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SynopsisOf President'sAddress 29thTRAC



- Rev. Ong Hwai Teik, President -

Preamble

*"By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas."*

Psalm 65:5

The above words of the Psalmist remind us again as God's people, that He is the One who is both close at hand to be our Saviour, and also the One who must be shared globally to all the nations. We must always remember that we are called to give ourselves for the life of the world; that the church is not called to live for itself but for others.

I shall now go on to follow-up the President's Address along the following trajectory:

- I Perusing and Reviewing the Past.
- II Progressing Purposeful change Intentionally in TRAC
- III Possibilities for the Future.
- IV Practicalities for the Present.

I. Perusing and Reviewing the Past.

Our Mission Statement is "Building Community, Mobilising Resources, Empowering to

serve." Since establishing the six essentials along with this, TRAC has had a more purposeful growth. The six essentials of Leadership Development, Community Building, Missions, Deepening Spirituality, Outreach and Youth & Children Ministries had helped to provide direction and focus to each congregation as well as synergized our Annual Conference efforts in terms of equipping for growth both internally and externally (outreach and missions)

The Six Essentials surveyed.

a. Leadership Development.

We have a student in STM. There are now 7 Approved Supply pastors and one more will be added in 2005. We thank the Lord for the increase of Local Preachers from 30 (listed in 2000) to 44 by the end of 2004. Three new Elders will be ordained at the 29th Session. Intentional leadership training is being carried out as more churches are consciously organizing annual LCEC Retreats cum Training for the local leaders. The LPL Module on "Foundation of Leadership for the Local Church was held in STM for the 1st time in 2004, thus

contributing towards leadership development.

b. Building Community.

Most of the churches provide opportunities for fellowship after worship services through the provision of light refreshments as well as celebrations of anniversaries etc. These occasions facilitate relationship building and the church takes on a more welcoming and warmer profile that will draw people in. The emphasis on Small Groups continues. Building servant leadership community is also essential to the life and ministry of the church. To that end retreats at various levels of leadership are carried out.

c. Missions.

The Persidangan Missi Sengoi (PMS) had established another Training Centre in Raub. Work is expanding in Pahang as other tribes are being reached. Let us pray and work with our Sengoi brethren towards the PMS becoming a Provisional Annual Conference in 2008. TRAC is helping in the Translation Project of capturing the Sengoi language in written form thus

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FromTheEDITORIAL

Greetingsfrom theEditorial Team!

By the time you receive this issue, the lent season for the year would have just ended. We pray that the significance of Christ's death and resurrection has brought a renewed meaning and purpose to your life personally as well as to the life of your local church.

This is the first issue of Berita TRAC for this year which we hope will give you an overall picture of the direction of TRAC, some key essentials and emphasis for the next quadrennium as well as the pastoral and lay personnel appointments for the work of TRAC at local churches and at TRAC

level. Read the President, Rev Ong Hwai Teik's Address at the last Annual Conference to know the heartbeat and direction of TRAC for the next quadrennium in areas like family life, prayer, leadership development and development of TRAC Headquarters. For those who were not at the annual conference, the Conference Lay Leader, Dr Chan Kook Weng's article vividly captures some significant events that took place.

Find out what exciting stories and testimonies there are from those who attended the 2nd Prayer Conference and get glimpses of the Lord's work of grace in the lives of His children and the body of Christ.

We end this issue by paying a tribute to the late Rev Paul George who was called home suddenly on

21 December 2004. Excerpts of the tributes and eulogies have been compiled for your reading. We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Rev Paul George. We will miss a pastor, a mentor, a colleague and a friend. But we shall meet again, indeed!

Easter reminds us of the hope of eternity with the Father. Let's live everyday with Easter in mind! :)

The Editorial

enabling more materials to be put into writing for wider usage and ministry.

TRAC is establishing connections with the Lower Myanmar Methodist Church and overall, our churches are growing in their awareness and support of Missions overseas as well as support of local missionaries in partnership with Missions Agencies.

d. Deepening Spirituality.

The emphasis on prayer continues in TRAC. The 1st TRAC Prayer Conference was held in Chefoo on 31st January 2004. It was attended by 93 members from 21 churches. As a result, some took up the challenge to be Prayer Coordinators in their respective churches and Districts. Rev. Dr. Chew Tow Yow continues to conduct Prayer Retreats and these are becoming 'more popular.'

The Board of Worship and Music has helped to facilitate the printing of Lent and Holy Week Resources/materials for TRAC churches.

The Board of Christian Education has produced the membership manual "Foundations", and is in the process of producing the youth edition. Popular resource materials used in churches are 2:7 Navigators materials, the Disciple syllabus, Experiencing God course, Alpha Philipppians, The Purpose Driven Life Course work, etc.

e. Outreach.

Churches have their respective caring ministries, mostly in supporting Christian organizations like Malaysian CARE, and child sponsorship projects through World Vision etc. A few have their own Centres for slow-learning children, haemodialysis treatment, day-care for the elderly, etc. We have at least 3 NGOs that had developed out of outreach ministries carried out in our TRAC churches. These remain very much connected to their respective mother church.

f. Youth and Children Ministry.

The National Youth Director and Youth Ministry Coordinator have been making their visits to the various chapters. The Jeremiah School has improved from an initial intake of 7 in 2003 to 23 in 2004. There will be the continued efforts to minister to our youths and challenge them to be open to God's call to Christian vocations. We shall have to explore creative ministries to reach the youths of our nation, especially in urban settings.

MYF counselors have been provided with training and a Counselors Network has been established in the Klang Valley. Youth Alpha and the Purpose Driven Life courses for youths are also being promoted to help the churches reach the young. A few of our churches are reaching out to the kindergarten children with special holiday camps and spiritual programmes. We must never underestimate the potential for evangelism, as children are the keys to reaching whole families for the Lord.

II Progressing Purposeful Change Intentionally in TRAC.

May I now share with our Annual Conference my own observations of what we shall need in order to facilitate further advancement in TRAC's alignment to God's call in 1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1. A vibrant prayer movement.

Over the years, since we began organizing prayer retreats, TRAC has gone on to establish the TRAC Retreat and Prayer Directors' positions to enhance the prayer movement in our midst. Prayer will be practiced on a personal level - right from our pastoral leadership, LCEC to the person on the pew. There will be a specific place, space and time for prayer in our total church life. May we go on to pray in our anticipation of a revival to come upon the Methodist Church in Malaysia.

2. A focused DISCIPLING Ministry.

Our churches must see outreach beyond a one-off event, but as a lifelong lifestyle process. We must review our evangelistic efforts which must have equal intention and attention given to discipling those who come to Christ. To this end, we must emplace and strengthen our Discipleship, mentoring and coaching groups in our own churches.

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3. A "Near & Far" Mission.

We are aware of the number of nations represented by the migrant workers in our land. It is the opportune time for us to reach out and/or minister to them. From then on we can expand our ministries through possible link-ups and connections with their homelands in which we have missions contact and work (eg. Myanmar, Vietnam and Nepal). There are growing opportunities and increasing committed involvement by TRAC in God's Mission globally and the employment of a TRAC Missions & Prayer Coordinator/Director will definitely hasten the process.

Regarding our Sengoi brethren, we have to continue to increase our efforts in helping them become a Provisional Annual Conference by the end of the quadrennium.

4. A "Synergy in Unity" Mindset.

We have seen efforts at preserving unity in the body of TRAC and I pray that we shall continue to have this togetherness, being part of the connectional body in TRAC and the Methodist Church in Malaysia. Once we have made a decision as an Annual Conference, we must uphold it as a body. We are grateful for the production of the Introducing TRAC CD (12 minutes) which is now available to all our congregations.

5. A Centre that Empowers.

We shall need to continue to build a strategically functional TRAC HQ that can administer and meet the needs of a growing Annual Conference. It should also be able to uphold

and provide the necessary support for the ministry and initiatives undertaken by TRAC. We have implemented part of this process by making TRAC presidency full-time on 1 January 2004. We are also at the inception stage of establishing and developing our own infrastructure such as the TRAC HQ Administrative structure to sustain and support our growing work as an Annual Conference.

Our continuing aim is that we shall establish a centre that empowers and advances ministries for the Lord.

III Possibilities For the Future.

Even as the quadrennium draws to a close, may I offer the following strategic possibilities in terms of follow-up goals/objectives for the new quadrennium.

1. Church Planting especially in Urban Areas.

In the light of rapid urban growth, we should be preparing ourselves to invest in church planting in urban areas, esp. in FT and Selangor. TRAC will need to adopt a strategy that is more sustainable in terms of cost, size and manpower. A "shop-lot size" congregation is a manageable size that will be more sustainable in terms of cost, and active bi-vocational local team leadership participation. It may also be less institutionalized, more homogeneous in setting which is more likely to facilitate growth and outreach. The Annual Conference must also be able to help "jump start" church planting and ministry centres in potential areas although finally, it has to be the local church that undertakes that responsibility.

2. Establishing Ministry Centres.

We also see the need to set up different types of ministry centres for the "least, last and lost" - such as for the youths and student population, the elderly and seniors, for the differently abled, unwed mothers, mentally challenged etc.

3. Reaching the Nations in our Nation.

While the Board of Missions will spearhead such a project, we should key in on the experience of those churches that are already doing this ministry. At the same time, the Unreached Peoples Group within our own land must also occupy a place in our hearts and prayer.

4. Intentional Leadership Development.

At the Laity level, the LPL has served us well as a training and nurturing conduit. Perhaps we should offer at least a couple of leadership courses/modules annually to cater to newer leaders (esp. in the LCEC) such as the "Foundation of Leadership for the Local Church" and a follow up like "Fundamental Leadership Issues in the Local Church". We shall have to be more deliberate and plan for on-going development in areas of spiritual, ministry and strategic (philosophy of ministry) formations for front-line key personnel in God's church. They will then remain fresh and fitted for their roles and responsibilities. Our local churches and TRAC must then set aside sufficient funds and time for them to receive such empowering. We must pay the cost and give priority to this area of intentional leadership development - quality

leadership means an Annual Conference of quality - for the Lord.

5. Paying Close Attention to Family Life.

While we know that the key basic core community in any society is the family unit, we are also aware that the church is not spared of family and marital tensions, even though it is an "unspoken subject". As such, I am glad that more of our churches are organizing seminars and forums to acknowledge our struggles in this area and to equip parents and children for a strong family life. The theme of healthy family life will have to be kept consciously in our minds as we minister across the whole of the age spectrum in our local churches.

IV Practicalities for the Present.

1. The TRAC Millennium Ministry Fund (TMMF)

We thank the churches that have remitted their contributions and that have given feedback and suggestions regarding the fund. Our first key project is the TRAC HQ Building Extension Project. At present we are still waiting for the relevant authorities to process our submitted plans. In our quest to establish the funding and administration of this Fund, let us not forget its purpose, which is, to leave a lasting legacy as a TRAC family through synergy in unity. It is exciting and encouraging to anticipate what the Lord can do through the TMMF to bring glory to His own Name through TRAC.

2. Effective Tools for Church Life and Ministries.

In the course of the year I have come to know of some of the more recent useful resources (this is of course not exhaustive) which is worth sharing with our churches who may find them useful.

- a) Alpha in the Workplace (Office Alpha) and Youth Alpha (alphamy@streamyx.com). This is the 13 week course but retailored to be held in an hour lunch break in a weekday at the office. They have other useful materials including a course on marriage enrichment that is also recommended. Alpha Conference is scheduled for next year 9-10 Nov. 2005 in K.L.
- b) Purpose Driven Life (Rick Warren)
Those churches using this have found this most helpful for both the believers and those who have recently come to Christ.
- c) Experiencing God for Couples. This course uses the 7 realities taught in the Experiencing God course in the marriage context. It comes with a video and workbook for 8 segments.
- d) GC Laity Leadership Training Seminar
Organised for lay leaders of the church.
Date : 7-9 March 2005
Eagles Leadership Conference, Singapore.
Date : 28-30 July, 2005
Churches could help sponsor our leaders to attend as we did the last time as per our Annual Conference decision.

- e) TRAC Website : www.trac.org.my
This will be set up and operational by early next year for our churches to gain information as well as to post information. This will become one of our main tools of quick and updated communication.

Conclusion.

As I look back over the last three years, I cannot but feel most thankful to the Lord for His guidance and manifold grace received in the course of serving Him together with you in TRAC. I wish to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the intercessors and praying friends, the Executive Board, the administrative support of Ms. Matilda Renganayagee at TRAC HQ office, and Mrs. Tung Soo Kee and the Board of Presidency. I am grateful for the two special ladies in my life, my beloved wife Mun Kean and daughter Hannah who have been willing to make adjustments in growing together with me in serving the God whom we love. We are grateful for the community life in KL Wesley, where I continue to serve, preach, teach, counsel and train albeit at a lesser percentage level. And to all of you, my pastoral colleagues, lay leaders, co-workers, sisters and brothers in our Lord, thank you for your confidence, love and esteem in making it possible for me to have the privilege of serving in the office of President of the Trinity Annual Conference for the past three years. To God be all praise, honour and glory. ■

Rev. OngHwaiTeik
President,
Trinity Annual Conference
Methodist Church in Malaysia.

Reflections • 29th Session, TRAC Annual Conference

Dr ChanKookWeng

Introduction: The 29th Session TRAC Annual Conference was held in Syuen Hotel, Ipoh, Perak from 13-16 November 2004. Truly the Lord was with us through out the four days.

Many of us may think that Annual Conferences come and go from a human perspective. I would like to point out the richness of each Annual Conference and the 29th Session is one such example. There is God's love shown and the fulfillment of our prayers being seen as we continue to serve Him faithfully. It is my hope that as you finished reading this article you will get a better insight as God seems to remind us of the wonderful gift of Christian living.

Teaching and Training: The Annual Conference started off with the TRAC President Rev Ong Hwai Teik preaching on the theme "Not by might but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:1-10) at the Opening Holy Communion Service where the new Bishop Rev Dr Hwa Yung presided over the Lord's Supper. The delegates were challenged to rediscover the pioneering spirit of our forebears and be filled with the Holy Spirit in carrying out our mission by equipping the people with goodness and spiritual gifting.

As church leaders, it becomes clear to the delegates that being a church leader indeed is a calling (1 Timothy 3:1-7) as we strive to meet good

qualities. The President had set the tone where we could use the Word of God to guide us. There should not be selfish motives. It is our responsibility to check what is said and done with our own lives and that of the church against what the Bible says. As the delegates reflected on the Presidential address, they realized that they were asking God to give them fresh direction again as if they had not traveled down the road before. These were sound lessons to be learned.

Fortified by the teaching and testing of Dr and Mrs Monty Barker, such lessons were meant to further train and equip us for the work God wants us to do in this new quadrennium. Dr Barker spoke over three sessions on 'Reading your own story: the inner life of the Christian leader', 'Counseling and care', and 'Youth and sex' and they all highlighted the challenges faced by the church and the leaders in the 21st Century. To me when the Lord speaks to us through such a powerful speaker like Dr Monty, God usually gives us His perspective, the long view of things. We have everything we need in the Lord to satisfy us when facing these challenges in the coming years.

Elections: What was striking was the smooth elections, starting with our President. For the first time in the TRAC Annual Conference history, the President was elected with one single ballot. Here Rev Ong Hwai Teik obtained 87 out of 150 votes cast where the required number for election was 70 votes. However due to the voting rights of three Approved Supply Pastor who had been appointed to a full charge of a church being eligible to vote while another three without the full

charge of a church were not eligible a new ballot was called. Out of the 105 votes cast, Rev Ong Hwai Teik was again elected with 88 votes polled in his favour.

The mood of the delegates was one of unity and this prevailed throughout the other elections. For example, in the election of the Conference Lay leader he was returned unopposed. The election of the Associate Lay Leaders and other office bearers was indeed smooth. Like wise the elections of members to the Executive Board and the other Boards' Chairpersons and members were also very smooth.

We have brought this request for a smooth election in our prayers. Our Lord wants us to trust Him that he will give us the strength of character to live faithfully and transparently in dealing with selecting His fellow workers to serve. In fact we have waited and prayed for the past few years for this to happen. At this 29th Session TRAC before our very eyes, we can see the hand of God bringing to us such an important breakthrough. To me the results of the elections tell me one important thing. When God says the time is right, then we must be ready. Indeed the delegates were ready and this prayer had been fulfilled. The church is well on the way to bigger things with such unity being expressed through the ballots. As long as we love one another as the Lord has commanded (John 15:12) we can face the challenges ahead, come what it may, with a united front.

Retirement: Rev Balahu Hassan in honour of his 30 years of faithful service in the preaching business in the presence of God and



our Lord Jesus Christ, retired. He was awarded a love gift and a citation. To me this is very meaningful. Making God's Word known is a life long business and though Rev Balahu Hassan had retired, he is preaching occasionally. There is actually no retirement plan for preaching. He provides ample proof to we younger church workers that faithfulness in taking action on behalf of the Word will allow one to receive the priceless reward 'on that day.' (2 Timothy 4:8)

Appreciation: Another event of significance is the appreciation given to the spouses of pastors who came in full force to the Annual Conference. Behind the dedicated work of the pastors are the spouses companionship in God's work. For their faithfulness and support to their husbands, there were rewarded with a gift of hamper each given by Dato' and Datin Daniel Tay and a dinner arrangement for them and their

children by Dato' and Datin Lee Oi Hian as another token for further appreciation of their contribution. The whole exercise reminded me of how we as children were taught early to say 'Please' and 'Thank You'. As leaders we now do as what we are taught. We thank God for people who are kind in bringing gifts to those who serve unselfishly.

Workshops: Right from the start of this 29th Session of the Annual Conference this year, there were exhibitions by Daybreak and Wycliffe. Here delegates were able to look through to browse through the books and products on display. In addition to the exhibitions, there were seven mission workshop presentations.

* The first one from Seraphim, Fred Wong introduced the company products and the audio Bibles, that were available in several languages, for sale.

* The second workshop, Rev Woo Kit Sang shared about the migrant ministry among the Nepalese, Vietnamese, Telegu and Myanmar. The ways of reaching out to them like conducting English lessons and through health care were shared.

* In the third delegates, briefed by Dr Tai Kim Teng, learned on how to mobilizing Christian professionals into the China Mainland to establish short- and long-partnership in reaching out.

* The fourth was on youth. Ms Tay Choon Neo shared about the mission among the young people in Cambodia. Here many ministries have been set up by other Christian organizations to reach out to the youth.



* In the fifth, Rev Christopher Rao reported on the TRAC Jeremiah School where school leavers are encouraged to attend. The aim is to spot the potential in the lives of the young and immature and for them to develop into effective valuable persons later in their lives.

* In the 6th Rev Bah Uda was to share on how to provide the next phase of the growth of the Sengoi Misi. This went off with a good start with Singapore TRAC donation S\$11,000 to be used as seed money to purchase a 50-acre land. With further donations and contributions from TRAC, the Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodis will work on stronger foundation towards of becoming a Provisional Annual Conference by 2008.

* Lastly, the 7th was the introducing TRAC VCD presentation of about 12 minutes where the broad range of activities of TRAC churches in Malaysia was covered. After some corrections, the video would be presented to all the churches.

These exhibitions and workshop offered many opportunities for the delegates not only to find some diversions from their heavy-duty deliberations of the Conference matters but more importantly to me is that God has called us, irrespective of our age, man or woman to do the things He has called us to do and to use the gifts He has given to us to fulfill the jobs and missions as demonstrated by the workshops.

Discernment of God's intervention in our lives: Finally, as we record a word of thanks to the kind hospitality of the Local Planning Committee and the host church for facilitating a conducive environment throughout the Conference, we must discern God's love for us through those people who are in the local planning committee. The 29th Session may have gone but God had been in control. Discerning God's movement in our lives requires a desire to hear God's voice and see His point. It is my hope that with this write up will help you to focus on what is important in future Annual Conferences. They are important milestones of our TRAC Methodist churches. Let us not forget God's grace at the 29th Session as we continue to praise Him and love Him.

To God be the Glory. ■

Appointments For 2005

EASTERN DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Rev Peggy Seow Kooi Nai

Bentong-Mentakab Circuit
Kuala Lipis Wesley Methodist Church
Raub Wesley MC
Kuantan Wesley MC

Mr Buell W.N. Abraham, *Pastor*
- to be appointed
Mr Buell W. N. Abraham, *Pastor*
Rev Peggy Seow, *Pastor*

NORTHERN DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Rev Lawrence Francis

Alor Setar Wesley Methodist Church
Sg. Petani Wesley Methodist Church
Kulim Wesley Methodist Church
Butterworth Wesley Methodist Church
Penang Wesley Methodist Church
Penang Trinity Methodist Church
Parit Buntar Wesley Methodist Church

Mr Lee Peng Chiat, *Supply Pastor*
Mr Lee Peng Chiat, *Supply Pastor*
Mr Lim Keong Goo, *Supply Pastor*
Mr Lim Keong Goo, *Supply Pastor*
Rev Lawrence Francis, *Pastor*
Rev T. Jeyakumar, *Pastor*
Rev T. Jeyakumar, *Pastor*

PERAK DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Rev Hwa Jen

Taiping Wesley Methodist Church
Kuala Kangsar Wesley Methodist Church
Ipoh Canning Garden Methodist Church

Bercham Methodist Church, Ipoh
Ipoh Grace Methodist Church
Ipoh Wesley Methodist Church
Kampar Wesley Methodist Church
Teluk Intan Wesley Methodist Church
Sitiawan Wesley Methodist Church

Rev Thomas Chin Shen Loong, *Pastor*
Rev Thomas Chin Shen Loog, *Pastor*
Rev Ashok Amarasingham, *Pastor*
Rev Audrey Yap Yin Har, *Supply Pastor*
Mr Joshua Khong Chee Leong, *Pastor*
Mr Joshua Khong Chee Leong, *Pastor*
Rev Hwa Jen, *Pastor*
Rev Kwek Peng Soon, *Pastor*
Rev Bernard Yogaraj Lazar, *Pastor*
Rev Henry Yong Wei Choong, *Pastor*
Mr Milkias Padan, *Supply Pastor*

FEDERAL TERRITORY (Kuala Lumpur)

District Superintendent: Rev Dr Timothy Ong Seng Kee

Kuala Lumpur Wesley Methodist Church

Ampang Christ Methodist Church
Cheras Faith Methodist Church
Kemping Wesley Methodist Church
Sentul Grace Methodist Church

Rev Dr Timothy Ong Seng Kee, *Pastor*
Rev Andrew Tan Kok Khoo, *Associate Pastor*
Ms Veronica Ting Ling Yin, *Director of Christian Education*
Rev David Loo Tiang Chun, *Pastor*
Rev Wong Onn Thau, *Pastor*
Rev Yew Nieng Song, *Pastor*
Rev Yew Nieng Song, *Pastor*
Ms Tan Chew Mae, *Supply Pastor*

SELANGOR DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Rev Woo Kit Sang

Petaling Jaya Trinity Methodist Church

Sungai Buloh Trinity Methodist Church,

Damansara Utama Methodist Church
Petaling Jaya Emmanuel Methodist Church
Sg. Way/Subang Methodist Church
Subang Methodist Church
Kelang Wesley Methodist Church

Rev Ricky Ho Kim Hock, *Pastor*
Rev Raymond Wong Hoong Kwan, *Associate Pastor*
Ms Aileen Khoo Hooi Ai, *Director of Christian Education*
Rev Ricky Ho Kim Hock, *Pastor*
Rev Raymond Wong Hoong Kwan, *Associate Pastor*
- to be appointed
Rev. David Loo Tiang Chun, *Pastor*
- to be appointed
Rev Ng Cho Hui, *Supply Pastor*
Rev Woo Kit Sang, *Pastor*

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Rev Yew Nieng Song

Johor Bahru Wesley Methodist Church
Segamat Wesley Methodist Church
Melaka Wesley Methodist Church

Taman Asean Methodist Church
Seremban Wesley Methodist Church
Taman Ujong Methodist Church

Rev Timothy Lam Yuen Yi, *Pastor*
Mr Ngoh PengTeck, *Part-time Supply Pastor (wef 1.1.2005)*
Rev Ting Moy Hong, *Pastor*
Mr John Baru, *Supply Pastor*
Rev Vincent Cheng Min Seng, *Part-time Supply Pastor*
Rev Paul Santosh Christie, *Pastor*
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CONFERENCE OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES FOR THE NEW QUADRENNIUM 2005 - 2008

Conference President:
Conference Secretary
Conference Statistician
Conference Treasurer
Conference Lay Leader
Associate Conference Lay Leaders

Rev Ong Hwai Teik
Mr Tung Kam Seng
- to be elected
Mr Gary Soh
Dr Chan Kook Weng
Dr Samuel Ong
Mr Desmond Wee

01. Executive Board For 2005 -2008

Chairman: Rev Ong Hwai Teik, Conference President

Ministerial Members

Rev Hwa Jen
Rev Ricky Ho
Rev Dr Timothy Ong
Rev Andrew Tan
Rev Peggy Seow
Rev Lawrence Francis
Rev Woo Kit Sang

Lay Members:

Dr Chan Kook Weng
(Conference Lay Leader)
Mrs Irene Khoo
(President, Methodist Women)
Mr Kwong Choong Vai
(Chairmen, Board of Finance)
Mr Tung Kam Seng
(Conference Secretary)
Dr Samuel Ong
Mr Desmond Wee
Dr Ting Cheh Sing

Reserves:

Rev Yew Nieng Song
Rev T. Jeyakumar
Rev Ting Moy Hong

Mrs Lily Ch'ng
Ms Jenny Qua
Mr Richard S. O. Leow

02. Board of Appointments

Chairman: Conference President
Members: District Superintendents,
Conference Lay Leader,
Chairman Board of Finance

03. Board of Archives & History

Chairman: Mr Goh Keat Seng
Members: Miss Aileen Khoo
Rev Hwa Jen
Rev Thomas Chin
Mr Ng Eee Meng
Mr David Low
Mrs Goh Keat Seng
Mr Lim Tong Juan

04. Board of Bahasa Malaysia Work

Chairman: Rev Raymond Wong
Members: Ps John Baru
Rev Bah Saha
Ps Milkias Padan
Mr Yu Ngee Ing
Mr Ong Chong That
Mr Richard K K Leow

05. Board of Christian Education

Chairman: Ms Goh Kim Guat
Members: Ps Joshua Khong
Rev Ng Cho Hui
Rev Timothy Lam
Mr Daniel Ong
Rev Andrew Tan
Ms Ng Wai Ling
Mr Stephen Cheah
Ms Yeoh Eng Bee
Mr Cheah Eng Seng
Ms Sally Ti
Mr Tan Har Yong
Ms Amanda Pang

06. Board of Evangelism

Chairman: Rev Henry Yong
Members: Ps Buell W. N. Abraham
Rev Audrey Yap
Ps Lim Keong Goo
Rev Peggy Seow
Mrs Rachel Kwong
Mrs Rubina Ho
Ms Yin Kam Yoke
Mr Albert Quah
Mrs Dorcas Ong

07. Board of Finance

Chairman: Mr Kwong Choong Vai
Members: Rev Ricky Ho
Rev T. Jeyakumar
Rev Yew Nieng Song
Rev Andrew Tan
Dr Chan Kook Weng
Mr Tay Un Soo
Ms Irene Khoo
Dr Ting Cheh Sing
Mrs Tung Soo Kee
Mr Desmond Wee
Mr Yeoh Beng Keat
Ms Jenny Qua

Ex-offici

Members without vote: President & District Superintendents

08. Board of Investigation

Members: Rev Lawrence Francis
Rev Woo Kit Sang
Rev T. Jeyakumar
Rev Ting Moy Hong
Rev Andrew Tan
Rev Hwa Jen

09. Board of Laity

Chairman:	• Conference Lay Leader
Members:	• Associate Lay Leaders
	• District Lay Leaders
	• Conference MW President
	• Conference MYF President
	• Conference MYAF President
	• Conference Director of Youth Work
Ex-officio Members:	• Conference President and District Superintendents

10. Board of Ministry

Chairman:	Rev Ricky Ho
Members:	Rev Hwa Jen
	Rev Dr Timothy Ong
	Rev Lawrence Francis
	Rev Andrew Tan
	Rev Woo Kit Sang

11. Board of Missions

Chairman:	Mr Oon Lai Seng
	Ps Lee Peng Chiat
Members:	Rev Raymond Wong
	Ms Veronica Ting
	Rev Vincent Cheng
	Rev Woo Kit Sang
	Mr Leong Pook Seong
	Mr Ng Siew Wah
	Mr Yeoh Beng Keat

12. Board of Nominations

Chairman:	Rev Hwa Jen
Members:	Rev Kwek Peng Soon
	Mr Desmond Wee
	Rev Dr Timothy Ong
	Mr Tung Kam Seng
	Rev Peggy Seow
	Mrs Lily Ch'ng

13. Board of Presidency

Chairman:	Mrs Lily Ch'ng
Members:	Rev Peggy Seow
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	Mr Richard S O. Leow

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20. TRAC Prayer Director

Rev Ong Hwai Teik

The second TRAC Prayer Conference was held between Jan 29 - 31, 2005, at the Chefoo Methodist Centre, Cameron Highlands. This conference saw an increased participation of 121 people from 19 Methodist churches. The theme of the conference was 'Positioning Watchmen, Putting up Prayer Shields'. The main facilitators were Mark & Alice Goodwin, a husband-wife team-missionaries. Read on to find out what some participants have to say about the conference...

Dr.CheeChinSeang

Canning Garden Methodist, Ipoh

Prayer is of vital importance. The fact that the President of our Annual Conference churches, Rev. Ong Hwai Teik, himself organised and led in most of the sessions in the Prayer Conference both this year as well as last year underlines the importance of prayer in TRAC. In various parts of his sharing and chairing at the Conference, Rev. Ong reminded participants that Jesus Christ himself is our Chief Intercessor. For example, Hebrews 7:25 says, "He (i.e. Jesus) always lives to intercede for them (i.e. us, his followers)." And Romans 8:34 says, "Christ Jesus, who died - more than that who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." If Christ considers intercession as of such importance and priority to Him, how much more so it should be to us! Also, that the TRAC churches agreed with the President on the importance of prayer, is seen by the attendance of over 120 participants from all parts of Peninsular Malaysia, from churches in Alor Star to Johor Bahru — north to south, and east to west.

Prayer has power. The timing of the Conference is fortuitous, God's timing. At the same time (on 30 January), the nation of Iraq was also having its first genuinely democratic general elections in decades, held in the midst of internal war and bloodshed and threats of increased violence and "bloodbaths", as promised by the insurgents/terrorists. We prayed hard for a peaceful and orderly elections. There must have been other prayers

around the world from other disciples of Jesus. Together, the combined prayers prevailed over evil and violence and Iraq had a relatively peaceful and courageous turnout and voting. The threatened "bloodbaths" did not happen. Participants also shared other testimonies of how prayer and intercession were changing things and events in their churches.

Attitude to intercession. On the last day of the Conference, Rev. Ong meditated in his closing message on Luke 11:1-13 (Jesus' teaching on prayer). He said that an intercessor should have three correct attitudes to prayer. First, he/she should be persevering just like the friend in the story who came at midnight to ask for some bread whose attitude Jesus called "boldness". Intercessors should never give up - we may have to pray for one month, one year, many years, and even for a lifetime to see the results of our prayers. Secondly, an intercessor must have love for people he/she prays for. Without this love, our efforts will become merely mechanical and meaningless, and to intercede for others in this way can be a chore and a burden. Because, like the friend who came at midnight, requests can come at all times of the day or night, at odd times when we don't feel like praying or are ourselves spiritually low and in no mood to help or to listen. Thirdly, an intercessor must be humble and remember - like the friend who asked for bread who said, "I have nothing.." - that we have nothing good on our own. All that we can give or help comes from God alone. He gives us the ability, the resources and the empowering to pray for

others and to help them.

I am grateful to God for enabling me to attend this Prayer Conference. I hope more of you can attend next year's Conference which will be held in January or February 2006. ■

SandyWu

Canning Garden Methodist, Ipoh

How blessed it is to sit at the feet of the Lord, to listen, to learn and to fellowship with our beloved Jesus.

The sharing of the Missions Work in Iraq, Iran and Myanmar really touched my heart; I've committed myself to be a prayer shield for the team and the work in Iran - for the nations' salvation too. These are people who need the Lord. ■

Mrs.JenniferLiew

Canning Garden Methodist, Ipoh

This is my first time attending the TRAC Prayer Conference/Retreat. I have learnt and received much from the teaching of God's Word. It was a "tiring" but rewarding Conference. Rewarding because the presence of God was with us throughout the three days. We learnt that all Christians need to and will be able to pray if they have the hunger, and desire with a whole heart to seek and learn to obey the voice of God. Are you eager to pray or do you draw yourself away? We should ask God to show us a new thing in the area of prayer.

One of the things we were taught was to establish a Prayer Shield Communication (P.S.C.). We need



to cover each other and the church with prayer (Ephesians 6:12).

Another sharing that touched me was from the missionaries - Miss Loh Lai Keng, Mr. Nathan Goodwin and two seniors from SS Methodist Church, Mr. Mui Sam Loong and Mr. Leong Pook Seong. ■

DatinYapRohSee

Canning Garden Methodist, Ipoh

It was a great conference for us intercessors. Mark Goodwin has very powerful testimonies and encounters with God and these really refreshed and strengthened our desire to persevere in our intercession. The Lord was with us during the session. Praise God that out of 24 CGMC participants, 21 were MSF members! ■

MargaretKhoo

Trinity Methodist Church, PJ

AN Exercise to learn a SPIRITUAL TRUTH

On the first day of the 2nd TRAC Prayer Conference, towards the later part of the day, we were paired up to vocalise our deepest darkest secrets, especially in the area of unforgiveness, which are hindering us from intimacy with our Holy God.

That session was very painful and tearful for me as I somehow thought that by chucking the pain to the back of my mind, it should stay there, and ultimately die a natural death. Well, it certainly did not fester itself and neither did it rear its ugly head as I did not nurture it, but there was

definitely no such thing as a natural death. It had to be dealt with.

To expose oneself to another is to make oneself vulnerable. That's what I thought. But it surprised me to know that by opening myself to another, the pain and unforgiveness actually was drawn out and dealt with by God. Now I feel lighter inside with one item thrown out.

That exercise serves to teach me a spiritual truth. It shows that every time we experience a pain, we pray to God about it and then feel better but probably we may just have placed it under the folder marked "PAIN" and filed it in our hearts somewhere. As we grow older the folder gets thicker. We must have other folders marked "UNFORGIVENESS", "IRRITATION", "UNLOVED", "MURDEROUS FEELINGS", etc. We then carry all these added baggage without giving much thought to them throughout our lives. These folders do not bother us much as they just occupying space in our spiritual life, like cluttered rubbish in our physical life. God wants us to know that we can throw the unworthy baggage away. Then, as we continue to work with God, we will be able to move with greater ease and freedom without tugging along the extra load.

So let us not just confess our sins to God and file them up, but give up the sins to God so we can stand before our Holy God as He said in Leviticus 19:2b - "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." ■

DanielLee

Trinity Methodist Church, PJ

THE Rhythm of Daniel's HIGHLAND EXPERIENCE

Away from the hustle and bustle of city life setting out at the break of dawn with bags of clothing, goodies and snacks. In two vehicles, nine fellow members with expectant hearts set forth, eager to learn of the Lord and encounter Him. The enlightening Words through his servants, Mark and Alice Goodwin, on strengthening, building up and establishing prayer shields for the leaders.

Call to confession, renouncing our sins, And staging our hold on holiness; only then can we battle the spiritual forces. With the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Listening to the sharing of missionaries of distant lands, those who ventured out in faith to Iran, Iraq and Myanmar. Challenged to go and sound the gong of love, joy and peace of Jesus. Learning that the Lord Jesus Christ has come. Saving us all of our sins, rebuilding and restoring our relationship with God the Father. Renewed and refreshed we will disseminate the importance of an intimacy with the Lord. ■



A Brief Description Of JS

There are simply no words to express the Jeremiah School (JS) experience. I guess the closest words I can think of, to quote the caption of Willard Dallas book on Spiritual Formation, "the renovation of the heart" would best describe the JS experience. Yes, I think this is an accurate description of what God has done and continues to do in the lives of those who attended Jeremiah School. In JS space and time were given for the Spirit of God to do a deep work of grace in the lives of students.

Imagine, what it would be like if our young people live a discipline and structured life? Where time alone

with God (quiet time) is highly esteemed? Where spiritual disciplines such as contemplative prayer, fasting, intercession, evangelism, service and ministry are practiced? Where the pursuit of holiness and godliness become the most important agenda?

Is it not possible? Can not young people have such drive and passions in their lives?

I have seen it happening. Yes, happening in the lives of our youths in JS. This is nothing new. Didn't God say in Isaiah 44: 3 - 5, "I will pour my Spirit on your offspring and my blessings on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. One will say, 'I belong to the Lord'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, 'the Lord's,' and will take the name Israel."

You have to see it in order to believe. Our hearts just burned with pure joy as we see young people calling on God's name and responding to His work in their lives. I think we have never laughed and cried so much in a Youth School before. There was so much of laughter because working with young people is really fun, exciting and adventurous. We cried so much because when we heard their past hurts and brokenness that a person carried within his / her soul, it really crushed one's spirit. Yet, the Spirit of God ministers and brings restoration to everyone who opens up to Him in truth.

What about the call to full-time ministry? I think when we are talking about Full-time Ministry, we are actually talking about a "by-product". If our youths can be spiritually alive and challenged, then those who have a calling in their lives will certainly hear it. The calling comes



from God. Our responsibility is to expose youths to the possibility of God's calling and help them to discern God's will and timing in their lives.

At least seven of our participants have indicated an interest and desire to seek God's call. More significantly, all of them have dedicated their lives to love and serve God. JS is not everything. It is only a beginning for students to continue to love and seek God in their lives. If there is a description of what JS is all about, it could be seen as a car workshop where the longed for waited overhaul and retuning is done.

Twenty three youths attended the Jeremiah School which was held in STM on January 5 to February 3. The students attended a Missions Trip which was held in Segamat on February 14 - 20. The discipleship school was organized with the help of three full time staff: Rev. Christopher Rao, Ms. Chang Choy Quin and Mrs. Rhema Rao. Dr. Herbert Tan was a part time staff and Mr. Philip Ong a helper. ■

Rev. Christopher Rao
Youth Director TRAC



From TUMC

There were six young people who attended Jeremiah School this year from Taman Ujong Methodist Church (TUMC), five of whom had just finished Form Five, and one Form Six. Each one of them found that God had used their time at JS to do a deep work of healing in their lives and a renewing of their faith and commitment to Him. The extended time of five weeks set aside to be immersed not just in the formal learning of their faith, but also in being part of a Christian community and in spending time with God, created a most conducive environment for God to meet with them, and to

speak to them personally and corporately. All of them came through JS greatly renewed in their love for God and thankfulness for His grace upon their lives: they had discovered deeper things about themselves and about God as they encountered Him in His Word and in the JS community, and are challenged to move on in their journey of faith. **The task now is for us at the local church to walk with these young people and continue the good work God has begun to do in their lives.** ■

Goh Kim Guat
Youth Counsellor
Taman Ujong Methodist, Seremban

Key Issues in Each Training Module

Youth Ministry Training (YMT) 2005 Schedule

Date	Venue	Module
April 2-3	Perak District - Sitiawan Wesley Church	4
April 9 - 10	Southern District - Wesley Methodist Center, Melaka	3
Aug 12 - 13	Northern District - Trinity Methodist Church Penang	2
Oct 1 - 2	Eastern District - Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan	4
Dec 3	Wilayah/Selangor District - Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur	4

Module 1 :

Youth Ministry - Culture & Trends

"In a rapid changing and moving environment as today, many facets of everyday life has been affected especially the young people and the family unit. Many parents and those involved in youth ministry often comment, "Is it 'a new breed of young generation(s) we are dealing with? Why are they so rebellious and disinterested in the Christian faith? Why are they behaving so strangely? What is happening to my kids?" And the list of questions and comments will go on and on. It is indeed a great challenge and task for parents and all who work with youth to understand and to relate to them. It is no easy task, but it is not impossible."

Module 2 :

Mentoring Youth

Howard Hendricks once said, "We can impress people from a distance but we can only impact them up close!" Never before has there been such a great need for us to come up close to youths in a mentoring relationship to help shape the future leaders of our community, particularly in the maturing of their heart and raising their EQ. The need for mentoring the young is not merely a youth ministry need but also that of parenting.

Module 3 :

Innovation in Youth Ministry

It is crazy to keep doing the same thing and expecting a different result! In our desire to be more effective in ministering to youth, innovation has to take place to keep up with the changing cultures and challenges. Coupled with the need for more ideas in youth ministry programming, all the

more those who minister to youth need to be equipped with techniques for innovation. While innovation and change are being explored, emphasis will also be made on defining some of our core values in youth ministry as well as how to manage change effectively.

Module 4 :

Strategic Thinking and Planning

We do well to manage an on-going youth ministry but we do better to provide cutting edge leadership to the growth and effectiveness of the youth ministry. This calls for strategic thinking and planning. We need to build into our youth ministry direction and vision, and the skills needed to formulate a strategic plan for youth ministry. ■

Facilitator : Dr. Herbert Tan
Board Of YouthWork

The Miracle 125th Anniversary Thanksgiving

Celebration of The Methodist Church of
The Union of Lower Myanmar • 22-24 October 2004

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It was **A CELEBRATION**, par excellence, the nature of which we have never witnessed!

The Celebration Theme:

Zechariah 4:6

"Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," says the Lord Almighty"

TheGuestsArrive

Here was a gathering of fervent servants of God who had come from far and near to embrace our brothers and sisters in Myanmar at this time of grand celebration.

The guest list from overseas includes delegates from Korea, the Philippines, and their Spiritual Image singers from San Francisco, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia.

The gathering of bishops and pastors, to name a few, included:

His Excellency Bishop Sunday Mbang, Chairman of the World Council of Methodist Churches from

Nigeria, now based in Lagos; Bishop Roy I. Sano from the USA; Professor Shuhei Suzuki from the Theological Seminary School in Japan; Rev. Ralph Lee from Hong Kong; Professor George Gish from the United Methodist Church in Tokyo; the Bishop from Taiwan; the Pastor from Korea; The Treasurer from TRAC Singapore and their President, Rev Dr. Isaac Lim; the TRAC President from Malaysia, Rev. Ong Hwai Teik and the Youth Director, Rev. Christopher Rao.

OurDailyDevotionwith RevOngHwaiTeik

Rev. Ong led us through 5 sessions of morning devotion and prayers. He asked that we pray that the Spirit of the Lord be upon the Myanmar church. In Isaiah 61 and 62 Rev Ong reminded us that just as Israel's relationship with the Lord was restored, so will it be for Myanmar. The Lord has posted 'watchmen on your walls', they are to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. All 'mountains', all obstacles, will be brought low.

FromTearstoJoy

Having spent USD 20,000 and months in preparation, our hosts were shocked and devastated by the authorities' last minute decision to revoke the permit for a gathering, the day before the celebration was scheduled to start. But the Spirit of the Lord guided the leaders to draw up daily contingency plans which covered more scope and grounds than originally planned. They were an improvement because we had our wish to "tour" outside Yangon and visit the smaller churches and preaching points.

MissionTours - 22nd and 23rd October

On the 22nd October we were driven to several churches and preaching points. Our mission was realized as we toured and met some of the local pastors and church leaders and their members. The trip to the Theological Seminary Institute was an eye-opener, to say the least. Trudging along the mud paths, passing local

TheMiracle 125thAnniversary Thanksgiving



bone and too tired to even bark at us, we were suddenly standing right in front of the simplest of zinc frames - the kitchen of the Institute. A bare wooden building with narrow steps led upstairs to the college library with two nearly bare cupboards and some chairs; beside it is the sanctuary, an open space without windows. Imagine studying, worshipping and concentrating, with no fans but a constant onslaught from the stench of untreated sewage on your nostrils.

There we met Rev. U Saw Shwe who is the Principal of the Institute, the Pastor of the Christ Methodist Church, Yangon and who also holds the office of General Secretary to the Methodist Church. He conducts 3 classes for 25 young students. Our Evangel Book Centre donated 2 sets of reference books which added significantly to their humble library.

Daw Kyin Thein, a sprightly and energetic woman, is the pastor of her church. Later she proudly introduced us to her family who are elders of the church. A point of interest is that they are all women. The Christ Methodist Chinese

Church in Bago had recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. Bishop Mawia introduced the pastor, Rev. Beaulah Aweay, a motherly figure. The 160 members gave us a very warm reception. We paid short visits to other preaching points, the Bago Gospel Centres, and the 'Uta' church, which was built by the Korean church ten years ago. The Korean churches have supported them over the last ten years.

On Saturday the 23rd, Bishop Mawia led us to the Chinese church where he officially unveiled the plaque to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the church. That evening we gathered for prayers and praise singing. Later we were shown slides taken of the many churches and their members in the Lower Myanmar region. Rev. Ong Hwai Teik's message was for the church not to despair about their small size but to depend on the Spirit of the Lord to guide them.



SundayMorningWorship 24thOctober

We had to worship in different churches that Sunday morning. Rev. Ong Hwai Teik preached at a remote Tamil church accompanied by some of our members, they had quite an adventure travelling by truck, ferry and taxis. Some of us worshipped at the Kuo Yu Chinese Methodist Church where they, too, were called to sing. The rest of us worshipped at the English Methodist Church, also the venue for the grand anniversary celebration which started at 1 pm that same day.

CelebrationTime

As the festive mood gathered momentum the celebration began. The tension over the days just burst into unbridled joy of song and dance that the youth orchestrated. It was the kind of exhilarating modern, lively music that accompanied the young dancers that was so infectious. We were all caught up in it.

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125thAnniversary
Thanksgiving



The Spiritual Image choir, the Korean flautist and choir offered items with their touch of glamour and colourful costumes.

Then came the 125 - member youth choir of the Myanmar church who gave their rousing presentation straight from their hearts. The climax in the majestic Halleluiah Chorus by Handel was such a grand finale. The Lord must have smiled and applauded, "Well done, my children!" He was indeed with us all those three days.

As tears welled up in our eyes it was this same thought that recurred. We are here; this is a reunion of the Lord's family. How great it was to see their church filled to overflowing, to have people from so far singing and clapping along with them sharing their joy. We felt right at home. How heartwarming to know that their celebration was

international. Quoting from Bishop Roy I. Sano who said, in his sermon, "This is a historic occasion for this nation!" we were thankful that in a land predominantly Buddhists with an intransigent government and obstacles caused by the church's dissenting group, we were still able to share the gospel, to worship the Lord, to celebrate, albeit not as planned, and to hold this thanksgiving celebration.

The celebration culminated in a grand Friendship Dinner at the Park Royal Hotel Yangon. Hosted by the Korean members who, unfortunately, had to miss it because of the rescheduling of programmes, it was a time of acknowledgement and thanksgiving.

Final Thoughts

For the 26 of us, how were we touched by the Spirit? Many hearts are bursting with stories of our own. Each carried home an experience that had immediately enriched our lives; yet again, we may reap a harvest of personal enrichment in ways that we may not yet realize. We thank the church in Myanmar for taking such care to provide all our meals and transportation. Most of all we thank them for their hospitality, their patience with us and for their invitation to participate in their celebration.

We will return.

"May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us - yes, establish the work of our hands for us." Ps. 90: 17

Eulogy: Rev. Paul George



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The Executive Board & Pastors & friends of TRAC, wish to convey our heartfelt condolence to the family of the late Rev. Paul George for his demise on 21 December 2004.

Excerpted from Eulogies & Tributes

Who is a best friend? Friendship

A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend; one human soul whom we can trust utterly; who knows the best and the worst of us, and who loves us in spite of all our faults; who will speak the honest truth to us, while the world flatters us to our face, and laughs at us behind our back; who will give us counsel and reproof in the day of prosperity and self-conceit; but who, again, will comfort and encourage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow, when the world leaves us alone to fight our own battle as we can.

~ Kingsley ~

Like the old song from 'To Sir with Love', what do you say for a long friendship? For your best friend whom you know for 23 years? 23 years exactly represents half of my earthly life. That is how long I have known George. In fact, George and I have known each other even longer than we both know our wives. It was in 1981 that I first met George in STM. I was already in the 2nd year when he joined us. We were in the same class, both TRAC students. He was 7 years older than me, already studied in PLKM and SBC before, served as a supply pastor for 3 years in Wesley Kuala Lipis, and preached many sermons. I looked up to him

and took him as my older brother in Christ. He was my guide, my mentor, my buddy. We spent many nights in tea tarik and "sup kamping" fellowship in Brickfields. We talked about our studies, our field education in the churches, and our future ministry in TRAC conference. George had an old Honda Bentley 100 cc motorbike, and I was his pillion rider. Together, we would go for movies at the old Pavilion cinema and have root beer floats at A&W. By the end of our third year, we decided to visit Singapore during the STM holidays, staying with Peter Lee, his brother, in his flat. We visited Sentosa Island and took many photos of our happy moments together. In our 4th year, with the shift of the seminary to Sentul, we ended up as roommates in a small 8x8ft room reserved for senior students. We had a double-decker bed; I took the upper bunk, as I was lighter. In our small room, tucked in a corner was our small coffee table. Every night like a ritual, George's water heater will boil water to make coffee and tea. We will sit together on the doorsill facing the fence for our tea fellowship in our little room. We played football and volleyball together. Somewhere during the 4th year, I was found I was no longer his pillion rider, for he had found his true love, Jessica! Around the same time, I also found my girlfriend Sabrina. But George had an advantage. He would go out on his Honda to meet his girlfriend who lived in PJ but I would have to meet mine at STM. We share our joys, pains, and disappointments about our relationships with our girl friends. He

will share some of his wonderful experiences dating Jessica, even the time when he took her up to Genting Highlands on his old faithful Honda and came down in the pouring rain. Sometimes, we would have our misunderstandings with our girlfriends and on the double bed, I would roll over and sigh, and George would sigh in response because we understood each other.

We both graduated in 1984, joined the TRAC Conference as pastors on trial, got married in the same year 1986, had our first child in 1991. We shared so many things together, including each other's churches. George found himself pastoring churches I had pastored and I ended pastoring churches where George had pastored earlier. We both were ordained as deacons in 1988 and as elders in 1991. We began attending Conferences and Pastors' schools, always sharing the same room. It was an open knowledge that George and Anthony would always be roommates during Conferences and Pastors' Schools. It would almost be anathema not to put both of us in the same room, for we were like inseparable twins. This was a tradition that we continued until 2001 when circumstances began to force us apart. I had begun my further studies and was taking leave from Annual Conferences to go overseas around the time of the conferences. By that time, we were also bringing our families to Conferences, so we no longer stayed together. Our last rooming was in Pastors' School in 2001.

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Our last tea together was at the Taman Bidara Foodcourt this year where he patiently listened to my struggles to convey them to the BOM. I gave him a copy of my book *Proverbs Made Simple* and told him I told the whole world on p. 63 about our enduring friendship. George's last email to me dated 29th Nov when I was still in UK was, 'I thank you that despite the sometimes divergent views we hold over certain matters, we can still remain as CLOSE friends and as fellow-colleagues in the harvest field of our Lord. I look forward to a time of 'teh-tarik' fellowship before we leave Seremban.' We never got down to have that last teh tarik together.

The text I have specially chosen for our meditation tonight is from John 11. It is the familiar story of Jesus and Lazarus. Jesus, we are told, loved Lazarus. Apart from the 12 disciples who were very close to Jesus, Jesus also loved the family of Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. We are not told why Jesus particularly loved Lazarus or how much he loved Lazarus. From the way the story tells us, Jesus must have loved Lazarus as his own soul, a soul-friend, a buddy. We read in vv. 33-34, 'when Jesus saw her (i.e. Mary) weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see'. Vs 35 is the shortest verse in the Bible - just two words- 'Jesus wept'. Vs. 36 continues, 'So the Jews said. 'See, how he loved him!'

We have probably read this passage many times before, heard it preached at funerals and probably we have become very familiar with it. Yesterday as I re-read this verse, 'Jesus wept', I began, for the first time, to understand the force of this shortest verse in the Bible. In just two words, it sums up the entire feeling Jesus had for his friend Lazarus. So grief-stricken was Jesus that all he could do at the time was to weep for his friend. As I wept for my best friend while preparing this message, I began to understand how Jesus felt for Lazarus. It gives me much comfort to know that Jesus felt for Lazarus just like what I felt for George and what we all here feel for him too. It was not merely tears that

Jesus or I shed for our best friends. When we cried, it was a reaction, a reaction against the brutality of death, for snatching away our loved ones, and inflicting upon us the pain of separation, laughing and mocking us in our faces. When we cried, it was a cry of momentary helplessness, that we can't do anything about it or stop death in its tracks.

But that is where the similarities between Jesus and I end. For Jesus knew what He could do and the power that He possessed to do it. In that incident in John 11, we read how Jesus raised up Lazarus from the dead, even though Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. I wish I could have the same power as Jesus and raise up George from the dead too. I can imagine in my mind calling to George to wake up, just as we used to do to each other in our seminary days. But I can't because I am a mere human being, mortal and finite, and am waiting for my turn to die one day. But no, not Jesus, He alone could conquer death and return triumphantly from the grave. Earlier, Jesus told Martha in vv. 25-26, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he die, yet he shall live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' So I weep for my best friend George just as Jesus wept for his

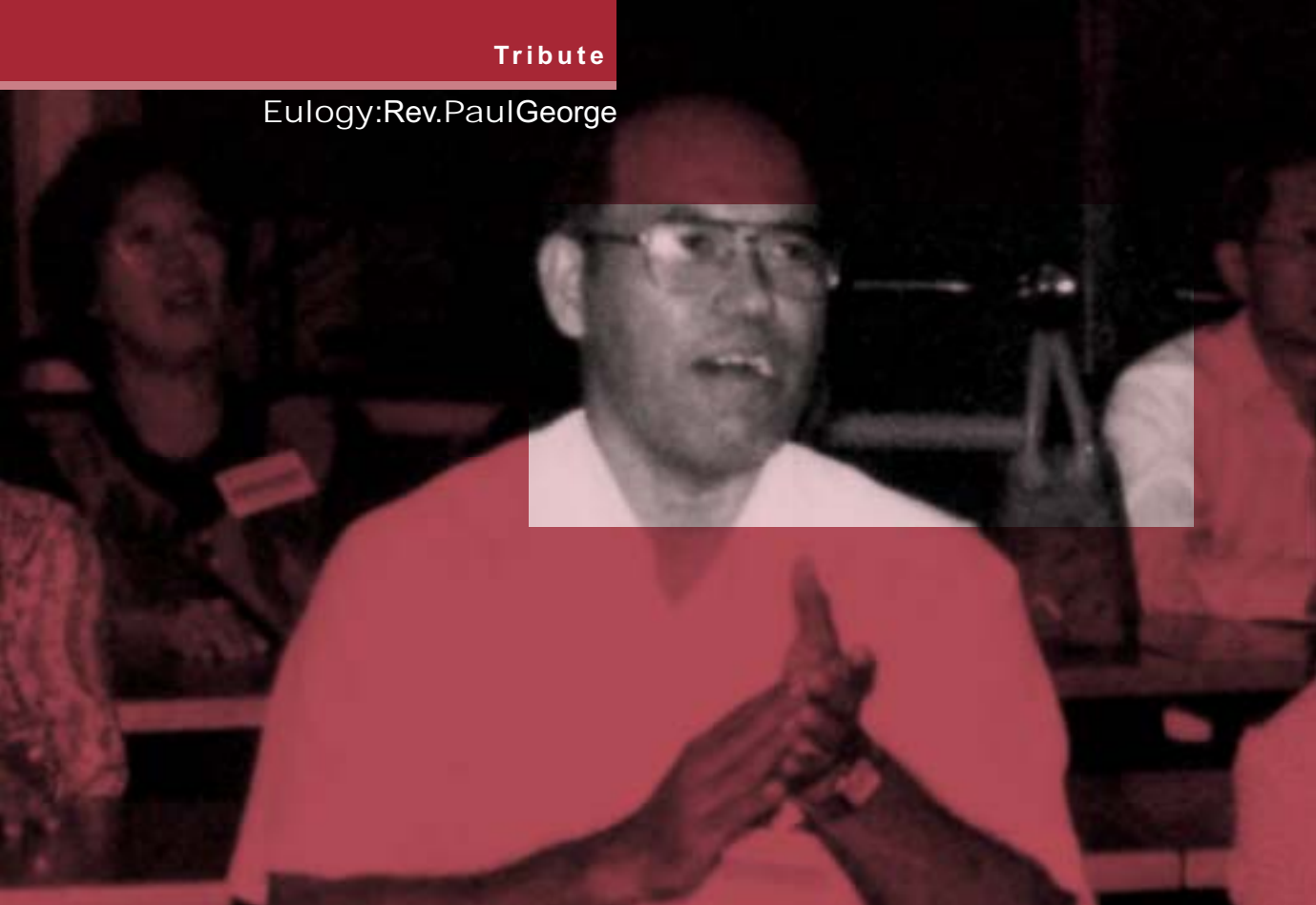
best friend Lazarus but now I weep with a difference. I know it is no longer tears of helplessness or hopelessness. Nevertheless, it is tears of sorrow, for the loss of a dear friend, but they are tears shed with the knowledge that it is only a momentary separation, for we shall all meet one day in heaven. It is still tears of grief for the ending of a friendship first begun 23 years ago but again tears shed with the knowledge that one day that friendship will be fully renewed and restored in heaven.

In our early days together in STM, there was only one thing that George and I did not talk about - our deaths. But after 23 years of faithful ministry in the Methodist Church, George has decided to leave us first for the heavenly home that awaits all of us. 'For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' (2 Tim. 3:6-7). Anthony has finished his earthly labours and ready to serve His Master for a higher and far nobler calling. ■

Anthony Loke
*Fellow Colleague & Friend
at the wake service on 22 Dec '05*



Eulogy: Rev. Paul George



From a career in selling life insurance, the late Rev. Paul George was called to share the “Life insurance of the gospel” since 1978. He first enrolled to study at the former Malaysia Bible Seminary based in Malacca and subsequently furthered his theological studies in Singapore Bible College and finally graduated from Seminary Theoloji Malaysia in 1984.

Over the last 21 years of his ministry, pastor Paul George had served the Methodist churches of Raub/ Lipis, Ipoh, Butterworth/ Kulim and Segamat Weley before becoming the pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Seremban in 1998 and subsequently appointed as pastor of TUMC since 2001. In every church that he went to, he had definitely left with them something precious. I believe that every one who has called him a pastor, a leader, a mentor, or a friend has indeed received something precious from him.

Pastor Paul George had a desire to see people grow in their faith as well as in their leadership qualities. Even though he had a tight schedule as pastors of both Wesley Methodist Church and Taman Ujong Methodist Church and also performing the duty of District Superintendent of the Southern District, he still had a keen interest for cross-cultural missions particularly in Pitas in Sabah and

Tachilit in Myanmar. He was also involved with the outreach work to the Nepalese foreign workers in Seremban. True to his caring nature he made allocation to give quality Christmas gifts to the Nepalese workers so as to make them feel accepted as a community in Seremban Wesley. He too was very concerned about the on-going ministry work among the less fortunate at Pusat Berdikari in Bukit Cherdang started by WMC, Seremban. Pastor Paul George indeed had a big heart for God's work and a clear vision for church growth and church planting. Pastor Paul George was a very caring, easy going, straight forward, and hardworking person. He was also very approachable and always made you feel comfortable and at ease to share your problems. He was ever ready to listen to and pray for whatever concerns that troubled you at any time of the day. As a pastor he disciplined with love and see to the spiritual growth of his charges. As a brother in Christ, he cared. As a friend, he was truthful and sincere.

On the 5th December at the church farewell luncheon for his family, he asked for our forgiveness at the pulpit for being unable to spend more time with TUMC due to his busy schedule. He was such a humble shepherd. In LCEC meetings, he was always attentive when issues were raised and tackled them head-on with

sincerity, grace and forgiveness. He had a good pastoral heart. So long as he was informed, he would never fail to make it a point to visit any church member who was wardened in hospital or who needed pastoral assistance. He worked very conscientiously and kept all his work up to date.

Pastor Paul George had a good sense of humor and his sermons were always clear, concise, practical as well as inspiring. We'll miss his wittiness and charm. His advice to church leaders is to mentor others and finally to work yourself out of your job.

Words cannot express the grief we felt when Pastor Paul George passed away. Yet we should not grieve like those without hope for our God is the source of all hope. We'll miss our beloved pastor dearly and we'll cherish all the good memories and friendship we've built up through the years we've been together.

Good-bye our beloved pastor Paul George. ■

Cheah Lef Ngan
Taman Ujong Methodist Seremban,
LCEC Chairman

Eulogy: Rev. Paul George

Pastor Paul has served in Wesley Methodist Church Seremban for 7 years. His gifting was in preaching. Despite his human imperfection we accepted and loved him. We loved his down to earth attitude, never holding himself up to be more superior than others. We loved his sense of humour, humble enough to make fun of himself, especially his hair style or lack of it. He is always accomodating and forgiving. We loved him because he is our Pastor.

Under his leadership, he has helped groom a team of strong leaders in our church. Striving hard he tried to mend broken relationship, improve the running of the church and reveal the need for the Holy Spirit to empower God's servants for effective ministry. I see his contribution in fostering close fellowship through care groups. Teaching the basics in Christianity through the Alpha program. He is also a strong advocate for the annual Church Family Camp to foster bonding as a family in Christ.

I remember Pastor Paul teaching us to plan and have bold visions. To leave behind a lasting legacy. Pastor Paul leaves behind a united and strong Wesley Methodist Church Seremban as his legacy. I remember the day I was at the Columbia Asia Hospital about to delivery baby Joshua. I was very anxious. The 4 'angels' from the Ruth Care Group came and prayed for me. I was deeply touched by their love and care. Pastor Paul was one of the 'angels'.

We still miss our Pastor, but we believe he is now in a better place. God is always in control and He has the perfect timing for all things. We put our trust and hope in Him,

always. We pray for strength and peace for Jesseca and Peter. They must be proud of the legacy Pastor Paul George left behind through his service in Wesley Methodist Church Seremban. ■

Justine and Eric Ting
Wesley Methodist Church, Seremban

To me, Rev Paul George was a pastor, a good friend, and a spiritual mentor who impacted my life significantly. Of the many memories I have of Rev Paul, three stood out.

I attended the baptism and confirmation class of Wesley Methodist Church Seremban in 1998, with loads of questions about Christianity and a fear of not able to live up to the demand of a 'true' Christian. I was expecting some lectures with incomprehensible holy-sounding terms, with little relevance in everyday life. I was pleasantly surprised by Rev Paul's relax and simple approach and his willingness to keep our discussions open, yet not failing to explain the key issues of Christianity and the relationship between man and God. I supposed it was the trust factor that made me wanting to know more about faith and living a Christian life. This came at a time when there were tremendous challenges in my professional life, and I was able to find peace. He was quite clever in 'guiding' me to participate in church activities, and now and then put me on the spot by asking me to lead in prayer.. Before I knew it, I was getting more and more involved with church work.

Pastor Paul had a way with words, and he used that God-given talent to the full. His sermons were simple and to the point. He made them interesting with generous sprinkling of anecdotes, humour and the occasional almost perfect Hokkien and Cantonese to punch the messages home. If he had continued in his earlier job of sales in life insurance, I am pretty sure he would easily be among the Million Dollar Club elite. As it turned out, God recruited only the best and Pastor Paul became a great 'salesman' for the Lord.

Pastor Paul was willing to tackle the unknown in doing God's work. He was willing to try out new ideas from the younger generation and sometimes even went against traditional practices in reaching out to the youths and young adults. But he did that with one simple ground rule: never go against the doctrine and spiritual truth. I guessed that was why he was so confident in venturing into the new areas. God was his pillar and he had no fear.

In a message given during Christmas dinner at our home on 19th December, Pastor Paul drew our attention to the simplicity of Christ's arrival to this world, and the manner Jesus went about doing His work on this earth: simply, effectively, and perfectly. Rev Paul George Ponniah was a simple man with a strong desire and an attitude of 'Just do it' in carrying out his ministry and living his life. This simple and uncomplicated approach made him effective and made an enormous difference in my life. ■

YeeChowBoi
Wesley Methodist Church, Seremban



Eulogy: Rev. Paul George



In memory of our beloved brother Paul George but fondly called GEORGIE....

Memories of him gently fall like autumn leaves. Softly we'll gather and treasure them all.

We remember him as a son who adored his mother, never demanding but always loving and caring. As younger sisters, we remember him as one who always protected us, watched over us and was always there for us when we laughed and cried. He was the older brother who told us stories, sang to us, played with us, pillow-fought with us and never failed to kiss us whenever he left or came home.

And when we each left home to have our own families, he was always the one to bring us together again. Despite his busy ministry and own family, he always made extra effort to keep the four of us together. These were times we cherished very, very much and we know that when we next meet again as family we will certainly miss his presence. There was always fun and laughter with him. He made us comfortable and drew us closer to foster such

strong family ties.

A brother, a friend, dearly loved, forever cherished always treasured. It is our comfort that he is now resting with our Heavenly Father. We know he has fought a good fight and completed the race waiting to receive his eternal crown when the Lord shall say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

To Jess and Peter, we all love you and believe the Lord our God will comfort us and give us the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness so that one day we will all be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. ■

*JudyLai
Sister Of Paul George*

I met Pastor Paul George and his wife Jesseca at The Asian Beacon Anniversary Convention many years ago. Since then, they've invited me to sing and speak at their Wesley Methodist Church in Seremban many times. He's also helped me organized many evangelistic rallies where many souls were saved. Pastor Paul George was indeed an extremely kind and most caring and sincere Pastor. His wife Jesseca is also the same and has gone all out to help me with my music CD ministry. It's really sad that Pastor Paul have just gone to his heavenly home without even saying good-bye.

But I guess the LORD loves him even more than all of us. My life and ministries have become so much richer because of Pastor Paul George. Looking forward to the days in the future where we will all have a great jam session in Heaven. ■

*H.T.LONG - Evangelist / Gospel
Recording Artiste*

Eulogy: Rev. Paul George

"THREE MEMORIAL STONES OF THANKSGIVING" - a eulogy delivered by Rev. Ong Hwai Teik, President, TRAC, at the Funeral Service of the Rev. Paul George Ponniah on the 24 Dec. 2004 at Seremban Wesley Methodist Church.

In my friendship with Paul which spanned 27 years, I want to share 3 Memorial Thanksgiving items, like 3 Memorial Stones of Thanksgiving unto the Lord, which Paul's life reflected.

Firstly, I remember his TRAC record with thanksgiving.

The Rev Paul George Ponniah had joined TRAC in 1984. He had been pastor of Raub Wesley & Kuala Lipis Wesley (1979-81), Butterworth & Kulim Wesley (1987-91), Segamat Wesley (1992-97) and Seremban Wesley (1998-2004) & Taman Ujong Methodist Church (2001-2004). In 1985-86 he was Asst. Pastor in Ipoh Wesley. He had been associated with the TRAC workforce for about 22 years (not including his years in Seminari Theoloji Malaysia).

He had served in our Boards of Missions, Youth Work and B M Work, being the chair of the latter Board since 2001 till his demise. He had also served in our TRAC

Executive Board and Board of Ministry as well. He was the Southern District Superintendent from 2002 to 2004. On behalf of our Annual Conference & the 8 churches which Paul had served, I do thank both Mrs. Jesseca Ponniah and Peter Johan for sharing Paul with us. I echo the words of Mr Cheah Lef Ngan in his eulogy delivered in the Wake Service last night that in every church Pastor Paul George had served, he had left something precious behind for the church. This does not mean that it was an infallible record, but one of growth in ministry, in both tough as well as good times, being as faithful as one can be.

Secondly, I remember his "down to earth" faith.

Paul was a "down to earth" person who could not be accused of being so heavenly minded that he is of no earthly good. Perhaps this was borne out from his background where he had not had an easy upbringing.

I remember our first "full-scale" disagreement when we were student leaders in Pusat Latihan Kristian Melaka (PLKM) in terms of handling a rather difficult & recalcitrant fellow student in 1977. I had then learnt from this older fellow brother leader

who hails from the Chow Kit area of KL, the need at times to be tough & uncompromising.

I believed too that his solid discipling experience with the Navigators under girded the way he had lived through the thick & thin of life. He further recognised his need for training for the pastoral ministry, hence he gave up his career in the insurance industry. His theological training was a spaced out one in 3 institutions - PLKM, SBC & STM.

This "down to earth" son of God also realised that by temperament he was sanguine (an older Tim Lahaye term) - extroverted, inspirational, with a great sense of humour. But he also realised that he was also phlegmatic - having a certain "laid-backness" which can lead to inertia in one's ministry from time to time. He was a humble enough realist, to work at redressing the imbalance so as to grow to be pleasing in the Lord's sight. He was not only "down to earth" in his faith & preaching with clear applications, but also down to earth in accepting & facing himself in both his strengths & weaknesses. He did this by making himself accountable to a small group, wanting to remain teachable and growing spiritually.



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Thirdly, I continue to be encouraged by the shared values we had together, as I remember him.

His prior promotion to glory encourages me to be faithful to the end in these priorities that we were likeminded in.

Missions & Evangelism: Up till the 16th December 2004 lunch that he & I had together in PJ, he had told me how he had chosen to include a module in his intended 2005 one year of studies in Tabor College, Perth. He hoped that this would be of future help to our TRAC churches & the Methodist Church in Malaysia in advancing the work of missions for our Lord. In fact he had just returned with a Missions Team which had visited Myanmar on the 6-12 Dec. 2004. He is known for being associated with the missions outreach to Pitas (Sabah), Tajielik (Myanmar) & the local work with the Nepalese.

Worship: Back in our Bible College days, we had shared a love for singing & worshipping the Lord, keen to combine the new songs of worship with the older "time tested" hymns that are rich in theology. The guitar was our main instrument since there were few other instruments around to use to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Serving in the Methodist Church in Malaysia: we had a common sensing of God's call to serve faithfully in the Methodist Church, even though we had our first training in a theological institution that was not founded by the Methodist establishment. So we found ourselves, quite unplanned, but led by the Lord, to be in TRAC - together. I did this in 1983 & he in 1984. Since then we have had many good memories of serving the Lord together in TRAC.

Conclusion

Like Abraham, Paul had the fond habit of "digging wells" of water for others to drink; to aid & influence people to grow strong in their relationship with the Lord. Like Abraham, Paul erected "altars" in worship of God, the One in Whom we have "gladness in His greatness"; leading others nearer the throne of the Lord.

Today, if you will permit me, I want to sing a "summary song" of closure of a life such as Paul's. I sense that this friend of mine would think this to be a fitting closure song of his life. It is a song in thanksgiving acknowledgement of God's abundant & keeping grace of Paul's 53 years of life. It is also a song sung as a dedication to his family members: wife Jesseca, son Peter

Johan, brother Peter, sisters Joyce & Judy & their respective families, that they would drink from the same well of eternal life & faith, as Paul George Ponniah did. Please let me first read the lyrics to you.....

Here we are, lifting our hands to You, Here we are giving You thanks for all you do. As we praise and worship Your Holy Name, You are here dwelling within our praise.

For every answered prayer, For always being there. For love that hears us when we call, For arms that lift us when we fall. You have always been right beside us leading us all along the way. We have made it through because of You

For days we cannot see, For all that's yet to be. The trials we may have to face, When we'll be leaning on Your grace. It will be Your strength that saves us, Your love that makes us strong. And through it all we'll sing this song. ■

OngHwaiTeik,
TRAC President

January

01 Sat	New Year's Day
05 Wed	Jeremiah School (- 3rd Feb)
07-09 Fri-Sun	TRAC Executive Board Retreat & Meeting
16 Tue	Birthday of Sultan of Kedah
16-23 Sun-Sun	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
21 Fri	Hari Raya Qurban
25 Fri	Thaipusam(Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Penang, Selangor)
29-31 Sat-Mon	TRAC 2nd Prayer Conference

February

01 Tue	Federal Territory Day
09 Wed	Ash Wednesday (1st Day of Lent)
09-10 Wed-Thur	Chinese New Year
10 Thur	Awal Muharram (Ma'al Hijrah)
14 - 20 Mon-Sun	Jeremiah School
25-27 Fri-Sun	BCE Retreat
26 Sat	Statistical Returns to be sent to Churches

March

04 Fri	Anniversary of the Coronation of the Sultan of Terengganu
04-07 Fri-Mon	BOYW Retreat
12-20	Schools Mid-Term Break
20 Sun	Palm Sunday
24 Thur	Maundy Thursday
25 Fri	Good Friday
27 Sun	Easter
29-2nd April	PDMS 2005
29-1st April Tue-Fri	MSF Camp (Melaka)
30-31 Wed-Thur	Birthday of Sultan of Kelantan
31 Thur	Statistical Returns to reach TRAC HQ

April

1-2 Fri-Sat	PDMS 2005
01 Fri	MSF Camp (Melaka)
08 Fri	Birthday of Sultan of Johor
15 Fri	Declaration of Melaka as Historical City
16-17 Sat-Sun	LPL - Inductive Bible Study - Dr Herbert Tan
19 Tue	Birthday of Sultan of Perak
21 Thur	Birthday of Prophet Muhammad

May

01 Sun	Labour Day
07 Sat	Hari Hol - Pahang
08 Sun	Methodist Women Sunday / Mother's Day
	Call to Ministry Sunday
14-15 Sat-Sun	LPL - Evangelism & Church Growth - Rev Ong Hwai Teik
15 Sun	Pentecost
17 Tue	Birthday of Sultan of Perlis
22 Sun	Wesak Day
22 Sun	Aldersgate Sunday
28-12 June	Schools Mid-Year Break

June

1-12	School Mid-Year Break
04 Sat	Birthday of the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong
11 Sat	TRAC Executive Board Meeting (TRAC HQ)
12 Sun	Methodist Education Foundation Sunday
19 Sun	Christian Education Sunday / Father's Day
25 Sat	BOYW Meeting

July

04 Sun	STM Sunday
07-09 Thur-Sat	BOYW - Core Training
09 Sat	Birthday of Governor of Penang
10 Sun	Social Concerns Sunday
16-17 Sat-Sun	LPL - Fundamental Leadership Issues in the Local Church - Rev Ong Hwai Teik
19 Tue	Birthday of T.Y.T. Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan
20 Wed	Birthday of Sultan of Trengganu
	MYF Sunday
28-30 Thur-Sat	Eagles Leadership Conference - Singapore
30 Sat	Statistical Returns to be sent to Churches

August

	Missions Sunday
09-11 Tue-Thurs	MOT & Approved Supply Pastors' [MOT & ASP] Retreat
11 Thur	Hol Day of Almarhum Sultan Johor
	Bahasa Malaysia Sunday
19-21 Fri-Sun	Missions Consultation (KL Wesley)
20-28	Schools Mid-Term Break
20 Sat	Eastern District
	CE Personnel Resource Event
28 Sun	CCM Sunday
30 Tue	Statistical Returns to reach TRAC HQ
31 Wed	National Day

September

01 Thur	Israk and Mikraj (Kedah, Negeri Sembilan, Perlis)
02-04 Fri-Sun	Joint Boards /Executive Board
11 Sun	Heritage Sunday - MYAF Sunday

October

02 Sun	World Communion Sunday
08 Sat	Birthday of Governor of Melaka
05 Wed	Awal Ramadan* (Johor, Kedah, Melaka)
21 Fri	Hari Nuzul Al-Quran (Kelantan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Penang, S'gor, T'ganu)
23 Sun	MSF Sunday
24 Mon	Birthday of Sultan of Pahang

November

01 Tue	Deepavali*
03-04 Thu-Fri	Hari Raya Puasa*
09-10, Wed-Thur	Alpha Conference, KL
12-02 Jan 2006	Year End Break
19-22 Sat-Tues	30th Session TRAC
27 Sun	First Sunday in Advent
30 Wed	Statistical Forms to be sent to Churches

December

06-10 Tue-Sat	Youth Leadership Development Programme [YLDP]
17 Sat	Birthday of Sultan of Selangor
24 Sat	Christmas Eve
25 Sun	Christmas Day
31 Sat	New Year's Eve / Watch night Covenant Service

* Subject to Change

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