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## Sharing the Christmas Message in Pakistan



**Christian nurses in Pakistan** found opportunities to share the Christmas message with colleagues and others, through two events last December. Prof. Sarfraz Masih, General Secretary of NCF Pakistan, and Board member of NCFI, shared with us some details of these events.

### A Christmas Fiesta

This joyful Christmas celebration, was attended by both Christian and Muslim students. It was organized for the first time by Christian students of different International departments of The University of Lahore on December 17, 2022.

Sarfraz Masih, who is an Associate Professor & Lead Office of Outreach Activities at Lahore School of Nursing, University of Lahore, was invited as a guest.

The program began with prayer led by a Christian Student. Ms. Annie then welcomed the audience and shared about the celebration of a Christmas program on account of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus was presented in a Role Play by students, led by Mr. Habroon Shahzad. This impressive performance was lauded by the audience. Worship was led by Mr. Joy, a vocal or rockstar student of The University of Lahore. A Christmas cake cutting was carried out by Prof. Sarfraz Masih along with students of the organizing committee.

Mr. Nigal, the moderator for the program thanked the top leadership of the University for facilitating the students for organizing the Christmas program at University level. He also thanked Prof. Sarfraz Masih for his presence and gracing the event

as a guest, and expressed appreciation for the presence of the audience of different departments of the University. Following the program, high tea was served in cafeteria.

### NCF Punjab Branch Celebration

The Nurses Christian Fellowship Punjab Branch of NCF Pakistan organized a successful Christmas celebration program in December. It was held at United Christian Hospital (UCH), Lahore, Pakistan and attended by Christian nurse leaders, nurses and nursing students from different organizations, from different cities of Punjab province of Pakistan.

Taking part in the program were nurse leaders, lecturers and students, from different nursing educational institutes from Lahor.

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UCH Pastor Amjad, commenced the program with prayer, followed by an introduction by Prof. Sarfraz Masih Associate Professor & Lead Office of Outreach Activities, Lahore School of Nursing, University of Lahore, who welcomed the dignitaries and audience. Sarfraz is also the NCF Punjab Branch Coordinator/General Secretary of NCF Pakistan, and a member of the International Board of NCFI.

A highlight of the program was a Christmas Symbols Presentation led by Ms. Zarah, (Lecturer) along Ms. Carol (BSN student), Ms. Roma Javaid (BSN student), Mr. Sadaqat Aftab (MSN student) and Mr. Nabeel Anwer (Lecturer).

A workshop segment was led by Ms. Surriya Shahid, Joint General Secretary, NCF Punjab & Senior Lecturer, Gulfareen Nursing College, Lahore, and team. Pastor Amjad Sahib brought a message from Mathew Ch 1, verses 18 -25, reflecting on birth of Jesus Christ, and spoke of integrating Christian values in our practical lives for sharing happiness and joy with our clients in hospitals or other settings.

Prof. Sarfraz Masih gave a brief introduction of NCFI, NCF Pakistan and NCF Punjab Branch while sharing achievements of NCF Pakistan and presenting future pathways. The audience were inspired as many of them heard for the first time about NCFI/ NCF Pakistan.

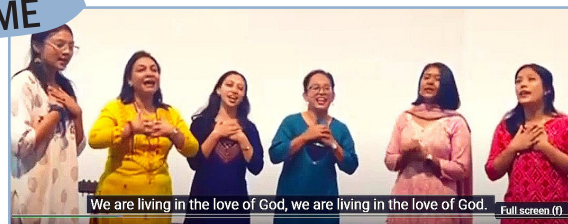


The Christmas Cake Cutting Ceremony was carried out by Prof. Sarfraz Masih alongside Nurse Leaders, Mrs. Zarina Katherine, Ms. Mishal, Pastor Amjad and NCF Punjab Executive Committee/organizing committee members.

The program concluded with prayers, and dinner was served.

## NCFI Regional Conferences

### SAME



Over 250 nurses from 17 countries gathered online November 17-19, 2022, around the theme, Walking in the Truth in Nursing. Keynote speakers spoke on bringing God's truth into clinical nursing, education, research, and nursing leadership. "It was so inspiring to have someone at the top of their field in the country share how they live out their faith in the workplace."

A highlight for many was the testimonies given by both new and retired nurses, sharing the challenges and the triumphs of walking in the truth daily.

Stacy Saha, Coordinator, SAME Conference 2022

### PACEA



To God be the Glory! I'm still awed by how PACEA managed to pull off this first virtual Conference for the Region. We knew God was leading us, guided by ever-patient and gracious Margaret Hutchison and Donna.

Those present were truly ministered to by all the motivating presentations and workshops coordinated by Alicia Banas and the team. The exercise bonded the dedicated committee in an inspiring way. Special kudos to our multi-talented secretary, Angeline Koay. The whole amazing feat was a great testimony of God's goodness.

Wee-King, Coordinator  
PACEA Conference 2022

## NCFI World Congress 2024

It is not too early to save and plan to be in Spain for the next NCFI World Congress! God willing we will once again meet in person for this unique event that brings together Christian nurses from around the world.



Click on the image to see a preview, and watch for further details.