Faith leaders have a strong voice and respectable place in the society. Mass people abide by their advices. Bandhu Social Welfare Society has organized a consultation meeting with the faith leaders in Chittagong on 26 April 2017.

Objectives of the meeting were:

- Questions of faith and their impact on understandings genders, masculinities, and sexualities
- Psychosexual, mental health-related and religious issues for the gender diverse populace
- How gaps between faith leaders, faith-based organizations and the gender diverse communities can be bridged through empathetic dialogues to find a mutual understanding and respect from a health care perspective

**Event at a glance**

**Event:** Consultation Meeting with Faith Leaders  
**Date:** 26 April 2017  
**Venue:** Asian SR Hotel, Chittagong  
**Total Participants:** 30  
**Chief Guest:** Md. Habibur Rahman, ADC Education & IT, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong  
**Moderator:** Maolana Mufti Faruque Siddique, Khatib and Imam, Chittagong Medical College, Member of TWG, Bandhu.  
**Facilitators:** Md. Moshiur Rahman, Nabakumar Dutta
Exclusive Recommendation

- Hijra Community may take an initiative to collect signature of all the hijra people of Chittagong Division under the list of their demands and submit to Md. Habibur Rahman, ADC Education & IT, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong. So that he can place it to the Government.

- A booklet or flyer or brochure could be developed depicting what accountability the faith leaders can perform against the needs of hijra population. This IEC could be distributed among the faith leaders so that they could be able disseminate the messages among general mass.

- Faith Leaders said that they usually talk in front of thousands of people about religion, so they may talk about the needs and care for the hijra during their speeches.

- Bandhu can arrange a one day long workshop on the faith based topic, so that the participants can talk elaborately.