

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF WEST BENGAL  
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM  
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**Ministry Focus:**

The Women Empowerment Program which is under the Anglican Church of West Bengal responds to both Spiritual and Physical need of Tribal Women. The program started in response to the women who lost their jobs during the Covid pandemic in our country. The women who migrate to Delhi and other bigger Indian cities had to come back during the pandemic without any finance in their hand.

These women are from the district of South Dinajpur in the State of West Bengal. These women do not have land for agriculture and therefore the Anglican Church of West Bengal Women's unit Initiated St. Peter's Sewing School for two reasons, one to give the women the skill of sewing and the other to produce cloths to be sold in the local market.

**Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:**

The women who come to this sewing school are from different faith communities. Apart from imparting skills of sewing, they have regular, morning Christian prayers to start the day.

Once a week they join in the Bible study of the church. Many women are getting used to the Gospel of Christ. Most of the women of the project also attend Sunday worship in the church.

They also join in the healing service of the church and will also join the Festival of Hope.

**Financial Needs:**

At. Present St. Peter's Sewing School has seven sewing machines and eighteen students. There is demand for more women to be part of this program. So we need some more sewing machines.

Secondly the aim of the program is to market the products of the centre to the local market. So specialized sewing machines and othe instruments are need to be bought.

Total amount needed to sustain the ministry is \$ 5,000 USD per year.

**Prayer Needs:**

Pray for the women in these villages where women have been unemployed.

1. Pray for their families.
2. Pray for this Women Empowerment Program that it may be able to do His will.
3. Pray for these women that they may someday give their heart to Christ.

**Short-term Mission Opportunities:**       Yes       No

- Send volunteers to be part of this program.
- Send women who have the skill in marketing the products.