

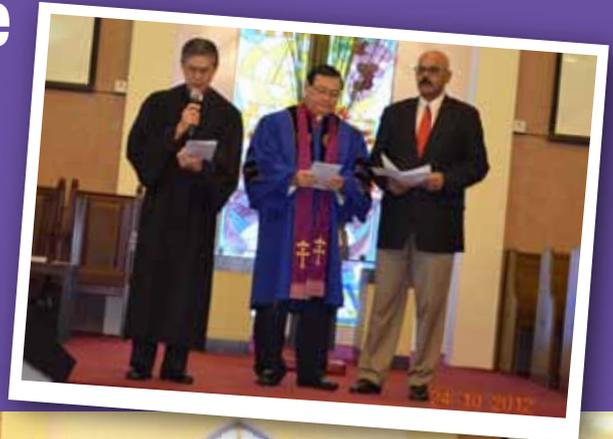


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# The Methodist Church in Malaysia 10th General Conference

September 17th – 22nd september 2012  
Continuing session: October 22nd – 24th, 2012

*By Mrs Lily Ch'ng*



*Left to Right: Rev Dato' Dr Su Chii Ann, President SCAC, Rev Steward Damat, President SIAC, Rev C. Jayaraj, President, TAC Bishop Dr Hwa Yung, Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik, Bishop Elect, Mrs Ong Mun Kean, wife of Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik, Bishop Dr Robert Solomon, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore, Rev Boh Che Suan, President, CAC, Rev Ling Heu Uh, President, SPAC*

Delegates from the six Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church in Malaysia arrived at the Grand Seasons Hotel, KL for the 10th GC Session in time for the Opening Thanksgiving and Holy Communion Service that took place at 3.30pm.

Besides the 84 delegates, there were the invited guests and among them was the Conference speaker, Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, who is an ordained minister of the Church of Pakistan and a director of the Barnabas Fund in the UK which helps the persecuted church in the Middle East. Dr. Sookhdeo through his sharing enlightened the Conference on the plight of Christians in the Middle East. Members of the General Conference session decided that a statement be sent to the World Council of Churches, expressing our solidarity with suffering Christians especially in Syria. It was also agreed that a donation of USD100,000 be given through the Barnabas Fund.

The highlight of the second day was the Episcopal address in which Bishop Hwa Yung expressed his thanks to God for the unity and support of the Annual Conference Presidents, for God's provisions and resources given to our church, for the continuing signs of renewal and spiritual growth throughout MCM and the growth in Christian discipleship and deepening awareness of our Christian socio-political responsibilities. However, there is the need to watch over the health and growth of our churches in the context of changing socio-political realities and to ensure that we have a steady supply of good and godly men and women for the ministry. He called on the churches not to forget the primary task of witnessing to Christ and build a church that is 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic in our nation! When the church

learns afresh to be truly holy, united and prayerful, then God comes in His power and glory to revive the church which in turn will bring transformation to the world! This very concern was emphasized by the Bishop in the sermon message entitled "Please Show Me Your Glory Parts 1+2" based on Exodus 33, preached at the Opening Thanksgiving and Holy Communion Services held on the first day of the GC Session and that of the continuing session

At the 10th GC Session, reports from all the GC Councils were tabled and received. When the Council of Education (P. Malaysia) was tabled, Bishop Hwa Yung reiterated that the COE would work within the government assisted schools, expand the private schools and look into special education like vocational training, and working with the Sengoi children.

All the delegates were divided into four Legislative Committees with the purpose of studying and voting on the changes that the Discipline Review Council had proposed. The members of the DRC had worked hard to review the whole Discipline so as to bring greater clarity and make it relevant to the concerns of today's world and also to make it more user-friendly. The Bishop rightly emphasized in his Address that "the purpose of our Discipline is to enhance and advance ministry and mission, and not hinder us through restrictive rules and regulations." All the new decisions (with only very few exceptions) arising from the 10th GC will only be implemented on the 1 Jan 2013. Substantial changes were made and the GC will be expediting the publication of the new edition of the Methodist Book Of Discipline by 2013.



*Bishop Dr Hwa Yung removing his bishop stole and presenting it to the Bishop Elect Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik*



### ELECTIONS

1. Mr. Anthony Row of TAC was elected the General Conference Secretary for the next quadrennium 2013 – 2016.
2. Mr. Tan Swee Ann of CAC was duly elected the General Conference Treasurer for the next quadrennium.
3. Rev. Thomas Chin and Dr. Ting Cheh Sing were elected to represent TRAC in the Discipline Review Committee
4. Mr. Yap Koon Roy and Mr. Ng Kong Peng from TRAC were elected to the Judicial Council.

### EPISCOPAL ELECTION

By the sixth day of the 10th Session, when it was clear that there was a deadlock in the results of the Episcopal election, the Bishop Hwa Yung, after conferring with the Council of Presidents and two GC officers, announced that there would be a continuation of the GC Session from 22nd to 24th October. The proposed venue was Wisma Methodist, Kuala Lumpur.

Bishop Dr. Robert Solomon, the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore was invited to preside at the balloting.

On Saturday, October 23rd 2012 the 84 delegates cast their votes for the 18th ballot. It was on the 28th ballot that Bishop Solomon announced that Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teik was elected Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia.

The consecration service was held on 24th October 2012 at 10.30 am at the Chinese Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur.

A key decision that was made at the 10th GC part 2 was that the sacrament of Holy Communion will be opened

to baptized infants and children. These children must be constantly taught the meaning and commitment that accompany these sacraments of grace so that they grow in their discipleship and relationship with our Lord.

### CONFIRMATION OF “BISHOP EMERITUS”

The General Conference unanimously agreed to confer the title of “Bishop Emeritus” upon Bishop Hwa Yung who will be retiring on 31 December 2012. This was announced to the congregation by the General Secretary Mr. Anthony Row after the consecration of the Bishop.

We give thanks to God Almighty for the smooth running of the General Conference Sessions where there was a great sense of oneness within the same family of God comprising people of different racial and linguistic groups. The Episcopal election took longer than anticipated but we were confident that God was there in the midst of us. We take this opportunity to thank Bishop Hwa Yung for his faithfulness to the call that God had placed on his life, for the eight years of dedication and commitment to the task. In the eight years he helped to bring greater unity among the six Annual Conferences under the banner of Christ, and his clarion call for spiritual holiness of Methodists in the land has been heard loud and clear. May God continue to guide and lead him in the years ahead.

Bishop Dr. Solomon made it clear that to be the bishop is not a call to position and power, it is a call to suffering! There will be various demands on the time and life of the bishop and the responsibilities are diverse and multi-faceted. There will be trials and difficulties, especially in the area of human relationships. We will uphold the new bishop, Bishop Ong Hwai Teik in prayer: that God will grant to him divine wisdom, spiritual insight and discernment so that the Methodist Church will be built up to the glory of Christ, who gave His all to the church.

To God be the glory!



*Bishop Dr Hwa Yung presenting a gift on behalf of Bishop Emeritus Peter Chio to the Bishop Elect.*



# Youth Ministry as Family Ministry: Towards a Family Centred Youth Ministry

*By Dr. Herbert Tan*

*Director of Family Ministries, Emmanuel Methodist Church (EMC)  
Chairman, Board of Youth Work, TRAC*

During the last Lent season, I learned about a youth at Emmanuel Methodist Church (EMC), Petaling Jaya who decided to fast from Facebooking for the whole period of Lent. It was an amazing act of commitment to God and it has become the talking point of his family. At 7am, 31st March 2012, he joined some 17 MYFers at EMC to start a 30-hour long Fast & Prayer (including an overnight stay at the church). Among other things, they prayed for the Penans and raised funds for the work among them in Long Lamai. It started with a light breakfast together with some parents followed by a time of reconciliation between parents and teenagers. One of the very first things to get out of the way was unforgiveness in relationships between parents and teenagers in order for the fasting & prayer period to be meaningful and without the hindrance of unforgiveness in their hearts. The youths asked for forgiveness from the parents and vice versa... a sight rare to behold! (**Colossians 3:13** in operation in the family)

Another young man from Grace Methodist Church (GMC), Sentul who is in college now, has been regularly sending sms-es to his parents expressing appreciation to them. This grew out of his learning at Jeremiah School some years back to learn to appreciate parents as a means of redeeming relationships, especially father-child relationships. Over the past couple of years, teenage guys and gals who have learned to express appreciation to their fathers via sms the first time have seen encouraging results, for example, one father began to spend more time with the family; another father cried and cried as he was touched; another father began to experience a closer relationship with the son who found it unusual to have more patience towards his father as a result. As it is not common for youths to express appreciation to their fathers, one father thought his son was going to commit suicide on receiving such a sms. God is turning the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers (see **Malachi 4:6**).

The youths who attended the TRAC Youth Prayer Conferences over the last 2 years learned what it means to be agents in the rebuilding of “broken walls” ( Nehemiah) in their homes and how to fight for the hearts of their parents on their knees. There were tears of pain and of forgiveness as youths learned how to cover their families with the blood of Jesus Christ. Many now understand how they can be a tremendous blessing to their families by being prayer warriors battling for the hearts of their family members, one of the specific expressions and application of **Psalm 127**. Many youths from Subang Methodist Church (SMC) would consider their experience at these prayer conferences as transformative and life changing experiences resulting in a greater commitment to the prayer life in the local church. Wesley Methodist Church, Klang and EMC among others, are experiencing a similar phenomenon seeing the youths more engaged in corporate prayer at some level in the life of the church.

About 3 years ago, Ling Ming (my wife and current Chief Counselor for EMC Youth) shared with the EMC youth about Sex and Gender Development challenging them to enter into a “Wait to Date Covenant” with their parents. A few youths signed up and at the end of one Sunday service, in the presence of other youth witnesses, those youths and their parents signed the covenant which basically gave the right to their parents to decide when they were mature enough to begin dating. I challenged the parents to see this not as a blank cheque but to recognize the implications that they are responsible to intentionally mature their teenagers in the area of relationships. 3 years down the road, one of the girls was contemplating a boy-girl relationship with a guy who was very interested in her. I asked her about her relationship and she mentioned to the effect, “Yes, he is interested in me and I am also interested in him. But I need to talk to my father first whether he is ok with us starting this special relationship.” I went “Wow!” inside me seeing this

youth trusting her father's decision with this potential special relationship. I was seeing **Proverbs 1:8-9** in operation.

It is a well established observation in many studies replicated all over the world that due to a normal stage of development, young people need direction and boundaries for healthy psychological survival. Given missing parental involvement in their lives spells social problems in their world. It is thus not surprising to find out that in the studies on youths reported in the book "Five Cries of Youth" by Strommen and Strommen, are an estimated 80% of youth problems actually rooted in the health of the parent's relationship and the health of the family. Ministry to families would need to focus on strengthening Marriage and Parent-child relationships as a core priority if we are to build into the lives of the next generation in a sustainable way. It is no wonder that **Malachi 2:15** talks about the need for oneness in the marriage as a greenhouse for raising a godly generation.

Tools that I have found particularly helpful in bringing couples together in a learning journey include ALPHA Marriage package, ALPHA Parenting package, and Family Life Weekend to remember package. Last June, we concluded the ALPHA Parenting Teenagers series where the parents met once a month for lunch after Sunday service followed by the session. Parents feel encouraged coming together in this learning journey and have decided that we continue to offer this avenue for them to meet monthly over lunch to discuss youth issues. Moreover, a once a month commitment is relatively easier to handle more than a consecutive weekly 5-8 session series. But these are merely tools. We need mentor couples to continue to journey alongside these parents. Those wishing to minister to families in this area would need to be "there" in their lives in interpersonal relationships, to find opportunities in social relationships, and be their friends. After all, that is what Scripture tells us to do... as God comforts (same root word as "walk alongside") us, we comfort (walk alongside) others. (see 2 **Corinthians 1:3-4**)

The TRAC Board of Youth Work desires to see our youth work move towards a Family-centered Church-supported youth work helping to turn the hearts of our youths towards home, the primary place of their development. Character development is the primary responsibility of their parents and essentially belongs to their parents. Youth Ministry is never meant to hijack the youths from their parents but exists in a supplementary function to walk side by side with

parents in the growing of the next generation to be men and women of character and godliness. But Youth Ministries were never meant to go alone in its supplemental role. The church as a whole needs to work with families as it is about the only human institution left that regularly gathers families together and therefore, strategically positioned to do something with families. At least begin by encouraging family devotions (families meeting together at least monthly in reading Scripture or more). Many families would find it awkward to start; young people who lead in prayer in MYFs would find it weird to meet in their families and be uncomfortable to pray in front of their families. But these are all initial moments of inertia and if provided enough encouragement, what looks like a "strange" start soon becomes a lifestyle for the family and often without being aware, the family is soon building a strong spiritual foundation for themselves, especially the next generation.

We are trusting God for more testimonies in the future as the church learns to turn our hearts towards home. Let us trust God to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents lest our land is struck with a curse! (**Malachi 4:6**)

## VACANCY

### Youth Worker

#### PURPOSE

- To help youths grow in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ
- To build close relationships with their peers and the congregation

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Committed Christian
- At least SPM, some youth leadership training.
- Experience in working with youths in Christian setting. It is an advantage if the person has experiences with Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade ministry.
- Acceptance of a flexible working schedule that includes some regular weekday evenings and weekends and occasional extended trips.

Those interested can send in their applications with expected salary to :-

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## Seminar on Child Evangelism Fellowship

Say the words “Children’s ministry” and it immediately brings to mind Sunday mornings of smeared glue and sticky fingers, of stories of parting seas, dramatic rescues from lions and fiery furnaces and a great big fish; of small children playing and learning. A typical Sunday school class.

So when Ms. Khoo Siew Ean of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) Malaysia conducted the Super Seminar Basic on 16th and 17th July 2011, it was a refreshing and helpful reminder on the essence of children’s ministry: child evangelism.

The focus of the 2-day seminar was on equipping teachers to help children understand our Lord’s wonderful message of salvation and to lead them to Christ. We were taught to use every opportunity available to extend the invitation of salvation to the children, to ensure that they understood the message of salvation and – if they received Him – to pray with them the sinner’s prayer. Ms. Khoo also shared useful tips on how to relate Bible lessons to a need in each child’s life and to end by inviting the children to respond to Jesus.

On a personal level, I was greatly encouraged by Ms. Khoo’s testimonies of young children receiving the Lord at a tender age. Too often we underestimate a child’s ability to understand the gospel, and in doing so we underestimate the power of God at work in His children’s lives. Jesus Himself said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

I would certainly recommend the Super Seminar Basic not only to those serving in the children’s ministry but also to every parent.

**Gan Ai Ching**  
**Penang Wesley Methodist Church**

Grace received the Wonder Devotional Book as her Christmas gift last year which has turned out to be a real wonderful gift for her spiritual growth.

The content of the book is very enriching and provides firm theological grounding to Grace. Its children friendly text, style and stories made it easy for her to know and learn more about God. The question that follows helps her to think and remember what she has learned for the day. This book has also given both my husband and me an opportunity to be involved in Grace’s spiritual growth as we coach her every night in her devotion.

Grace has personally found the interaction from the CEF Mailbox Club to be very exciting and interesting. Ever since she joined the club, she looks forward to receiving the mail from CEF. Thank God for the joy and enthusiasm CEF Mailbox Club has given her!

When Grace receives the mail, she will read the feedback given to her answers submitted earlier, excitedly read the new story and answer all the questions immediately. She will then ensure that I send the mail out within the next two days!

Thank you CEF for running this ministry to touch the lives of children. May God bless the work of this ministry abundantly.

**Ms Pek Wooi Ling**  
**Penang Wesley**

## A Bit of Everything Good

*By Robert Khaw*  
*Pastor of Subang Methodist Church*



Rejuvenated Pastors & Diaconal Ministers at PDMS (17-21/5/12)

Rev T. Jeyakumar summed it up well for all: “The Pastors and Diaconal Ministers’ School (PDMS) was informative, educational, spiritually revitalising and yet relaxing. Thanks for the fellowship during the PDMS.”

Like the appetizing rojak, we had a bit of everything good!

Rev Christopher Rao echoed the part about relaxing: “I would just say that PDMS this year was a good time for rest, reflection and relaxation with friends in ministry. I thank the Lord for the good break from the hectic ministry, so that my soul can catch up with myself, others and the Lord.”

In response to my remark that such an extended rest is a kind of foretaste of “rest from their labour” (**Rev 14: 13**), Rev Christopher quipped, “Amen, except that heaven is better!”

Undoubtedly, rest is good for bodily and mental rejuvenation, especially after a season of labour of love. The PDMS was well-timed – it was held right after Good Friday and Easter, which must be a demanding period for Pastors.

The PDMS organiser team is to be commended for the excellent choice of venue too. Clearwater Sanctuary Golf Resort, with its natural beauty and peaceful ambience, greatly facilitated the purpose of PDMS.

All of us enjoyed the retreat. “A good break for me” Rev Dr Andrew Tan happily noted. Pr Dr Ng Swee Ming added, “Good relaxing time with good fellowship”. Meanwhile, Rev Ashok Amarasingham, a man of history and details, observed that “over the years, the PDMS has evolved in the direction of being a time

for rejuvenating the spirit, especially after the busy Lenten period. Clearwater Sanctuary provided the perfect atmosphere. I enjoyed the beauty of nature from my chalet verandah view. Often I have failed to thank God for the power and serenity of his creation. The translucent beads of morning dew on the lily pads was but one example. I also appreciated the games sessions in the evenings that fostered fellowship and bonding. Finally, the first-time Pastors added a freshness to PDMS. Glory to God.”

Apart from rest, fellowship was the other buzzword.

Asst Pr Shearn Sya commented that PDMS was a good time for him “to have fellowship with other Pastors and to get to know them better, especially since I’m a new Minister-on-Trial”. Indeed, fresh ideas and enthusiasm of the younger ones are as much needed as the wisdom and experience of the senior Pastors.

For many of us, the bonds of friendship were strengthened over meaningful conversations along the journey, at mealtimes and with our room-mates.

I had a fellowship of a different kind with Pr Swee Ming in his car. He played four sermons on MP3 for both of us to listen – two on the way to the retreat, and two more on the way back home! Rich fellowship around the Word. As a result, Rev Edmund Chan’s ‘mathematical’ sermon has stuck in my mind!

Everything – God = 0  
 God + 0 = Everything

I also enjoyed the fellowship with my room-mate-cum-breakfast partner (Rev Henry Yong). In particular, I was encouraged by his story about the visitation work of members of Wesley Methodist Church, Sitiawan.

“Each Sunday afternoon”, he shared with me, “faithful and committed ones will gather together in the church premises, before venturing out into the community to visit the needy – caring, praying and bringing God’s hope to people.” Praise God, people have come to know our Lord Jesus through their practical theology.

Such bonding times, conversations and mutual encouragement were typical of what happened at the retreat. Truly, our lives were enriched in the company of friends.

However, the retreat was not just about rest and fellowship. There were also other beneficial input, relevant discussion and pertinent reminders for us as a Pastors’ community serving God and His people in TRAC.

- Mr Gopala Sundaram (Chairman, Discipline Review Council) enlightened us on the impending changes in the Book of Discipline of The Methodist Church in Malaysia. The journey of reforming our church structure and administration is making steady progress.

We had a robust and fruitful exchange of views on, inter alia, simplifying the plethora of confusing terms, streamlining ministry issues and biblical consistency.

- During the “Wisdom from Life and Ministry” session, Rev Hwa Jen and Rev Lawrence Francis shared candidly their testimonies as they will be retiring this year. We were touched by their sharing. Thank God for their faithful ministry, God-fearing example, spiritual friendship, as well as the wholehearted support from their respective spouses and families.

My take-home from Rev Hwa Jen’s sharing was “never to say ‘never’ to God. He knows you better than you think”. That’s wisdom of the ages from a man who has served God for more than 30 years. His sharing was also personal, punctuated by amusing anecdotes. In particular, how he claimed



“Thank God for the power and serenity of his creation ... the translucent beads of morning dew on the lily pads was but one example.”  
Rev Ashok Amarasingham

that “the Lord made him fall in love with a bright, pretty and charming girl (Tsyh Yong)”. This remark made everyone’s lips curled up! I thought I heard a roar of applause and approval.

Meanwhile, Rev Lawrence shared a breakthrough in his life. “A ‘dark cloud’ seemed to follow me ... a sense of heaviness! How in God’s timing, Dr Peter Quentin was in town. He ministered inner healing to me. I was set free immediately, forgiving those guys who cheated my dad of RM16,000 in the mid-1960s (a big sum then)!”

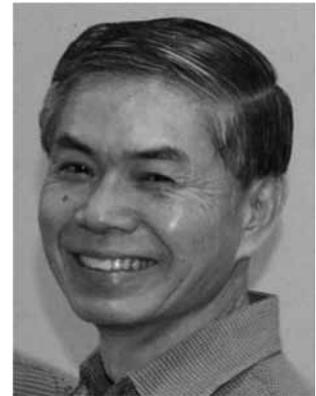
Rev Lawrence also shared this Pordahh story. A demon-possessed young guy confronted him one morning. The guy’s posture became monkey-like – fierce-looking and crouching on the table as if ready to pounce on him. As a young Pastor then, he did not know what to do. So he called the sweeper, who took his broom and uttered “Pordahh”. The monkey-faced guy scooted off from their midst, no more to be seen.

- Regarding the solid food part of the retreat, Rev Woo Kit Sang shared what resonated with him:

“Our TRAC President’s (Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik) sharing at the opening Holy Communion Service on ‘Unchangingly Loyal in Ministry’ (**2 Tim 4:1-8**) was most relevant and appropriate at this stage of my ministry and life, particularly the call and challenge to run well and finish our ‘race till the very end.’ .... Also, Bishop Hwa Yung’s two sessions on ‘Watching Over One Another’ on recapturing the distinctive usage of small group based on John Wesley’s model of the ‘Society’ and ‘Band’ for discipling our members are challenging and fundamental in ushering in again the renewal of our church .... His reminder (**Heb 12:3-11; 2 Cor 12:7-10**) at the Closing Service that God can use us as ‘wounded healers’ despite of our weaknesses, vulnerabilities and failures was timely.”

Our TRAC President then closed the PDMS with the following prayer: “Jabez, born in pain, O Lord, use that pain to Your glory. Do a new work in us. Bless and enlarge Your boundary through us. Spare us from harm and hurt that harm and hurt others. Amen.”

All that began well ended well. Puji Tuhan for the restful, ‘fellowship-full’ and meaningful PDMS 2012.



“Without discipleship, without holiness, without community, revival cannot be sustained.”  
Bishop Hwa Yung

# Celebrating 50 Years of Wesley Methodist Church in Alor Setar (1962-2012)

*By Dr. Sonny Yeoh Oon Siang*

The following are the major milestones of Wesley Methodist Church in Alor Setar.

## **1 The Birth of Wesley Methodist Church**

Our church was officially constituted on 30th September 1962. In the early 1960s Wesley Methodist Church was virtually non-existent. The very tiny congregation shared the same building with the Tamil Methodist Church and Chinese Methodist Church in an old rundown wooden building with attap roofing. The church started with only 14 members who were a potpourri of government officers who had been transferred to Kedah from other adjacent states.

## **2 The First Consecration of Wesley Methodist Church**

Our first resident pastor Rev. E.H. Abram was posted to Alor Setar in April 1963. Under his faithful leadership and guidance all these 3 congregations felt they needed a new building which was worthy enough for the Methodist Church in Alor Setar. Praises be unto God for within 3 years the new church building was ready in 1966 and was consecrated by Bishop R.F. Lundy on 4th March 1966. It was indeed an achievement to the glory of God as all 3 congregations had started from very humble beginnings with limited resources.

## **3 The Second Consecration of Wesley Methodist Church**

Wesley Methodist Church grew in the 1980s and after 30 years or more it was felt that the premises at Jalan Kancut were inadequate to accommodate the 3 congregations. By the turn of the century it was obvious our church definitely needed a

building of their own. Our God as always is the great Provider and ultimately our church raised enough funds to put up the building in Sri Ampang, Alor Setar. Hence after 46 years our own new church building was consecrated on 6th September 2008 by Bishop Hwa Yung. It was indeed a glorious day and certainly a day to remember and cherish.

## **4 The Golden Jubilee of Wesley Methodist Church**

Four years later Wesley Methodist Church celebrated her golden jubilee in August 2012. There was an anniversary dinner on August 18th and Rev Lau Pee Chai was the guest speaker. About 350 people turned up for the dinner. On the next day our church had a special two hour anniversary service, attended by 201 people and the guest speaker was Dr Samuel Ong. The Wesley Methodist Church choir comprising 31 singers sang their hearts out with a special presentation entitled "Thank You Lord" because we certainly had a lot to thank God for 50 great and faithful years. The Methodist Youth Fellowship also put on a very good and unique show. A sumptuous buffet lunch was served at the end of the service. A special souvenir programme was also produced to commemorate the occasion.

I felt so much joy and happiness on that day because I was privileged to be one of the original founder members and God has blessed me with longevity to participate in this glorious celebration. I shall be 80 years old in March 2013 and I hope and pray God will grant me 10 more years when I shall have the opportunity to celebrate the "Diamond Jubilee" of Wesley Methodist Church in Alor Setar. Unto God be the glory.



50th Anniversary of Wesley Methodist Church, Alor Setar



Dr. Sonny Yeoh  
(One of the fourteen founder members)



The entire MYF with Koay Kheng Chuan, Dr. Doreen Khoo and Lee Peh Lan



Some of the guests at the Anniversary Dinner



Mr. Ch'ng Yeang Boon, Dr. Samuel Ong and Dr. Lee Kok Tee  
before the Anniversary Service



Buffet lunch being served



The Wesley Methodist Church Choir (comprising of 31 members)



The lead singers at the Anniversary Dinner

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50 Years of  
Wesley Methodist Church  
in Alor Setar  
(1962-2012)*



"Thank you, Lord" is the title of the presentation by the Choir.



Rev. Lau Pee Chai & Joseph Chang  
(translator)



Presentation by the MYF



Dr. Sonny Yeoh Oon Siang (left) and some of the church members