I believe, (X2)

Jehovah, You, I trust in You,
Oh Lord. Jehovah, You,

I trust in You, Oh Lord.
I believe, I believe
You, I trust in You, Oh Lord.
Jehovah, You, I trust in You,
I believe, I believe

You are the God of miracles.
You are the God of wonders.
You are the God all powerful,
I believe, I believe,
I believe, I believe,
I believe, I believe.

Stop, don't talk
Don't speak defeat to me
I am a child of God
And I've got the victory.

I am a warrior
I am a conquerer
I am an overcomer in the name of the Lord

I am a warrior
I am a conquerer
I am an overcomer in the name of the Lord.

There's no God like Jehovah (x7)

Behold He comes
Riding on a cloud
Shining like a the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
Its the year of jubilee
And out of Zion hills salvation comes.

OPENING WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – REVEREND RADICA SAMUEL-MOONOO

LEADER: Come together O people of the Lord,

PEOPLE: And listen to the mighty voice of God!

LEADER: Let us remember all the blessings of the Lord,

PEOPLE: And the strength we have received from God's hand.

LEADER: Open your hearts to all the Lord would ask of you, what does the Lord require of you?

UNISON: To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God!

OPENING PRAYER - REVEREND RADICA SAMUEL-MOONOO

HYMN - "WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU" (BOP #709)

1. What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
2. Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
3. To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

SCRIPTURE READING: MICAH 6: 6-8 - INTERN MINISTER ROBERT DINNOO

WHAT GOD REQUIRES

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
(NRSV)

MESSAGE- "ACT, LOVE, WALK" - REVEREND SANYA BEHARRY

RESPONSIVE CLOSING PRAYER - INTERN MINISTER BJORN WARDE

LEADER: God who acts on behalf of those who are in need of care.

PEOPLE: Help us to act as your Word requires us to within the world.

LEADER: God of love, you love us your creation despite our shortcomings, you love us with a love that knows no bounds.

PEOPLE: Help us to imitate that unending love within our lives.

LEADER: God who walks beside us despite where we tread.

PEOPLE: Guide our feet toward those that need us most.

LEADER: God of justice, you have mercy upon us your humble servants and so we trust in your perfect judgement.

UNISON: May you use our lives as offerings and instruments to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

GOSPELYPSO MEDLEY

- SOUTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

- KADIR MOHAMMED & ARIELLE GHOURALAL

VOICES OF VISION

- REVEREND ADRIAN SIEUNARINE, PRINCIPAL, SATC

SHARING OUR VISION FOR A MISSIONAL CHURCH IN A TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND:

1ST SEGMENT - PASTORAL REGION, SOUTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

- 1. POINT FORTIN/CEDROS**
- 2. OROPOUCHE**
- 3. LA ROMAIN/DEBE**
- 4. PENAL**
- 5. SIPARIA**
- 6. SUSAMACHAR**
- 7. MARABELLA/BONNE AVENTURE**
- 8. CLAXTON BAY**
- 9. COUVA/BALMAIN**

1ST ADDRESS – REVEREND DAMIEN SIEUNARINE,
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF YOUTH AFFAIRS (BOYA)

LITURGICAL DANCE FIESTA – NORTHERN PRESBYTERY, STEPHANIE SAM & ARIANNE BAILEY.

SHARING OUR VISION FOR A MISSIONAL CHURCH IN A TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND:

2ND SEGMENT - PASTORAL REGION, NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

1. SANGRE CHIQUITO
2. GUAICO
3. ARIMA
4. ARAMALAYA
5. SAN JUAN/SANTA CRUZ/WOODBROOK
6. CUREPE/ST. JOSEPH
7. CHAGUANAS
8. CHASE VILLAGE

LITURGICAL DANCE FIESTA – MRS. ANDREA NANDLAL

2ND ADDRESS – MRS. KAREN BALLY, ACTING PRINCIPAL, NGHS

BHAJAN MEDLEY – SOUTH EASTERN PRESBYTERY - LENNITA & LENORA KUMAR

SHARING OUR VISION FOR A MISSIONAL CHURCH IN A TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND:

3RD SEGMENT - PASTORAL REGION, SOUTH EASTERN PRESBYTERY

1. NARIVA/MAYARO
2. TABLELAND
3. PRINCES TOWN
4. TABAQUITE
5. RIVERSDALE
6. BARRACKPORE
7. DIAMOND

CELEBRATION OF AGAPE: THE LOVE FEAST

HYMN – “LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US” – MR. CHRISTOPHER SOOKOO

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| <p>1 Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love In Our Eyes,
May Now Your Love Sweep This Nation,
Cause Us Oh Lord To Arise.
Give Us A Fresh Understanding
Of Sisterly Love That Is Real,
Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love.</p> | <p>2 Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love In Our Eyes,
May Now Your Love Sweep This Nation,
Cause Us Oh Lord To Arise.
Give Us A Fresh Understanding
Of Brotherly Love That Is Real,
Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love. [2]</p> |
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PRESIDING ELDER KRISHNA PERSAD

LEADER: Sister and brothers, the Word of God reminds us of the meals Jesus shared with His disciples. We recall his eating at the lakeside after he had risen from the dead. We remember how the apostles' broke bread together and the Lord added daily to their number.

Today, we share food once again as the Church, knowing that the Holy Spirit is here, uniting us as one in these unique and turbulent times. We meet in the name of Jesus Christ to bring praise to him.

UNISON: Ever Living and Loving God, your Son prayed for the unity of your Church, so that the world might believe. We bring the offering of our Love Feast and our lives. Help us to love one another, as you have loved us. Accept us all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESIDING ELDER ASHA MAHABIR

LEADER: Agapé is the New Testament word for the love God showed us in Christ, the love we share in Christ. The Agape Meal (or "Love Feast") is a simple gathering at table recalling the meals Jesus shared with many during his ministry. Its origins in the Early church are linked to the origins of the Lord's Supper, though the two are quite distinct. While the Lord's Supper has been practically universal among Christians

throughout history, the Love Feast has appeared only at certain times and among certain denominations. In the 18th century, the Reformer John Wesley was moved by his experience of an Agape Meal among several denominations.

When the New Testament Church met, they shared fellowship, worship and food. They enjoyed a Common Meal together, which eventually was transformed into what the Church has come to call the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. At a Love Feast we share food and fellowship and get to hear what God is doing in our lives today. It is a special act of worship, and everybody is invited. Let us enter into communion with each other over this meal.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER: PRESIDING ELDER DR. REYNOLD BALDEOSINGH

LEADER: Forgiving and Loving God, as we share in this love feast we thank you for your mercy and provision. You have been generous to us.

UNISON: **But we have been selfish.**

LEADER: You have provided food for all.

UNISON: **But we have kept it to ourselves.**

LEADER: You have heard our cry

UNISON: **But we have turned away from the cries of others. Forgive us in your mercy and set us free to be the people you require us to be. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRESIDING ELDER AGNES SULTANTI

LEADER: Jesus said "People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." The first shall be last and the last shall be first, but we are all invited. In Acts of the Apostles 2:42,46,47 we read:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. "

The enactment of the Agape Feast today, is meant to strengthen our fellowship, to restore our unity and to remind us of our responsibility for each other, especially the poor and marginalized. Let us pray that God would bless what we do here today.

Lord of the Church, by what we do now, we remember how you broke bread and blessed it and fed the multitudes.

UNISON: Come, Lord Jesus, break bread with us and feed us with your Holy Spirit. Break down the barriers that divide us, unite us in love and bind us to you. Help us to hear your voice calling us to remember the least among us and to act with justice, kindness and humility. Grant us your peace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

SHARING THE LOVE FEAST – BREAD AND DRINK (IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY)

**HYMN: "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY" - MR. CHRISTOPHER SOOKOO
(DURING WHICH THE ROLLS AND DRINK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
AND SHARED WHEREVER WE ARE AT THIS TIME)**

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| 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard. | 2. Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. |
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Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN SERVED THE MODERATOR OF SYNOD SHALL SAY:

LEADER: Let us eat and drink in thankfulness to God who united us in Christ and calls us to love and serve one another

UNISON: **God of the past, God of the present, God of the future, we thank you for all that has been, all that is, and all that shall be. Bless us as we go that every meal we eat may be a sharing of your love and your vision for our world. In the name of God, our Creator, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and in the Holy Spirit our Teacher and Counsellor. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (CARIBBEAN VERSION) – SANCTIFIED ALLIANCE

AN ACT OF RE-COVENANTING

DEACONESS CALPURNIA CHANCE

LEADER: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

God of sure and steadfast covenant, we gratefully acknowledge that you have called us to this day of celebration and re-covenanting. You have sustained us during our journey of faith and during these turbulent and unique times. We give you thanks for our beloved Presbyterian Church and all those who have bequeathed to us a glorious and blessed heritage. For the spirit of loyalty, unity and sacrifice manifested by the Church Universal.

PEOPLE: O God of creation and re-creation, give us the desire to do what you require of us. Reform, recreate and renew us, O Lord!

DEACONESS MARLENE SEENATHSINGH

LEADER: God of promise, enable us to hear your voice, to trust you and to walk in the future, the path you have prepared for us. Grant us encouragement in the work to which you have called each of us, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit that we may find joy and peace to live in this world and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: O God of creation and re-creation, give us the desire to do what you require of us. Reform, recreate and renew us, O Lord!

DEACONESS ANUPA NANAN

LEADER: Eternal God we give thanks for our heritage and our traditions in worship, structure and administration. Keep our minds always alive to new thoughts, new ideas, news approaches, new challenges, and new contexts so that the past will not imprison but inspire and sustain us during these pandemic days and beyond. May we always remember you are a living God, always creating, always revealing, always leading us onward.

PEOPLE: O God of creation and re-creation, give us the desire to do what you require of us. Reform, recreate and renew us, O Lord!

DEACONESS JENIFA SINANAN

LEADER: Gracious God we know that our Lord Jesus was reviled and maligned when he tried to bring the authorities and leaders of his day to new levels of thought and action. Forgive us when we are so satisfied and complacent about our Church and society that we are more interested in preserving what should be revised, in returning to

customs rather than journeying with our Lord who wants us to be his new creation.

**PEOPLE: O God of creation and re-creation, give us the desire to do what you require of us.
Reform, recreate and renew us, O Lord!**

DEACONESS AMBER-SEESAHAI-PAYNE

LEADER: Loving God, who is ever creating, ever renewing we thank you for all who inspire us to live new lives. We thank you for all those who refuse to let us be content with ideas and plans that are stale and irrelevant. Let us hear your Word speaking to our Church and country, and with courage and faith let us press on for change, for transformation, for renewal in all areas of our Church and social life.

ALL: We now rededicate ourselves, our service and our substance anew to the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, and to the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, throughout Trinidad and Tobago and the world, that your will may be done on earth, as it is in heaven. O God of creation and re-creation, give us the desire to do what you require of us. Reform, recreate and renew us, O Lord!

**AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE – MR. MICHAEL COOPER-OCHIENGH,
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**

CLOSING HYMN – “THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD” – SANCTIFIED ALLIANCE

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| <p>1. The right hand of God
is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love;
Our conflicts and our fears,
Our triumphs and our tears,
Are recorded by the right hand of God.</p> <p>2. The right hand of God
is pointing in our land,
Pointing the way we must go;
So clouded is the way, So easily we stray,
But we're guided by the right hand of God.</p> | <p>3. The right hand of God
is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate and greed;
Our selfishness and lust,
Our pride and deeds unjust,
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.</p> <p>4. The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And lifted now from shame,
By the lifting of the right hand of God.</p> |
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5. The right hand of God
is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much,
When we're healed by the right hand of God.
6. The right hand of God is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;
In these many-peopled lands,
Let his children all join hands,
And be one with the right hand of God.

**CHORAL AARONIC BENEDICTION - "THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU" -
MR. CHRISTOPHER SOOKOO**

1. The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION – LED BY THE MODERATOR OF SYNOD

LEADER: The Word of God reminds us that if we are in Christ, we are new creatures, and the old things are passed away. If we tend to be saddened by change, but have hope, faith and patience, we can realize the glory and goodness of God. As we leave from our different spaces, in these unique times, let us remember what the Lord requires of us: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.

PEOPLE: **This is indeed the change we take with us today, for we are a new creation. We go in peace, united and strengthened in your love, O God, so that we may serve you faithfully as the renewed and reformed Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago.**

LEADER: May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows.

ALL: **Threefold Amen**

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



REVEREND DAMIEN SIEUNARINE

Reverend Damien Sieunarine is the son of the late Reverend Everson T. Sieunarine, a former Moderator and General Secretary of the Synod, PCTT and Jennifer Sieunarine a retired Presbyterian Primary School Teacher. His brother Reverend Adrian Sieunarine is the Principal of the St. Andrew's Theological College

(SATC). He is married to Melissa and they have a wonderful three year old son, Evan.

Reverend Damien Sieunarine was ordained on March 8th 2009 and is the Minister of the Couva/Balmain Pastoral Region. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Youth Affairs (BOYA) and a Lecturer at SATC.

Mrs. Karen Bally started her Presbyterian journey from birth at the Barrackpore Union Presbyterian Church where she was baptised and later confirmed. A loyal member of the Church, she attended Sunday School, was a member of the Youth Group, taught Sunday School and was a member of the Choir. Later she transferred to the Susamachar Presbyterian Church where she now serves

on the Local Board, is the President of one of the Steel Orchestras and is a member of the Chancel Committee.

Karen is a graduate of the University of the West Indies where she achieved her BSc (Mathematics and Physics), MSc (Applied Mathematics) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Education, in Educational Administration. She has been a member of the teaching profession for the last thirty-one years, twenty-six of which have been

at her alma mater, Naparima Girls' High School. She is currently the Ag. Principal of Naparima Girls' High School.



MRS. KAREN BALLY

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SYNOD



MR. TERRENCE WARDE

On this significant event, the PCTT's 1st Virtual National Convention, we recognize the pandemic has been a stark reminder of how fragile our lives are and how important it is to make and keep Christ as our focus. The PCTT has been a beacon of resilience in an environment of adversity. Given the conditions within which we were forced to operate the PCTT was able to remain relevant in these turbulent times.

Our churches have evolved into online worship when we couldn't worship in our sanctuaries. The Online Ministry extended into educational webinars on various aspects of the virus. Food supply, care packages and computer devices were distributed to those adversely affected by the pandemic and the more vulnerable like, the migrant population were reached by the efforts of the Church.

The voice of the PCTT

was recognized by State officials and other religious institutions as the compelling voice of reason and influence in decisions concerning places of worship.

The efforts of the PCTT during a global scenario of pandemic has been lauded by our international ecumenical affiliates as an exemplar for a Church during these times of unprecedented and global adversity.

While we do not know the continued impact of the variants of this virus, the PCTT remains vigilant and steadfast in Faith. The Grace of God will continue to offer us protection and the promise of Eternal life in Christ is sure. The PCTT's service to God continues in this part of His world. Blessings to All on this special day!

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR (NYC)

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."
(Galatians 6:10)

God's light and love to all for this 1st Virtual National Convention 2021!

In thinking about what the Lord requires of Youth Ministry in this time, we appreciate the opportunities blossoming before us for embracing collaboration, creativity and communication.

Each of these are critical elements for the strengthening and continued growth of our youth ministry at all levels within the Church.

- Collaboration among Clergy, youth leaders and the youths, allows for unity in vision and fulfilment of purpose.
- Embracing creativity within the youth movement creates space for all to develop their faith in God from their levels of understanding.

- As we work together in one accord guided by the Holy Spirit, communication needs to be open and honest. Elders, Youth Leaders, Church Leaders and youths should aim to understand one another, their worlds and perspectives, for we are all a part of the family of God.

For the past 11 years, I had the honour of working as your National Youth Coordinator. Thank you to all Youth Leaders, Clergy, and my dearest young people for your support, ideas and encouragement.

Now remember - Give your best effort toward the upliftment and building up of all of creation - all creatures, great and small - all who are broken and weary - all who we meet along this path of life. Give them your best effort which is unwaveringly anchored in Christ's way of mercy, goodness, grace and light!



MRS. SIMONE SINGH-SAGAR

Each of us was designed by Abba God to impact this world and transform it by His love. Step out, speak up and share the good news of the magnificent God who loves us! God bless us all as we live according to what He requires of us!

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL TREASURER OF SYNOD



MR. LESLIE NAIPAUL

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Welcome to our bi-annual convention 2021. This year we will deliberate on the theme; "Being Reformed in A Time of COVID-19 and Beyond - What does the Lord require?"

The Lord requires us to be our sisters and brothers' keeper in these challenging times.

We must show love and empathy to ALL his People. We must be selfless in all that we do and say.

We must use this time for self-introspection and ask God for His Grace and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit so that a true Reformation can take place in our lives. We must be so reformed that our deeds and actions will reflect the presence of God in our lives so that others will come to know him.

As a Presbyterian family, the Lord wants us to be good stewards of the gifts and talents he has bestowed upon all of us.

As Treasurer of the Synod of the PCTT, I must congratulate ALL our Church Workers and Pastoral Regions for their hard work and dedication during these trying times to ensure that Synod can meet all its financial commitments. As we continue our journey in these pandemic times, let us be Loving, Forgiving and Gracious to All.

MESSAGE THE PROPERTY MANAGER OF SYNOD

Welcome everyone to our Virtual National

Convention 2021. I pray that God continues to keep you and your loved ones healthy, strong and safe in these challenging and unprecedented times.

Covid-19 has indeed made us adapt and change to enjoy our daily lives, and in these times of change, the Lord requires us to be better stewards, be strong in faith, and know that He is with us always. Jesus said, "ALL things are possible to them that believe". Being a good steward requires us to be responsible for the

church's assets, both property and monetary, bearing in mind that each of us is accountable for the Lord's work.

Stay strong and believe in Him my fellow stewards, God is with us.



MR. RODNEY BOODRAM

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

The Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (C.C.T.T.)

African Methodist Episcopal, Anglican, Ethiopian
Orthodox, Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian, Roman
Catholic, Salvation Army



REV. FR. AUGUSTUS THOMPSON,
SECRETARY, CCTT

On behalf of the member churches of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (C.C.T.T.), I wish the PCTT God's richest blessings as you host your 1st Virtual National Convention on the 30th October 2021

The C.C.T.T. commends the effort and spirit of PCTT in making this event a reality in these challenging times, through music, fellowship, spiritual renewal and cooperative prayer, hallmarks of your church's National Convention.

The C.C.T.T. also commends the PCTT on your theme for this event, which is in keeping with the World Communion of Reformed Churches

Reformation Celebrations (W.C.R.C.): "Being Reformed in A Time of COVID-19 and Beyond – What does God Require?"

God's richest blessings to the Moderator, Officers of Synod and flock of the PCTT, and all who will attend this virtual event.

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

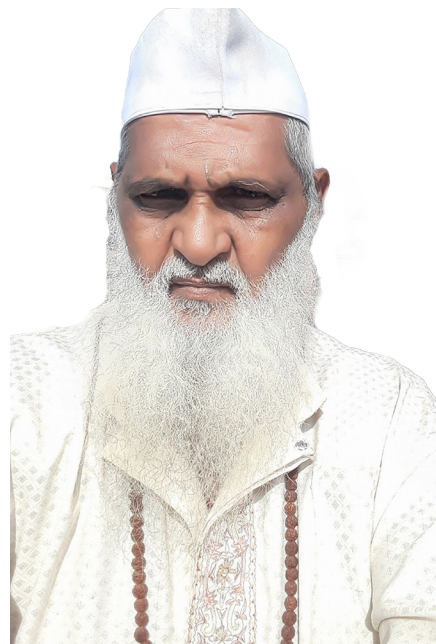
The Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (IRO)

Our prayers are with you as you celebrate your 1st Virtual National Convention 2021. We recognize that the world is facing the new normal times due to the covid19 pandemic and we must all rally together. Our forefathers and foremothers have blessed us with a path to follow as we continue to have faith in our very rich heritage. We are all on a mission of endeavoring to uplift ourselves and our various communities.

The untiring efforts of the PCTT must not go unnoticed but be recognized. Unity is the key as we come together with God's grace for his blessings

that we may live in harmony with one another as we continue to fulfill the mission for which we have been chosen.

Best wishes for a successful Convention!



**PT. MUKRAM LLOYD SIRJOO,
PRESIDENT. (IRO)**

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

The Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM)



**JENNIFER P. MARTIN, EDUCATION
IN MISSION SECRETARY**

*"Being Reformed in A Time of
COVID- 19 and Beyond - What
Does the Lord Require?"*

On behalf of
Rev. Carlington
Keen, Chair of
CANACOM,
the members of the
Administrative Committee
and the Finance and
Administration Support
Group, it gives me great
pleasure to bring you
greetings.

Further, kindly accept
our congratulations on
making this bold move in
holding this your first virtual
National Convention. You
are demonstrating your
understanding that God calls
you to pivot with agility in
mission.

COVID-19 is part of our
present reality. Yet God still
calls us to effectively fulfil his
mission in the world. We are
called to serve regardless
of the circumstances which
seek to derail us. CANACOM
is proud of our member
church, the PCTT. We recently
read the October 2021 issue
of The Trinidad Presbyterian
and were exceedingly
impressed by the breadth of
activities reported on.

So, Reformed people of
praise, as you come apart
to make a joyful noise onto
the Lord as Ps. 121 bids us,
CANACOM will remember
you in prayer and ask God to
keep you, dear family in his
tender loving care.

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

The Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC)

To the Moderator, the Officers and Synod and all members of your church, I bring warmest greetings from your Brothers and Sisters across the CANAAC region. As you come together at your 1st virtual Biennial National Convention, we join with you in solidarity as a reform community of Faith holding fast to the words of the hymn "Our God reigns". Nothing will hold us back from worship in these times.

How apt that you have chosen to celebrate the Reformation today using the WCRC theme of "Being Reformed in A Time of COVID-19 and Beyond - What does the Lord Require?"

We offer prayers for each of you as you gather virtually. We pray that your time together will be spirit led, will be joyful and that as a Community of Faith you will hear again God's message for his church, reformed and always reforming.

May God's blessings surround each of you as you meet. May his Peace be the balm

for all the human woes you carry. May you hear the still calm voice which speaks to each of you as you humbly wait - What does God require of me.

Blessings always.



**ANGELA MARTINS,
CHAIRPERSON, CANAAC**

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

Council for World Mission (CWM)



REV. DR. MICHAEL N. JAGESSAR
CWM MISSION SECRETARY –
CARIBBEAN AND EUROPE

The Caribbean Region of the Council for World Mission (CWM) extends warm greetings to the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago on your 2021 National Biennial Convention. As you gather around the Reformed family theme, “Being Reformed in a time of COVID-19 and beyond: what does the Lord require?” we pray that your gathering will be inspired, surprised, energised, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Given current realities, the reformed calling to ‘enjoy’ God is more critical than ever. For God in Christ loves lavishly and joyfully, soaking the whole of creation with life: full and flourishing life for all. Our habit of joy draws its colour and intensity from

a palette of grace gifting us with more than enough to endure the most trying of circumstances. And such joy is often found in the most unusual of places, often surprising us in unexpected ways.

The CWM family send their love, prayers, and good wishes on your fellowship, gathering, and discerning. With the PCTT and others, we embrace the hope of a world that is coming, to be sent into the world as it is - to be with others active participants of liberation and change, witnessing to the transforming power of Jesus.

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

The World Council of Churches (WCC)

On behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and with a deep sense of joy and gratitude, I convey greetings to the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, as you host your 1st Virtual National Convention on Saturday October 30, 2021.

I acknowledge the important contributions of the PCTT in the ecumenical family within and outside Trinidad and Tobago over the years. The impacts of the church to humanity and human development in the society affirmed the critical purpose of the church existence. Some of these contributions include education, healthcare and overall human development. The theme of the Convention, "Being Reformed in a Time of Covid-19 and Beyond – What does the Lord require?" is very apt in times as these as the church engages in ministry

in the twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Within your borders, and within the wider Caribbean region, I am sure that you have witnessed first-hand a rise in poverty, hunger, unemployment, mental health concerns and other challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The world is in search of answers to these many challenges and the church must be seen as leading people to God who is able to provide solution to the local, regional and global problems. Your theme is therefore a very timely one.

It is my hope that this Convention will not only reflect on the decades of achievements of the church but that it shall provide opportunity for constructive engagement and affirming the commitment of the church to continue to make visible the love of God to a challenged world.



**REV. PROF. DR IOAN SAUCA
ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY**

As you might know, the WCC is having its 11th assembly from 31 August to 8 September 2022. The theme will be "Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity". We will be happy to welcome your delegation at that assembly and to listen to the rich experiences on reconciliation and unity that you bring with from your context.

May the Lord grant you a successful Convention! Amen.

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

The World Communion of Reformed Churches. (WCRC)



**REV. NAJLA KASSAB, PRESIDENT
WORLD COMMUNION OF
REFORMED CHURCHES**

Dear Partners, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ as sisters and brothers in Trinidad and Tobago.

Today we face a new reality of the Corona virus that challenges our ministry as churches and Communion and opens our eyes to the need of healing for the world and the role that the church could play in restoration and providing hope for tomorrow. This is a time of Crisis, but it is also a time of Kairos where we praise our Lord as we rediscover anew our mission to the world. It is a time where we are assured that God will continue to use the church as a tool for renewal and hope and living our continual Reformation. We come together covenanting in engaging in God's mission, especially in context of Crisis where people's dignity is at

stake.

As you come together to celebrate the first virtual National Convention, and to discern "What does the Lord require of the Church today? May God open our eyes for the need of new imagination where we strive to strengthen our solidarity and affirm togetherness as the one body of Jesus Christ and try to overcome separation that was created by Covid-19.

As President of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, we, appreciate greatly the gifts and the dedication that you bring to the Communion and we trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us all to remain the church that has the courage to work for Justice.

Enjoy the Celebration and trust that the Lord of life continues to journey with us.

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SOUTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

POINT FORTIN/CEDROS

The Covid-19 pandemic posed significant challenges for organizations, even our churches were impacted, activities were suspended and new methods were implemented to connect congregations. The churches' vision and mission will have to alter post COVID 19.

Our Pastoral Region which embrace its traditions and social structure but continuously revisit our church culture and redefine our attitudes and concepts to undertake God's mission - as given by Christ in the Great Commission- "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This will be achieved when we as members of congregations decide to engage in processes that demonstrate the good news by word and service to others. We need to develop a passion,

become passionate about being Jesus' representative while recognizing we have to aspire towards continuous spiritual development Reaching and connecting with the people should not be curtailed because of protocols. Creativity and ingenuity will assist in reaching and teaching.

OROPOUCHE

Our vision is to be a Pastoral Region that provides good examples of Christian love and voices against the injustice and oppression in the society, keeping in mind our firm foundation which is grounded in love for God and service to humanity. Instill hope in those who are desperate, transform lives, and empower citizens to cope in these challenging times through the Word of God. Encourage members to demonstrate compassion and empathy to those who are hurting and cater for the fulfilment of the holistic needs of the community through planned activities; technological and digital ministry; establish spiritual counselling and

mediation centres and provide for the physical needs of the disenfranchised.

LA ROMAINE/DEBE

The La Romaine\Debe Pastoral Region has embraced what society has termed the "New Normal". As a Community of believers, we are called upon to be innovative so that we can reach out to the communities we serve. We have learned to operate as one body that seeks to adapt and evolve to the needs of our congregation and its people. During this time seeds of commitment and spirituality have been planted deep within the hearts of our members. Therefore, as we navigate and plan to do God's work in this part of his vineyard, we offer up our lives to serve our communities by being the "Body of Christ" so that our mission is to continue to spread God's Word through our Action and Commitment to his will.

PENAL

We, the Penal Pastoral Region, renew unwavering commitment in promoting/living out Christ's

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SOUTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

gospel of grace and steadfast love, through worship, the Sacraments, study of scriptures, visitation, and outreach to all; to employ traditional methods and evolving technologies to forge into the coming years acknowledging the needs of our members and surrounding communities; to develop the Eldership defining our interconnectedness through team ministry; to engage our members to Christian stewardship, employing the Spirit-given talents and gifts of members with special emphasis on our young persons, nurturing/guiding them to explore, develop and encourage their gifts and talents to be the church of today and the tomorrows; Though we faced the unprecedented Pandemic, we remained an integral part on Synod's Boards and Committees, working towards the mission/vision of PCTT. Our Region continues to be a people whose hearts/lives are defined by thankfulness, constant prayer, steadfast faith and a confident hope that God's grace prevails!

SIPARIA

The Vision of the Siparia Pastoral Region during the COVID-19 Pandemic, is to remain a cornerstone in the lives of all people within the Region, as we continue to support the Mission and Theology of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago. The Siparia Pastoral Region (Akashbani, San Francique and Erin Road) continues to play an integral part of the communities that we serve and are often on the front line of responding to issues, both practically and pastorally. We continue to build trust and hope, to counter fear, and to build community strength as well as individual mental and spiritual resilience recognizing that through our collective faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, together we will overcome this Pandemic.

SUSAMACHAR

As we celebrate Reformation and 153 years of the Presbyterian presence in Trinidad and Tobago, it is the vision of the Susamachar Pastoral region that we will hold fast to the Faith of our Fathers

and Mothers, using the avenues available to us such as our talents, the Word, and service to promote the mission of the Presbyterian Church. It is our hope that we will use the 5 Solas of the Reformation - Scripture alone, Faith alone, Grace alone, Christ alone and to the Glory of God alone, to guide our youth in their actions and decisions as they forge on to become the future leaders of the Church and the country. In the words of the hymn writer, "Here am I Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart". We stand ready to serve.

MARABELLA/BONNE AVENTURE

We believe that the Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ Her Lord. The church in the world has survived many experiences of calamity and persecution. We have remained resilient during this time of Covid-19 Pandemic because of God's Spirit being with us. And so, we will continue to rely on God's ever-present Spirit of guidance and providence as we move into the future.

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SOUTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

We pledge to be a Church grounded in the purposes of God and remain open to where God may be calling us to fulfil our ministry of peace, justice and reconciliation in this time and place that is open to the presence of God.

We remain committed to make the presence of God, manifested in Jesus Christ. We desire persons to experience Christ on a deeply personal level and to be transformed by the renewal of our minds and hearts; that this renewal be made real through the work of our hands that receives the power of the Holy Spirit.

We must recapture the Spirit of Pentecost and live in unity. We must live out our faith with a deep desire to be Disciples of Christ rather than being members of an organization. The Holy Spirit in our lives will open up to us a sense of renewal and discernment so that we will use our Spirit-filled gifts to spread the Good News.

CLAXTON BAY

Greetings on behalf of the Claxton Bay Pastoral Region! The experience of Covid 19 has gifted us with the opportunity to re-imagine how we participate and nurture our faith in the mission of God. Our resilient church has embraced and adapted to finding new ways to continue being the missional church it has been for the past 153 years. We pray that our church will continue to be blessed with the power of God so that we will grow in strength and number as we uphold its doctrines through our 'new normal'. May our church continue to be led and inspired by the Holy Spirit as we move forward in years to come and may the light and joy of the Lord be with us both now and forever.

COUVA/BALMAIN

The Covid-19 pandemic has propagated change among our churches. So, how can our churches carry out our mission at present and in the future? We must embrace and adapt to this ever-changing environment. It is our vision to see our churches

create a culture that promotes empowering, enabling, and inspiring the youth. We must listen to their voices, welcome their art, encourage and allow them to be included in our churches. It is paramount that emphasis is placed on the growth and development of the youth. To achieve true discipleship among our youth we need transformational leaders that are steadfast in the mission and vision of the PCTT ensuring that there is a culture of youth inclusion. The youth are our future leaders. Let us seek to educate and develop the youth of our churches by helping them live Christ centred lives!

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NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

SANGRE CHIQUITO

From the last missionary field established by Rev. John Morton, 130 years ago in true Presbyterian spirit of non-discrimination we participate in this 2021 National Presbyterian Convention with an equal voice as our sister pastoral regions. There is no big region or small region, we are all equal in, at least, talking the talk, COVID-19 undoubtedly jolted us into revisiting our modes of operation. Could it be that God is speaking to us Presbyterians? Our Vision is to welcome the community of Bible based passionate people desirous of living out God's purpose for their lives. Then, to have them share freely the love and gifts of Christ's blessings through outreach and mission.

GUAICO

Covid shut our Churches down, and stopped us meeting face to face. Sadly, we went without Communion for months. But we faced the challenge and became better Presbyterians. We saw an awesome side of our members of all ages. Young people showed great technological skills, and helped their seniors quite a lot. Our children enjoyed virtual Regional Sunday School, singing and learning poems and sharing fellowship as teachers organized activities remotely. Adults made phone calls to those who were alone, and learned that prayer by phone blessed both ends of the call. Some brought groceries, meals and medications to those who were shut in. We sought donations for devices for seventeen children, and all were pledged in just 4 hours. Rev and Elders organized virtual Bible Study. And now that churches have re-opened, we pray that we will not forget the lessons we have learned. We

want to continue to love our neighbours.

ARIMA

Our journey and direction of the Arima Pastoral Region and its four churches- Arima, Valencia, San Carlos and St Helena - have been that of sharing and witnessing the Gospel Message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This has continued unabated with the relentless sacrifice of all our church workers and committed Church membership.

Today we join with other Pastoral Regions in celebration of our 1st virtual Convention which coincides with the Reformation, the theme, "Being Reformed In a Time of Covid 19 and Beyond. What does the Lord require of us?" We need to recognize God's divine presence with us especially in this present pandemic situation, as we renew our Faith in our Living Christ as a catalyst and continue to assist those less fortunate within our Church Community.

Our vision as a missional Church

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is to commit ourselves to feeding the flock firstly with the Word of God, then allow the Holy Spirit to flow and expand through Servant- Leadership.

ARAMALAYA

The Aramalaya Pastoral Region consists of Aramalaya, Kelly, Tacarigua, Tobago, and Warrenville congregations. We also have three primary schools and Hillview College within our bounds.

When places of worship were closed in March 2020, the Session took a decision to start pre-recorded weekly online worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays to meet the needs of our members. These online services continue and have now reached the 171st episode. We also have Regional Online Bible Study on Wednesdays weekly. Kelly has also been innovative in starting an online Prayer Worship Service on Fridays and our Sunday Schools, youths and some groups have continued meeting virtually regularly.

Our vision for the future is serving God with all the gifts He has blessed us with including technology. We are committed to serving God's people through a blended approach with whatever means are available to us as we firmly believe the Body of Christ is its people.

SAN JUAN/SANTA CRUZ/ WOODBROOK

As the Covid 19 pandemic rages around the world and seeks to separate us by distance how do we as a church press on? There is a path ahead and it is one of Mission. The Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago is celebrating its 153rd Anniversary and the church has long been one of service and faith building. As we press on in these difficult times we must remember to work together and strengthen each other, loving one another as Christ loved us. During this time, it is important that we remember our work for Christ is to connect others to the certainty that God is with us in these perilous times. Though we may be disconnected

physically in some ways we still find connection by our faith and mission where we can build trust, hope and spiritual resilience. Let our belief in Christ fuel our mission to build his Church.

CUREPE/ST. JOSEPH

From the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Curepe/ St. Joseph Pastoral Region embraced the infusion of technology into our worship experience. With multi-media use superseding the sharing of printed material and online platforms used during physical closures, we grew tremendously through the digital sphere. Through our efforts we witnessed the emergence of the skillset possessed by the youths of our region which were coupled with the contributions of those who have blazed the trail of dutiful service for many years. Out of the darkest depths of the pandemic, our bond as a Pastoral Region and the love for God and our people, shone forth. Today, we hold fast to the commandments that we Love

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the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind, and love our neighbours as, indeed, we should love ourselves. We look to the next 153 years and beyond, steadfast in the bonds of faith and love.

CHAGUANAS

The Covid-19 pandemic hit our shores last year and with it brought lock downs and restrictions as well as the physical closure of our church doors. Fortunately, we got the opportunity to try new things that we only spoke about over the years and allowed us to become innovative and adapt to the new normal. Innovative methods had to be explored to keep the flock together and minister to them. Reengineered channels of sharing the Gospel message and collecting offering had to be implemented. In doing so we unearthed the meaning of sacrificial giving of time and resources.

Live and recorded online services, both in our churches and schools, were made available via various

social media platforms and embraced by our cosmopolitan congregations. This virtual participation drew a wider audience prior to the pandemic, allowing us to share the message of Jesus Christ even further than we imagined. Our young people found their niche and started taking greater responsibility in church, regional services and activities as we began to speak their language of technology.

Albeit the negative effects of the pandemic, we have reignited our bonds and appreciate in person worship. By trusting in God Almighty and His wisdom we navigated through these troubling times, and we must continue to trust God and adapt as we venture into a post pandemic world. We all need to spread the Gospel of Christ and it will take all of us working together with love and faith to succeed.

CHASE VILLAGE

“ Our vision is to grow our faith as a united family in Christ, using the lessons provided to us in Scripture and in Reality, to overcome challenges God has willed for us”.

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SOUTH EASTERN PRESBYTERY

NARIVA MAYARO

We commit through the power of the Holy Spirit working in us both to will and do the work of the Lord, to use our God given talents and skills towards promoting the gospel with Jesus Christ as our central focus. To welcome the wider community at our places of worship and train an army of Christian believers who are passionate about living out purpose filled lives. To see people saved, those lost returned to the flock, healed, set free, disciplined and equipped in serving Jesus. To make a difference as a family- oriented community connecting people to Jesus and each other. We commit to embracing diversity, promoting truth, justice and fairness in humility. To use the advancement in technology for greater participation as we promote the gospel and be doers of the Word to the end of the age.

TABLELAND

THE four churches in the Tableland Pastoral Region hope to come out of this Covid-19 pandemic as a united community of believers with renewed strength and a revival in faith led by the Holy Spirit and the precious Word of God.

We commit ourselves to the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Glory of God. We will renew our commitment to His church in the full understanding that we must be prepared to be his hand and feet in the service of humankind. We will strive to strengthen our faith through Bible Study and regular church attendance. We will continue to participate in church groups and encourage our family and friends to do so.

As a community of believers, we will strive to set the example of brotherhood by living in peace, harmony and love in our home communities. We will do all in our power to assist in providing the opportunity for a better life to those on the margins of society. We will strive to create

that transformational light for a better society by using our time, talents and resources with young people. We will strive to be the example to attract others to the way of our Lord.

We will find ways to show the importance of tolerance and non-violence as building blocks to a discrimination-free society and where justice and equality will triumph.

PRINCES TOWN

"We are a pastorate rooted in biblical principles; our trunk stands steady through the history we carry; our branches serve the brokenness in our diverse communities, and our leaves welcome and love all who need shelter in these turbulent times."

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SOUTH EASTERN PRESBYTERY

TABAQUITE

To be a reformed, renewed, revived and spirit-led community of believers, grounded in the Word of God, ardently worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We strive to live as one with all people abiding in love, hope and faith, winning others to Christ through Bible-focused education in our, Sunday School, Women's, Men's and youth groups. Our focus is to be a beacon of hope extending the love of Christ to others by sharing our time, talents and treasures, responding compassionately to the vulnerable in society. We work towards being a champion for the non-tolerance of all forms of violence, discrimination and crime, pursuing justice and peace for all.

RIVERSDALE

Our vision is to build a family of devoted followers of Christ that worships God, shares Christ's hope and love and ministers to each other's needs especially now that we are in the midst of a pandemic. To make believers out of unbelievers. We aim to remain a vibrant congregation whether physically or virtually, known for our commitment towards deepening our faith and doing God's work in the world. The Lord requires us to create an environment that values our young people and help create opportunities for their spiritual and personal growth during this difficult time. To examine how we can better reach out to this generation and future generations for Christ. It is our belief that young people have incredible gifts and the potential to keep the Presbyterian Church alive and thriving. Our youth ministry exists solely to love God, love people and love life even during the existence of this pandemic.

BARRACKPORE

Barrackpore Pastoral Region is committed to a vision that is relevant, inclusive, and life-giving for all of its people, rooted in the concept of a God who desires a life of peace and justice for all people.

We will be witnesses of the good news of Christ and his gospel of grace, through collaborative work among our Elders, Church Workers, Youths, and all segments of our church population.

We will embrace communities of social and economic neglect, as we strive to be a living example of inclusivity, consistent with Paul's metaphor of the 'Body of Christ'.

We affirm the banner Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda - The Church Reformed Always Reforming; the Word of God remains central in all that we do, being the source of the Church's inspiration, reproof and correction in accomplishing our mission. We commit to responsible reformation, always

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faithful to the five foundational pillars on which our church doctrine is built.

DIAMOND

The pandemic affected the Diamond Pastoral region in unexpected ways. Being unable to worship together physically was the hardest part. This was something that no one could imagine would become a reality. But from this dark period came light. With the use of modern-day technologies and advancement we began having service online called "Coffee with Rev. Clifton Mathura". This provided the added advantage of being viewed from any part of the world. In addition, our Minister provided us with daily scriptures reading and prayer for family worship. We all started communicating with our devices, both young and old. The work of the Lord went on. The region reached out to its members in need and assisted in whatever way possible. The various arms of the church, the Men's Group, the PCW, Youth Group, and Local Boards played

an integral part in reaching out to our membership as well as the wider community. This pandemic has made us more resilient to continue the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Although physical Sunday gatherings have resumed, we continue streaming our services live for those who do not feel confident enough to attend physically. Youth group meetings and Sunday school classes also continue online.

As a Pastoral Region and as a church, we believe that we should embrace technology as a means of communicating and continuing the work of the lord and living the 'agape' life.

Gratitude and Appreciation

*On behalf of the Moderator, the Officers of Synod and
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*“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and
to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah 6:8