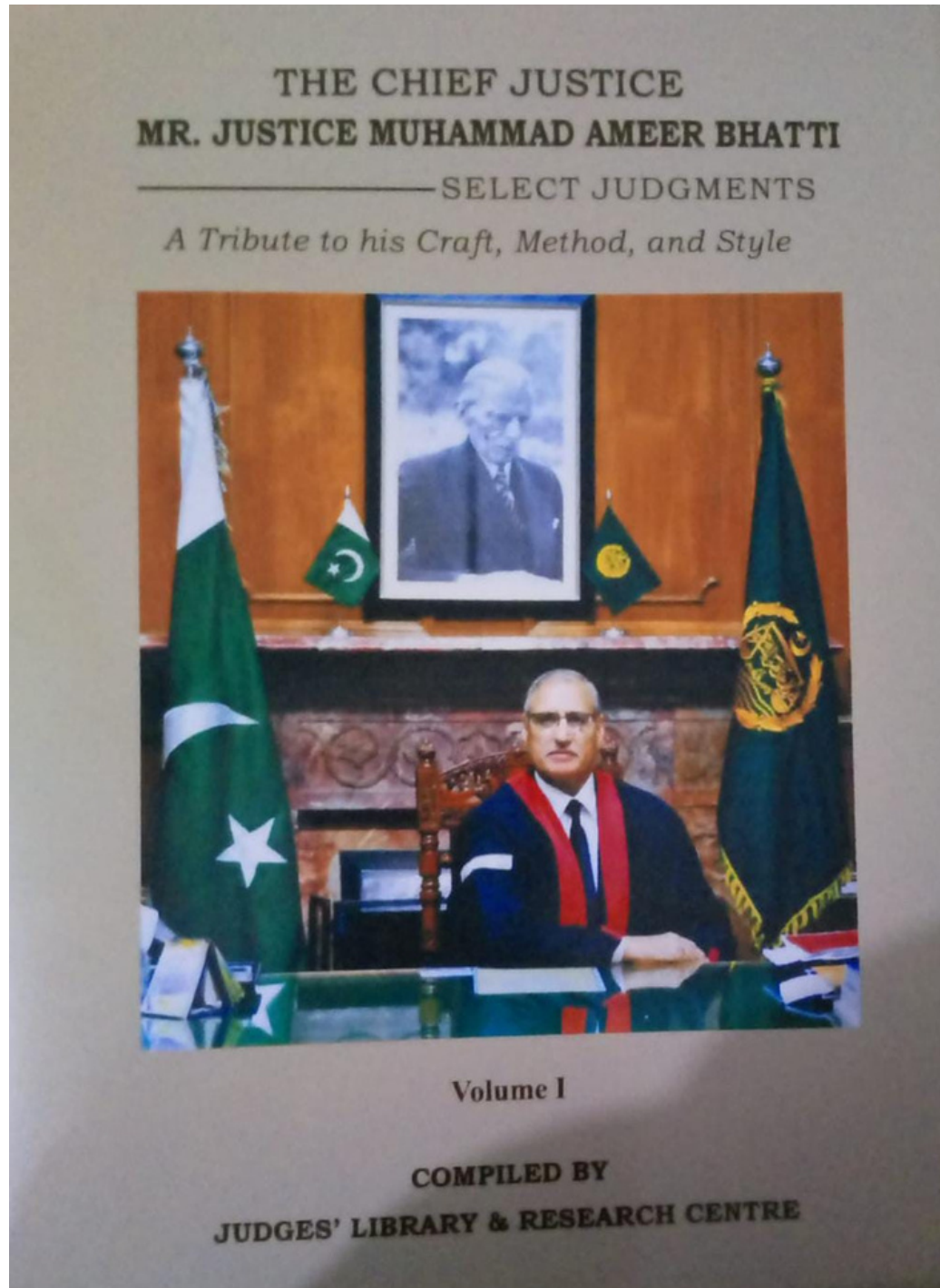




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With a heart overflowing with joy and gratitude to the Almighty, it is my utmost pleasure to share with the Christian community residing in Pakistan and across the globe the historic achievements facilitated by the inexhaustible efforts of Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman of the Implementation Minority Rights Forum.

Today, on the auspicious 7th of March 2024, as we bid farewell to the distinguished tenure of Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, we witness the culmination of his illustrious service. As is customary within the Lahore High Court, a tribute is paid to departing Chief Justices, and in honoring Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, the Judges' Library and Research Centre have compiled two volumes worthy of his legacy.

For the Christian community, there is cause for celebration as within these pages, His Lordship Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti immortalizes a significant moment of unity and camaraderie. It was an occasion when he graciously invited members of the Christian community into his chambers, where alongside esteemed figures such as

- Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman Implementation Minority Rights Forum,
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Azad Marshall, Moderator/President Bishop Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind Diocese,
- Mr. Emanuel Pervaiz, Advisor Implementation Minority Rights Forum,
- Mr. Kashif Nemat, Legal Head Implementation Minority Rights Forum,
- Mr. Adnan Shamim Bhatti, Advocate High Court, President Christian Lawyers Association Pakistan, and other esteemed members, he symbolically cut the Christmas cake.

In his poignant address, His Lordship specifically acknowledged the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding among all communities. This gesture not only exemplifies his commitment to justice but also serves as a beacon of hope and solidarity for generations to come. With unwavering resolve and an unwavering gaze fixed upon the horizon of justice, His Lordship further added:

“There has been a great contribution of the Christian community both in the making and sustaining of Pakistan. While there are many names, one name close to my heart is that of Mr. Justice Alwin Robert Cornelius, one of Pakistan’s top Judge who has helped our law develop tremendously. The Christian community in Pakistan has helped in ever sphere of life. They are and must be treated as equal citizens and provided the same protections as mandated by the Constitution of Pakistan.”



Additionally, His Lordship reflected upon another momentous occasion during his tenure—the 'Minority Rights Conference' held on the 12th of February 2024, at the esteemed Falettis Hotel in Lahore. Organized by the Implementation Minority Rights Forum, this conference delved into the critical theme of 'Constitutional Rights of the Minorities and the Responsibilities of the State of Pakistan.'



In his stirring address, His Lordship emphasized the paramount importance of safeguarding the constitutional rights of all minorities within Pakistan. With fervor and conviction, he underscored the indispensable duty incumbent upon the State to ensure the protection, dignity, and equality of every citizen, regardless of their creed or background.

This conference stood as a beacon of enlightenment and empowerment, providing a platform for dialogue, advocacy, and collective action towards a more just and inclusive society. His Lordship's poignant words echoed a commitment to upholding the principles of justice and equality enshrined within the Constitution, illuminating a path forward towards a brighter and more harmonious future for all. In his resounding speech, His Lordship fervently emphasized upon:

“If we want Quaid’s vision to come to life, if we want Pakistan to prosper, if we want to see a better future for our children and grandchildren, we must respect, love, and celebrate the diversity that binds us. We must look towards our neighbor as a Pakistani first. Our similarities are greater than our differences. We must focus on those. Let us pick up the pieces and rebuild our beautiful nation in the right direction.”

Congratulations to the whole community.

