2. Jingiaseng Samla (Youth Service): Since its inception in 1940 with 28 members, the youth service has expanded to 387 active members (186 males and 201 females), currently overseeing two mission fields namely Amjok-Borbhuin Mission Field and Marngar Mission Field, supporting two mission workers, and operating a Medical Clinic that provides free consultations and medicines to underprivileged families particularly within the Mawlai Township.

3. Jingiaseng Khynnah (Children's Service): Established in 1937, the present numbers of active children are 434—comprising of 193 boys and 181 girls—and operates a Free Studentship Scheme Project specifically designed to support students from underprivileged families.

PASTORS IN CHARGE :

1. Rev B. R. Kharnaior.
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3. Rev. W. K. Hujon.
4. Rev. T. W. Wanshong.

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1. T. Bn. H. M. Soanes.
2. T. Bn. S.S. Syiemlieh.
3. T. Bn. B. T. Khyriem.
4. T. Bn. D.S. Kharmyndai.
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6. T. Bn. W.M.S. Pariat.
7. T. Bn. D.H. Kharduia.
8. T. Bn. C. B. Sahkhar.
9. T. Bn. E. Marngar.
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11. T. Bn. M. Syrti.
12. T. Bn. M.Wankhar.
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14. T. Bn. M.W.Nongbri.
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22. T. Bn. S. W.Nongbri.
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CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

1. Mr. W. Kharbudon.
2. Mr. J. S. O. Dohling.
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4. Mr. K. Kharbangar.
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BALANG PRESBYTERIAN PHUDMURI

(Presbyterian Church of India)

Motto : "Pynskhem ialade ha ka jingpynim bad pynwan ia kiwei pat sha ka"

ABOUT
PHUDMURI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HISTORICAL BACKDROP : The history of Phudmuri Presbyterian Church date back to the years prior to 1902. Though not much is known about the early years except the presence of a Primary school, it was assumed that the church began through the work of the members of the Mawlai Presbyterian Church. In the book *"Ka jingwan ka Gospel ha Mawlai bad ki thain jong ka"*, and according to the register of the Mawlai Church from the years 1902 to1906, the number of Christians in Phudmuri was recorded as 64.

According to written records, the Mawlai Church elected its elders in the year 1907 and Bah Kongor Kumbit Kurbah from Phudmuri locality and Bah Tbein Marbaniang from Umshing locality were among the selected. These two elders were ordained during the Shillong Presbytery held at Mylliem from 18th to 21st October, 1907. The appointment of these elders prompted a shift in the mother church's perspective, leading them to recognize the need for a full-fledged Phudmuri Presbyterian Church in the following years. Although some accounts suggest the church originated as early as 1908, official records state that the Phudmuri Presbyterian Church was formally established in 1929.

ABOUT MAWLAI TOWNSHIP AND PHUDMURI LOCALITY: Mawlai is a township on the outskirt of proper Shillong and is the largest locality of the city. It is located on the northern fringe of the city. Today its area stretches upto Umiam lake to the north (a distance of about 10 km) and it

runs approximately another seven kilometres from east to west and bounded by Umkhrah in the south and River Umiam in the west while in the north, it bordered the Ri-Bhoi District. Mawlai was first inhabited more than 200 years ago, making it one of the oldest localities of Shillong City. From a close knit community of a small number of houses and inhabitants, Mawlai had now grown into a sprawling urban settlement comprising of 15 localities each with a respective village council and headman. Etymology the name Phudmuri is a portmanteau (a combination of two words) of a water course and the name of the person – Muri.

THE CHURCH AFTER 1929: Since achieving full-fledged status, the Phudmuri Presbyterian Church has operated under its founding Presbytery's supervision— hosting house fellowships, Sunday church services, Sunday Schools and shared the responsibility for the Assembly General Meeting in the 1941 Gospel Centenary at Mawkhar Presbyterian Church. The Church has also celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1979, hosted the KJP Synod General Meeting in 1981, establishing an M.E. School in 1987, inaugurating a new Church building on 13th May, 2001 and celebrated its Platinum Jubilee in 2004. The Church influence has expanded through the establishment of several daughter churches, including Umrynjah, Mawroh, Kynton Massar, and Umshing Mawkynroh Presbyterian Churches which now form the Phudmuri District under the Mawlai Presbytery and KJP Synod Sepngi.

PRESENT STATISTICS OF PHUDMURI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH : As of 2025, the Phudmuri Presbyterian Church consists of 1,906 believer's households and a total population of 6,610 members— comprising 3,554 women and 3,056 men—with 3,417 listed as communicants, all overseen by a Church Committee made up of 4 pastors, 23 elders, and 10 committee members.

CHURCH PROJECTS : The Church actively manages two mission projects at 17th Mile, Rud Umtrew, and Nongdiengngan in coordination with the Patharkhnang Branch Church (Nongrymmai Presbytery, KJP Synod Sepngi), as well as the Diengsoh Ma-Ud Mission Field under the Mawbsein Church of Mawbuh Ri Bhoi Presbytery and all mission workers are appointed and salaried by the Church. The Church also provides financial support for two teachers in Umlaper village. Furthermore, in 2025, the Church established a counselling centre at Mawser, Zero Point, in the Ri Bhoi District to provide prayer and guidance to the local community, while continuing to operate the Phudmuri Presbyterian Higher Secondary School.

OTHER BODIES UNDER THE CHURCH SUPERVISION AND ADMINSITRATION

1. Jingiaseng Kynthei (Women's Service): Founded in 1939 with an initial group of only 10 members, the service has grown to include 3,554 active women and now manages a counselling centre on the church premises staffed by a full-time counsellor.