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PRESS RELEASE || ERC CONDUCTS RELIGIOUS EXCHANGE EXERCISE WITH STELLA MARIS HARMONY CLUB STUDENTS

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) on Monday, December 8, 2025, conducted a religious exchange exercise aimed at fostering interfaith understanding, cultural awareness, and mutual respect for Guyana's diversity.

The initiative involved twenty (20) students who are members of the recently launched Harmony Club at Stella Maris Primary School. During the guided tour conducted by the ERC, the students visited three places of worship in Georgetown: the Queenstown Masjid, the Church of the Nazarene at Laluni Street, and the Rama Krishna Dharmic Sabha Mandir in Kitty.

The religious exchange exercise was designed to allow students to experience, firsthand, the common practices of the three Guyana's major religions.. Through direct engagement and guided interaction, the activity sought to deepen students' appreciation and respect for each other's religion, while reinforcing principles of tolerance, respect, and peaceful coexistence.

Present for the exercise were Chairman of the ERC, Shaikh Moeenul Hack; Reverend Rodwell Porter; and Pandit Krishn Sharma, who respectively represent the Islamic, Christian, and Hindu religious constituencies on the Commission. Their joint participation reflected the Commission's commitment to interfaith collaboration and dialogue. Also in attendance were Chief Executive Officer of the ERC, Ms. Gomin Camacho, along with secretariat staff and teachers of Stella Maris Primary.

At each location, religious leaders of the Masjid, Church and Mandir engaged the students in discussions on the significance of the place of worship, core religious values, and shared principles such as peace, compassion, and tolerance.

The religious exchange exercise forms part of the Commission's broader educational outreach and Harmony Club programme, which seeks to inculcate values of inclusivity, understanding, and respect across cultural and religious lines.

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