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## Michael Nazir-Ali steps down as Bishop of Rochester



**The Rt Rev Michael Nazir-Ali has announced his decision to step down as the Bishop of Rochester, one of the most senior positions in the Church of England.**

Although Dr Nazir-Ali has been in charge of the Rochester diocese for nearly 15 years, the decision to quit - which will see him leave his post later this year - has come as a surprise. The bishop could have stayed in post for another decade.

A spokesman for the bishop said that he wants to turn his attention to working with the persecuted church. "Bishop Michael is hoping to work with a number of church leaders from areas where the church is under pressure, particularly in minority situations, who have asked him to assist them with education and training for their particular situation," he said.

Bishop Michael, who will be 60 in August, is the 106th Bishop of Rochester. He is originally from Pakistan and was the first non-white Diocesan Bishop in the Church of England. He was appointed to Rochester in 1994. Before that he was the General Secretary of CMS from 1989-1994 and before that Bishop of Raiwind in Pakistan and theological Assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Since 1999 he has also been a member of the House of Lords where he has been active in a number of areas of national and international concern.

Dr Nazir-Ali has taken a strong stand against the rise of Islam in Britain. He warned last year that parts of the country have been turned into "no-go" areas for non-Muslims and challenged Dr Williams's claim that the introduction of sharia law is unavoidable. As a result of his warning, the bishop received death threats saying he would not "live long" and would be "sorted out" if he continued to criticize Islam.

Dr Williams paid tribute to his contribution to the Church of England.

"Bishop Michael's decision to undertake this new and very challenging ministry will leave a real gap in the ranks of English bishops," he said. "His enormous theological skill, his specialist involvement in the complex debates around bioethics, his wide international experience and his clarity of mind and expression have made him a really valuable colleague, and he has served the Church and the wider society with dedication and distinction. In his new work with churches in minority situations, he will need all our prayer and support".

Bishop Michael's farewell service will be held at Rochester Cathedral on 12 September 2009 at 3:15 p.m.



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## Dharkan wins Canadian Church Press Award

Dharkan recently won a first place award in the annual competition held by the Canadian Church Press.

This event is held each year and member publications from across the country are invited to submit entries in 24 different categories which include Best Editorial, Best News Story, Best Letters to the Editor, Best Features and Best Biblical Interpretation.

Dharkan won First Place for the Front Page of its Summer 2008 edition. The second and third place went to the Family Life Network Newsletter and the Anglican Journal respectively.

In their evaluation, the judges called the Dharkan layout "a very sophisticated presentation; easy to read with effective use of spot color. Overall a very interesting and unique presentation".

## Conference on Status of Minorities in Pakistan held in Toronto

**Delegates from USA, UK, Canada, and other countries participating in an International Conference in Toronto on the Status of Religious Minorities in Pakistan expressed their solidarity with oppressed and down-trodden Christians of Pakistan.**

The conference was hosted by the International Christian Voice in collaboration with the Coalition of American-Pakistani Christians. Delegates represented a number of Christian organizations from the UK, USA, Spain, Italy and from different parts of Canada.

Addressing the conference Shahbaz Bhatti, the Federal Minister for Minorities emphasized the need for

unity among overseas Pakistani Christians. He vowed to continue making sincere efforts to address the problems faced by minorities.

The Federal Minister said that all discriminatory laws were being reviewed so that they could either be repealed or amended. He said prayer places for non-Muslim prisoners were also being established in Pakistani prisons.

He urged the participants of the conference to pray for Pakistan and its leadership and especially for those people who are internally displaced as a result of the military operation against the Taliban.

The speakers and participants stressed the need for unity among minorities



**Delegates at the International Conference on the Status of Minorities in Pakistan**

and expressed their concern on the discriminatory laws and issues faced by minorities in Pakistan. They pointed out that the minorities of Pakistan

contributed in the development and prosperity of Pakistan but have not been given their rightful place.

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## Conference on Status of Minorities in Pakistan held in Toronto

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A group of guests at the International Christian Voice reception that followed the conference.

They called for repeal of all discriminatory laws including Pakistan's controversial blasphemy laws. They also appreciated action of the Pakistan government against Taliban and militants and extended their support to the government in her efforts to uplift and empower down-trodden minorities.

They pledged to continue making efforts for the prosperity and development of Pakistan. The participants also decided to hold this type of conference in other countries to develop unity and awareness among overseas Pakistani Christians and minorities.

A unanimous resolution was approved at the end of the conference which commended the Government of Pakistan for announcing a 5% quota for minorities in all government jobs.

The resolution also called for a repeal of all discriminatory laws against religious minorities and underscored the need for reformation of the education system to establish a progressive democratic society.

The declaration underscored the need for addressing socio-economic inequalities to enable every Pakistani equal and fairer access to national resources.

"We commit ourselves to work alongside all Pakistanis for restoring socio-economic justice and equal rights for all Pakistanis in line with the vision of our founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah," the declaration continued.

"We pledge to continue our efforts for the prosperity and development of our Pakistan."

A small group of protesters gathered outside the Conference venue protesting against the treatment of minorities in Pakistan.

The following evening, over 400 guests, representing different Christian organizations, churches and overseas Pakistani Christians from different countries including Pakistani Christians from different parts of Canada attended a grand reception hosted by the organizers.



Protestors demonstrating outside the conference venue

## CCA honors its Seniors

Canadian Christian Association (CCA) honored community seniors by hosting a dinner on 2 May 2009 in Brampton. The function was attended by over 145 seniors, their families and friends. The evening was opened with prayer by the Rev. Asghar Gill while the delicious food and service was provided by Max Gill.

Songs and entertainment was provided by Jonathan Devia, Max Gill, John Gill, George Ghulam and Arif Masih. Poems were recited by Mr. Y. Wahab, Isaac Jazam and Dr. R. Gill. Jonathan Devia provided the sound system.

A special presentation was made to all past CCA presidents - Dr. Asimi, Don Joshua, Wilbert Isaac, James Luke, Aslam A. Shah and J.C. Malik for their services to the community over the years. The late Jemima Massey was also remembered for her hard work, dedication, commitment and love for the community.



A group of seniors enjoy the music

## Taliban attack Christians in Karachi

Armed men attacked a group of Christians in Taiser Town, near Karachi. They set ablaze six Christian houses and injured three Christians, including an 11-year-old boy, Irfan Masih who died in the attack. Taiser Town is home to about 750 Christian families.

The police confirmed that seven suspects were arrested with heavy weapons on them. Police is still conducting its investigation and does not know who is behind the violence. A policeman said that only three Christians were injured, including a minor who is in critical conditions. A Muslim from the group of attackers was



Worshippers at a candlelight vigil remember the victims of the Taliban attack

also hurt. While rangers and police patrolled the streets, people are scared and dare not go out, especially after police advised them to stay indoor.

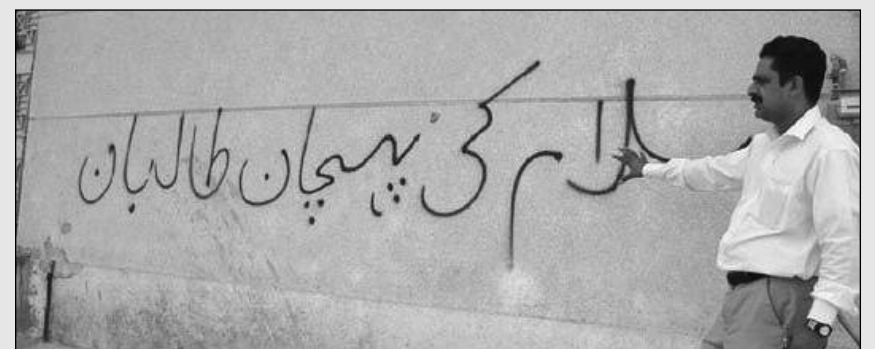
Father D'Souza, parish priest at St Jude's, visited the area where the attack took place. There, he saw graffiti on the walls of the area's two churches, saying 'Taliban zindabad' (Live long Taliban), 'Islam zindabad' (Live long Islam), 'Christians Islam qabol karo' (Christians, convert to Islam). He also visited the torched Christian houses and saw that everything was burnt, including the residents' Bibles.

He said that people who saw the graffiti came together to stage a street protest. As soon as they did so, they were attacked by a group of armed men who set the houses on fire and then walked down the streets damaging electrical wires and gas meters." The men who attacked the Christians came from outside; none of our faithful knew them," Father D'Souza added.

At least two houses, over half a dozen shops, pushcarts and roadside stalls were set ablaze by unidentified men. Heavy contingents of police and Rangers were called to the scene, however, it took them several hours to ease the tense situation, while routine and commercial life in the area was suspended. Law enforcers carried out a door-to-door search operation to arrest the culprits, detaining at least seven persons from the area and seizing weapons.

The injured included Emran Masih, Qudoos Masih, Irfan Masih and Rozi Khan.

The area has three churches to serve the different confessions (Catholic and Protestants).



The writing on the walls of the church in Taiser Town, Karachi

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## K.C. Reunion - A Memorable Event

23 May 2009 saw the long awaited re-union of former students from Kinnaird College for Women – the legendary college of Lahore, now considered the fabric of Lahori society. The college was established in 1913 by the Church of England Zenana Mission and the Bible Medical Mission Fellowship. The task of successfully running this college was a huge challenge at that time, and was ably undertaken by Miss Joan MacDonald, the first principal of the institution. Since then, three more principals have shouldered the task of heading this college, and taking it to new heights. Miss. Isabella Mac Nair, Miss. Mangat Rai, and Dr. Mira

Phailbus. Currently Dr. Bernadette Dean, a devoted educationist has taken over leadership of the college.

Dr. Dean was present at the Candles Banquet and Convention Centre in Mississauga to meet former students and share her vision for the future of the college. Introduced by Priobala Khan, Dean shared with the audience, the curricular and non-curricular activities taking place in the college. She also spoke about the ongoing plans to improve the college over the coming years.

During lunch guests feasted on scrumptious food while a number of lucky draws were announced, causing great excitement among everyone. Farzana Hassan, entertained guests with her melodious voice, singing songs from bygone days. No function is complete without a DJ. Naseem Nasir (DJ Naz) and his assistant Daoud



A group of KC-ites at the Reunion

Pakyam provided lively music throughout the afternoon. By the end of the event, most of the guests could be found on the dance floor.

Before saying their final goodbyes the invitees visited two stalls set up at the entrance. One sold outfits while the other offered silver goods. The function was a huge success; congratulations go to the members of



The Principal of Kinnaird College, Dr. Bernadette Dean chats with former students of the college

the executive committee, who devoted their time and efforts to make this a memorable afternoon.

## ❖ Profile

### Prof. Jagannath Azad: Creator of Pakistan's First National Anthem

Adil Najam

Jagannath Azad (1918-2004) was an Urdu poet, a Punjabi Hindu, and a scholar of Iqbal's poetry who, on the invitation of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, wrote Pakistan's first national anthem, which remained Pakistan's official anthem for its first year-and-half and whose first lines were as follows:

**Aé sarzameené paak**

**Zarray teray haéñ aaj sitaaroñ se taabnaak**

**Roshan haé kehkhashaañ se kaheñ aaj tayree khaak**

**Aé sarzameené paak**

Jagan Nath Azad was born in 1918 in Isa Khel in the Punjab. He studied at Gordon College in Rawalpindi, and the University of the Punjab in Lahore. At the time of partition in 1947, he was a journalist and a poet living in Lahore. Mr. Jinnah asked him to write a new national anthem for Pakistan. The anthem was used for 18 months, until it was replaced (after Mr. Jinnah's death). Some time after writing the national anthem, he migrated to India, where from 1977 to 1980 he was a Professor of Urdu and head of Urdu department at the University of Jammu. Prof. Azad was a noted authority on the works of Dr. Allama Mohammad Iqbal. He was awarded the President of Pakistan's gold medal for his services to Urdu literature.

Days before his death in 2004, Azad recalled, in an interview, the circumstances under which he was asked by Jinnah to write Pakistan's national anthem:

"In August 1947, when mayhem had struck the whole subcontinent, I was in Lahore working in a literary newspaper.

All my relatives had left for India and for me to think of leaving Lahore was painful. My Muslim friends requested me to stay. On August 9, 1947, there was a message from Jinnah Sahib through one of my friends at Radio Pakistan Lahore. He told me 'Quaid-e-Azam wants you to write a national anthem for Pakistan.'

Why him? "The answer to this question," Azad said in the interview, "has to be understood by recalling the inaugural speech of Jinnah Sahib as Pakistan's governor general. He said: "you will find that in the course of time, Hindus will cease to be Hindus and Muslims will cease to be Muslims, not in the religious sense because that is the personal faith of each individual, but in the political sense as citizens of the state."

I asked my friends why Jinnah Sahib wanted me to write the anthem. They confided in me that 'the Quaid wanted the anthem to be written by an Urdu-knowing Hindu.' Through this, I believe Jinnah Sahib wanted to sow the roots of secularism in Pakistan.

The national anthem written by Azad was sent to Jinnah, who approved it in a few hours. It was sung for the first time on Radio Pakistan Karachi.

Jagan Nath Azad won several awards from Pakistan, India, Russia and other countries. For the



Professor Jagannath Azad

naats composed by him, he was given the Seerat-i-Pak Award by Bradford Publications of UK. The books authored by Jagan Nath Azad include some on literary criticism while about eleven, both in English and Urdu, are on Iqbal.

The song written by Azad served as Pakistan's national anthem for one and a half years. After Jinnah's death, Hafiz Jallundhari wrote the current national anthem.

### Dharkan Donor Appreciation Event

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## ❖ Guest Editorial

### Triumph Over Trials

Michael A. Youssef Ph D

Many Christians have the erroneous belief that if they just try hard enough to be “good” then they can escape the trials of life. But the Bible teaches us something completely different. “A righteous man may have many troubles. But the Lord delivers him from them all” (Psalm 34:19). No matter what we face in life, God will be there with us. Only God can turn our worst tragedies into victories.

King David of the Old Testament faced more life-changing trials than many of us will know. His life was often at risk from enemies who sought to kill him. He suffered great consequences for his moral and judgment errors. He was even betrayed by a rebellious son. Yet through his example, we see how David was able to use his suffering to bring glory to God.

Read Psalm 3. During the time David wrote this, he was in hiding from his own son Absalom who was plotting to dethrone his father (see 2 Samuel 15). David had experience, a bitter betrayal by his own son and by some of his closest friends. His life was on the line. His heart was broken. He was struggling in his spirit as to why this was happening. David cried out “O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!” (Psalm 3:1).

Have you ever been betrayed by people you loved and trusted? Sometimes the emotional and spiritual wounds made by another person can hurt far worse than any sword. One of Satan’s favorite tricks is to cause dissension in our families, in our relationships and in our churches. When we maliciously speak against another person or stir up rebellion, we become an Absalom in the house of David.

But sometimes these personal attacks on us can be used for a greater good. If you are experiencing a trial right now, ask God to show you how He wants you to use it. Are you being disciplined for a sin in your life? Confess and repent of that sin today. Is your trial an opportunity to share your personal testimony? What may seem like a dark valley may be the open door to sharing about Christ’s grace and

provision in your life.

The secret of David’s triumph was his trust in God: “But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud and he answers me from his holy hill” (Psalm 3:3-4). There can be no triumph unless there is a trial. There can be no testimony unless there is a test. There can be no conquest unless there is a conflict. Many people want to be used mightily by God, yet they refuse to pay the cost. Are you willing to go through dark times so that God’s kingdom may grow?

Born in the midst of suffering, David knew that God already had won the battle. His confidence in God allowed him a peaceful sleep the night before the battle. He knew that by handing over his trial to God, He would provide the victory. “I lie down and sleep; I wake again because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side” (Psalm 3:5-6).

The burden you are carrying can be a blessing if you trust in God. He can turn your burden into victory. He can turn your trials into triumphs. We can rest easy at night, knowing that our Father holds our tomorrows in His hands. Is your trial keeping you up at night? Are you struggling with worry and anxiety? Confess your concerns and fears to God. Turn your burdens over to Him. He wants to help you overcome them. He wants to give you a great victory, but first you must put your trust in Him. When we try to face the battle on our own we are likely to fail. But with God at the heart of our battle plan, we can succeed. Only when our trust is in God will we find peace and rest during troubled times.

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# ❖ Reflection

## The three legged stool of a blessed marriage

Martin Luther said that God established three essential institutions: marriage, the ministry of the Word and the State. The same Luther went on to say that both in chronological order and in significance the home precedes both the Ministry of the Word and the State. And yet many people today try to demote marriage to a human invention. But the Scripture tells us that marriage was created by God.

Imagine your marriage as a three legged stool, and the three legs are selflessness, forgiveness and communication. Without one of the legs the stool will fall down. A good marriage needs all three components to be well balanced and strong.

### **Selflessness:**

We live in a self-centered world and this focus on self is destroying marriages. The concept of “looking out for number one” is creating divisions between husbands and wives. But Paul tells us, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3).

Immaturity and selfishness tell us to focus on our own desires, comfort and self protection, but maturity leads us focus on our spouse’s needs. Maturity is the key to selflessness. Selfless love manifests itself in graciousness .It focuses on the other person’s thoughts, feelings and needs. A selfless love makes sacrifices without keeping a running tally of who contributed the most in the marriage. It puts aside selfish stubbornness for a willingness to yield to each other.

### **Forgiveness:**

Sometimes forgiveness is hard especially when we let little annoyances to build up over time. But the Bible tells us to “get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 5:31-32).

In Matthew 18, Jesus told Peter that we are to forgive each other not merely seven times but seven times 70. In other words we are to forgive so often that we lose count. So how can we forgive that readily? First begin by forgiving the things that seem insignificant, but mount up over time- the irritating habits and the annoying characteristics. This will require daily discipline.

Second “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). Focus on Christ in your relationship, not keeping score.

Third maintain your identity in Christ. Our old sinful nature is filled with resentment, bitterness and unforgiveness. But through Christ we are able to offer mercy and forgiveness to the one who has wronged us.

### **Communication:**

Problems of selfishness and unforgiveness may seem apparent in a relationship. But there are also enemies that creep into a marriage like a choking vine Busy schedules, apathy and even exhaustion can lead to a breakdown in communication.

How many hours- or minutes did you spend this week engaged in conversation or activity with your spouse that did not revolve around working on the family budget, calling about the children or watching TV?

Many of the larger problems in marriage stem from poor communication. This stems from not making the time for our spouse, letting the children come before the marriage relationship and from a fear of conflict. But good conversations will involve a positive exchange, allowing for growth in a relationship.

### **Concluding Thoughts:**

Maintaining the components of a three legged stool is not easy. We will always be competing against our sinful, selfish nature. We will always be seeking God’s strength to forgive. And we will often struggle to find balance between our calendars and our marriage. But with Christ at the centre of our marriages we can maintain a stable three-legged stool and discover the blessings of marriage.

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## ❖ Our Readers Write...

I went through the DHARKAN paper and entered a world I never knew but would have liked to have known. By the way what does Dharkan mean? Congratulations to you for tracking down Mervyn Middlecoat. From the story I would conclude that he died at the hands of civilians. “An enemy pilot on our soil let’s kill him” type of thing. What was said in the write up was absolutely true.

Thanks for taking so much trouble to send me that wealth of information about a past that undoubtedly related to me in some form or other but which I really did not know. I was happy to see that quite a number of Christians were in the armed forces, among them two cousins of mine whom I never knew Arthur and Philip Utarid.

**Michael Cornelius**  
(son of the late Justice A. R. Cornelius).  
Missouri, USA.



I have enjoyed reading Dharkan. I even saw my name in there along with a nice picture of Joy and Benoy! You do a very nice job, and I am pleased to be receiving it. I find it to be very poignant to read the articles and stories. How sad for Pakistan to lose so many talented, smart and hard working people. It is a country of such rich culture and beauty, and yet it is so hard to see the destruction and violence going on, mostly in the name of religious intolerance. It is amazing to read about people’s sense of caring and loss even after so many years of separation.

**Esther Schlorholtz**  
(daughter of Al & Peggy Schlorholtz, long-term missionaries in Pakistan and Nepal).  
Florida, USA

We all want to thank you for a great and grand issue of Dharkan. Your Editorial Board has worked very hard over each aspect of the paper. Each issue and topic has been dealt with masterfully. Each writer must have worked very hard to perfect their contribution.

**Rattan Thakurdas**  
(son of Rev Andrew Thakurdas, well-known pastor of Naulakha Presbyterian Church in Lahore).  
Auckland, New Zealand

# ❖ News Digest

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## Minister beaten after clashing with Muslims on TV show



**WEST LONDON:** A Christian minister who has had heated arguments with Muslims on his TV Gospel show was brutally attacked by three men who ripped off his cross and warned: "If you go back to the studio, we'll break your legs."

The Rev. Noble Samuel was driving to the studio when a car pulled over in front of him. A man got out and came over to ask him directions in Urdu. Mr. Samuel, based at Heston United Reformed Church, West London, said: "He put his hand into my window, which was half open, grabbed my hair and opened the door.

He started slapping my face and punching my neck. He was trying to smash my head on the steering wheel".

## Christian woman and father imprisoned for blasphemy



**LAHORE:** Gulsher Masih is in prison, charged along with Sandul Bibi his daughter, with violating

section 295-B of the Pakistani legal code- the "blasphemy" law. Sandul reportedly found pages of the Quran on the ground, picked them up and handed them to her Muslim neighbor. As a result, she and Gulsher were falsely accused of ripping pages from the Quran.

A large crowd of Muslims attacked Gulsher's home throwing stones and firing guns. They were shouting, "Kill Gulsher and his daughter Sandul." Gulsher and Sandul were arrested after a mob from the local mosque surrounded their house. Loudspeakers from different mosques broadcast accusations that Christians had disgraced the Quran. The angry crowd threw stones at Gulsher's home.

Christians believe Gulsher and Sandul were targeted and arrested because they were aggressively winning Muslims to Christ. If convicted, Gulsher faces at least four years in prison.

## Police detain five suspects in church shooting

**SARGODHA:** Pakistani police have detained five Muslim militants for their alleged involvement in a shooting spree at a Presbyterian Church, which killed at least one woman and injured several worshippers.

The suspects allegedly opened fire on 2 March during a lent prayer service of the church located in the village of Singowali, in District Gujranwala

Gujranwala Police arrested five Muslim church shooters but it is believed that at least four other assailants responsible for the shooting at Singowali Presbyterian Church are still at large. Police officials were not immediately available for comment.

## Christian Officer awarded Tamgha-e-Basalat posthumously



**ISLAMABAD:** The late Major Sarmas Rauf was decorated with the gallantry award of Tamgha-e-Basalat by the

Government, on Pakistan Day - 23rd March 2009.

Major Sarmas was killed on 13 September 2007 while fighting bravely against militants in the Wanna area. Our prayers and condolences go to his wife Mrs. Asther Sarmas and their children.

## Saudi Authorities Release Christian Blogger

**RIYADH:** According to the UK-based Middle East Concern, Hamoud Saleh Al-Amri, a 28 year-old Saudi national imprisoned in January for writing in his blog about his decision to follow Jesus, was released by the Saudi authorities on March 28, 2009. He has been banned from travelling outside Saudi Arabia or appearing in media.

"Hamoud was arrested on 13 January 2009 and detained at the infamous Eleisha political prison in Riyadh," said a news release from Middle East Concern. "He had written in his blog of his decision to leave Islam to follow Jesus, and had also been critical of the judicial system in his country, highlighting corruption and human rights abuses. This was the third time that Hamoud had been detained, having been held for nine months in 2004 and for one month in 2008.

Following the latest arrest, the Saudi authorities blocked access to his blog [www.christforsaudi.blogspot.com](http://www.christforsaudi.blogspot.com), inside Saudi Arabia. Google then locked the blog, for what they claimed was a technical violation of their terms of service, before restoring it on 5 February 2009 following public pressure.

## Kinnaird College, Lahore imposes ban on jeans after alleged threats

**LAHORE:** Kinnaird College (KC) administration has banned the students from wearing jeans or other tight dresses in the wake of possible terrorist threats. The college has imposed a strict dress code that only allows students to wear Eastern dresses such as shalwar kameez or loose trousers. Dupatas have been made mandatory.

Vice Principal Nighat Khan said the measures were in line with a government notification, and had no connection with rumors about burqa-clad women issuing warnings to students. She said jeans and tight dresses were banned on college premises since years. Students reported an atmosphere of fear after the introduction of rules that barred students from wearing dresses of their choice.

## Christian Officer appointed Vice Chief of Indian Army



**NEW DELHI:** Lieutenant General Noble Thamburaj assumed the office of Vice Chief of the Army staff

During his career, the General has held many important assignments including that of a Brigade Major of a Mountain Brigade, command of 411 Parachute Field Company, command of his parent unit 109 Engineer Regiment in high altitude area in the eastern region. He commanded a Rashtriya Rifle sector in counter Insurgency environment during "Operation VIJAY" and an infantry division during "Operation PARAKRAM", in deserts.

Besides, he has been an instructor in Defence Services Staff College Officers Training Academy, Chennai. A paratrooper, the General still participates in the para drops whenever opportunity comes his way. For his distinguished service, the General has been awarded Sena Medal and Chief

of the Army Staff commendation card twice in his career.

In his career spanning 39 years, the General has seen action during Indo-Pak war, counter insurgency in North East and Jammu and Kashmir. The General and his wife Anita have two daughters.

## New Coalition of Minorities formed in Pakistan

**FAISALABAD:** Under the leadership of former Member National Assembly (MNA) Simon Jacob Gill, a new coalition was formed. The United Minorities Pakistan (UMP) is a coalition of political parties, human rights activists and individuals from all religious minorities of Pakistan.

Speaking at the UMP's Central Executive Committee Meeting, Gill said the coalition's agenda was to fight for equal rights, religious tolerance, right of double vote, amendments in discriminatory laws, representation of minorities in senate and a minimum 20% addition of minorities seats. He said that every Pakistani without exception, irrespective of belief, cast and color and creed was an equal citizen of the country.

The UMP urged the right of dual vote electoral system in which the minorities have the right to elect their own candidates by their vote, and at the same time, cast votes to elect general candidates as well.

The Canadian representative of the UMP is Mr. Kenneth Mall who can be contacted at 647-882-9900.

## Pakistan Approves Five Percent Job Quota for all Minorities

The Federal cabinet in its session on 20 May 2009 agreed to allocate five percent job quota for minorities in all Government / Federal services, autonomous bodies, public corporations and companies of Federal Government. This reservation will also apply to the posts to be filled through the CSSP examination.

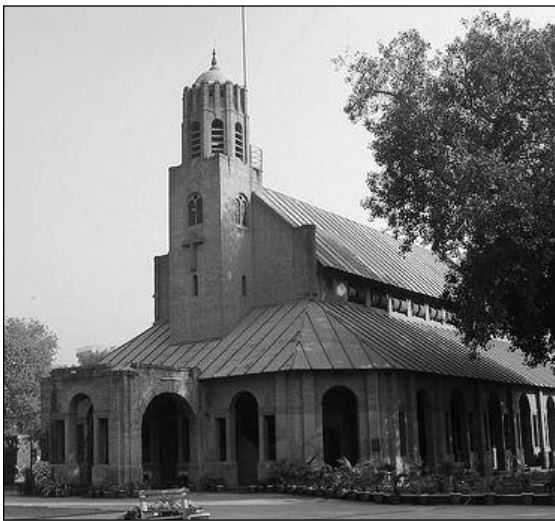
## St. Andrew's Church, Lahore closed down for Ringing Its Bells

**LAHORE:** Authorities for Pakistan Railway have confiscated a church building in Lahore after Muslim leaders complained about the church ringing its bells and using loudspeakers to call Christians to prayer. St. Andrew's Church was seized on 28

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**St. Andrew's Church, Lahore**

April 2009, and Christian employees of the Railway have been protesting the confiscation of their church property vehemently for the last several weeks.

The Church Committee said that the authorities had originally granted Christians written permission to use the building on Sundays for worship services. However, when the church began using its bells and loudspeakers to invite Christians to morning

and evening prayer services, Muslim leaders complained that the church was interfering with their five-times a day call to prayer and thus insulting Islam.

On 28 April, Christians arrived at the church to find the doors sealed shut with a notice prohibiting anyone from entering the building. Christians responded by conducting a hunger strike and demonstrating in front of the Lahore Press Club for the next several days.

At the last report, this situation had not been resolved, and Muslim officers were instead trying to obtain permission to demolish the church so they could build another mosque. Christian leaders are also being threatened with prosecution under Pakistan's infamous Blasphemy Laws.

Please contact the director of public relations for Pakistan Railway, Mrs Durre Shahwar and ask that St. Andrew's Church be re-opened immediately.

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Phone: +92-042-9201778.  
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# International Christian AWAZ meets with Pakistani Consul General

**On 4 May 2009, a delegation led by Shadab Khokhar, Chair, International Christian AWAZ, Canada met with Mr. Tasadduq Hussain, Consul General of Pakistan, in Toronto.**

At their meeting the delegation discussed the present situation of fear, intimidation and religious harassment of the Christians living in Pakistan. The recent wave of Talibanism, their version of Islamization and the systematic persecution of Christians living in Pakistan was brought to the attention of the Consul General. "The recent wave of systematic persecution is an issue of great concern to Canadians of Pakistani Christian background living across Canada", said Khokhar.

The delegation stressed the fact that the Pakistani Christian community living abroad is extremely sensitive to the troubled situation in Pakistan. "We as a Christian community want to support the government of Pakistan to free Pakistan from the strengthening grip of the Taliban across Pakistan. Every Pakistani - Muslim, Sikh, Hindu or Christian is a victim of Taliban style Islamization", said Shadab

Khokhar. "The economically weak and politically powerless Christians living in Pakistan look up to the



**The Awaz delegation: (L to R) Pastor Carol Patrick, Mr. Akhtar Din, Mr. Shadab Khokhar (Chair AWAZ), Pakistani Consul General Tassaduq Hussein, Mrs. Grace Khairullah, Mr. Samson Marcus and the Rev. Wilson Nazim**

government to provide security and the freedom to practice their faith", Khokhar added.

The Consul General was receptive and sensitive to the feelings of the Canadian Pakistani Christians and promised to pass on the concerns of the delegation and greater community to the concerned ministry in Islamabad.



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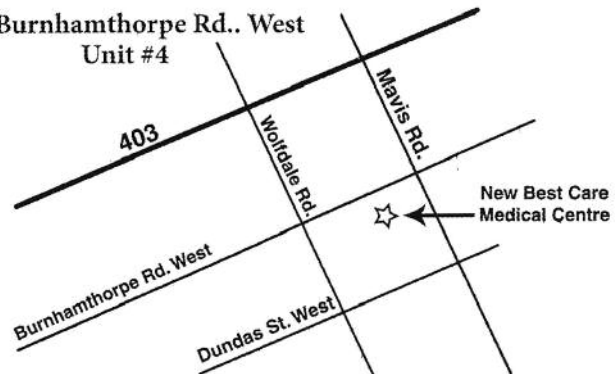
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# Profiling our Nurses and the Work They Do



## Mahnaz Dinshaw:



Mahnaz Dinshaw:

Mahnaz Dinshaw practiced nursing at one of the main hospitals in Tucson, Arizona. After she married Keno Dinshaw and created a life in Mississauga, she passed her Canadian nursing examination and was permitted to practice nursing in Ontario. After the birth of their son, Kevin Isaiah Dinshaw in 2004, she became a stay at home Mom, but eventually returned to the nursing profession in 2005.

Mahnaz is now a Registered Nurse in Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga and works in the surgical unit. She is responsible for the care of patients who have come out of surgery (post recovery room). Mahnaz is the daughter of the Amjad (late) and Nasreen Najmuddin of Tucson Arizona and the daughter-in-law of Kalvin and Eileen Dinshaw of Mississauga.

## Susan Somers:



Susan Somers:

Susan's nursing career started in 1993 when she graduated from Sheridan College and won the Award for Excellence in Gerontology. She was hired right from school onto the cardiac ward at The Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. After a year of working on the cardiac ward, she floated to the emergency department for a night shift. After a brief orientation she fell in love with the unpredictability of the work and the adrenaline rush of life and death emergencies.

Susan spent the next 6 years working in the Emergency Department. She enjoyed the constant emergencies so much, that she went to work for an international air ambulance company. She enjoyed being on call- not knowing to which part of the world she would be called - to bring a sick or injured Canadian back home so they could

receive Canadian standard health care and be close to loved ones.

She later became a Corporate Health Nurse for Canada's largest telecommunications company. She now promotes health and wellness for employees as well as assisting doctors with their primary care practice. The job itself is a lot of fun and she enjoys having a combination of regular patient care as well as meeting new patients. Susan never realized that when she graduated, nursing had so many different opportunities to offer. Susan is Rex Samuels' granddaughter.

## Sarah Hayat Khan:



Sarah Hayat Khan:

Sarah was just 12 when she came to Canada from Pakistan. At that time she never imagined she would be where she is today. After completing High School she had no idea which career path to choose. After having numerous conversations with her parents they finally convinced her to go into nursing.

After completing her first clinical she came home and told her parents she would never go back. But she did go back and graduated from Nursing School last year.

2008 was an amazing year for Sarah. In addition to her graduation, she got engaged, and began working in a hospital as well as a nursing home. Her decision to work at a nursing home was based on her close affiliation with her father's aunt who had no surviving relatives and was in a nursing home at the time. This gave Sarah the opportunity to visit her nearly everyday.

Nursing is a physically and mentally challenging job which requires patience, respect, and a knack of looking at each patient as an individual having different needs and character. A smile and a word of love go much farther than any medication.

Sarah knows this is what she was always meant to do. They say "Once a Nurse, Always a Nurse. She totally believes that's who she was destined to be...a nurse.

## Pushpa Massey:

Marion Pushpalata Massey was the daughter of a physician in India who turned to nursing as a profession so she could help others. She studied Nursing and Midwifery for four years in a mission hospital in Uttar Pradesh and worked for six years at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi.



Pushpa Massey:

After getting married and birthing her son, Alex, she moved to Canada in 1967 to join her husband, Charles Massey. After passing her nursing exam she began work as a Registered Nurse at the Trillium Hospital in Mississauga; joining the forces of many working mothers.

After settling in, she soon gave birth to her daughter, Angel. Although times were hard as a first generation Canadian, she enjoyed her profession and her independence. She was highly committed to ensuring that her work as a mother and as a nurse was of the highest degree. After thirty years of service, she finally retired as a Neurosurgery ICU nurse in 1997 and now spends her time enjoying her grandchildren, gardening and travelling.

## Gulnaz Velasco:

Gulnaz Velasco is currently working as an RN in the Brampton Civic Hospital.

After graduating from Mayo Hospital in Lahore, she moved to Abu Dhabi, where she worked for eight years in the Mafraq General Hospital. During this time, she got married and had two daughters.

She moved to Canada in 1995 and in 1997 began working as an R.N with the Medical and Nephrology Unit at Centenary Hospital in Scarborough. In 2004, the family moved to Brampton and Gulnaz got hired by the Brampton Civic Hospital. She worked for a few years in the General Medicine and Nephrology unit.

At the beginning of this year she joined the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Intensive Care Unit. Gulnaz enjoys



Gulnaz Velasco:

working with children and teenagers. Gulnaz has never regretted going into the nursing profession because it gives her the opportunity to help many individuals and the patients under her care.

## Jasmine Samuels:

Jasmine graduated from the nursing program at 7th day Adventist Hospital in Karachi and registered with the Pakistan Nursing Council in 1976.

After migrating to Canada, she started her nursing career as an RN at the Centenary Hospital and at a retirement home. She later opted for long-term care nursing. Since 1990, she has been working in different positions within this field.

She later completed her studies in gerontology/geriatrics from Humber College, Etobicoke where she also



Jasmine Samuels

studied advanced nursing, foot care, diabetic foot care and caring for Alzheimer's patients.

Currently, Jasmine works with India Rainbow Adult Day Centre as a geriatric health educator, managing monthly clinics for seniors; educating and empowering seniors in the area of self-care, health and chronic disease management. She is also preparing to take her Masters degree in Geriatric Nursing, specializing in East Asian Aging in North America.

Jasmine is registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario and a member of RNAO.

# The Trams of Karachi

Owais Mughal



**A tram on Bunder Road (now called Mohammad Ali Jinnah Road) near Max Denso Hall area. This photo is circa 1900**

There was a time when residents of Karachi were accustomed to seeing trams running all over the city center. It was one of the most popular means of conveyance in the city. Today, only a handful of photos, a few landmarks and memories of trams remain.

If you talk to any one who lived in Karachi up to 1975, they will talk about the tramways in nostalgic terms. The network was closed down in 1975 after traffic congestion in the Saddar area was causing traffic accidents involving trams. Older trams were proving difficult to maintain. What happened to the rolling stock and infrastructure is anybody's guess. I remember taking rides in trams with my father as well as seeing the left over tram tracks which were left to rust on Saddar roads until the 1980's.

The history of Karachi tramway spans 90 years (1885-1975). It owes its origin to the Municipal Secretary and Engineer, James Strachan who first conceived the idea for a Karachi Tramway. In 1881, Mr. Edward Mathews of London submitted the tender for building this tramway network. It took until 1883 to complete all the formalities and to get Government permission to use steam as the locomotive power for the trams. Actual construction work started in October 1884.

On April 10, 1885 the first tram line in Karachi was opened for public traffic. The track extended from present day Jinnah (then Napier Mole) bridge to Keamari. An imposing

ceremony was held on this occasion. All these people were transported to Keamari and then back to Scotch Church (St. Andrew's Church) on a convoy of steam locomotives, using the tramway track which they were going to inaugurate. The marquees of the project had been erected at the Scotch Church. Refreshments were given to the attendees here and Commissioner Sindh in his speech pointed out that Karachi Tramway was the "first steam tramway in Western India." He also pointed out that the tramway was going to be used for passenger as well as freight service.

The tramway was needed for freight service as the Karachi Port was not deep enough in those days. Ships were anchored at present day Keamari area and freight was brought to Merewether Pier (present day Jinnah Bridge/Native Jetty area) by small boats. For this purpose some tram rails were laid in the godowns of several companies and also along the jetty, so that grain could be transported directly from their warehouses to the boat's side.

In 1886, steam powered trams got replaced by horse driven tramways. This provided great satisfaction to city residents because steam engines proved to be too noisy in the residential and commercial areas. The frequency of steam trams was once every 15 minutes in busy areas and that made the residents quite uneasy because of the noise. After horse trams were introduced, steam trams were relegated to shunting in depots only

whereas light one-horse tram cars took their place on Karachi roads.

Horse trams were much cheaper to operate compared to steam locomotives fired with coke. The coke had to be shipped from England at great expense, as Karachi could not afford any supplies, and in Bombay local demands required the whole output of the gas works. To date, one can see remnants of water troughs near Max Denso Hall area as well as in Saddar which were originally built to feed and provide water to the tram horses.

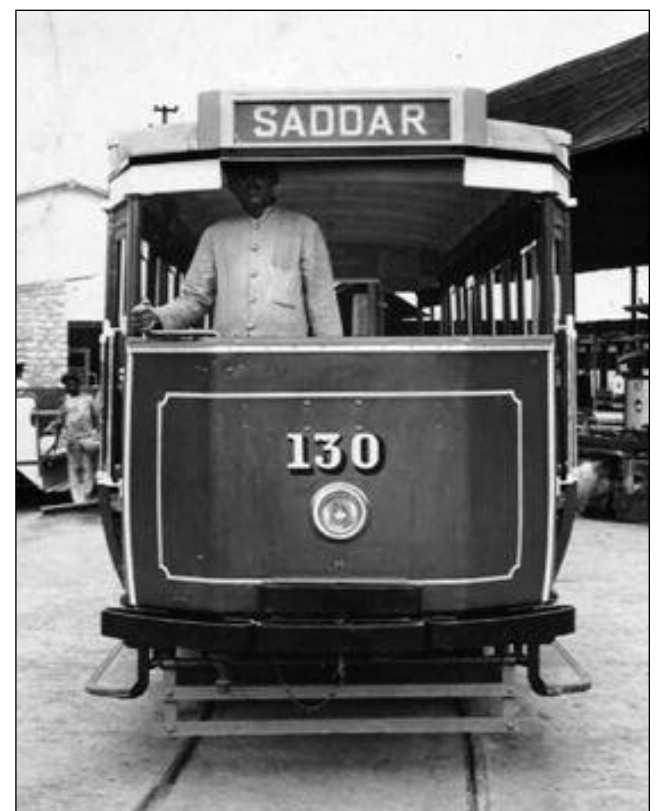
Very soon horse driven tramways became bigger than ever. Some carriages were converted to light railways and the tramway started moving not only passengers but freight across the city by using petrol engines. The career of Karachi tramway for freight business was short lived. Regular railways took over the freight business on the route from Napier Mole Bridge (now Jinnah Bridge) to Keamari.

In 1949, the whole system of Karachi tramway was sold to the Mohamedali Tramways Company (MTC). The tram company was bought by a Karachi resident Mr. Sheikh Mohammad Ali. MTC continued to operate the trams until its final closure in 1975.

In 1909 horse drawn trams were shut down and replaced by petrol driven trams. Petrol trams had a capacity of 46 passengers each and could run up to

speeds of 18 mph. Tracks were re-laid for petrol driven trams. Initially, two petrol-engine tramcars were built and tested in England before entering service in Karachi. These cars were the joint design of John Abbott and his son John Dixon Abbott, incorporating the Dixon-Abbott patent gearbox. By 1955, the number of petrol driven trams had risen up to 64.

Karachi's trams did not fare well in next few years. The service and cleanliness seem to have deteriorated. On 30 April 1975, Karachi's Tramways closed down its operation permanently.



**One of Karachi's trams**



**A horse driven tram The photo is taken outside Karachi Cantonment Railway Station circa 1900**

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# How the First Locomotive Reached Lahore by sea, river, bullocks, and elephants

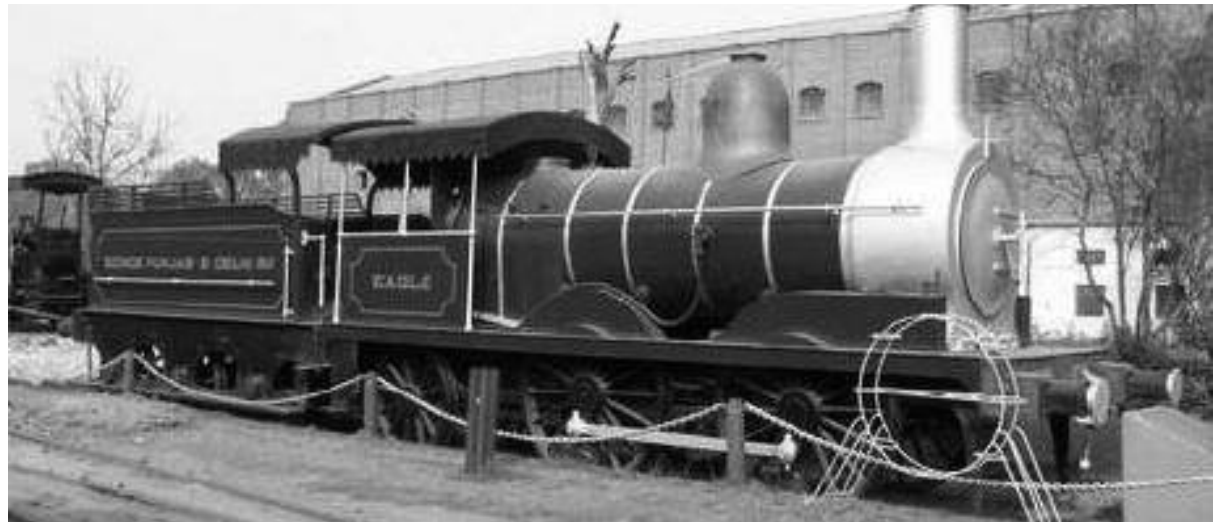
Owais Mughal

**Lahoris saw a railway locomotive for the first time in their city in March 1862. At that time Lahore was connected via railway to Amritsar and rest of the India but not to the port city of Karachi. The Lahore-Amritsar line though complete, was not inaugurated yet. It was to be inaugurated later on 10 April 1862. Karachi being the closest port to Lahore was used to import the first locomotive.**

From Karachi, this locomotive was shipped to Lahore via the river system. It was a long and slow journey. The locomotive was shipped from Karachi's port at Keamari to Kotri (located at western bank of Indus) by train. At Kotri it was transferred to a steam boat of the Indus Steam Flotilla Company.

To get an idea of how slow the transportation system was as compared to present day; it usually took 34 days for steam boats to bring freight from Kotri to Multan (700km) via the rivers Indus and Chenab. Since this locomotive had to be transported further north, it must've taken even longer. The steam boat finally brought the locomotive up through Indus and Ravi. At Lahore it was received on the banks of the river Ravi.

From the banks of Ravi the locomotive was brought into the city where a gathering of city notables and awam was arranged near the present day chauburji. Since there were no railway tracks laid out from the banks of Ravi to chauburji, the locomotive was pulled on Lahore streets by 102 bullocks and pushed from the back by two elephants. This event of the first



**The oldest surviving locomotive in Pakistan. It is named as 'Eagle' and it was built in 1876 in England. It is now placed outside Moghalpura Workshops, Lahore**

locomotive appearance in Lahore was captured by the Lahore Chronicle of March 1862 in the following words:

“Wednesday last was a great day in Lahore, and one that will be long remembered as the commencement of a new era in the Punjab. On the afternoon of that day, the bulk of the European residents and a large portion of the native inhabitants of the city assembled near the beautiful, but partially ruined gateway, known as the ‘Char Burj’ of the Multan Road, where tents had been erected for the ladies with a band in attendance.

After about half an hour, a roar of many voices proclaimed the approach of a strange creature that was to astonish the natives. Immediately afterwards, a monster made its appearance in the form of a steam locomotive. But humiliating to say, instead of

bounding along with the speed of lightning by its own power, it was being dragged at a snail's pace by one hundred and two bullocks, and pushed by two elephants.

The tender (of the locomotive) followed, dragged and propelled by about the same number of animals. The excitement exhibited by the crowds of Sikhs, Hindoos, Mussalmans, Afghans and other races, was great while their expressions of wonder on beholding the machine, the curiosity they displayed regarding its use, and the observations they made to each other on the subject, were as interesting as they were singular”.



## The Power of Music

Jessica Masih

**Music is the source of our finest moments, the joy of love, the clarity of hatred and the ecstasy of grief, music rules us all, and we obey. What other choice do we have? If we could live without music, maybe we'd know some kind of peace, but we would be hollow, empty rooms, shuttered and dank, without music we'd be truly dead.**

Music comes in many genres; there are many artists, and everyone has their own interpretation of the music that they listen to. Music touches everyone in different ways, it can make you happy, and excited, but it can also make you sad, and depressed. Music is something most people can't live without, even deaf people who can't hear the music but can only feel the vibration of the beat. Some of the best musicians in the world were deaf, like, Ludwig van Beethoven, composer, Robert Franz and DJ Spencer Collins, also known as, DJ Harcor.

Music is a part of our daily life; it's something no one can escape, even if they wanted to. You get in the car and there's the radio, you going into a store or a shopping centre, there is music, you watch a film or a television show, there is a soundtrack, and now because of the invention of portable music devices, you can take music where ever you go, whether you are going to work out, or going on a road trip, walking to the store, or even sitting on the bus, music surrounds us everywhere we turn now.

Music has helped me personally in my own life, and to be perfectly honest I am always listening to music in some shape,

way or form. When ever I am down and need cheering up, I turn on a certain set of songs, when I go to sleep there are songs that help me relax and unwind, when I need to think about things, I put music on close my eyes and let my mind run its thoughts. Actually, I decided to write this article while listening to music. I am actually listening to music as I write this. It can inspire anyone to do anything, that's the effect music has on people. Sometimes people have rough times in their lives, and music pulls them through whatever situation you find yourself in music can always find a way of turning your mood around, I know it helped me through some tough times in my life, especially one particular band, and if you know me, you know which band, but I will prevent myself from any further embarrassment.

Just take a moment for yourself, and think how much music is a part of your life. How often do you listen to it, do you think life would be the same without it, would life be worth living? Ask yourself if music has ever helped you, and gotten you through the day. Ask yourself just how important music is to you, and you will discover that music has the ability to make a difference in anyone's life. If you think about it, you will realize just how important music is in life.

“Let the music heal your soul, let the music take control, and let the music give you the power to move mountains...”



### A Promotion to the Rank of Major General

Congratulations to Brigadier **Noel Israel Khokhar** on his recent promotion to the rank of Major General. Born in Lahore and schooled at St Anthony's High School and Forman Christian College, Khokhar joined the Pakistan Army in 1976 and was commissioned in an artillery unit in 1980 which he later commanded.

He served in a variety of command and staff positions as well as with the United Nations. He also served as instructor in Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, Command Staff College Quetta and the National Defence University in Islamabad.

He is married to Aksa, daughter of Joyce and Iven Anwar. The Khokhars have a son, Zohair who is a student in University of Waterloo and two daughters Elishma and Maresha. He is the brother of Angela David.



**Major General Noel Khokhar**

# ❖ Book Reviews

## Margaret in Search of Herself and other plays

Author: Janice Goveas

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Reviewed by Sheniz Janmohammad

**Reading a collection of plays may seem tedious or uninteresting to some, but Janice Goveas's *Margaret in Search of Herself and Other Plays* is not one of those collections. A fascinating, enjoyable read, '*Margaret in Search of Herself and Other Plays*' takes the reader on a journey inside the mindset of many a conflicted character. From Margaret, a confused and wonderfully defiant woman, to Akbar, a cultured intellectual blinded by the pain and tradition, Goveas manages to create nuanced, believable characters.**

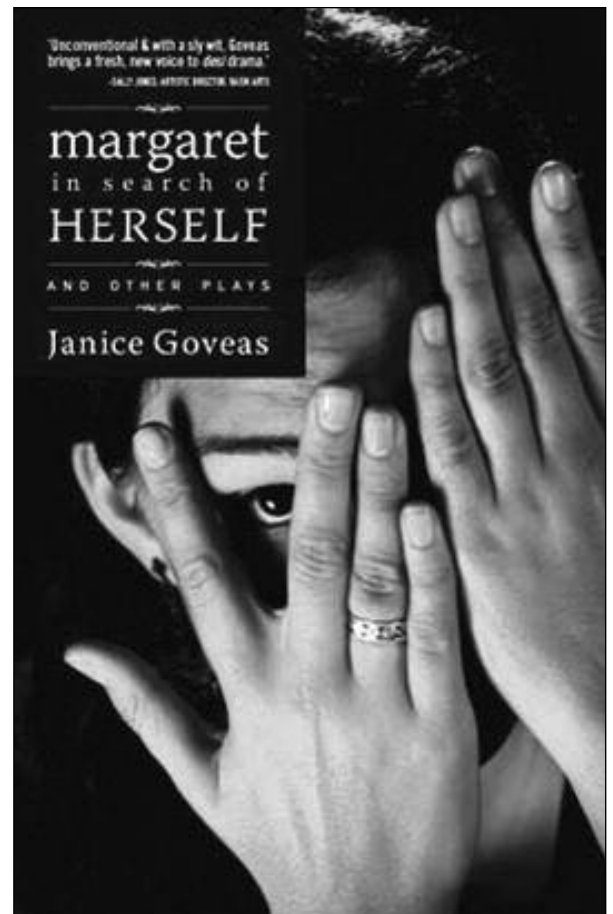
Goveas' strength lies in her insights and observations of human behavior. She knows how to provoke her characters, she knows how they would respond to a question, she sees every expression and gesture. What is lovely about the collection is that it carries just as much

weight on the page as it would on the stage, which is a feat very few playwrights can achieve.

Each play is strikingly different, and has its own charm. The most complex play is "*Margaret in Search of Herself*", which takes an intimate look at a woman's relationship with her parents, herself, and the men she loves (and loathes). Sometimes you admire Margaret, sometimes you're disgusted by her—but that is what makes her authentic.

"*Philomena across Time*" is a disturbing look at spousal abuse and its ramifications. Instead of giving the characters names, Goveas provides us with their ages. This is an interesting and effective technique because it suggests that the victims of abuse are often depicted as statistics, not individuals.

My personal favorite is "*Dinner with Akbar*", a poignant exploration of the relationship between a father and daughter. Unlike many popular representations of South Asian dads, Goveas manages to provide the reader with a more realistic character: A father who loves and cares for his daughter, but is hurting from his own past, constantly grasping at the roots he's left behind, regretting who he is in the present, nostalgic about the person he once was. Instead of taking the easy way out or dishing out 'happy endings', Goveas leaves the reader with questions, and forces us to think more deeply about our own relationships and perceptions.



If you want to read a collection of poignant plays, Goveas' *Margaret in Search of Herself and Other Plays* is the collection. I can only hope that the plays will be staged, so I can see Goveas' characters come to life.

## THE SHACK

Author: William Paul Young

Reviewed by Don Joshua

**This book has been on the best seller list not perhaps because it is well-crafted – the number of clichés used is detracting – but perhaps because the author tackles two difficult topics, the death of a child and the concept of Trinity, with refreshing candor and some originality.**

After suffering the violent death of his daughter, Mack the main character in the book, is invited to meet the Triune God in a shack associated with his daughter's death.

The Holy Trinity is represented by "two women and a man and none of them are white". This may be because the author wanted to show the universality of God. God the Father is a big Black woman with a sense of humour who is pre-occupied with preparing meals. God the Son is a Middle Eastern laborer who jokes about walking on the water and gets excited seeing a trout. God the Holy Spirit is a small Asian woman, a little unworldly and as Mack said, "walking behind her was like tracking a sunbeam". Some readers may find the concept of humanizing the Trinity a

bit flippant but remember that this is an allegory.

In the conversations with the three persons of the Deity, there are some nuggets which can be found. Like many people who have suffered abuse or hurt in their lives, Mack was choked with anger, hate and guilt. He felt anger towards his abusive father; hated the killer of his daughter; and felt guilty that he had not been able to protect her. This was his Great Sadness. In order to get over it he had to learn to forgive - his father, the child killer and himself. As God explains to Mack, "forgiveness is not about forgetting. It is about letting go another person's throat" and to allow that person to be redeemed.

This is a story of tragedy and redemption but mostly it is about love, which is the nature of God and is defined as "living in a state of perpetual satisfaction." The God of Love has many children and each one of them is unique. As God tells Mack, "I don't love any one of them more than any of the others. I love each one differently." When Mack is asked to be the judge and choose which two of his

five children he would assign to hell, he balks. Pleading, he begs, "Could I go instead? If you need someone to torture for eternity, I'll go in their place". Happily Mack was told, "You have judged them worthy of your love, even if it costs you everything. That is how Jesus loves."

In another passage Mack talks about what it means to be a Christian and is taken aback when Jesus tells him not to fret about it since "I am not a Christian". He explains that there are people who are Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims, Jews or Palestinians and "I have no desire to make them Christian" but Jesus is willing to join them and help in their transformation into faithful sons and daughters. He says, "I will travel any road to find you".

Salvation is there for every child of God, and it is worth remembering that the Bible only talks of condemnation "if you deny me"; which presupposes knowledge of Christ. As followers of Christ we need to witness to others and let the Holy Spirit transform people on



The Shack

to the right road and into the way of salvation.

In this book the strongest character appears to be Mack's wife Nan, but there are only indirect references to her in the beginning. This is not a knock, just an observation. Nan does appear at the end when she informs Mack that his accident took place on a Friday not Sunday evening. The reader is then left wondering whether the episode at the shack was a hallucination while Mack was in a comatose condition, or real. The last chapter in the book addresses this dilemma.

Not all of us reading this book will be as profoundly affected as those whose glowing reviews appear on the back cover but reading it one can relate to the dictum that if "our hurts come through relationships, so will our healing."

# ❖ Community News

❖ A COMPILATION OF HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY BY PRIOBALA KHAN ❖

Summer is here, with the birds, the green trees and the sweet scented breeze. You smell the food as families gather around their barbecues, people strolling in the park, children playing and gardeners working. It is said that gardening is the best exercise for stress. As you garden, you are healed- body, heart and soul.

June is also a month of graduation ceremonies at many universities and schools. We always request young graduates to send us their pictures, so that we can all share in their achievements but very few respond. We congratulate all new graduates. These are difficult times and it is hard to find jobs but we hope and pray you will not get disappointed.

Wishing you all the best.

## ❖ New Arrivals:



**Gabriel Eric Samuel**

**Gabriel Eric Samuel**, son of Neal and Aiza, grandson of Faithful and Jasmine Samuel and Noel and Rebecca Veigas, was baptized on Sunday 19 April 2009 at the Church of Our Saviour in Don Mills. The godparents were Jessica and Samir Tikaram (Neal's sister and brother in law) and Miriam and Zenas Salik (Aiza's sister and brother in law).

After the service family and friends gathered for lunch at Piacere Ristorante in Woodbridge, Ontario. What a delightful afternoon it was, meeting uncles, aunts, grandparents and family friends. The selection of Italian food was a great choice. The guest of honor, little Gabriel could not taste the food but delighted every one with his smile, not knowing what all the noise and laughter was about. God grant the little one all the blessings of His love.

The invitation came from his parents, Sunita and Michael Henriques, to witness the baptism of their firstborn **Marcus Michael Henriques** on 3 May 2009. It was so beautiful that I would like to quote from it "Miracle of miracles; come close and see whom



**Marcus Henriques with parents Mike and Sonita**

God has sent, with all His Love to bless this family". Marcus was baptized at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, in Mississauga. Godfather, John Utarid (Uncle) and godmother, Eva Damagla (Sunita's friend) along with his proud parents and very proud first time grandmother, Shama Khem Chand (unfortunately the grand father, Dilip KhemChand, was in the hospital) and many members of the family and friends were present to bless and witness the baptism. Earlier, guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at Tandoori Flame Restaurant in Brampton. There were many dishes of food to choose from and everyone had a wonderful time, mingling and enjoying the food.



**Noah with his mother Jane**

Jonathan and Jane Bruin were blessed with their first born on 16 April 2009 at Lynden, Washington, USA. **Noah Qayyim Emmanuel** was baptized on 10 May 2009. Noah means peace and comfort, Qayyim means firmly rooted or established and Emmanuel means peace and comfort. What a beautiful name. His parents Jane and Jonathan are missionaries in Senegal, West Africa. They are young, dedicated missionaries doing a wonderful job there. Jane is the daughter of Ernest (Pinky) and Christina Manuel, niece of Maud Dias and (late) Shaukat (Manuel) Paul. Jane met Jonathan at The famous Calvin Christian College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Many students come to this college from all over the world to study Theology. It is a renowned Seminary. Our heartiest congratulations to the parents, grandparents, Ernest and Christiana (Lynden, Washington) and Jack and Vivian Bruin (Grand Rapids)

Jane, Jonathan and Noah will be returning to South Africa in September. Please remember them in your prayers. This will be Noah's first visit to South Africa.



**Samuel Lucas Joshua**

Congratulations to Michael and Annie Joshua who were blessed with a son, **Samuel Lucas Joshua** on 26 January 2009 at the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Oakville, Ontario. Little Hannah was thrilled to have a little brother to hold and hug. Dada Don and Daadi Dainty have been busy looking after the new arrival in their family. They invited their family and some friends to introduce their grandson to the rest of the Joshua clan at Christ Church, Brampton. Although too small as yet to know who all were there, I am sure one day he will see all the pictures of this event. Our congratulations go out to his Nana and Nani, Dada and Daadi and all uncles, aunts and cousins.



**Isaiah Pakyam**

Congratulations to Daoud and Krystal Smith Pakyam on the birth of their son **Isaiah Paul** on 6 April 2009 in Scarborough. Congratulations also go out to grandparents Paul and Shireen Pakyam.

In Vancouver BC, 3 1/2 year **Bianca Haidon** was thrilled to welcome a little sister. Her grandparents, Charlotte and Arun Ghose learnt of her arrival while waiting at Toronto airport on their way to Vancouver. Their son in law, William (Bill) Haidon received them at the airport and drove them straight to the hospital to see their new grand daughter, who arrived on 2 May 2009. Little Bianca was more excited to see her grandparents, Congratulations to the Ghose and Haidon families.

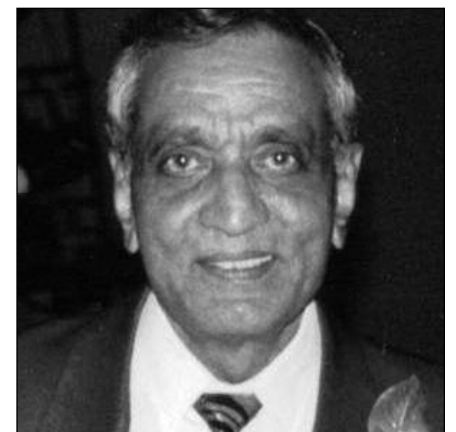
Welcome little ones, **Gabriel, Marcus, Noah, Isaiah and Samuel**. May our heavenly father always keep you in His care and grant you all the blessings of His gentle Love. Amen.

## ❖ Congratulations:



**Jane with her parents and siblings**

Congratulations to **Jane Elizabeth Sypniewski**, daughter of John Paul and Rebecca Sypniewski of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on her first communion on 3 May 2009. May God bless you and may you be a source of great blessings to your parents and family. **Rebecca Sypniewski**, Jane's mother was accepted in the first PhD program at Grand Valley University and is doing her doctorate in nursing. Congratulations Rebecca.



**Mr. Albert Ghori**

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mr. Albert Ghori** who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Best wishes from his children and grandchildren and his many friends and well wishers in the community. Special felicitations come from his daughter Joy and son-in-law Nixon Charles.

On 29 March 2008, **Zemran Luke** and **Sharon Ame** got married in

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**Zemran and Sharon with his parents- James and Rehana Luke**

Lahore, Pakistan. The wedding was attended by Zemran's parents, family members and friends of the family in Lahore.

On Friday 24 April 2009, a large number of guests were invited by the Luke family to the Woodbine Banquet and Convention Hall in Rexdale to welcome the new bride to Canada. The hall was beautifully decorated. The bride looked beautiful in her gorgeous traditional wedding langa. After waiting for a year for his bride to join him, the groom looked relaxed and happy.

Solomon Luke did an excellent job as master of ceremony for his brother. Jonathan Devia and Ambar Samuel delighted the guests with their melodious voices, Solomon and Samia's daughters, Sarah and Elisha delighted everyone with a song and prayer. Samia Luke welcomed her new sister in law to the family. The newly weds delighted their guests with a beautiful dance. It was an evening of delicious food, laughter and enjoyment. Our best wishes to the new couple as they journey through life together as husband and wife.

Congratulations to Canon Patrick and Myra Augustine on the wedding of their son, **Gibran Nasos** to **Sana Walter Massey** on Saturday 23 May 2009 at Christ Episcopal Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA. The mehndi ceremony was held on 2 May 2009 at the Concordia Ballroom. Best wishes to the new couple.

Our congratulations to Rev. Khurram and Cynthia Mehdi Khan on the marriage of their son **Shamroon** to **Mary Harris Jacob**. Friends and family members were invited to a grand reception to meet the newly weds. The reception was held at Bella Banquet Hall, Warren, Michigan, USA on Saturday 25 February 2009. There was a grand spread of Middle Eastern and Pakistani food, the hall was tastefully decorated. The exotic dessert table was a great attraction for the guests. Our best wishes to the newly weds.



**Kristine Velasco**

Congratulations to **Kristine Velasco** on her 17th birthday. Family and friends gathered at her parent's home to celebrate her birthday. Pastor Peter Paul blessed Kristine and prayed for her future life. Scrumptious food and lovely Filipino drinks were served to the guests.

On 17 May 2009, family, friends and well wishers gathered in Scarborough to celebrate **Eva Pakyam's** 50th birthday. It was a fun filled afternoon with tributes from her children, mother and other childhood friends. This was followed by a great dinner. Additional congratulations to Eva on



**Eva Pakyam**

her recent marriage to Clarence Martis of California. We wish them health and happiness in the years to come.



## ❖ Condolences:

**“What a day that will be**

**When my Jesus comes to me**

**I will look into the face of the one  
who saved me by His grace.**

**In His presence I'll stand as  
He welcomes me into the  
promised land.**

**For I know with the  
Lord I'll ever be.**

**What a glorious day for me”.**

“Philip R. Drogich.”

When I read these words I wanted to share them with all who have recently lost a dear one.

12 April 2009 in Jehlum. Our condolences and prayerful support to the Dean family at this time.



**Mary Almas**

**Mary Almas**, wife of Suleman Almas of Stuttgart Germany, passed away on 29 April 2009 after a seven year battle with cancer. She was 58 years old, the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gill of Lahore. She leaves behind her husband Suleman and four children: Imran, Salman, Sarah and Obeid. Mary Almas was the sister in law of Javed and Catherine Jamil of Brampton.

Karachi-ites will be saddened to hear of the death of **Dorothy Brookes** wife of the late Ralph Brookes, DSP Karachi Police, who passed away in Melbourne Australia on 21 April 2009. Our sympathies go out to her sons Brian, Ian and Aubrey and their families.



**Enid Faiz**

**Mrs. Enid Faiz** of Karachi, went to be with her Lord on 8 March 2009 She was the youngest great granddaughter of Dr .I.D. Shahbaz (who translated the Zaboor into Punjabi), daughter of the Rev. I.U. Daniel, sister of the Rev. Eric Daniel and wife of Ernest Faiz. She served the Lord for many years. Her funeral service was held on 12 March 2009 at Christ Church, Drigh Road, Karachi. The next day a Thanksgiving service was held at the same church. Loving tributes were paid by her grand children, Vivian Beldev(nephew) and Collin Kamran Dost. She will be greatly missed by countless friends and family.

Mrs. Enid Faiz was blessed with 5 children, Eileen Dass(Pakistan), Anita Barnabas(Canada), Kenneth Faiz(Canada), Jennifer Dass (Pakistan) and Roseline Daniels (USA) and 13 grandchildren. Our prayers are with her family in Pakistan, Canada and USA.

Our condolences to Kenneth Innayat of Brampton whose brother **David Innayat** passed away on 2 March 2009 in Peshawar .He was 66 years old. He is survived by his wife and a son. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Margaret Bhatti** sister of Kanwal, Alfred, Javed, Jimmy Awais and Nick Dean went to be with the Lord on



**Lila John**


Condolences are also extended to the John family on the death of **Mrs. Lilla John** who passed away on 13 April 2009 after a prolonged illness. She was the mother of the late Clement John and is survived by her daughter Juanita John, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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**Mohini Hamed** of Seattle, Washington, sister of Ernest John and phupoo (aunt) of Sara Kamra of Brampton, Ontario, went in the safe arms of her Lord on 15 May 2009.

Lovingly known as Appa Shameen, she worked with All India Radio from 1938 to 1977, where she was known as "Golden Voice of Asia", a title awarded to her by BBC.

Every Sunday morning for almost 40 years, Mohini entertained the youngsters of Pakistan with her hour long children's program. In 1965 The Government of Pakistan awarded Mohini a Lifetime Achievement award.

**Hummel Cecil Kenneth John**, passed away on 2 April 2009, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his daughter Paula (wife of Andrew Wahab) and his only grand daughter Leah. Cecil was a faithful employee of Burns Foods for 36 years until his retirement in 1985. He served with the Essex Scottish as a veteran of WWII. Our prayers are with Paula and her family.

## ❖ Events and Happenings

**Behta Darya Asian Church**, will be holding a Gospel Healing Crusade and Concert in tribute to Pastor Ernest Mall on 3, 4 and 5 July 2009 at Cross Christian Reformed Church (Previously known as Second Christian Reformed Church, Brampton).

The Crusade will feature Pastor Subhash Gill, Evangelist Prem Masih Gill, Pastor Edwina Mall (Pastor



**Dr. Hizkiel Serosh**



**Hallelujah Praise and Worship Gospel Band**

Ernest's wife) with a special appearance by Monika Mall (Pastor Ernest's daughter).

**Cornerstone Asian Church** is holding Healing and Revival Meetings on 7, 8 and 9 August 2009 beginning at 6.00 pm each evening at the Mississauga City Baptist Church, 3434 Cawthra Road in Mississauga. The special speaker at this event will be Dr. Hizkiel Serosh from Pakistan. For further information please contact Pastor Peter Paul at 416-858-2264.

On 28 February 2009, the **Hallelujah Praise and Worship Gospel Band** performed their Inauguration Concert at the Kingdom Glory Ministries Worship Centre in Mississauga. The concert was sponsored by Brian Lee Anan and Kenneth Mall. The members of the band are Abiam Shad (vocals) Ahmer Kenneth (Guitar) Anthony Soshil (keyboard) Tariq Yaqoob (drums) and Noel Benjamin (Bass Guitar). Special singers included Raja Harrison, Johnson and Veena Samuels and the Kingdom Glory Worship Team. Grace Khairullah briefly shared the plight and persecution of Christians in Orissa, India. It was a spiritually uplifting evening with songs of praises both in English and Urdu. Each member of the group has been blessed with special talents and they gladly used them to glorify the Lord. Our prayer is that the band may become a source of greater achievement and a blessing to many others.

Over 250 people attended this event and were inspired with melodious songs

of praises. After the worship, guests were all entertained to a delicious dinner and fellowship.

A second Praise and Thanksgiving evening was held by the same group and sponsors on 17 May 2009. Pastor Williams opened the meeting with prayers, followed by beautiful songs of praise sung by the Kingdom Glory Worship team and the Hallelujah Worship Band. This evening was a special fund raising event for the poor and needy people of Haiti. The Governor General was unable to attend but sent a letter of apology for her absence.

About 22 seniors enjoyed the hospitality of **Raunaq and Kenneth Massey** at their home in Mississauga. The seniors were requested to fill in the forms to find out how best they can be served in their senior years. Some ideas were discussed to make this a regular event.

## ❖ Other Milestones:

Congratulations to **Jennifer Dean**, daughter of Jimmy Dean on opening a new Restaurant in Etobicoke called **The Waffle Works**.



The restaurant is located at 2451 Lakeshore Boulevard West and is ready to serve you. Please call 647-344-2020 for reservations and



**A section of the audience attending the evening**

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additional information. We congratulate the Dean family on this new venture.

**The Prison Fellowship Pakistan** was given a Peace Award by the International Council for Inter-Faith Harmony in recognition of their work in prison ministry and particularly in the area of reconciliation, victims and offenders and transformative justice. The US Consul General in Lahore presented the award to Arthur Wilson, Executive Director of Prison Fellowship Pakistan recently.



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Congratulations to **Thomas Alam Shah** (son of Lynette and Aslam Alam Shah) who passed his Certified General Accountancy (CGA) exam recently. He already has an MBA and Bachelor of Honors from McMaster University. Currently Thomas is working as a Manager Accounts Department with an American company.



**Thomas Alam Shah**

On 25 April 2009, **Dr. Jane Jawahir** of Grand Rapids, Michigan was awarded a pendant honoring her for fifty years of service as a physician. The American Medical Association also issued a press release honoring her and other physicians for their services. The Jawahirs celebrated this milestone at St. Marks Church with thanksgiving prayer and a Pakistani brunch with friends and other members of St Mark's congregation. Her husband, Dr. Vivian Jawahir was also awarded the Amazing Asian Award by the Asian Society of Grand Rapids for his medical and community services.

International Bible College, Florida, honored **Dr. Stephen Gill** with a Doctorate in Humanities for serving the cause of peace through his writings and



**Dr. Jane Jawahir celebrates her award with a thanksgiving prayer**

his poetry. The South Asian Bible Church also honored Mr. Gill with a lifetime achievement award, in recognition of his outstanding achievement as a poet of peace.

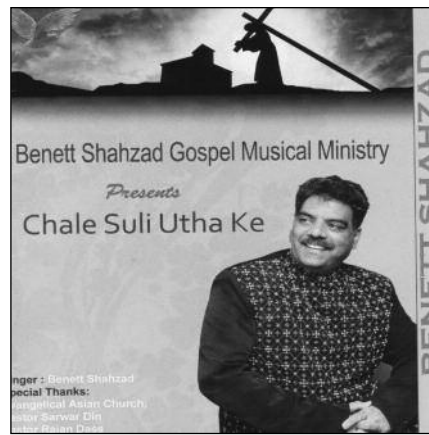
**John Utarid**, eldest son of Philip Utarid recent won the EXCEL AWARD for outstanding business to CIBC in the area of Mortgages for the year 2008. This is the second time he has won this award. Congratulations to John and the entire Utarid family.



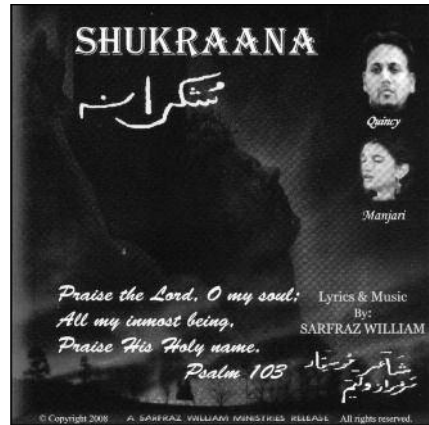
**John Utarid**

Bennet Shahzad, a popular gospel singer from Toronto released his second CD - **Chale Sulhi Utha ke** - (Walking while carrying the Cross). The disc is filled with praise and worship songs that reach out and touch the heart. Copies of the CD can be obtained by calling 416-822-8362.

Chicago based music singer and producer **Sarfraz Williams** has also launched a new CD captioned Shukraana (Thanksgiving) featuring



**Chale Sulhi Utha Ke**



**Shukraana**

local singer Quincy. This debut CD contains nine powerful songs of praise. Backed by a full orchestra, this rich musical offering can be purchased by calling 905-509-3082.

## ❖ Prayers and Thanksgiving.

We thank God :

- For Dennis Johnathan and Mumtaz Dean who had successful knee surgeries.
- For the success of Wilbert Isaac's second eye surgery but need prayers as he awaits additional surgery for his other eye which was operated earlier.
- For Mona Salik who is recovering from an appendectomy.
- For all who are sick and in need of your prayers- Harris Pikk, Dilip Khem Chand, Patience Liddle, Mrs.

Mercy Lewis, Mrs. Hakim, Mrs. Peters, David Robson, Mrs. Catherine Baldwin and others.

I hope you enjoy the summer season. Live in love and harmony with your neighbors, family and friends. Remember that holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else- you are the one who gets burned. A merry heart is like a medicine, it is soothing for your sadness and gives you joy. The most wasted day is that in which we have not laughed.

“Forgiveness is the answer to the child’s dream of miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is again made clean.” Dag Hammarskjold.



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**Katrina Robson**

Congratulations to Katrina Robson who graduated from Albany Law School with a Jurist doctorate, specializing in Tax Law and Estate Planning. Katrina has been offered a full time job with Ernst and Young in their mergers and acquisitions department. She will be starting in September of this year in New York City.

Her sister Anna Robson also graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts Honors degree majoring in history and political science. Congratulations Katrina and Anna. Congratulations also to the proud parents David and Sabrina Robson and grand parents Afzal and Beatrice. C. Khan and Shereen and Eric Robson.



**Anna Robson**

# ❖ Church Directory

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BRAMPTON

#### 1. All Peoples Church (Masihi Satsang)

11613 Bramalea Road  
Pastor: Johnson Samuel  
Phone: (905) 846-7273  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday

#### 2. First Asian Canadian Bible Church

10446 Kennedy Road N, Brampton  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday  
Rev Wilson Nazim  
Phone: 905-216-1088  
Contact: Shadab Khokhar  
(905-796-0718)

#### 3. New Covenant Church of Canada South Asian Evangelistic Ministries St. Jude's Anglican Church

1000 Central Park Dr. Brampton  
(Bramalea Rd north of Queen,  
2nd light)  
Pastor: Alexander David  
Phone: (905) 696-7590  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday

#### 4. New Apostolic Church

Clark Blvd. & Eastbourne Dr.  
Brampton  
Priest: Farooq Rahim Bakhsh/  
Jabbar J. Bazal  
Phone: (905)-790-0090  
Services: 10:30 am every Sunday

### ETOBICOKE

#### 5. Evangelical Asian Church (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church)

1579 Royal York Road, Etobicoke  
Pastor: Raj Dass  
Service 3:30 pm every Sunday

#### 6. Behta Darya Asian Church

573 Albion Rd, Etobicoke  
Pastor: Vishal Ranga Masih  
Phone: 416-741-5421  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday

### LONDON

#### 7. Asian Christian Fellowship

727 Southdale Road, London  
Contact: Mumtaz Mall  
Phone: 519-652-6978  
Services 3:30 pm every other Sunday

### MISSISSAUGA

#### 8. All Nations Bible Church

2355 Derry Road E, Unit 9&10,  
Mississauga  
Pastor: Samuel Gori  
Phone: 416-856-0751  
Services: 11am every Sunday

#### 9. Asian Christian Alliance Church

5710 Kennedy Road, Mississauga  
Pastor: Carol Patrick  
Phone: 905-230-1260 or 416-500-7249

#### 10. New Life Asian Christian Centre (Malton Baptist Church)

3415 Etude Dr. Mississauga  
Pastor: Prakash Masih  
Phone: (905) 507-1922  
Services: 4:00 pm every Sunday

#### 11. South Asian Bible Church

2355 Derry Road E, Unit 9 &10,  
Mississauga  
Pastor: Salim Arthur  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday

#### 12. Cornerstone Asian Church City Baptist Church

3434 Cawthra Road Mississauga  
Pastor: Peter Paul  
Services: 4:30 pm every Sunday

#### 13. Saroea Ministries

7406 Glamorgan Way, Mississauga  
Prayer Line: (905)564-6097  
Contact: Geoff Saroea  
E-mail: gsaroea@rogers.com

### SCARBOROUGH

#### 14. All Nations Full Gospel South Asian Church (Birkdale Community Centre)

1299 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough  
Pastor: Ruban Davis  
Services: 10:00 am every Sunday

#### 15. Eastern Kiononia Free Methodist Church St. Giles Anglican Church

35 Kecalia Dr. Scarborough  
Pastor: To be announced  
Services: 2:pm every Sunday

### TORONTO

#### 16. Church of the Lamb of God

28 Martin Ross Ave, Toronto  
Pastor: Samuel Joseph  
Phone: (416) 636-4189  
Services: 3:00 pm every Sunday

#### 17. Telegu Christian Fellowship of Canada Salvation Army Citadel

1 Lord Seaton Road, Toronto  
Services at 9 a.m and 12 noon  
Contact: Nageswar Rao Jillepalli  
Phone: (416) 665-4658

#### 18. JAM Worship Centre

410 Tapscott Road Unit 2,  
Scarborough  
Pastor: David Jamir  
Services: 2.30 pm every Sunday

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<http://bramaleabaptist.org/>  
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#### Churchill Heights Baptist Church

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#### New Life Christian Church

<http://www.celebratenewlife.com/>  
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480 Huntingwood Drive,  
Toronto, ON M1W 1G4

#### The Peoples Church

<http://www.thepeopleschurch.ca/>  
Pastor: Charles Price 416-222-3341  
374 Sheppard Avenue East  
Toronto ON M2N 3B6

#### Rexdale Alliance Church

<http://www.rexdalealliance.org/>  
Pastor: Sunder Krishnan  
416-741-1110  
2459 Islington Ave  
Etobicoke ON M9W 3X9

#### Toronto International Celebration Church

<http://www.ticc.ca/>  
Pastor: Peter Karl Youngren  
416-497-4940  
190 Railside Road  
Toronto ON M3A 1A3

#### Faith Baptist Church

[www.faithbaptist-oakville.com](http://www.faithbaptist-oakville.com)  
1415 Trafalgar Road  
Oakville ON L6H 4R7  
Pastor: Harry Toews  
Phone: 905-842-0938  
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