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MISSION

“Enable Christian youth to empower and reshape Pakistan’s Christian community through servant leadership”.

VISION

“Uplift Christian community through education”.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop strong cooperation within churches and among Christian educational institutions.
- Facilitate students with a positive learning environment, providing opportunities for holistic development and sound personality grooming.
- Equip Christian students to cope with social, cultural, and economic challenges.
- Cultivate leadership skills in youth in ways that also empower Pakistan’s Christian community.
- Prepare students to become knowledgeable and informed critical thinkers, ready to play a vital role in building and strengthening Pakistan’s Christian community.
- Support Christian students academically, financially, and spiritually.



Dr. Farzand Masih

Director - Church Relations
Office & Head of History &
Pakistan Studies

The purpose of this newsletter is twofold, to remind our church leaders, Christian schools administrations, and Christian community that FCCU has a keen interest to strengthen ties with them and come together to make a difference in the lives of our young generation through quality education. In this newsletter, you will read and visualize, how enthusiastically, FCRO is striving hard in pursuance of the above-cited goals through various activities and implementations delineated in the following pages. I am thankful to Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, Rector FCCU for his holistic support and constant stimulation without which it is not possible to attain this success. I am also indebted to the college faculty, colleagues, and volunteers for the undying support and appreciate their efforts to make this program a success.



Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton

Rector - Forman Christian
College, (A Chartered
University)

I appreciate the opportunity to provide an introductory statement to this second annual newsletter issued by the Forman Church Relations Office (FCRO), summarizing some of the main accomplishments of that office over the last several months. Once again, I am impressed with what has been achieved, both in providing opportunities for young people from Pakistan's Christian community and in strengthening connections between Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) and a broad range of churches. Finally, let me thank Dr. Farzand Masih for his vision, commitment and hard work in leading the Forman Church Relations Office over the past year.

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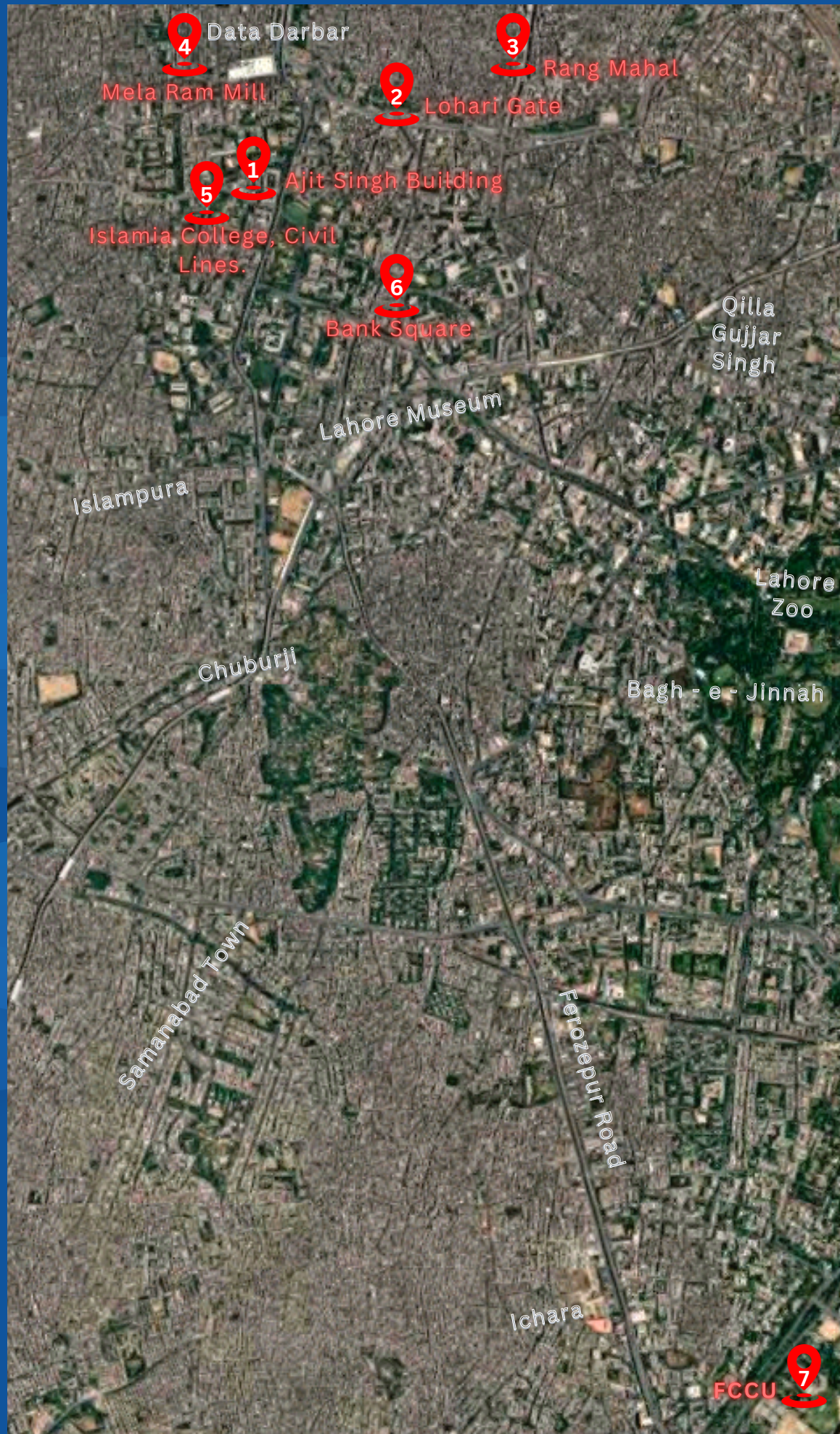
1. Ajit Singh compound where classes started for the first time on December 19, 1849 (now Tehsil building, District Courts).

2. School moved to small chapel outside the city walls in 1850, opposite Lohari gate.

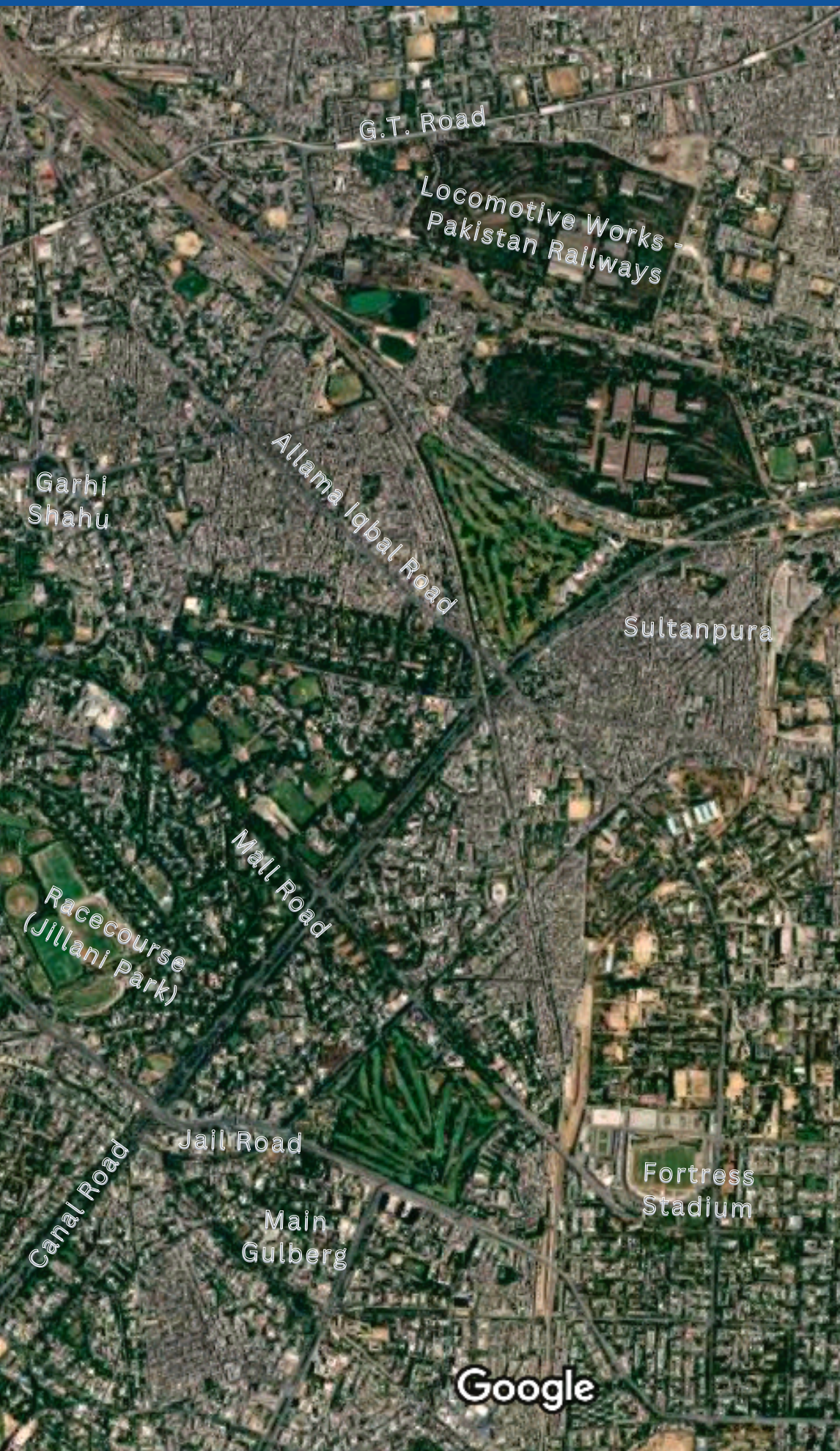
3. Palace of Saeed Ullah Khan, Grand Vizier of Emperor Shah Jehan, known as Rang Mahal Palace, was purchased in 1852, and the school moved here from the chapel. From this building, the school took the name, Rang Mahal Mission High School.

3a. College section started in 1864 in the Rang Mahal Mission High School with three students. This was the beginning of the present-day Forman Christian College. However, the College remained closed from August 1869 to June 1886.

3b. College reopened in the old Rang Mahal School in June 1886. Forman gave the college its motto: "By Love serve one another."



F FCC THROUGH MAP



4. Classes restarted in 1888 and the College was shifted to a new building opposite the Mela Ram Mills (near Data Darbar), on Mela Ram Road.

5. After a few months, the College moved to a rented bungalow on Court Road, owned by Mrs. Arratoon and situated within the premises of the Dayanand Anglo Vedic College (now Islamia College, Civil Lines).

6. College authorities acquired a plot of land on Robert Road, an area now known as Bank Square. The new college near the Imperial Bank (Bank Square) was opened on April 9, 1889.

7. A site covering approximately 200 acres was acquired in 1929 on the canal bank off Ferozepur Road and, finally, the new campus was occupied in 1940.

AN AGENDA OF HOLISTIC GROWTH

CHRISTIAN STUDENT SUPPORT FUND PROGRAM (CSSFP)



The Forman Church Relations Office strives to promote academic excellence while also providing financial support to needy Christian students (intermediate, undergraduate, and graduate), in turn helping them achieve their academic aspirations. Student numbers, total amounts awarded, and dates of disbursement of financial support during fiscal year 2021 - 2022 are provided below:

Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022

Total Meetings: 5.

Total Number of Students: 273 (College: 57 - University: 216)
(University Boys: 130 - University Girls: 86)

Total Expenditures: Rs. 3,081,500/-

PRE – COLLEGE SUMMER COACHING CLASSES 2022

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH EDUCATION

The responsibilities of Forman's Church Relations Office cover several areas. However, the Pre-College Summer Coaching Classes are of paramount importance. The principal objective of this program is to equip students with new skills and encourage them to pursue their desired educational and professional careers.

During eight weeks of classes, we covered 40 to 45 percent of the course material introduced during first-year intermediate classes while also building confidence through co-curricular activities. Taken together, this initiative worked to develop strong core values and improved social skills, in turn providing students with an opportunity to demonstrate their latent talents.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- This summer 280 students applied for registration, 220 of whom were registered.
- Student participants came from Lahore, Gujranwala, Sheikhpura, Hafizabad, Sialkot, Rahimyar Khan, and even Charsada in KPK.
- Cost per student: Rs. 12,000.
- Hostel charges per student: Rs. 10,000.
- The program was offered for free to students; all expenditures were covered by FCCU.
- Four programs were offered, covering the areas of pre-medical, pre-engineering, computer science, and commerce.
- Faculty hired: 22 faculty members
- Two staff members, and ten volunteer students were also available to facilitate students.

Denominations: Church of Pakistan, Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church, Assembly of God, Pentecostals, and many other churches.

Forman Christian College is committed to working with all denominations and a wide range of church leaders to bring holistic change to the economically and socially weak Christian community, in turn reshaping that community in ways that strengthen education and make the Christian community more prosperous.

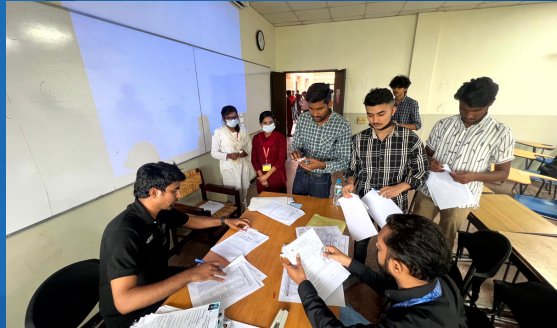
Registrations

Call to a Step Forward

The basic online registration form was uploaded on the Forman Church Relations Office's Facebook Page; in addition, it was also shared over WhatsApp with various Church leaders.

Prior to the opening ceremony, a Registration Week was organized to collect hard copies of any required documents; upon verification of these documents, roll numbers were issued to students.

FCRO staff, Intermediate Faculty and University student volunteers actively participated and coordinated together to make sure that things ran smoothly for the newcomers.

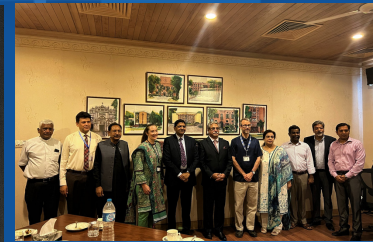


PCSCC Opening Ceremony

Welcome to FCCU

The grand opening ceremony held on June 7, 2022, marking the start of the Pre-college Summer Coaching Classes. Many participants including students, parents, church leaders, administrative heads, distinguished community members and online participants joined in to make the opening event even more memorable.

The Forman Church Relations Office wishes to thank Mr. Mian Imran Masood, Vice- Chancellor of the University of South Asia, for serving as the Chief Guest.



Welcoming PCSCC Students on Day 1

For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (2_Peter 1:11)

A formal Forman Christian College "gate crossing" was held, starting at 8:00 AM on June 08, 2022. The Program Coordinator and college faculty welcomed new students, leading them in a walk through the front gate to mark the beginning of their new journey. Dr. Farzand Masih, Director of the Forman Church Relations Office, Rev. Reuben Qamar and several faculty members cheered the students on as they proceeded to the chapel gate for prayer.





Classes

An environment was established that was safe, comfortable, and fully air-conditioned, thereby maximizing learning opportunities for every student.



Motivational talks

When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go

Dr. Nayer Firdous (FCCU Registrar) and Dr. Farzand Masih (Director - Forman Church Relations Office) as well as Forman's Department of History and Pakistan Studies, had our gratitude for sharing their success stories and encouraging students to independently dream about and pursue their professional goals. The lectures were carefully chosen to inspire students to learn how to bloom where God has planted them.





Visit to Science Laboratories and Natural Sciences Museum at FCCU

Tours of labs established for the life, physical and computer sciences were organized, in turn helping various students to apply what they learned in their textbooks to real-world situations; this approach also helped deepen their knowledge about the topics that they had studied. The introduction of the Polarimeter, Flame Photometer, Absorption Spectrometer, Infrared Spectrometer, and UV-Visible Spectrometer in the chemical labs impressed the students, as did brief presentations on the biological sciences.

A tour of Forman's Natural Sciences Museum was also organized, providing students with hands-on opportunities to learn about how ecosystems and the biological groups that depend on them change over time. Student awareness about the nature of science and scientific inquiry was further deepened as a result of this brief winter break. Forman's elephant skeleton especially delighted the students, as did a variety of stuffed animals displayed in the museum.



CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION VISIT

On July 5, 2022, the Catholic Board of Education (CBE) team visited Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) to survey our "Pre-College Summer Coaching Classes" program. Team CBE was delighted to see Forman, while also expressing appreciation to the FCRO team for the quality of education provided to these young souls.



SPORTS DAY AND ONE DISH PARTY: A WONDERFUL TIME



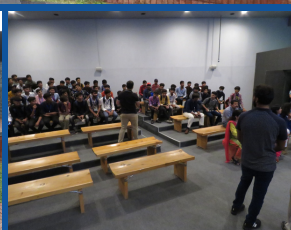
On July 7, 2022, Forman's Church Relations Office arranged sports activities for boys and a "one dish party" for girls participating in the Pre-College Summer Coaching Program. The honorable rector, students, faculty, and staff members enjoyed spending time together just prior to leaving for the Eid holidays.

VISIT OF BIBLE MUSEUM ANARKALI BAZAR, LAHORE: BEST THING TO DO IN LAHORE

A STUDENT-FOCUSED STUDY TOUR WAS ARRANGED TO VISIT THE PAKISTAN BIBLE SOCIETY MUSEUM LOCATED AT ANARKALI BAZAAR. REV. AZHAR MUSHTAQ, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PAKISTAN BIBLE SOCIETY, SHARED THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY AND EXPLAINED THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MANY ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY.



VISIT OF NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM, LAHORE: KNOWLEDGE AND STUDY OF PAKISTAN



STUDENTS WERE ALSO TAKEN TO THE NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM, A DIGITAL MUSEUM LOCATED IN GREAT IQBAL PARK IN LAHORE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM WARMLY WELCOMED THE STUDENTS AND ARRANGED A GUIDED TOUR FOR THEM. THE MUSEUM CONSISTED OF FIVE SECTIONS AND INCLUDED DISPLAYS OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PAKISTAN MOVEMENT AS WELL AS THE CINEMA, MUSIC, AND SPORTS OF PAKISTAN. STUDENTS ENJOYED IT A LOT AND WERE EXCITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PAKISTAN'S HISTORY AND THE PIONEERS OF THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

CLOSING CEREMONY OF PCSCC 2022

ALL THE BEST, FCCU; AS ALWAYS, WE ARE ROOTING FOR YOU!

On July 25, 2022, Forman's Church Relations Office hosted the successful Closing Ceremony of the Pre-College Summer Coaching Classes.

Chief guest Rev. Dr. Qaiser Julius, Honorable Rector Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, distinguished community members and parents and grandparents attended this striking event.

Certificates and Gifts were distributed among the "toppers" of each program while delicious food was served to all participants.



ARMACOST EVENING COACHING CLASSES

A WAY TO PERFORM BETTER!

It is a fact that without proper and efficient revision, the entire study effort often goes to waste; indeed, on many occasions students cannot recall in their examination what they had previously studied in preparation for those examinations.

In response to these and related concerns, Forman's Church Relations Office organized a series of Armacost Evening Classes, covering the eight-week period from March 17, 2022, to May 27, 2022. The purpose of these classes was to revise courses, increase confidence, and decrease anxiety and stress among students. Additionally, students were equipped with problem/question-solving techniques while training for the BISE annual exams. No doubt, the Armacost Evening Classes provide an important opportunity for Intermediate students (both first and second year) to improve their marks.

Key Characteristics:

- Fifty students benefitted from this opportunity.
- Eighteen faculty members and two staff members participated
- Subject taught: Pre-Medical, Pre-Engineering, ICS, Commerce.
- Total cost: Rs. 864,000/-



CLOSING CEREMONY OF ARMACOST EVENING COACHING CLASSES

Forman's Church Relations Office arranged a "Closing Ceremony for Armacost Evening Coaching Classes" on May 29, 2022, at 5: 00 pm in E-001. Honorable Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, FCCU Rector, served as Chief Guest. Distinguished Church leaders, the Forman Registrar, faculty members, several administrative officers, selected students, and parents participated and appreciated this activity.



RECTOR MEETS FACULTY OF ARMACOST EVENING COACHING CLASSES AND PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER COACHING CLASSES

Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, FCCU Rector, met with Christian faculty engaged in Armacost and Pre-college Summer Coaching Classes on Wednesday, March 9. The Rector welcomed the faculty and extended his thanks and appreciation to them for their efforts. He pointed out the importance of concerted efforts to achieve results. He also described the role of faculty as *"a cornerstone for the achievement of the strategic goals of the Forman Church Relations Office."*



SOLIDARITY: CREATING CONNECTIONS TO UPLIFT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



The Forman Church Relations Office set up a meeting with principals of the Catholic Board of Education, Archdiocese of Lahore and Lahore Diocese Board of Education schools in Lahore on November 1, 2022. In addition to Ms. Sunita Shoukat, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Board of Education, and Asher Javed, CEO of the National Catholic Commission of Pakistan, nine principals of the Catholic Board of Education participated in the meeting. Whereas, nine principals led by Col. Azeem Ilyas, Executive Director represented the Lahore Diocese Board of Education.

The sole purpose of this meeting was to create the opportunity to come together and build a network, collaborative effort, and friendship for bringing holistic change and uplift of the Christian community through education. Dr. Ivan Suneel, Vice Rector college side, Dr. Lubna Amer, coordinator college side, Mr. Sulaman Khairullah, head of the Admission Office, Mr. Phool Shahzad, acting head of the Financial Aid Office gave brief presentations on how their offices are encouraging and supporting the Christian students in the pursuit of their academic endeavor. Dr. Farzand Masih, Director of the Forman Church Relations Office gave an insight into several opportunities available for Christian students at FCCU and cited a beautiful saying by Helen Keller, "**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.**" All participants were very ignited and gave a very positive nod to this collaborative effort.

In the end Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, Rector FCCU extended his every possible support and appreciated this initiative of the Forman Church Relations Office.





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