



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Christmas highlights for us the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Who though being God, "of His own free will He gave up all His own and took the nature of a servant. He became like a man and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience - the way to death - His death on the cross" (Phil 2:7-8). The Scriptures go on to say that "even though He was God's Son, He learnt through His sufferings to be obedient" (Heb 5:8)

Christmas is a season of "obedience" although we wrap this season in joyous celebration, which is not wrong because we celebrate with great gratitude the mystery of the unfathomable love of God our Father. But let us not forget the best gift we can offer to our Father in heaven in return is that same gift that the Son delighted Him with: obedience - now and into the coming year 2007. The Scriptures emphasizes this through the words of the prophet Samuel (when he rebuked a recalcitrant King Saul): "What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Obedience is far better than sacrifice. Listening to Him is much better than offering the fat of rams" (1 Sam 15:22).

This Christmas, let us give God the first gift of obedience; whatever "good, bad or ugly" may come, we shall always, like His Son, obey our Father in heaven. In fact, like the

Son, it is in suffering and facing the ugly, that we are tested and taught - to trust, to love and therefore to obey our Father and thereby gain blessings.

May we be obedient in loving Him by loving in a tangible way those who are made in His image who are in special need: "the last, the least and the lost". It is because we are each made in the inerasable image of God, that we have unchanging value - so that our Father would at all costs rescue us from the "law of sin and death" - even if there is only one of us to save!

We thank the Lord for the close of another year where we have experienced His abundant grace in our lives, in our church community, in our Annual Conference and in our land where there have been new and unprecedented challenges.

May we all in the TRAC Family continue to have an expectant faith of trust in the Lord of history as we prepare to cross into the New Year.

May this Christmas be a deeply meaningful season of rejoicing, restoration and reconciliation for you and your loved ones in the home, in your congregations and in the market-place.

**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR to all!**

by Rev Ong Hwai Teik  
President, TRAC ❄️

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# Trinity Annual Conference

## 31<sup>st</sup> Session

- Date • 18th - 21st November , 2006  
 Venue • Swiss Garden Resort & Spa  
 Kuantan, Pahang.

As I reflect on the report to be written on TRAC 31st Session, certain phrases found in Charles Wesley's hymn "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" come to mind. Indeed, we want to give all praise to our redeeming Lord for a Spirit-led conference. The business sessions, elections, and teaching sessions were conducted smoothly and many will concur that there was the Lord's presence and a sense of greater unity among all present at this conference.

According to that hymn, it is the Lord 'who joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to each restored' That was also highlighted by the President in his address on the second day of the conference where he stated that "we must never stop growing in our fellowship and

overcoming relational barriers." He elaborated that there must be "the highest level of fellowship in the Holy Spirit, so that we can individually and communally practice and experience sincerity, healing, humility, honesty, mercy, forgiveness, confession, restitution and then 'synergy through unity.' The Bishop Dr. Hwa Yung during the ordination service on the last day of the conference also touched on unity in the sermon entitled "Love One Another." The world is looking at the church and if people see love and unity, they see the reality of God. The call is for Christ's love to be at work in our midst where we are willing to give of ourselves in humble service, to love the weak, to forgive others and be able to say 'I'm sorry.'

The election of Conference Lay Leader and Associate Lay Leaders were conducted smoothly. Dr. Samuel Ong Boon Leng was elected Conference Lay Leader, Mr. Peter Desmond Wee and Mrs. Judy Chin were elected Associate Conference Lay Leaders. Dr. Chan Kook Weng was elected to the TRAC Executive Board. The latter served as Conference Lay Leader for 3 terms and we thank the Lord for his committed and faithful service as well as his invaluable support to the TRAC President. Kook Weng's cheerful disposition, positive attitude and rock solid confidence in the Lord's providence and goodness, helped tremendously during difficult times in TRAC.

As he passes the baton of TRAC Conference Lay Leader to Dr. Samuel Ong, we know that the Lord will continue to use him for His glory. It is also our prayer that we will continue to work together, lay and clergy, "concentred all, through Jesus' name, in perfect harmony" for the glory of His name!

In the President's message entitled "Inerasable Image, Unchanging Worth" delivered during the Opening Communion Service, he reminded us that God's inerasable love is implanted in us and we have that love connection with Christ that cannot be disconnected. Being thus connected, we are capable of giving that love to others, especially to "the last, the least and the lost." With that emphasis, Rev. Pax Tan from



Malaysian Care was given a time slot where he enlightened us on the ministries carried out by this para-church organization with 64 full-time staff. It is involved in awareness programmes for HIV/AIDS, Prison/drug ministry, leadership training and the Orang Asli project called 'Ladang M-Care' near Kampar. The latter is a project aimed at improving the lot of the Orang Asli by teaching them better methods of husbandry and agriculture. Rev. Pax Tan rightly emphasizes that we do not have to reinvent the wheel. Our churches can partner with them and go alongside Malaysian Care in carrying out God's Kingdom work.

Dr. John Ng from Eagles Communication conducted three lively, informative sessions on 'mentoring'. Our Lord Jesus Christ showed the importance of mentoring for even though he ministered to many, he focused on a few, changing

them through the method of deliberate and intentional mentoring. We are called to follow the example of Christ's life and work while taking on the same qualities that characterized his perfect life. Dr. John Ng defined mentoring as "a trust and synergistic relationship that seeks to support and develop individuals in their personal growth to be God-centred persons, helping them in holistic personal development and improved performance." To be most effective as mentors, let us remember to develop the same qualities that characterized Christ's perfect life ourselves - honesty, gentleness, self-discipline, strong communication, encouragement, servanthood, the willingness to confront and love.

There were so many brothers and sisters who worked hard to make our 31st Session a success. Our stay at the 4-

star resort was made possible through the kind subsidy of a brother in Christ. The local planning committee under the chairmanship of Mr. R.Y. Hunt made our stay a memorable one. We praise the Lord for the gifted musicians and singers from the Board of Worship of Music who led all of us into meaningful and moving times of worship and encountering the Lord.

The conference sessions may be tiring and energy sapping at times but it is always a joy to see and hear the love and grace of God flowing in and through our TRAC churches. It was also a joy to meet and fellowship with those whom we get to meet only once a year.

"And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet, what height of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!"

by Mrs Lily Ch'ng ❁



# Presidential Address

(A synopsis)

31st Session Trinity Annual Conference

Methodist Church in Malaysia

November 18-21, 2006

**T**RAC mission statement :  
"Open Heavens, Global Missions"

As a conference we seek God for "Open Heavens" and the Spirit's presence that will bring about the powerful transformation of lives, the endowment of gifts that will build up the body of Christ and effective witness in the harvest field.

TRAC vision statement :  
"Transforming, Redeeming, Abiding Community (TRAC) in Christ."

Our vision statement is our "snapshot" of what TRAC should be like, as God's people who are marked by the indwelling presence of God's Spirit.

The 5 essentials are :  
Leadership Development, Building Community, Missions & Outreach, Discipleship & Spirituality and Family: Children, Youth & Seniors Ministries.

## General survey and affirming where we are heading.

### 1. Leadership

#### Development.

The Local Preachers License (LPL) courses have been a blessing as some have gone on to become Approved Supply Pastors. We hope more will join the ranks at a younger age and that more of our people will encourage their children to offer themselves for Christian vocations. There is a growing intentional effort in our churches to identify, mentor and groom younger leaders and this trend of succession planning must be emphasized in all churches. At the same time, leaders must not forget to cultivate the virtues of godly character, without which we cannot have long lasting, servant leaders who can sustain ministries over the long haul.

### 2. Community Building

The General Conference is in the final stages of producing 'The Small Group Guidelines' paper to be tabled at the respective Annual Conferences. TRAC with 532 Care/Cell/Small Groups in the local churches, acknowledge the importance of the Small Group in the life and health of the church. Holistic Small Groups in which the reality and practice of Christian living is experienced, is an essential factor for a healthy church.

### 3. Missions and Outreach

TRAC Missions Consultation has become a regular annual feature for the last 5 years. More churches are contacting our Board of Missions for combined missions exposure and ministry trips, to take on needy projects in our adopted countries and to co-support sent out missionaries. The Board of Missions has the



'Condensed World Missions Course' (Kair os) which can be made available to those interested in mission work. Churches are to go on with their existing projects but are also encouraged to adopt at least one of the 4 adopted missions countries which are Bangladesh, Myanmar, Vietnam and Nepal.

Proceeds raised from the already sponsored TRAC 2007 Prayer (desk) Calendar project will go to our TRAC Missions projects. Let us pray for a TRAC Missions and Prayer coordinator to be appointed.

On the local front, we continue to support the Sengoi Mission Conference. The Sarawak Iban Annual Conference has sought our financial aid over a 7-year period to reach financial independence. The TRAC Executive Board has

agreed to do so, but on a year to year basis, and on the condition that we are satisfied with the feedback of the progress of their master plan to reach financial independence.

The trend of urbanization and the presence of migrant communities challenge us to go where the people are. We praise the Lord for our urban churches which gave birth to other churches and we need to emphasize this again. The Board of Evangelism in collaboration with the Board of Missions will be organizing the TRAC Church Planting Conference on 27-29 May 2007 weekend and Dr. George Hunter III will be our speaker/facilitator. We will also continue to seek the Lord for openings to plant TRAC congregations in Kelantan, Terengganu and Perlis.

We must continue to follow in the way of social holiness as taught by John Wesley by establishing ministry centres for the "last, least and lost." Let us continue to network among our own TRAC churches, with Malaysian Care and other organizations to live out our "salt and light" identity.

#### 4. Discipleship and Spirituality

The Board of Christian Education has drawn up the Christian Growth Strategy as a roadmap for growth in discipleship of our members and the revised membership manual 'Foundations' are now available.

We look forward to the setting up of a national training vehicle to be named 'Institute for Christian Ministry (ICM) that can identify training needs that

will move TRAC forward in alignment with our goals. We are still in the process of further fine-tuning the work and processes of the ICM so that it will have its 'own niche ministry' and role.

Our goal is also to establish a strengthened prayer movement in every TRAC congregation.

We have grown in terms of the number of prayer groups and the TRAC Upper Room Network is now regularly issued to all our churches. The School for Intercessors (SFI) part III is scheduled for 16-18 March 2007 in Penang and the SFI Network is in the process of being formed.

Our churches are encouraged to set aside special Prayer Rooms/Centres where intercessors and those who want to pray can do so and each TRAC church should appoint a prayer coordinator/secretary so that we can be connected in seeking God for "Open Heavens" ministry. Our youths have their own

annual TRAC Youth Prayer Conference, with even a small team going over to Myanmar to conduct a Youth Prayer Conference in May 2006.

Instead of a TRAC Prayer Conference in 2007, we will join the Methodist Church Prayer Conference to be held 31 August-2 September at the Sunway Pyramid, P. J.

#### 5. Family: Children, Youth and Seniors Ministries.

2006 is TRAC's Year of the Youth and the Board of Youth Work has made inroads into missions and Jeremiah School had its biggest intake of 40 this year. Let us in our local churches continue to seek and break new grounds in loving the younger generation for the Lord. Our churches located near colleges are asked to pray and see how they can be involved. We need to pray for 'workers' who can be appointed to the harvest in these fields, to teach the SPM Bible Knowledge paper, to take up chaplaincies in

our schools, to serve in our mission school boards and that more will be challenged to enter the teaching vocation.

TRAC especially appreciates Wesley Methodist Church, Kepong, together with all those congregations and individuals who made possible the purchase of a van for TRAC, to cater primarily for the needs of the TRAC NYD and Youth Ministry.

We are encouraged by the strategy and plans the TRAC MSF has emplaced and for working well with the Seniors Ministry Director (part-time).

As an Annual Conference we want to see strong families experiencing deepening spiritual dynamics and healthy relationships, committed in faith and service as a household of faith. A strong Christian family will make for a strong family of Christ in the local church.



## Addressing barriers to the "Wind"

The Lord continues to call His people to reach out to love, serve and win Malaysians, the 'nations in our nation' and elsewhere. However, we must be mindful and address the "forces of dysfunctionality" that impede the "Wind" of the Holy Spirit.

We must remember we are children of the living God, called to be "ambassadors of Christ" and entrusted with "the task of reconciling people to Him." As such, we must never stop growing in our fellowship with Him and with one another, ever attaining the highest level of fellowship in the Holy Spirit. This high form of fellowship can only be sustained by the discipline of mutual submission.

We must never be trapped by institutional barriers but be a dynamic community, where we exercise and use diverse complementary gifts of all the members. Let us remember the poor, those dominated by social problems (AIDS community), migrant workers, children, youth and elderly communities. At the same time, we cannot

neglect the "soul cultivation" of our leaders and members which must precede institution building.

Our modern world is marked by busyness and overwork that leaves little time for relationships, for personal interior growth and service. At the same time, there is the pervasive, almost ubiquitous presence of advertisements which calls us to worship the idol of consumerism. The church has to expose such lies and liberate people to receive identity and satisfaction in loving and serving the living God. As the multi-aspects of faith, culture and ethnicity become more felt in our claustrophobic world, commitment to absolute revealed truths can be perceived as arrogance. Let us not be tempted to "hold back" on proclaiming the revealed Word of God but to do it with sensitivity, and in a Spirit-led manner.

As we serve in God's Kingdom, we know whose we are; let us resolve never to leave His Majesty's Service in serving our families, church, community, market-place. Whatever the circumstances may be. We

must be steadfast as we live in obedience to the Lord of Lords. We Methodists are a people with a mission, sent to make a difference in the lives of those around and 'beyond' us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in "Global Missions" as His ambassadors. So, may the Lord grant us the grace and strength to do that in every sphere He places us.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Rev. Ong Hwai Teik,  
President  
Trinity Annual Conference.

p/s: For the full Presidential Address, please go to our website ([www.trac.org.my](http://www.trac.org.my)) ❁



# “As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another .”

(Proverbs 27:17) • by: Hwa T syh Yong



**D**r John Ng of Eagles Communications, Singapore, the theme speaker for the 31st Session TRAC, is a firm advocate of mentoring. A seasoned and professional speaker, Dr Ng used a variety of methods to teach the principles and processes involved in mentoring others. He lectured, shared his own experiences, showed video clips, made people discuss in small groups and in pairs, and also engaged the delegates in discussion. His interactive approach and friendly manner kept his sessions lively.

He spoke of mentoring as “a trust and synergistic relationship that seeks to support and develop individuals in their personal growth to be God-centred persons for holistic

personal development and improved performance.” It is an intentional partnership of learning, sharing and caring, and oftentimes it becomes a life-long friendship that brings much joy to both parties.

He drew on the example in the Bible of the affectionate relationship between the Apostle Paul and ‘his son’, Timothy (2 Timothy 1). Paul reminded Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you” (v.6). He kept on encouraging Timothy to be faithful to what God had called him to do.

Dr Ng himself was mentored by Peter Chao and Em Griffin who left an indelible mark on his life and influenced him deeply. What they did can serve as a

model for all would-be mentors. Seeing the potential in Dr Ng, they believed in him and made time for him. They generously shared their resources. They also constantly challenged him to reach his potential and kept him accountable and focussed. As mentors, they practised what they preached and were genuinely concerned for him and his family. All this helped him to grow to become what he is today.

In his handout, he concluded: “If you don’t have a mentor, go find one. Or be a mentor to someone.

Either way, you will not regret it.” ✨



# Year of the Youth 2006 - Analysis & Snapshots

by Dr. Herbert Tan

It was a year that began with great anticipation for many churches. One church even launched it in December 2005. It was to be a year that the local church would attempt to build into her ministry elements and building blocks that would contribute to a sustainable youth

ministry in TRAC. For those who love statistics, the following chart shows a brief analysis of the churches (20 returns out of the sampled 29) and how they were doing up to August 31, 2006 as far as the Year of the Youth was concerned. Following the chart, I highlighted what were our top

3 strengths in youth ministry in TRAC. I also highlighted what were our red flags, danger signals that indicated the areas we need to pay more attention to, failing which we will not be able to see a reasonable and sustainable growth in youth ministry in TRAC.

## Year of the Youth Statistical Analysis

| Items   | No Plans | Has Plans | Has Action |
|---|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Your local church has plans and is working towards setting aside an additional 3-4 adults for youth work (MYF, BB, GB)   | 35%      | 18%       | 47%        |
| 2. Your local church has plans and is sending potential youth and adult leadership for training in youth ministry either through Board of Youth Work training programmes or STM modular courses on Youth Ministry | 18%      | 41%       | 41%        |
| 3. Your local church youth ministry leadership are networking with other youth ministry leadership in regional youth counselors network or youth ministry consultations   | 24%      | 41%       | 35%        |
| 4. Your local church and its adult leadership understand and express the importance of nurturing the next generation  | 12%      | 35%       | 53%        |
| 5. Your local church intentionally creates opportunities for youths to be part of mainstream church ministries  | 6%       | 12%       | 82%        |
| 6. Your local church intentionally creates opportunities where youths can understand adults and adults can understand youths in cross-cultures, trends, and ministry  | 35%      | 24%       | 41%        |
| 7. Your local church intentionally sends/trains youth in cross-cultural missions and outreach in financial giving, prayers and participation  | 29%      | 6%        | 65%        |
| 8. Your local church youths learn how to connect with people cross-culturally and this is seen practiced in the local church in the ways they connect with adults individually and in ministry to the adults      | 35%      | 30%       | 35%        |
| 9. Your local church has plans and is working towards having a mature adult mentor for every youth leader who will help them grow deeper in the spiritual disciplines   | 41%      | 18%       | 41%        |
| 10. Your local church intentionally guides/trains youths in prayer and ministering in prayer  | 29%      | 18%       | 53%        |
| 11. Your local church has plans and is mobilizing youths for concerted prayer locally and nationally  | 35%      | 6%        | 59%        |
| 12. Your local church has plans and is working towards developing strong family ministries as a foundation for youth ministries   | 41%      | 53%       | 6%         |
| 13. Your local church intentionally guides/trains youths in the regular study (not mere reading) of the Word  | 18%      | 12%       | 70%        |

(Statistical approximations as at August 31, 2006 based on 20 churches that responded to a survey attempting to track the development of the Year of the Youth at the local church)

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## Top 3 Strengths (Has Action)

- #5 : Involvement of youths in mainstream ministries especially leading worship (82%)
- #7 : Sends youths in missions and outreach (65%)
- #13 : Guides/trains youths in regular study of the Word (70%)

## Red Flags (No Plans)

- #1 : Setting aside additional 3-4 adults for youth work (35%)
- #6 : Creates opportunities for youths to understand adults and vice versa (35%)
- #8 : Youths understand cross-cultural connections with adults (35%)
- #9 : Mature adult mentors for youth leaders (41%)
- #11 : Mobilizing youths in prayer (35%)
- #12 : Family ministries as foundation for youth ministries (41%)



# Testimonies

**W**e thank God for the many churches that attempted to place a little more emphasis on building our next generation. Here are some of the stories deemed their best experience this year and which the contributors have given permission to publish.

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 Judy Chin , Wesley Methodist Church, Ipoh

We are witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit moving in the midst of our youths during events held this year. A Youth Rally was held on 22nd July , 2006 and was attended by more than 200 youths. It was a united effort amongst the MYFers, GB and BB of Ipoh Wesley to reach out to the

unchurched youths. The theme was 'All in One, and One for All' (Romans 5:18). All are united in the Body of Christ because Christ died as one for all.

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 Tay Hui Cheng , Wesley Methodist Church, Sitiawan

Four of our youths attended the TRAC National Youth Mission to Long Lamai, Sarawak. This has been instrumental in developing greater interest in missions among the youths. The National Youth Prayer Retreat saw eleven of our young people attending, and they came back with greater confidence in their prayer life and in their giftings.

Adult participation in the lives of the youths have already started

in the area of prayer, finances and encouragement. Chan Lay Wah, Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan

The Youth Counselor Retreat held in Pine Resort, Fraser Hill on 18-20 August, 2006 was a wonderful experience for me especially after having a stressful week. At one of the sessions, we were asked to do "Silent Meditation." As I was reading Psalm 103, looking at God's goodness in my own life, tears started rolling from my eyes. It also brought back some of the past memories of how He had transformed me when life was at a pit at one point of my life. Indeed, God had filled my life with many good things ever since I chose to live in obedience. As I was reflecting



on my relationship with God, I am like a rocking chair Christian with plenty of motion but little time to seek and listen to Him. I must learn to slow down, relax, be still in His presence and count His bountiful blessings. In addition, sessions shared by Sherman Kuek, Dr. Herbert Tan and Rev. Christopher Rao were inspiring and encouraging with new insight that we were able to apply in youth ministry. Youth counselors also experienced a time of coming together and praying for one another, getting to know each other and sharing our experience and struggles in the ministry.

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Pastor Lim Keong Goo, Wesley Methodist Church, Kulim

We see the youths coming together to publish a cookbook to raise funds for their youth ministry. The holding of a one-day "lock-in" camp in the church premises this year saw the youths coming together to foster closer ties with one another. They have learnt to pray and to minister to one another. They seem to be able to understand each other better now. They enjoy coming together to play and to plan their activities.

Kong Su Lin, Wesley Methodist Church, Seremban

Since the launch of the Year of the Youth, we received more attention from the church leaders (LCEC). Previously, the youths were not sure who or what the LCEC is, even after several explanations. A few months ago, the LCEC took the initiative to have a dialogue session with the youths, which got them a bit nervous at first but we ended up having a fun and relaxed get-to-know each other session. The LCEC members now have a little more understanding on the concerns and needs of the youths and the youths learn more about the concerns of the church. In addition to that, awareness talks were given to the youths on social concern and mission work from the respective ministry leaders. The youths have also been given opportunities to be involved in leading the morning worship sessions.

One of the problems we were facing was the lack of youth workers/helpers to mentor the youths. We thank God who listens to our cry and is bringing in 3 more adults who are keen to be involved in the youth ministry.

Chen Yau Voon, Wesley Methodist Church, Johore Bahru

The best experience I've had this year was to see a younger man coming forward to assist the church in youth ministry. He is in his early 20s. God has been kind to us. Coupled with this, I see a handful of young ones who are not bored by bible study and want to see MYF get going again. For me, to see them coming for our meetings is already an encouragement. I've shared my sentiments with some of them that I do not wish to force them to come for meetings, but neither should they come because they were forced by their parents. They ought to come because they love the Lord and realize the importance of Christian fellowship. Our numbers may be small, but if I can play just that tiny part to help them grow in their spiritual walk, God has truly blessed me indeed.

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Ngu Chie Kieng, Grace Methodist Church, Sentul

I was quite nervous and at the same time excited when my youths proposed to me that they want to lead the weekly teaching sessions. But we agreed to try



out the new approach. In the beginning, it was a bit sluggish but over time, our youths have made tremendous progress. Currently there are three teams that are involved in this ministry. The program is now getting more exciting and the interest is picking up. I pray that God will sustain the momentum and that these leaders will continue to read the Word, pray and seek Him so that they will have the spiritual food to share with their peers.

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ES Cheah, Wesley Methodist Church, Klang

At the end of our MAD (Make A Difference) Camp in December 2005, one of the participants came up to us to request for a private audience. He apologized for the wrong he did and the hurt his parents had caused us in the course of the year. He was one of the youths we were counseling and trying to protect from the fall-out of his youthful indiscretions. He sought God's forgiveness and our forgiveness. He realized the need to go on a straight path with God. We felt relief we have played our part in restoring him before God.

This incident encapsulates what youth ministry is all about for many of us, tired and beaten

up counselors. The pain and flak we inevitably get along the journey will all fade into distant memory when we realize the impact we can make in the life of one young person. It is all the more satisfying when that young person realizes his or her own errors and seeks forgiveness and restoration with his or her Lord.

Teaching them the correct path from the Word of God can appear frustrating at times when we see them making the very same mistakes we have been teaching them to avoid. Yet at the end of it all we can truly see God's mercy and compassion upon these young lives when He restores them.

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Aileen Alfred, Christ Methodist Church, Ampang

As we began our Youth Ministry in 2005, we prayed to God to raise for us a Youth Leader to work with the youths. God answered our prayers by blessing us instead with 4 counselors of different strengths and abilities. Towards the 3rd quarter of 2005, we had identified 3 youths with leadership potential. They were sent to the YLDP program in Dec 2005. The YLDP program transformed them! They returned full of fire for God and

wanted to set up an MYF for our church. The Counselors decided to have youths form a committee first to learn to work as a team in 2006 whilst still under the charge of the Church School Superintendent.

Since the beginning of 2006, the youth committee has learnt to conduct meetings, lead weekly Praise and Worship sessions, organize presentations at main church services and serve in the music ministry. They have added a vibrancy to our youth meets on Sunday and are growing in their leadership qualities.

Our youths have attended various missions camps and our youth president, Gan Kar Mun, has expressed interest in going on a short term mission trip after her SPM examinations. We hope to be able to expose our youths into networking with other youths through YLDP/Youth Quake and other Methodist churches so that they might grow into Godly, responsible leaders. We hope to formalize our MYF in 2007.



Joanna Sze , SS Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya

We've seen more training and equipping, in terms of ministry and outreach skills. Our youths have organized community outreach sports events and been on Orang Asli and overseas mission trips. For the rest of the year, we hope to continue to build them up in their faith so they can live it out in their own lives.

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 Foo Yi Hui , Canning Garden Methodist Church, Ipoh

A grueling 9-hour road trip ... another one-hour trip by boat finally brought us to Long Lamai. Every night, the church would have a night service during which we worshipped God. Two members of our team would take turns every day to share our testimony to the people. It was my first time sharing in front of a congregation of more than a hundred strong. What made it more challenging was that we had to share in Bahasa Malaysia. With the limited time we had in Long Lamai, we helped rebuild the prayer house on top of a hill, addressed the oral hygiene problem, and conducted tuition class (learned to practice a great amount of patience).

In Long Lamai, the youths were particularly interested in football. Rain or shine, they would gather every evening to play the game they loved. I too joined them in playing the beautiful game and this helped me to reach out to the young men and build bridges with them. A fundamental principle in missions I had learned is that whatever activity that you can do together with the people, whether be it playing football or learning to speak their language, it is a very effective way of reaching out and touching their lives. Thanks to our previous experience in MYF, we were well prepared to lead ice-breakers and worship sessions. This trip made me look at life from a different perspective. It made me cherish things that I normally took for granted. I was already getting used to waking up everyday with backaches and neck pain. I really have to salute all the missionaries who have left their comfort zone to enter the harvest field that God has called them to. To do that, it requires sacrifice and of course, faith in God to lead them wherever they go.

This is only a beginning of some sorts. We in TRAC need to pursue further what we have planted in the Year of the Youth so that we can see the next generation growing and thriving in the context of sustainable youth ministry. What kind of a legacy are we going to leave behind for the next generation in our midst? ✨

# TRAC School for Intercessors Part 2

• 3 - 5 November 2006

• Stella Maris, Penang

by: Ms Dor een Yeoh, KL WESLEY



“I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” - John 12:24

Evangelist John Sung was like the seed that died. Drawing inspiration from the works and life of God's servant from a Methodist church in China, Ms. Wee Lay Ching set the tone for the life of all God's people - for Intercessors in particular. Today, like never before, God calls us to offer our bodies as living

sacrifices and be transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Romans 12:1-2)

48 intercessors from 11 TRAC churches present were challenged to a life of total surrender - a willingness to move into the unfamiliar, to see impossibilities as possibilities, to expect the unexpected and be totally focused upon God (Psalm 86:11). [They re-dedicated themselves, confessing their personal sins as well as the sins of the Methodist Church, in order that bondages and



spiritual strongholds upon the church are broken.] All were very much encouraged by the prayers and teachings and most of all, the presence of God among us.

We are likened to the "voice of one calling in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord;" (Isaiah 40:3a). Therefore, God is hastening us to be serious about prayer as our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the powers and principalities of the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12).

The Methodist pioneers were men of prayer. Sung was also a great man of prayer. He wrote, "In the past, I deemed evangelism the most important work but now I see that prayer is more important than anything. The realm of the Spirit is limitless."..... "I have seen some evangelistic teams falter and fall away after many years, the reason is they emphasized their work rather than prayer...."

The call is out to repent of our prayerlessness. We missed out on many of God's blessings

because prayerlessness created opportunities for Satan to derail us. So, let us get the thief to return what he stole from us individually and corporately, as a church by going on our knees and pray.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen! ✨

# Pastoral Appointments for 2007

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| EASTERN DISTRICT         | District Superintendent: Rev Peggy Seow Kooi Nai                                 |
| Bentong-Mentakab Circuit | Rev Hwa Jen  |
| Kuala Lipis Wesley MC    | -- to be appointed   |
| Raub Wesley MC           | Rev Hwa Jen  |
| Kuantan Wesley MC        | Rev Peggy Seow, Pastor   |
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| NORTHERN DISTRICT        | District Superintendent: Rev T. Jeyakumar  |
| Alor Setar Wesley MC     | Mr Lee Peng Chiat, Approved Supply Pastor  |
| Sg. Petani Wesley MC     | Mr Lee Peng Chiat, Approved Supply Pastor  |
| Kulim Wesley MC          | Mr Tan Har Yong, Approved Supply Pastor  |
| Butterworth Wesley MC    | Mr Lim Keong Goo, Approved Supply Pastor   |
| Penang Wesley MC         | Rev Lawrence Francis, Pastor   |
| Penang Trinity MC        | Rev T. Jeyakumar, Pastor   |
| Parit Buntar Wesley MC   | Rev T. Jeyakumar, Pastor   |
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| PERAK DISTRICT           | District Superintendent: Rev Ashok Amarasingham                                  |
| Taiping Wesley MC        | Mr Tan Yee Ho, Approved Supply Pastor  |
| Ipoh Canning Garden MC   | Rev Ashok Amarasingham, Pastor<br>Rev Audrey Yap Yin Har, Approved Supply Pastor |
| Bercham MC, Ipoh         | Rev Joshua Khong Chee Leong, Pastor  |
| Grace, Ipoh MC           | Rev Ashok Amarasingham, Pastor<br>Rev Joshua Khong Chee Leong, Assistant Pastor  |
| Ipoh Wesley MC           | Rev Dr Timothy Ong, Pastor   |
| Kampar Wesley MC         | Miss Yong Wai Yin, Pastor  |
| Teluk Intan Wesley MC    | Rev Bernard Yogaraj Lazar, Pastor  |
| Sitiawan Wesley MC       | Rev Henry Yong Wei Choong, Pastor<br>Mr Milkias Padan, Approved Supply Pastor    |

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| FEDERAL TERRITORY                     | District Superintendent: Rev Andrew Tan Kok Khoon  |
| Kuala Lumpur Wesley MC                | Rev Andrew Tan Kok Khoon, Pastor<br>Rev Raymond Wong, Associate Pastor<br>Ms Veronica Ting Ling Yin, Director of Christian Education |
| Ampang Christ MC                      | Rev David Loo Tiang Chun, Pastor   |
| Cheras Faith MC                       | -- to be appointed   |
| Kepong Wesley MC                      | Rev Yew Nieng Song, Pastor   |
| Sentul Grace MC                       | Rev Yew Nieng Song, Pastor<br>Miss Tan Chew Mae, Approved Supply Pastor  |
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| SELANGOR DISTRICT                     | District Superintendent: Rev Woo Kit Sang  |
| Petaling Jaya Trinity MC              | Rev Ricky Ho Kim Hock, Pastor<br>Rev Buell Abraham, Assistant Pastor<br>Ms Aileen Khoo Hooi Ai, Director of Christian Education      |
| Damansara Utama MC                    | -- to be appointed   |
| Petaling Jaya Emmanuel MC             | Rev. David Loo Tiang Chun, Pastor  |
| Sg. Way/Subang MC                     | -- to be appointed   |
| Subang MC                             | Mr Robert Khaw Hock Pang<br>Part-Time Approved Supply Pastor   |
| Kelang Wesley MC                      | Rev Woo Kit Sang, Pastor   |
| Sungai Buloh Trinity Methodist Church | Rev Buell Abraham  |
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| SOUTHERN DISTRICT                     | District Superintendent: Rev Yew Nieng Song  |
| Johor Bahru Wesley MC                 | Rev Timothy Lam Yuen Yi, Pastor  |
| Segamat Wesley MC                     | Mr Ngoh Peng Teck, Part-Time Approved Supply Pastor  |
| Melaka Wesley MC                      | Rev Thomas Chin Shen Loong, Pastor<br>Mr John Baru, Approved Supply Pastor   |
| Taman Asean MC                        | Rev Vincent Cheng Min Seng, Approved Supply Pastor   |
| Seremban Wesley MC                    | Rev Paul Christie Santosh, Pastor  |
| Taman Ujong MC                        | Rev Paul Christie Santosh, Pastor  |



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THROUGH PRAYER”**  
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31ST AUGUST - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2007  
 31HB OGOS - 2HB SEPTEMBER, 2007



- **Venue / Tempat :**  
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 GRAND PYRAMID, BANDAR SUNWAY,  
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 PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS  
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# TRAC School for Intercessors Part 3

• 16 - 18 March 2007 • Stella Maris, Tanjung Bunga Penang

Cost : RM150.00 per person  
 Closing Date : 9 March 2007  
 Contact : Ms Matilda at TRAC HQ  
 03-7954 2836 or admin@trac.org.my

## Part 3 tracks

1. Mentoring track
  - Dealing with my darkness
  - Dealing with the spirit of of fence
  - Blessing the Body through growing in unity
2. Developing the Prayer Model track
  - Prayer watches & prayer cells
  - Prayer leadership
  - Prayer Centres
3. Equipping the Spiritual Warfare track
  - Growing in our authority in Christ
  - Growing in relating to leadership
  - Growing to watch
  - Growing in confronting the enemy

This School will be especially helpful for:

Pastors, Church Leaders, Local Church Prayer Coordinators, those who had attended the last three TRAC Prayer Conferences and the School for Intercessors - Part 1 & 2, as well as others in the church who have a heart for the prayer and intercession ministry. ✨

### • January

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 01 Mon           | New Year's Day                               |
| 01 Mon           | Hari Raya Haji                               |
| 03 Wed           | School Term begins                           |
| 03 Jan -Feb 11   | Jeremiahs School                             |
| 18-25 Thur -Thur | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity           |
| 20 Sat           | Regional Workshops on Oral History - Bentong |
| 20 Sat           | Awal Muharam                                 |
| 21 Sun           | Birthday of Sultan of Kedah                  |

### • February

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 01 Thur       | Federal Territory Day                      |
| 01 Thur       | Thaipusam                                  |
| 05 Mon        | Statistical Returns to be sent to Churches |
| 18-19 Sun-Mon | Chinese New Year                           |
| 21 Wed        | Ash Wednesday                              |

### • March

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 01-03 Thur -Sat | BCE Retreat   |
| 01-04 Thur -Sun | BOYW Retreat  |
| 04 Sun          | Anniversary of the Coronation of the Sultan of Terengganu             |
| 06-08 Tue-Thur  | President / DS' s Retreat   |
| 10-18           | Schools Mid-Term Break  |
| 10-13 Sat-Tue   | Youth National Prayer Retreat   |
| 15 Thur         | Statistical Returns to reach Statistician                             |
| 16-18 Fri-Sun   | TRAC School for Intercessors - Part 3                                 |
| 23 Fri          | CE Resources Personnel Training Workshop (Northern District)          |
| 27-30 Tue-Fri   | TRAC MSF Camp   |
| 31 Sat          | Prophet Muhammad's Birthday   |
| 31 Sat          | Regional Workshops on Oral History - Ipoh                             |
| 31 Sat          | BOSCON - District/Local Church Social Conferences Moderator's Retreat |

### • April

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 01-02 Sun-Mon | Birthday of Sultan of Kelantan           |
| 06 Fri        | Good Friday                              |
| 08 Sun        | Easter                                   |
| 08 Sun        | Birthday of Sultan of Johor              |
| 10-14 Tue-Sun | PDMS                                     |
| 15 Sun        | Declaration of Melaka as Historical City |
| 19 Thur       | Birthday of Sultan of Perak              |
| 21 Sat        | 1st Executive Board Meeting              |

### • May

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 01 Tue        | Labour Day                                  |
| 01 Tue        | Wesak Day                                   |
| 01 Tue        | Regional Workshops on Oral History - Penang |
| 07 Mon        | Hari Hol - Pahang                           |
| 13 Sun        | Methodist Women Sunday / Mother's Day       |
| 17 Thur       | Birthday of Sultan of Perlis                |
| 20 Sun        | Aldersgate Sunday / Call to Ministry        |
| 26-June 10    | Schools Mid-Year Break                      |
| 25-27 Fri-Sun | GCYC - Youth Ministry Consultation          |
| 27 Sun        | BOYW National Prayer Day                    |
| 25-27 Fri-Sun | TRAC Church Planting Conference             |

### • June

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 1-10   | Schools Mid-Year Break                      |
| 02 Sat | Birthday of the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong       |
| 02 Sat | Regional Workshops on Oral History - Melaka |
| 03 Sun | Pentecost Sunday                            |
| 10 Sun | Methodist Education Foundation Sunday       |
| 17 Sun | Christian Education Sunday / Father's Day   |
| 23 Sat | Ethics Education Seminar (Eastern District) |

# TRAC CALENDAR 2007

### • July

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 01 Sun        | STM Sunday  |
| 05 Thur       | Statistical Returns to be sent to Churches                  |
| 08 Sun        | Social Conferences Sunday                                   |
| 13-15 Fri-Sun | BOYW National Counsellors' Retreat                          |
| 13-15 Fri-Sun | Mission Consultation KL Wesley                              |
| 14 Sat        | Birthday of Governor of Penang                              |
| 19 Thur       | Birthday of T.Y.T. Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan |
| 20 Fri        | Birthday of Sultan of Terengganu                            |
| 21 Sat        | BOSCON Seminar on "Caring for Single Mothers"               |
| 21 Sat        | Hari Hol Almarhum Sultan Johor                              |

### • August

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
|                  | Missions Sunday                                   |
|                  | Bahasa Malaysia Sunday                            |
| 11 Sat           | Israk and Mikraj (Kedah, Negeri Sembilan, Perlis) |
| 14-16 Tue-Thur   | MOT/ASP Retreat                                   |
| 15 Wed           | Statistical Returns to reach TRAC HQ              |
| 17-19 Fri-Sun    | TRAC BB/GB Officers Retreat                       |
| 18-21 Sat-Tue    | TRAC MW Conference                                |
| 18-26            | School Mid-Term Break                             |
| 26 Sun           | CCM Sunday  |
| 31-Sep 2 Fri-Sun | Methodist Prayer Conference                       |
| 31 Fri           | National Day                                      |

### • September

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1-2 Sat-Sun     | Methodist Prayer Conference  |
| 09 Sun          | Heritage Sunday  |
|                 | MYAF Sunday  |
| 13 Thur         | Awal Ramadan (Johor, Kedah & Kelantan)                                       |
| 14 - 16 Fri-Sun | Joint Boards / Executive Board   |
| 29 Sat          | Hari Nuzul Al-Quran (Kelantan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Penang, S'gor, T'ganu) |

### • October

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 06 Sat        | CE Resources Personnel Training Workshop (Perak District) |
| 06-07 Sat-Sun | Youth Ministry Training (Kuantan)                         |
| 07 Sun        | World Communion Sunday                                    |
| 13 Sat        | Birthday of Governor of Melaka                            |
| 13&14 Sat-Sun | Hari Raya Puasa   |
| 21 Sun        | MSF Sunday  |
| 24 Wed        | Birthday of Sultan of Pahang                              |

### • November

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 06-08 Tue-Thur   | Sengoi Mission Conference |
| 08 Thur          | Deepavali                 |
| 17 - Jan 1, 2008 | Schools Year End Break    |
| 24-27 Sat-Tue    | 32nd Session TRAC         |

### • December

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 02 Sun        | First Sunday in Advent                        |
| 05-09 Wed-Sun | YLDP  |
| 11 Tue        | Birthday of Sultan of Selangor                |
| 20 Thur       | Hari Raya Qurban                              |
| 24 Mon        | Christmas Eve                                 |
| 25 Tue        | Christmas Day                                 |
| 31 Mon        | New Year's Eve / Watch night Covenant Service |