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Joshua Khong

Easter Message 2022

Easter Greetings to you and your family.

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley's *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* is sung in many of our churches at Easter Service. It is one of my favourite hymns and a very familiar one which I have sung as a young boy in church on many Easter Sundays. The words in the above stanza spoke deeply to me.

And I pray that these words which had resounded with might and power in Methodist worship for 283 years continue to bless and inspire us in our walk with Christ our Risen Lord, our Redeemer King.

1. SOAR WE NOW WHERE CHRIST HAS LED

We praise God that there is a growing number of worshippers returning to in-person worship. Most of the churches I visited have seen an increase with their in-person worship service. I praise and thank God for your courage, faithfulness and obedience. Well done, brothers and sisters. All who are healthy, able-bodied and well-disposed are showing the way for the transition to the new normal. As the dust of the pandemic settles, I believe we will see a revival and rise in our church attendance.

God has been working in our midst for the past two years during the many pandemic lockdowns. Many TRAC churches reported this, "Brothers and sisters who had been away from church returned to online worship, joining our online services, small groups and other ministry. Jesus in His love has drawn them back to the Father. God has brought them back to the church; therefore, let us join our Lord in the work He has started, let us soar with Christ, where He has led. Returning to church in the new normal, let us continue to invite brothers and sisters, and friends to join us in church.

Brothers and sisters, I exhort you to arise with zeal and courage, to soar with Christ as He leads. I want to thank our sisters in TRAC MW for catching this vision. Our sisters chose the theme, Soaring with God, for MW.

2. FOLLOWING OUR EXALTED HEAD

Following our exalted Head, Jesus Christ, who goes about His Father's business. Jesus during His earthly ministry, modelled for us the example of going about His Father's business attending to God's Kingdom work...with faith, obedience, courage and zeal. And God exalted Him.

Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2: 9-11

Brothers and sister let us follow the example that our Risen Lord had shown us. Christ, the exalted Head, shows us the way, prepares us for Kingdom work with faith, obedience, courage and zeal.

3. MADE LIKE HIM, LIKE HIM WE RISE

Wesley's hymns hold the proper balance of theology and personal experience. Both John and Charles Wesley have their spiritual awakening; Charles on the 21st May 1738 and John Wesley on 24th May 1738. Wesley's hymns invite us to express and articulate our faith and personal experience as God's children, maturing and growing in stature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Growing in perfect love, in Christian perfection...Made like Him, like Him we rise. Yes, brothers and sisters, in holiness we live our lives in God's perfect image through His Son Jesus Christ. We teach this in our churches, we model it in our lives, we imprint and pass it on to our children and children's children.

John Wesley wrote to one of his preachers, "Where Christian perfection is not strongly and explicitly preached, there is seldom any remarkable blessing from God; and consequently, little addition to the society, and little life in the members of it.

(Wesley on Perfection, compiled by J.A. Wood, Section XVII)

Wesley's instructions on Christian Perfection continue to inspire us to make an impact and to leave godly imprint in society and in the life of the church...that others are persuaded to pursue Christian perfection too.

Brothers and sisters, this is my exhortation for you. We must never forget that we are made like Him, and we are destined to rise like Him. Therefore, let us pursue Christian perfection brothers and sisters. And by the power of Christ's resurrection, we go forth in God's anointing and blessings to impact and influence the world around us for the glory and majesty of our Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

4. OURS THE CROSS, THE GRAVE, THE SKIES

Brothers and sisters, Jesus said this to His disciples then, He is saying this to us now.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "*Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.*"

Matthew 16:24-25

¹ Charles Wesley's "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" published in *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739.

- i) Ours the cross. Yes, must take up our cross, and deny ourselves, brothers and sisters.

What does it mean to deny ourselves? The answer is in v.25.

Denying ourselves is forsaking or disowning ourselves.

Are we willing to forsake ourselves? Will you disown yourself?

Are we willing to take up the cross and follow Jesus?

I believe for us it is a resounding, **"Yes, Lord. We are."**

- ii) The grave is the symbol of death.

Our old self is dead. We arise in the Risen Christ, a new creation in Christ. And for God's redeemed, the grave is empty and death has lost its sting.

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15: 55-57

- iii) What about the skies? The skies is a reminder for us that the Resurrected Christ is coming back again. He who called us to soar with Him and to follow Him, will come back for us. Amen.

For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4: 16

This Easter marks a new beginning for us. As we emerge from pandemic lockdowns and the many challenges transitioning into the new normal the nation is embracing, we look forward to serving God, Church and community in new ways in God leading.

Brothers and sisters, together we can do it. Come, let us join our hearts, our hands, together. We go forth with faith, obedience, courage and zeal...we soar with Christ as He leads.

Amen.

A Blessed Easter to you, brothers and sisters.

“Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. ”

Matthew 16:24-25



Renewed Through Prayer

By: Pastor Robert Khaw

We praise God for the recently-concluded Methodist Prayer Convention (20-22/5/22).

This was the fifth in a series of MPC held once in every 4 years, toggling between Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia. For the first time, this year's MPC was organised in a hybrid mode.



Participants had the options of joining MPC either via church-organised hubs (in-person or Zoom) or YouTube. It was encouraging to hear of self-organised hubs at the Cell Group level too.

There was a good reason to encourage in-person hubs. In the words of our TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong: "This is an excellent opportunity to encourage and promote in-person worship and participation. We set up the church for our congregation to join via YouTube where we can participate together in-person."

All our 6 Districts organised the hubs, totaling 11 hubs in English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin. In-person hub attendance ranged between 142 to 270 participants for the 5 MPC sessions.



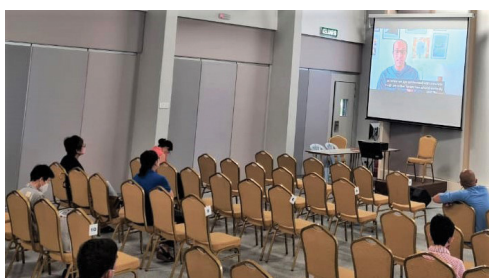
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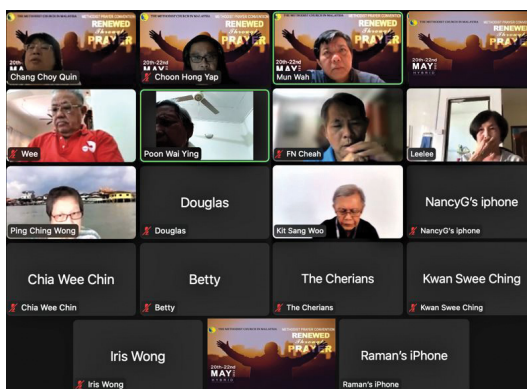
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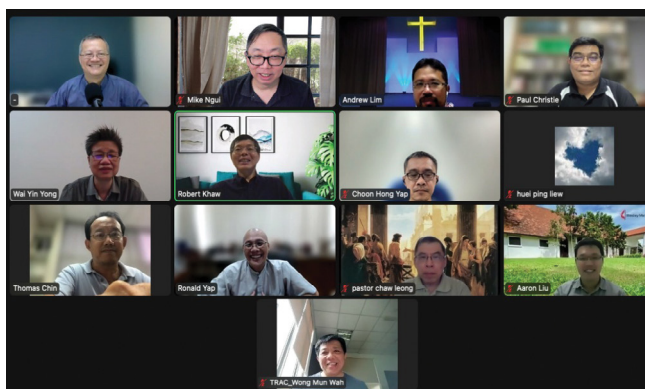
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*TRAC DSs, Tech & Prayer Coord meeting
6 May 2022*

There was flexibility within structure in the way the prayer sessions were organised. Not just hubs but individuals too joined in prayers led by intercessors in the main MPC Zoom. Others organised themselves in small groups to pray through the Annual Conferences' prayer items. Still others chose to pray with different prayer leaders stepping forward to intercede as they were led by the Holy Spirit.



Whatever the prayer pathways might be, the one important thing was that multitude came in one spirit to worship and pray earnestly for the church, the nation and the world.

Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya was privileged to have our MCM Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar joined the in-person hub on the first night, together with TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong and the Pastor-in-Charge, Rev Paul Christie and their spouses.

Our hearts were stirred up by the Holy Spirit that night when Bishop Jeyakumar prayed thus:

***Dear God,
We are desperately in need of renewal in our church. Please look mercifully at
our Methodist Church. Holy Spirit, descend upon us. Make us what You want us to be.
Empower Your church. Revive us, O Lord! May we be people with repentant hearts.
May our church be a mighty witness in our nation. May the church not fail.
Baptise us with the Holy Spirit! In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

Truly, TRAC churches, together with fellow churches in the Annual Conferences, were united in oneness of heart before our Almighty and Loving God in prayer, who hears the prayer of His people.

"Hearer of prayer, to Thee all flesh cometh." (Psalm 65:2; YLT)

Now, even before the MPC started, the call to pray had gone out to TRAC churches, indeed all churches in the Annual Conferences. "Every day, pray for MPC" was the clarion call by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar. Many prayers rose heavenward like incense to God (Ps 141:2; cf Rev 5:8) as churches organised corporate prayers. Cell groups prayed. Families and individuals prayed. Praise God for the concert of prayers.

How apt then was the chosen theme for this year's MPC – "Renewed through Prayer"!

Thank God for the partnership in the gospel with bro. Asiri Fernando's (first MPC speaker), and for his heartfelt prayers on Aldersgate Sunday for the Methodist church.

- † ***"Oh, may God open the eyes of the church to see the wonder of the Gospel."***
- † ***"Oh, that we would be united in our call to proclaim the Gospel – that every Methodist church will have a united strategy to reach the lost in our area who need the love of Christ."***
- † ***"Oh, may this be the burden of our prayer – that we would know the love of Christ, and with one mind boldly proclaim this beautiful Gospel to a lost generation."***



Asiri Fernando



Rev Dr David Doong

Thank God too for God's servant, Rev Dr David Doong (second MPC speaker), who ministered the Word from Lamentations 5:21 to us saying: "To the Methodist Church, let us return to the call of mission, i.e. make disciples of all nations. This is the core value of our Lord Jesus' commission. The Church will go through a renewal. The future glory will be greater than the past glory because our God is a God of new things!" (Hag 2:9; Isa 43:18-19)

And what a needful and timely prayer it was for Rev Dr David to intercede for our Methodist church:

"You are a God who accomplishes new things. Bless us Lord, and may our church be a blessing to all people of all nations. Help us not to be a self-preserving church, but a church with a mission to reach out to all."

All God's people responded with a resounding "Amen" in the hubs, Zoom and homes throughout the land. Hallelujah!

It has been said that the conclusion of a speech matters. Similarly, the concluding remarks of this Prayer Convention. So, let us remember, i.e. not only recall but also pay attention to, the passionate urgings of our Bishop Jeyakumar.

I want to see a prayer movement rise in our midst. That is why we chose, 'Renewed through Prayer' as the theme of our Prayer Convention based on Lamentations 5:21. This verse on renewal is about the conversion of the hearts and the transformation of the lives of the people.

What we need to see next is a prayer movement. The way to do this is to "never stop praying" (1 Thess 5:17; NLT). Don't give up praying. We cannot live a Christian life without prayer.

Prayer can draw us back to a right relationship with God. Prayer can prevent us from backsliding. Keep on praying to stop corruption and greed. Keep on praying for good governance in the

country. Keep on praying for holy living and a renewed church. Keep on praying, totally relying on God. Don't give up praying. Don't get tired of praying.

Take prayer seriously. Get our people to join in prayer. Join the once-a-month MCM prayer gathering. Whichever group you are in, pray. Don't neglect prayer.

Don't forget this – the impetus to pray is always by the Holy Spirit. The flesh will never think of prayer. Whenever you discern the Holy Spirit has started a prayer gathering, join in. Most importantly, don't neglect your church prayer meetings.

We see all over evil and disaster have increased. We need to pray more. We would then raise a prayer movement – a regular time of prayer in our individual lives, home and wherever else.

Finally, as we end MPC now, it doesn't mean we are ending prayer. Prayer must continue.



Soli Deo gloria!

Note: The above write-up is Pr Robert Khaw's (TRAC Prayer Coordinator) account of some salient things that happened at the Methodist Prayer Convention 2022.

TRAC Participants at MPC Share Their Takeaway

Bro Jimmy Phua (WMC, Kuantan)

Very good MPC. Triple thumbs up! Well-organised and good speakers. Mr Asiri and Rev Dr David Doong are anointed speakers. First time listening to them, but I can see their passion for Christ and the work of God's Kingdom. MPC being hybrid also helped to reach out to more Methodists and friends. No need to travel far, yet for those who prefer the in-person participation and fellowship, they can also opt for it. I would encourage such a hybrid platform in future. Many couldn't attend previous MPC due to travel distance, and the need to take leave from work. Also, I take my hats off to the tech team. I believe a lot of hardwork were put into the tech preparation. Blessed be the Name of God!

Sis Lee Sok Yan (Subang Methodist Church)

“Let the morning Bible study or devotion inform my intercession. Pray what I have learned from the Bible for people.” For me, the morning devotion is a precious personal time for communion with God. It still is – but I need to regularly include this aspect that Mr Asiri Fernando mentioned in his talk in Session 1 of MPC 2022.

Sis Thong Swee Mun (Trinity Methodist Church, PJ)

I thank and praise God for the MPC! My takeaway from bro Asiri’s message is “meet people at their highest”. Very often, I have difficulty engaging people, especially youth or younger people. I learnt the importance of placing them above me, and lowering myself and ask them for help. I was reminded of our Lord Jesus’ example in asking the Samaritan woman at the well for a drink. I need to put others above myself and honour others. I thank God for challenging me to pray that God bends me, i.e. lower myself to have the mind of Christ, and understand what humility means. I need to be mindful that Jesus being God made himself nothing taking the very nature of a servant (Phil 2:3-11).

Bro Yap Choon Hong (WMC, Johor Bahru)

At first, it just felt like any other prayer meetings. There were the usual feelings of anxiety about praying in front of people, the worries about not praying the right thing or in the right way, the awkwardness that came from wondering whether it would make any difference, especially when it felt so uninspired. Then as we went along, a realisation came to me – the thought that all of us were praying at the same time on the same things. On the surface, there didn’t seem to be anything extraordinary about that thought. However, the thought remained, and it gradually became something else. It became a sense of connectedness, which although abstract yet felt comforting. Looking in deeper, I had a fleeting glimpse of the underlying reality that was yet untouched by the anxieties and awkwardness and all the other emotions swirling around in me. The reality was that we were all praying in one spirit, despite how it might look from the outside. Though fleeting, I felt strangely comforted after that, and I settled down to just praying. The sense of connectedness is what resonated with me.

Rev Choy Quin (WMC Johor Bahru)

I sense the warmth of all who joined to come together as a family to pray. The timely message to remind us that we need one another as we live for God to further his kingdom on earth.

Bro Lim Chong Ho (WMC, Teluk Intan)

It is a great feeling that the whole Methodist community in Malaysia and elsewhere are united with us in prayer to our Lord. This unity pleases the Lord. Also, I like the teachings from our 2 speakers. They are very down-to-earth, practical and encouraging to the listeners.

An Ecumenical Easter Celebration

by Mrs. Gladys Christie



On the morning of May 5th, 2022, the Bishops, pastors and elders from various churches gathered at the Church of Assumption, Petaling Jaya, for an Ecumenical Easter Celebration.

The purpose of this gathering was to encourage collaboration amongst our fellow Christians at grassroots level. Praise God for the Assumption Parish Ministry of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs!

Immediately after a welcome address by Fr Leonard Lexon, a choir began to fill the little hall with songs of praise and worship. Anyone standing in this hall would have been enveloped in the resounding voices of the many shepherds God has appointed.

Representing TRAC, Bishop Joshua Khong preached on the topic of "One Spirit, One Body", based on 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, which had earlier been read aloud by Rev. Paul Christie.

Then the leaders, representing the Anglican, Brethren, Evangelical, Lutheran and Methodist churches in Petaling Jaya, took turns to lead in a series of intercessory prayers. We prayed for:

- the needs of the universal church
- the public authorities, and salvation of the world

- people who have no one to turn to
- people burdened by difficulties
- the local community of faith represented by the assembly
- broken families
- people still seeking the Lord

Following the prayer session, everyone lit a candle and placed it on a table. The table was eventually covered with little flames. This is a symbolic act of One Body in Christ, renewing our pledge to obey Christ's call to be the light of the world, empowered by One Spirit.

The Light of our risen Christ will never be hidden. To remind us of this, each one received a little gift – a battery-operated candle. Turning on our candles, we, once again, became a choir, each voice declaring "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine"!

The service, which started at 11 am, came to an end at 1 pm.

We finally switched off the battery-operated candles in our hands. Yet, not a single candle inside us will be turned off. Together, we have spurred one another to burn brighter for our risen Lord and Saviour – Jesus Christ!



Reflections at Easter 2022

By: Chuah Seong York (Wesley Methodist Church Melaka)

Learning from Jesus – MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Attendance : 99

Preacher : Pastor Danny Chiew

Scripture Passages : John 13:1-17

The mugginess of Maundy Thursday sure was a reflection of the solemnness of the occasion. Accordingly, I noticed many of the congregants wore dark coloured clothing. Even with the air conditioner on and all the side doors to the sanctuary opened, many of us must have felt sweaty reminding us of how Jesus sweated in the Garden of Gethsemane. The farewell message of anyone is usually profound and the Bible has no shortage of farewell messages, from Moses in Deuteronomy 31 to 33 and Joshua 23, 24 to Paul's address to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20. John 13:1-17 can be considered a farewell message from Jesus. Besides The Last Supper there was also the object lesson of feet-washing for us to follow. "Does your church practise feet-washing?" This question was posed to me by a patient of mine who belonged to the True Jesus Church as she proudly announced that in her church, feet-washing is a sacrament. While I disagreed with her, I am nevertheless reminded of the broader meaning of feet-washing. What can we learn from John 13:1-17?

1. The Highest Taking the Lowest

In John 13:3 Jesus knew where He came from and yet He did a chore that is normally done by the lowest servant, a Gentile slave. C. S. Lewis once said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less." Humility and Love was the hallmark of Jesus. Without humility love is impossible.

2. Missing the point in the midst of action and distraction

We should not be like Peter. We need to think before we act, think before we say and see things from God's perspective. Jesus reminds us in John 13:10a that once a man is washed, he is already cleansed. But as we fall again and again in our Christian walk, "We all need some kind of cleansing (of our soul) along the way."

3. Judas pretended to be clean

Judas moved among the disciples but his heart has been turned. Have our hearts been turned too?

4. Jesus and The Mandate

Maundy is from the Latin word *mandatum* which means Mandate or Command. Pastor Danny challenged us to ask ourselves, "Who is Jesus to us?" "What is His title?" Jesus effectively told us to be a slave (feet-washing) by serving one another. He then commanded us to love one another as He has loved us. James 1:22 says, "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what the Word says." A follower or disciple of Jesus is not just someone who believes in Him, but someone who follows Him, and does what the Master wants him to do. John 13:17 (NIV) tells us, "Now that you know these things, you will be **blessed** if you do them." **Blessed** means happy. So, we need to serve happily in obedience to Christ.

Present at the Cross – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Attendance : 141

Preacher : Pastor Aaron Liu

Scripture Lesson : John 19:1-37

This sermon had an immediate impact from the time the Scriptures were read when scenes from Mel Gibson's *The Passion of The Christ* were used as the backdrop to the PowerPoint slides of the relevant Scripture Passages. Pastor Aaron then introduced the sermon with his rendition of Johnny Cash's 1992 *Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)*. This was then followed by 6 reflections each with an ensuing 30 seconds pause.

Reflection 1: Pontius Pilate

Are we like Pontius Pilate who knew that Jesus is The Truth and yet caved in to the crowd?

Reflection 2: Peter & The Disciples

Are we like Peter and the disciples who despite having lived with Jesus for 3 years, seeing the miracles He had performed, listened to His wise teachings and yet at the crucial moment, abandoned and what's worse, deny Him?

Reflection 3: Judas & The Soldiers

Are we like Judas and the soldiers who because of greed and materialism, betrayed and carelessly gambled for Jesus' clothing respectively?

Reflection 4: Chief Priest & Pharisees

Are we like the Chief Priest & Pharisees standing tall and proud with our religiosity and traditions, pronouncing do's and don'ts, wanting Jesus to fit our mould, having a form of godliness but denying its power, twisting the Word of God in order to fit God into our image?

For the above 4 reflections, the congregational response was, "Father, forgive us, for we know not what we do."

Reflection 5: Mary, The Mother of Jesus, The Women & John

Are we like them who have experienced the reality of Jesus and our lives transformed, but now are in grief, despair and hopelessness seeing the state of the world?

The congregation response for reflection 5 was, "Surely, Jesus took up our pain and bore our suffering."

Reflection 6: Centurion Guard

Are we an outsider looking in who saw Jesus healed Malchus' ear, heard Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" and who later exclaimed as in Mark 15:39b (NIV), "Surely this Man was the Son of God"?

For reflection 6, Pastor Aaron led us (and any outsiders) in a prayer of repentance. He concluded the sermon by reminding us that we were all there when Jesus was crucified.



CHRIST OUR EVERLASTING HOPE - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Attendance : 187

Preacher : Rev. Teoh Lee Yng

Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark," a full moon in a cloudless sky greeted my wife and I as we drove to church to attend the Easter Sunrise Service. It was as if God has chased away the clouds and a new day is dawning, good weather allowing us to worship our Risen Lord outdoor.

Speaking about The Resurrection and a new life in Christ, Easter Sunrise Service 2022 was special because there were 3 infant baptism. Together with reception into membership of a couple in their Golden Years, it reflected the all-encompassing love of Christ.

Thanks be to technology, the Easter Sunrise Service was live-streamed to homes and recorded for future viewing which has been the norm since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. Yet among the 3 sets of sophisticated audio-visual equipment, PowerPoint slides were conspicuously absent, reminding me that in the sharing of God's Word, we should depend more on His Spirit than on technology. Have we come to expect

and depend on PowerPoint slides more than the unction of God? Do we place our hope on things and not God?

To answer this question, Pastor Lee Yng's sermon on **CHRIST OUR EVERLASTING HOPE** was timely. In her sharing she put forward 4 points:

1. We have hope that is beyond rationality but not irrational.
2. We have hope that God is doing a new thing.
3. We have hope that everything wrong with the world will be made right.
4. We have hope that life is worth living.

*"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because He lives."*



2022 Easter Celebration in LSMC

by Rev Lucy Lee Siew Sieng

The Easter celebration in Living Stone Methodist Church (LSMC) started with the observation of the 40 days Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday on 2 March 2022. As Pastor Lucy is overseeing and pastoring two churches this year, we had a combined Ash Wednesday service with Wesley Methodist Church Kepong which was held physically at WMCK at 8.00pm. The service was also live streamed for the benefit of those who were worshipping online from their homes. It was a moderate service. 30 members attended the in-person service, of which 10 members were from LSMC with the rest from the host church.



Group Photo after the Combined Ash Wednesday Service Held at WMCK



*Launch of Piggy Boxes
Collection for Poor & Needy*

Throughout the 40 days Lent season, members were encouraged to observe daily devotion and fasting. Each day when they fast, they were also to save up their meal monies and deposit them into a piggy box which would then be brought to the respective church on Easter Sunday. The monies collected would be channelled to the poor and needy.

Following Palm Sunday on 10 April 2022, the evening services were held at LSMC on Maundy Thursday on 14 April and Good Friday on 15 April.



*Palm Sunday Service
with Guest Preacher,
Rev Henry Yong*



*Palm Sunday Praise & Worship
Team*



*Maundy Thursday Service with Sermon by
Mr Michael William*



Good Friday Service at LSMC



A Hand-made Metal Cross

On Good Friday, a hand-made metal cross was given to each attendee as a token of remembrance of the Lord's sacrificial death on the cross in complete obedience to the will of God, the Father.

It was then followed by Easter Sunday on 17 April 2022 celebrating the resurrection of the Lord bringing the hope of eternal salvation to all who believe.



*Easter Celebration Service Led by Rev Lucy Lee,
Pastor-in-Charge*



Worshippers at the LSMC Easter Service

When the piggy boxes were collected and counted at the end of the service, a moderate sum of over RM2,000 was collected for charity purposes by our small church in the midst of the pandemic. Praise the Lord!

Three (3) Reflections, Twenty-four (24) Hours and What If

by Pastor Robin Liew
 Sungai Way Subang Methodist Church

If you are reading this, you might be wondering what is the significance of the above phrases and how they relate with the Good Friday and Easter Celebration 2022. Do read on. We praise God that after two years of pandemic, the church family was able to celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday physically and online as we transition to the endemic stage.

of our hearts. The quote, **'Familiarity is a magician that is cruel to beauty but kind to ugliness.'** by Quida is so relevant here. The reflections call us to respond in surrender and worship to God in Christ who demonstrated His passionate love and commitment to us through His vicarious sacrifice, deliverance and victory over sin on the cross. We not



For Good Friday service, we had the children and young adults working together to share three (3) reflections. SSMC is an inter-generational church therefore, we intentionally involve and engage the generations to worship and serve together. Each reflection began with a child reading a passage followed by an adult sharing a short reflection on the last week of Jesus' ministry, beginning with The last supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-6), Gethsemane "Oil Press" (Mat 26:36-45) and It is finished (tete, lestai) (John 19:17-20; 28-30) about Servanthood, Obedience and Victory. These great truths are so well known and too familiar to many of us. It is so possible for us, the church, to lose her first love and still continue business as usual, having a form of religion but denying its power and reality. When the extraordinary becomes ordinary, the priceless becomes cheap, the sacred becomes rituals, the heartfelt experience becomes cognitive information and relationship with God becomes religion, we have to take action. Familiarity sets in because of careless neglect in developing a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ or from the callousness

only accept and believe in Christ, but must embrace servanthood, obedience and the way of the Cross. The three (3) reflections ended with this challenge, **'Don't just believe in Jesus but believe like Jesus!'**

Between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the worship and prayer ministry organised a twenty four (24) hour **Behold the Lamb** worship and prayer beginning 6.00 am Saturday to 6.00 am on Resurrection Sunday. Thirty (30) minutes slots were allocated. The small home groups (English and Bahasa), children from the Worship and Prayer Altar (WPA) English and Bahasa groups, and individuals excitedly signed up and participated. It was a joy to see members taking ownership to plan and delegate responsibilities to members to lead in worship and prayer. They were instructed to seek God on the flow and direction. Praise God all forty-eight (48) thirty minutes slots were all taken up though there was the initial concern about filling up all slots. The inspiration came to the organising group who felt the Holy Spirit wanted SSMC family to spend time to gaze and be in the presence



of the Lamb of God who is also called the Lion of Judah. It reminded us that God is working out His glorious plan in the seemingly silence and non-activity of the Saturday. It spoke about living, worshipping and serving from a place of rest and beholding Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. The Holy Spirit directed the focus and flow of the different groups weaving it together. There was continuous praise and worship, inter-mingled with supplications and requests for country, church and family salvation. The Holy Spirit moved and spoke followed by intense and deep repentance in the early morning hours on Sunday. It was indeed a refreshing time for us. The core group is waiting upon the Lord for the next worship and prayer assembly.

Praise God on Easter Sunday we had the largest in person (238) and online (160 devices logged on) service attendance since the pandemic. The message 'What If' from 1 Cor 15 :3-8; 13-19 was shared by Rev Dr Ng Swee Ming. If there is no resurrection, our faith is in vain, our hope is gone, sin remains and those who died in Christ perished. Hallelujah! Jesus did rise from the dead. Our faith is sure. We have a living hope. We are forgiven, redeemed and will receive our full inheritance at our resurrection or when He comes. The Holy Spirit touched different ones who came forward for ministry. Those online were also prayed for. The celebrative worship ended with the song Jesus is alive! To God be the glory !



Easter at Wesley Raub:

Wesley Raub planned to have a Sunrise Easter Worship Service. The residents of Haknook Jenang are now part of the congregation of Wesley Raub. The evening before, the worship leaders prepared residents of Haknook Jenang for the worship. The euphoria of Easter was already in the air on the evening of Holy Saturday as one sat in with the residents singing “Bangkit -Serukan Nama Yesus”. At the Easter Sunday Worship Service, the lay leader, Rachel Yap shared her testimony “what does the resurrection of Christ mean to me”. The testimony is reproduced below. Pastor Ting preached on “The Reversals Easter Brings”. The congregation gathered for breakfast after the easter service. One of the church members, Tan Kim Hong contributed easter eggs for breakfast. Easter Service at Raub Wesley gathered of His people at Haknook Jenang to recall and rejoice over the ineffable hope Christ’s resurrection brought us. All thanks and praise be the Lord.

What does the Resurrection of Jesus Mean to Me?

by Rachel Yap
Lay leader of Raub Wesley

Since 2001, Easter has been extra special and meaningful for me. Both my husband and mother were baptized on the same day on Easter Sunday. My dear mother accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour when she was in her seventies. An illiterate woman, her simple faith reminds me of what Jesus said ‘I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven’ (Mat 18:3). After experiencing the goodness of God in her life she wanted my father to experience it too. To my mum’s dismay my father kept delaying making a decision for the Lord. Despite that she never ever gave up on him reminding me of how Jesus who never gives up on us too.

A few years later, my mum suffered a stroke and was in a coma for three days. After three days she miraculously woke up and fully recovered almost immediately. When my pastor at that time, Pastor Thomas Chin visited her she told him that it’s not her time to meet the Lord yet because she has an important mission on Earth that she had to accomplish. Being an illiterate woman we were all amazed at what she told us. Her motto is ‘Never Give Up!’

Allow me to bring us back to when my mother told me one day that she wanted to accept Jesus into her life. I was at that time worshipping in Christ Methodist Church, Bentong and the ladies’ group used to gather every week for worship, bible study and prayers. We prayed for my parents to be saved but deep in my heart I had doubts about my parents’ salvation. Never in my wildest imagination that God really answered my prayer! Prayer is indeed powerful. You never know when God is going to answer your prayer. I was amazed and in shock. How could I lead my mum to pray the sinner’s prayer in the hakka dialect? My first thought went to my dear friend, Helen Liew who is from the Chinese Methodist Church. As soon as she heard my predicament she came to my mum’s house immediately. Being a Hokkien herself and with her broken Hakka she tried very hard to explain the good news to my mum and my mum kept nodding her head to say that she understood the message. Helen then led my mum to Christ in Hakka. We actually had a good laugh at the broken Hakka after everything was over. A soul was saved on this day. Hallelujah! The broken Hakka also reminds me of how Jesus’ body was broken so that our souls can be saved!

Helen never failed to send my mum to church every Sunday. After her stroke I began to wonder how she was going to accomplish her important mission on Earth. Every Sunday after service, she will gather some leaflets from the church and asked my father to read for her. Her illiteracy actually is to her advantage because my father being the kind and loving husband would diligently read the leaflets and at the same time he too got to learn more about our Lord indirectly. What a brilliant idea! Despite this my father kept postponing his decision to commit his life to God. He kept telling my mum it's not the right time yet.

One day in January 2001, my mum who looked healthy told me that she will meet Jesus in heaven that particular year. Of course I brushed it aside and told her it was something for the Lord to decide and I also reminded her of her mission that she had to accomplish. She even told me to prepare myself and not be sad when she's gone. Did she make a pact with her Lord? She was all ready to die to be with her Father in heaven, just like Jesus who was all ready to die for us so that we can all be with our Father in heaven eternally.

Sure enough in April 2001, my mum suffered another stroke which needed an immediate brain surgery. After the surgery she was conscious but not able to speak. She could still hear and open or shut her eyes and nodded or shook her head. But her mission was not accomplished yet so how could she just leave like that? Just like Jesus who never gives up on us, she too never gave up on my father. On her deathbed, using whatever limited means of communication she still had, she miraculously convicted my father to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour. Hallelujah! My mum's mission was finally accomplished! This happened on 13 April 2001 and it was Good Friday reminding me on why Jesus died for my father on the Cross so that his sins can be forgiven. I couldn't thank God enough on this special day. I couldn't control myself and had to rush to the toilet to cry my eyes out - tears

of pure happiness and joy! My mum who was 82 then after accomplishing her mission, just closed her eyes and on the third day went peacefully to be with her Lord on 15 April 2001 on Easter Sunday! The Lord must have loved her so much that He chose this auspicious day to bring her to her eternal home.

I shared this story in my eulogy to my dear mum only to find that there was not a dry eye among her church friends. I will continue to tell of this amazing love story to everyone who is willing to listen so as to encourage us all that love is the most important tool to bring others to the Lord. Praise the Lord that I've finally plucked up enough courage sharing my mum's story here after much encouragement from Pastor Ting. Many years ago Bishop Emeritus Ong Hwai Teik also encouraged me to share my story after hearing it from me but I was not ready then.

Christ's resurrection means for me -

1. I fear not death for death has lost its sting when Jesus rose from the dead. I too will be resurrected one day together with all who believe in Him will be reunited in heaven eternally.
2. God, my Comforter, will never stop loving me and He never gives up on me - always patient, always kind and always forgiving.
3. I serve a Living God who arose from the dead, a God whom I can talk to and communicate and whom I can call Abba, my Father.
4. I am confident that I will live eternally in heaven after my life here on earth is done, unlike other non-believers who are not sure of a place in heaven.

I believe Jesus did not die in vain on the Cross. His resurrection will continue to give us hope that all will believe and have an everlasting life even though we die - John 11:25.

Sambutan Minggu Suci dan Perayaan Paskah Gereja-Gereja PMSM

Jumaat Agong and Paskah pada tahun ini adalah sungguh bermakna untuk kita semua. Sudah dua tahun kita tidak boleh mengadakan pelayanan Jumaat Agong and Paskah kerana PKP covid-19. Disertakan di sini laporan bergambar dari gereja-gereja PMSM. Puji Tuhan kita sebagai jemaat PMSM boleh meninggikan Yesus Kristus yang telah bangkit pada hari Paskah dan mengajar kebenaran Kebangkitan Yesus Kristus kepada anak-anak dan generasi yang akan datang.

*DarahMu Yesus sucikan aku
DarahMu Yesus bebaskanku
DarahMu Yesus sembuhkan aku
Ku dijadikan baru*



Gereja Pos Dipang Daerah Kampar.



Gereja PMSM Pusing, Daerah Parit.



*Peranakan Paskah Di Gereja Methodist Pos Bersih,
Daerah Slim River.*





Gereja Kerayong 1, Daerah Lipis



Gereja Kampung Bukit Terang, Kampar, Daerah Kampar.
Gereja Kampung.



Gereja Kampung Kenip, Daerah Lipis.



Kebaktian Paskah Gereja Methodist Perah, Daerah Parit.



Gereja PMSM Pos Slim, Daerah Gopeng.



Paskah Daerah Gopeng



Gereja PMSM Kerawat, Daerah Gopeng.

Dedikasi Pusat PMSM dan Mohon Pemberkatan Tuhan

Disediakan oleh: Rev Anjang & TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong



Pada tanggal 22hb Mac, 2022 hari Selasa, bangunan pentadbiran baru Pusat Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist, di nombor 2, Jalan Kampar Permai 2, Tmn Kampar Permai telah ditasbiskan pada pukul 11.30 pagi. Ini merupakan hari yang amat bersejarah bagi seluruh jemaat PMSM.

Perasmian Pusat pentadbiran baru ini telah disempurnakan dalam Nama Allah Bapa, Anak dan Roh Kudus oleh Bishop Gereja Methodist Malaysia Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar dan Bishop Gereja TRAC Rev. Joshua Khong. Ia dihadiri oleh pastor-pastor dari Gereja Methodist Korea serta Pengetua, Ketua-ketua Daerah dan pekerja PMSM.

Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar membawa mesej Dedikasi yang bertajuk: Belas Kasihan Dalam Pelayanan, dari petikan Alkitab buku Markus 6:34 -37. Bishop menyeru kita agar berusaha bersama-sama menyampaikan Berita Baik Yesus Kristus kepada masyarakat Orang Asli kerana ramai lagi antara komuniti Orang Asli yang masih belum berpeluang mendengar Berita Baik Yesus Kristus. Ini adalah firman dan utusan Kristus kepada kita. Yesus Kristus sendiri penuh dengan belas kasihan membawa berita baik kepada orang ramai. Walaupun betapa letih nya Kristus, Dia tidak mengabaikan keutamaan menyampaikan firman Tuhan kepada orang ramai. Belas kasihan Yesus Kristus bukan sahaja dari aspek





*Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar dan
TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong*



Pastor-Pastor dari Korea Selatan

kerohanian, tetapi juga dari aspek fizikal. Dalam petikan Markus 6: 34-37, Yesus dengan penuh belas kasihan memberi roti dan ikan untuk mengisi perut mereka yang kelaparan kerana hari telah suntuk and mereka masih berkumpul asyik mendengar firman Tuhan.

Bishop mengingatkan kita semua di PMSM yang Tuhan Allah Bapa telah mengutuskan kita agar mencontohi Yesus Kristus dan menunjukkan belas kasihan kepada orang ramai. Janganlah kita lalai tetapi dengan bersungguh-sungguh membawa Berita Baik Yesus Kristus kepada orang ramai agar mereka mengenali Kristus dan firman Tuhan dan menerima keselamatan dalam Yesus Kristus, Juruselamat kita.

Dedikasi diakhiri dengan Perjamuan Kudus. Sungguh baik bila umat seiman dalam Kristus bersama-sama memecah roti dan minum dari cangkir yang Kristus telah tebus untuk kita dengan darahNya sendiri. Ini lah belas kasihan Yesus Kristus kepada kita. Yesus mengorbankan dirinya untuk menebus kita, agar kita menjadi anak-anak kesayangan Tuhan Bapa Syurgawi. Kita bersyukur pada Tuhan Allah Bapa kerana kurnia kasih dan rahmat Nya yang melimpah kepada kita dan generasi yang akan datang. Kami percaya pusat pentabiran baru PMSM ini akan

digunakan untuk kemuliaan Bapa, Anak dan Roh Kudus. Amin.

Ucapan dan kata-kata aluan dari Pastor-pastor Korea Selatan.

Saya mewakili para pastor dari Methodist Korea mengucapkan tahniah atas Dedikasi Pusat PMSM dan juga ucapkan berterima kasih kepada Tuhan sebab kita percaya semua ini kerana kasih kurunia Tuhan. Dengan mengadakan dedikasi pusat pmsm ini, saya berdoa dan berharap:

1. ini merupakan suatu tempat permulaan baru bagi pihak pmsm di dalam rancangan Tuhan dari segibai pelayanannya baik rancangan nya maupun semua pengurusan nya untuk membawa suatu transformasi kepada PMSM.
2. pusat ini dapat menjadi saluran berkat bagi semua pastor-pastor PMSM dan semua jemaat PMSM sehingga mengalami bertumbuh, bertambah, dan berpengaruh untuk Kemuliaan Nama Tuhan.
3. semoga Tuhan kita memenuhi semua keperluan nya dan memberi hikmat kepada saudara seiman di PMSM serta memberkati PMSM dengan segala berkat rohani sorgawi.

Rev. Abraham Chung



Bersama pastor-pastor dari Korea Selatan



Bishop bersama Pastor-pastor dan Pekerja PMSM

Emmanuel Methodist Church Petaling Jaya – 25th Anniversary Celebration (2022-2023)

By Rev. Thomas Chin, on behalf of EMCPJ

When the church leadership began the planning for 25th Anniversary celebration, we have decided on the twin-purposes: Gratitude to God for being blessed (His faithfulness and goodness to EMC community) to bless others, and to pass on the legacy of Blessed to Bless to the next generation. As such, the celebration will consist several events and activities all year long and beyond.



The church launched “Blessed to Bless” 25th Anniversary Initiative on 16 January 2022 Sunday worship. Challenging EMC to:

1. **Step in** to the Lord to disciple the nations
2. **Step out** of our comfort zone to bless others in BLESS projects through Care Groups and youth groups, Gift to Bless (Anniversary month-long collection in May-June), book of testimonies, Anniversary service & lunch, among others.
3. **Step up** to respond to the Lord and serve His purpose in authentic lives and loving service



An anniversary song entitled “Blessed to Bless, Emmanuel” was composed by church members (Lyrics by Angeline Lim Fong Lan; Music by Hanley Chew; Arrangement by Charles Tan). Song can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wONPNsS4s7Q>

It is exciting to witness God's work in and through the Care Groups (CGs) and youth groups as they seek the Lord's direction and work together for their Bless projects. So far, projects identified and engaged are local families, Siamsin Learning Center (Myanmar Chin), children and families of migrant communities like Myanmar, Rohingyas, and others, as well as working with NGOs-Missions agencies. The Bless projects will be a year-long engagement or beyond. Testimonies of Bless projects will be shared during the Sunday worship throughout the year.



On 15 May 2022, we celebrated 25 years of EMC as a Local Conference in our Sunday worship. About 203 worshippers (both adults and children) were present in person, and many more who joined us on YouTube live stream. Bishop Joshua Khong was present with his wife, Elaine Chan, and he shared a message based on Ephesians 4:1-8, A Prisoner for the Lord. CD2 District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Christie and his wife, Gladys were also in attendance.



The atmosphere was a joyous one with worshippers from all ages joining together to celebrate God's faithfulness and goodness. It is also significant during the cake cutting ceremony for representatives of founding members (Dr Moo Siew Pheng), seniors (Peggy Lim Chwee Ling), youths (Crystal Lee Qian Ching), pastors, and for families, young adults, children and church leaders represented by Steven Tee Lung Seng, Jennifer Liew Sook Hing, their children (Wesley Tee Zhe Kang, Emily Tee Hui Ning). The representation is to signify the legacy of "Blessed to Bless" by the church to the next generation – families, young adults, youth and children who will be the church in the coming years.

After the Anniversary service, lunch was held at Pantai Seafood Restaurant with 35 tables, about 284 persons. Everyone had a wonderful time of fellowship with one another. The food was delicious. The children were having a fantastic time. Everyone truly enjoyed each other's company.



We are thankful to God for the opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness and goodness as the Body of Christ in EMC. Our hope is EMC will continue to: "Come to Christ, Grow in Christ, Go for Christ" for God's glory.



Celebrating Living Hope Methodist Church Dedication Service of New Premise and Sanctuary

*By Rev Paul S Christie
Central District 2, District Superintendent*



The Sunday morning of 20th February, 2022, church members with thankful hearts and bright smiles filled the new Living Hope Methodist Church (LHMC). They had eagerly waited for this auspicious day to arrive. It was the dedication service of their new premises and sanctuary, situated in a developing residential area in Bukit Rimau, Shah Alam.

It began with a lively worship service led by Pastor Christopher Manivannan & worship team of LHMC. Pastor Christopher Manivannan offered words of thanksgiving to God for the amazing journey from the previous premises to the new premises, and acknowledged the presence of all who have gathered for this memorable dedication service. During the service, both Bishop Joshua Khong and Rev Paul Christie led in prayers for the church, the community, the ministry and also their outreach to the surrounding areas. There was a special presentation by Dr T.C. Lau who sang “Ku Nyanyi Haleluya”. The words of the song were very apt for the occasion. The congregation were then treated to a creative and captivating video presentation of the life and history of LHMC. Indeed, what an amazing journey it was, with much prayer and thanksgiving.

This was followed by Bishop Dr. T Jeyakumar’s inspiring sermon on “Imparting Blessings”. He

expounded on the Apostle Paul’s exhortation to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:1-7), to remind the church on the importance of passing on the faith and imparting spiritual blessings intentionally to the next generation. He concluded with a prayer for LHMC:

“I pray, God will give you the grace to be a blessing. And all your children and spiritual children will be blessed and be a blessing always. May LHMC and every family here be blessed and always impart blessings, and remain faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ until we see Him face to face.”

Bishop Jeyakumar then led the congregation in the dedication of the new premises and sanctuary. Towards the end of the dedication service, the congregation witnessed the signing of the plaque by Bishop Jeyakumar and Bishop Joshua Khong. This marked the celebration and dedication of the new place to the glory of God.

Among the 96 who were at this memorable service were Mr Loi Kim Shung (CD2 District Lay Leader), Rev Gaurri Maniam (former pastor), Mrs Elaine Khong, Pastor & Mrs Chris Kam, Mrs Gladys Christie, Mr Alan Yong (former CD 2 District Lay Leader) and other invited guests.





Here are the words shared by LHMC leaders in celebrating this spiritual milestone in the life of the church:

“We at LHMC were thrilled to move into our new premises and to have our Dedication Service on the 20 Feb. Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and provision, despite the many challenges we faced. It was an honour to have Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of the Methodist Church of Malaysia, Rev. Joshua Khong, our TRAC Bishop and Rev. Paul Christie, DS of CD2 and many Pastors and friends present to celebrate with us and encourage us. Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar’s message from 2 Tim 2:1-7 was indeed challenging and relevant. Please continue to pray for us and our Ps. Christopher Manivannan, as we move forward and reach out to the community with the love of Christ.”

- Lay Leader, Capt. Archibald Sitter

“We thank our Almighty Father for a beautiful and meaningful Dedication Service. Special thanks to Bishop of Methodist Church Malaysia, Rev Dr Jeyakumar, TRAC Bishop, Rev Joshua Khong, District Superintendent CD2, Rev Paul Christie, all pastors, well-wishers and church members for gracing the event. It was such a great pleasure to be a part of this memorable event. We pray for God’s presence and guidance as we journey forward in our new premises.”

- LCEC Chairman, Mr. Desmond Jesudoss Nelson

“The completion of the purchase of this property and culmination of the dedication service together with the celebration of the church 8th Anniversary could not have been possible with the participation and assistance of so many people whose names may not all be enumerated. I specifically would like to mention the untiring effort by Dr. Chan Chee Yan, the Head of the Moving Task Force together with our church administrator, Margaret Khoo and with all the LCEC members putting their hands on the plough to finish the project. I am extremely humbled by what God has done to ensure we could finish the renovation work within the shortest period i.e. completing in 50 days (from 1 Jan 2022 to 19 Feb 2022). “God is good all the time and all the time God is good.”

- Pastor-in-Charge, Pastor Christopher Manivannan

LHMC is truly grateful to God for all TRAC churches and individuals who have contributed and journeyed with them.

Let us continue to uphold LHMC in our prayer that God will continue to bless the church, watch over His people and lead this congregation to be bearers of His gospel as it reaches out to the lives of people in their neighbourhood, in the vicinity, and in the world.

I will end with the words of John E Bode, in the last stanza of the majestic hymn, “O Jesus I Have Promised” to remind us of our calling:

*“O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.”*



OLM PLUS Northern District

26th Feb and 12th March 2022

By William Lim (Wesley Methodist Church, Penang)

OLM, an acronym that may not be familiar for the younger TRAC Churches' members of today. OLM stands for **"Organizational Leadership Module,"** and its original intention was to inform the leadership of how things were structured in the Methodist church, particularly, the TRAC churches and how these entities relate with each other. (e.g. LCEC, PPRC, Committees, Organizations, Etc.)

Hence, the "what" and "how" descriptions and explanations were laboriously listed in the first OLM training. This distilling of the information contained in the Methodist Book of Discipline helps the leadership (especially the newly elected ones) to work more efficiently and effectively by minimizing potential overlaps or misunderstandings.

OLM PLUS however, seems to be seeking out the spirit behind these structures in which we, the church is to operate in. OLM PLUS was divided into four sessions conducted via zoom on two different Saturdays. Bishop Joshua Khong and Rev. Ronald Yap had led two sessions each. Indeed, it is a timely and needed complimentary workshops for the church.

The Northern District had a total of 76 names registered from 6 churches for OLM PLUS.

Key Takeaways from the sessions:

26th FEB 2022

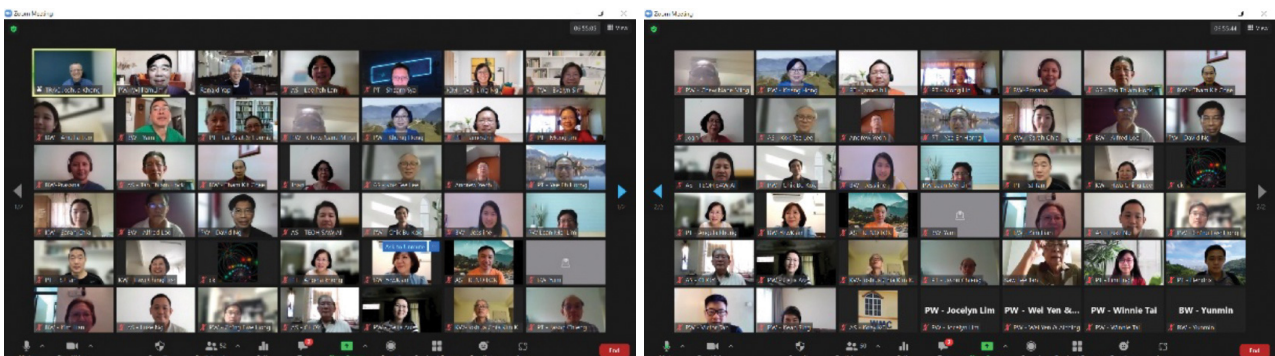
Speaker: Bishop Joshua Khong

Session One: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP - LEADING WITH GOD'S AGENDA

Bishop Joshua started off by getting the leadership to think about spirituality in the Church. Quick reviews on topics such as Spiritual Leadership, Spiritual Community, Measuring Spirituality, Toxic leadership and many more were discussed. These reminded the attendees of the importance of the spiritual aspects of the church. Another interesting discussion was on the difference of being just "spiritual" instead of having "Christian spirituality with discipline" in living out our beliefs. It was mentioned that "One can be "spiritual," which is, a rising trend but void of "Christian Discipline" which is an antithesis of orthodox Christianity." The above sparked many lively discussions and questions amongst the participants.

Session Two: SPIRITUAL LEGACY - WHAT LEGACY ARE WE LEAVING BEHIND?

In this particular session, our Bishop Joshua, took us through an endearing journey of his own spiritual growth. He tells of an account of which his spiritual parent, a certain Auntie Winnie and how she had influenced Bishop Joshua's faith. A touching testimony of how one need not be "spectacular" in their Christian life to leave behind a Christian legacy. I believe each participant were challenged to look at our own journey and the journeys we are embarked on with others more carefully. Priorities, I believe were realigned once again for the Glory of God. The session ends with a call to prioritize and carefully look at how we as a church is "parenting" the next generation of believers.



Sessions 1 & 2's Participants on Zoom (26th FEB 2022)

12th MAR 2022**Speaker: Rev. Ronald Yap****Session Three: SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY - CULTIVATING A LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY**

Rev. Ronald started off the session with a quick survey on “what kind of spiritual leadership” we, as a church longs for. The results were presented via an interesting online tool, it captured the responses in a creative and eye-catching manner. Rev Ronald then moved us to think about “Relational Spirituality” in discussions about leadership being a body of community rather than stopping at just a committee which ends with task(s) done. Deeper conversations on the features of “community” vs. “committee” ensued

Session Four: SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION - FOSTERING HEALTHY DIALOGUES AND CONVERSATIONS

In the last session, Rev. Ronald implored the participants to rethink how we communicate as Christians. Discussions on how a “spiritual conversation” looks like were explored in detail. Breakout sessions to reinforce the thinking and processing of these truths were done. Aspect of active listening and skills to dialogue well was encouraged. Aside from that, the need to have spiritual conversations that move all participants from defending past positions to generative ideas that are aligned to God’s will, was another reminder. The church is challenged once more to look at how we can have good spiritual dialogues with each other to ultimately bring Glory to GOD.

Some of the comments and feedbacks from the participants on these sessions:

“Remind the LCEC we are a family. Listen to each other.”

“I need to seek and discern God’s will, rather than to promote my own agenda.”

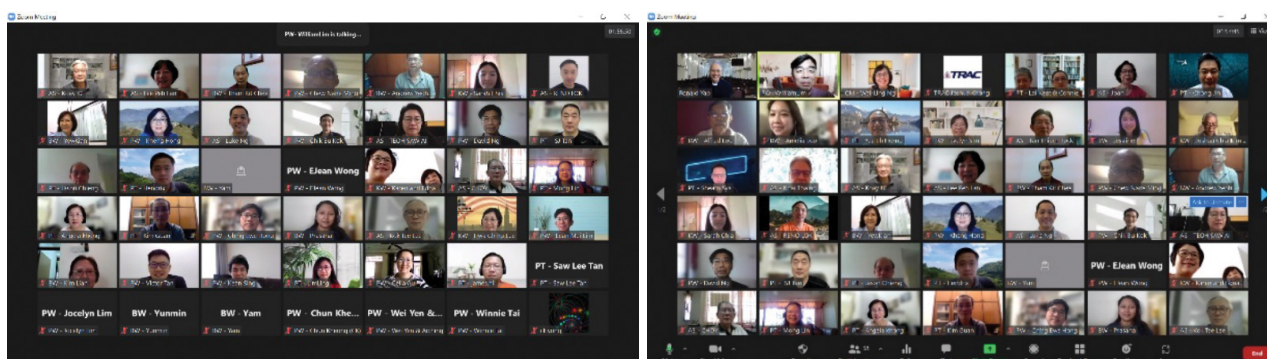
“Support the church leaders and pastors. Pray and encourage our members to be in leadership and ministries especially the younger ones.”

“Relationships first.”

“Timely and urgent clarion call of new leadership for the church. Existing leaders must deliberate the call with love.”

Overall, these four sessions had realigned the priorities of “doing church,” as in having the “right relationships” with God and others through effective spiritual conversations and moving together as a community. Equally important is to have the “right perspective” of religion and spirituality that helps us in our intentions to be effectively used by God to build the next generation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Joshua and Rev. Ronald for their time and efforts in bringing these sessions to us, it has been a blessed time, together. We would also like to express our thanks to ICM, Sister Wai Ling and her team in organizing these sessions for the Northern District. Not forgetting all the “Zoom Technical” support volunteers who worked hard in the background to ensure a smooth running of these sessions, thank you and may God bless all of you for your service unto Him! Amen.



Sessions 3 & 4's Participants on Zoom (12th MAR 2022)

Testimonials

Excerpts from the Pastors



Pastors School 2022 at Taiping was a new and most welcomed experience as it was the first time TRAC pastors met in person since the Covid-19 pandemic. It was nice to see everyone let their hair loose and fellowship like a large family coming together for a reunion dinner. Even when we grieved the passing of Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah, there was still a deep sense of love and unity as we stood together in solidarity. One message of encouragement God impressed in my heart was that God is not done with His Church and has a plan for my generation. Through the sharing of Dr Lim Hock Ghee, I am inspired to see every small flicker of light within the lives of believers as hope that the Holy Spirit can fan into a blazing furnace that will set other hearts alight. The challenge for us as under-shepherds of the Lord is to be faithful to our calling, to love the flock of God and to journey with them that they will be true disciples of Jesus – come pandemic or persecution.

- Pastor Aaron Liu

My Experience in TRAC Pastors' School

I was apprehensive in the beginning as this would be my first time and I did not know what to expect. But to my surprise, at the end of the retreat, I realised that I did enjoy it for several reasons:

- The schedule was not packed and we had pockets of time to rest and reflect on the sessions.
- A few pastors took the initiative to share their own experiences with me and offered some good advice on how to face the challenges of being a first-year pastor.
- It was encouraging to fellowship with other pastors and see them in a relaxed mood, chatting away happily.
- The session on "Challenges for Pastors & Church, Pandemic and Beyond" was especially inspiring in helping us recognize the benefit of thinking outside the box.

- Pastor Shaan Sya

Retreat Probationary Ministers Gereja Methodist Malaysia 2022 merupakan pengalaman yang pertama bagi diri saya. Melihat betapa ramainya rakan-rakan sepelayanan dari pelbagai Sidang Tahunan hadir bersama, mengingatkan saya akan semangat Connexionalisme Gereja Methodist. Walaupun kita banyak anggota namun kita adalah satu tubuh. Paderi yang berpengalaman tidak segan untuk berkongsi pengalaman mereka dalam pelayanan dengan semua Paderi-paderi muda. Kehadiran para-para Bishop untuk memberikan kata-kata semangat juga memberikan galakkan kepada paderi muda seperti saya untuk melayani dengan lebih bersungguh-sungguh. Satu perkara yang saya ingati dari retreat ini adalah untuk berikan yang terbaik dalam pekerjaan dan mengasihi dengan sepenuh hati dalam pelayanan.

- Pastor Edward Lee

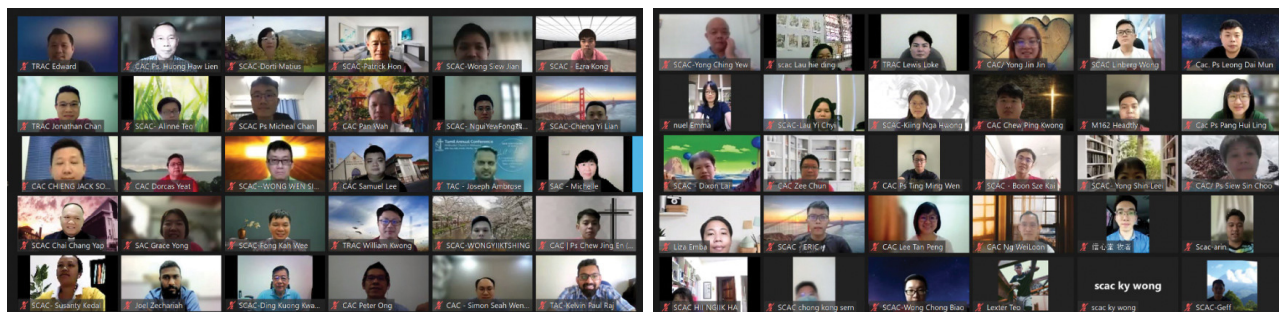
Shalom.

Secara rasmi, saya telah dilantik sebagai pastor di TRAC untuk jemaah BM di KL Wesley pada tahun 2020. Sepatutnya, tahun 2022 ini merupakan tahun ketiga saya mengikuti Pastor's School. Bagaimanapun, disebabkan oleh Pandemik Covid-19 yang turut melanda negara kita pada tahun 2020, Pastor's School pada tahun itu telah dibatalkan. Kemudian, pada tahun 2021 Pastor's School pula diadakan secara atas talian melalui Zoom. Puji Tuhan, pada tahun 2022 ini Pastor's School telah dapat diadakan secara fizikal di Taiping, Perak. Boleh dikatakan ini adalah kali pertama saya mengikuti Pastor's School. Melayani secara sepenuh masa di bawah gereja Methodist sejak November 2018, banyak cerita mengenai Pastor's School yang saya dengar. Namun, tahun ini saya sendiri telah merasai dan melalui pengalaman itu. Antara pengalaman yang saya tidak akan lupakan ialah kegembiraan berjalan-jalan bersama rakan-rakan pastor di sekitar Kuala Sepetang. Dari kilang arang, ke jeti Kuala Septang sehinggalah ketika saya menyertai beberapa orang dari mereka menaiki bot menelusuri sungai Kuala Sepatang, membuat saya sangat santai dan lega. Rupanya, pastor pun boleh menikmati suasana santai seperti jemaah lain yang bukan pastor. Saya lihat, beberapa pastor yang memang saya kenal sebagai "guru saya" sepertinya bukan pastor pada masa itu. Mereka sangat "enjoy" sepanjang Pastor's School.

Rumusan saya, mungkin saya silap besar jika selama ini saya berpendapat bahawa seorang pastor hanya harus "melakukan pelayanan, membaca Alkitab dan berdoa" sepanjang 24 jam jika boleh. Tidak boleh fikirkan hal-hal lain termasuk "bercuti." Pastor's School mengajar saya satu perkara yang berharga iaitu, taat dan setia dalam pelayanan tetapi itu tidak bererti saya harus pisahkan diri saya dari hal-hal santai dan menyeronokkan selama mana ia tidak bertentangan dengan firman Tuhan. Saya sangat "enjoy" selama Pastor's School ini. Saya rasa, selama hampir 17 tahun dalam pelayanan sepenuh masa, ini adalah "percutian" saya yang pertama, yang betul-betul boleh dikatakan "bercuti" kerana saya memang benar-benar dapat lupakan seketika pelayanan saya. Syabas dan tahniah kepada barisan penyelarar Pastor's School 2022 kerana kalian telah berjaya membuat saya "enjoy" dalam Pastor's School. Terima kasih kepada TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong kerana sanggup mengizinkan suasana Pastor's School yang pertama buat saya ini dengan program yang santai. Terima kasih kepada Pengerusi BOM yang sangat informatif, dan terima kasih kepada semua rakan pastor di TRAC. Tak sabar pula mahu rasa Pastor's School pada tahun depan. Tuhan memberkati.

- Thomas Jie (Isaiah) KL Wesley

Probationary Ministers Retreat 2022



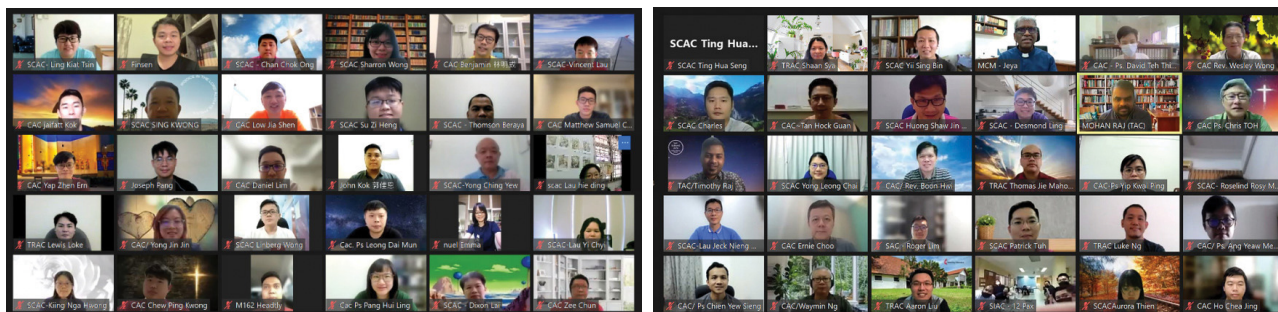
The retreat was done online together with the other conferences and it was good to see some old friends again. While the sessions are for the whole day from 9am to 5pm, each speaker's session was relevant to help us reflect, equip and prepare ourselves. We learned about some sections of the Methodist Book of Discipline and the importance of being accountable and effective in ministry. There was a session on the importance of the pastor's family and financial wisdom and faith. There was a separate session for men and women as we discuss issues in ministry, struggles and temptations. For each session, there was Q & A and each speaker had tough questions to answer, but we can see that the speakers were transparent, and genuine and sincere in helping us, and shared from their wealth of personal experiences and spiritual walk in ministry. A big thank you to Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon, Rev Dr Philip Siew, Rev Lenita Tiong and Rev Dr Isaac Lim.

- Rev William Kwong

My Very First Probationary Ministers' Retreat

It was a good first experience for me. I appreciated the fact that it was combined with all the other annual conferences and there was an opportunity to meet fellow Probationary Ministers from TRAC as well as those from other Annual Conferences. To hear about the shared joys and struggles in the ministry was eye-opening, comforting and encouraging all the same. It was also meaningful that the Bishop of the Methodist Church of Malaysia conducted the entire retreat and that the Conference Bishops of the various Annual Conferences availed themselves for question-and-answer sessions as part of the Retreat. I personally found the session on "The Pastor's Vision: Where to get it and how to share it" by Rev Dr Isaac Lim particularly enlightening and inspiring, and am grateful to receive this impartation early in my entry into pastoral ministry.

- Pastor Shaan Sya



Privileged Recipient

Probationary Pastors Retreat 2022 was quite a privilege for me. It's because we have access to Bishops from all Annual Conferences who shared their experiences and advise to new pastors like me. Among the highlights for me were MCM Bishop Jeyakumar's session on Pastoral ministry where he reminds us that caring for the church, also require us to care for our own bodies – to work at being physically healthy, have balance between work and rest with recreation; as well as an annual retreat to draw in fresh revelation from God (spiritual retreat). The other highlight was being able to ask the bishops anything about ministry, and receiving insightful solutions/ answer that have been tested through years or ministry experience. Hoping for more of this and in-person next time.

Thank you, Bishops!

- Pastor Jonathan Chan

Shalom,

Keluarga saya mengenal Kristus dan seterusnya dibaptis oleh gereja yang berfahaman Lutheran. Bagaimanapun, ketika meningkat remaja, saya giat dalam gereja yang lebih berfahaman Pentakosta, Ketika saya masuk pelayanan sepenuh masa pada tahun 2007, kombinasi dua fahaman itu saling bercampur-aduk dalam pelaksanaan pelayanan saya, kerana saya bermula sebagai seorang “independent minister” sepenuhnya. PMR pertama yang saya hadiri ialah PMR peringkat Konferensi Umum pada tahun 2020, kemudian PMR peringkat TRAC pada tahun 2021, dan sekali lagi PMR peringkat Konferensi Umum pada bulan Mac yang lalu. Ketiga-tiga PMR ini memang sangat membantu saya untuk lebih memahami posisi saya sebagai seorang paderi di gereja Methodist.

Antara perkara yang saya dapat semasa PMR baru-baru ini ialah peluang untuk berkenalan dengan para paderi percubaan dari Konferensi Tahunan yang lain, bahkan ada beberapa orang dari mereka yang merupakan kenalan lama saya ketika sama-sama belajar di STM. Bagaimanapun, hal terpenting yang saya dapat sepanjang PMR kali ini ialah, banyak perkara yang sebelum itu menjadi persoalan saya sebagai seorang paderi di gereja Methodist yang terjawab khususnya oleh Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar dan juga oleh penjelasan tambahan dari Bishop Joshua Khong. Penjelasan yang mereka berikan sebenarnya telah melepaskan saya dari keadaan tertanya-tanya selama ini. Saya percaya, silibus PMR seperti yang telah dilaksanakan pada bulan Mac lalu patut dikekalkan walaupun jika mungkin ada penambahan skop yang baru.

Sekian, dari saya.

= Thomas Jie Mahoda, KL Wesley

JS Amidst The Pandemic

#WhackOnly!

By Rev. James Ong (NYD)



Jeremiah School 2022 Commissioning and Graduation service at Emmanuel Methodist Church, PJ. 1st May 2022

If you are wondering what does “whackonly” means; well, it is the tagline of this year’s Jeremiah School (JS).

Planning for JS this year post a couple challenges for the organisers: 1. The Pandemic, and 2. The dates for SPM. Nevertheless, we praise the Lord for it is by the grace of God that we managed to carry out this year’s school with minimal hiccups.

The group of participants was 7 students, a far cry from the usual 20-25 students. But we thank the Lord nonetheless for these 7 young man and woman who had decided to spend one month of their time away from home and family, to live in a new community.

Through the 5 weeks in 2 hubs, classes were hybrid with the help of zoom. The syllabus that was covered in Jeremiah school were: *Christian Doctrines; Theology; Christian Leadership; Christian Spirituality and living; Digital Ministries; etc.*

We also are grateful to the many faithful servants of God who have made this JS possible. From the facilitators/teachers to the selfless mentors.

It is amazing to have such a privilege to witness how the Holy Spirit transforms and change each student according to God’s will. To see them grow in their faith and understanding of God and themselves was indeed fulfilling and encouraging. This alone has reminded me why we do what we do in Jeremiah School.

A special thanks to Rev. Thomas Chin and Emmanuel Methodist Church for the use of the church grounds and to Bishop Joshua Khong for officiating the Commissioning and Graduation service.

May I covet your prayers for these youths that they will not lose sight of their Saviour and Lord Jesus. That the Lord will hold their heart and every thought capture for His glory.

Soli Deo Gloria

Our Foundation

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Vision Statement:

To raise a generation of God-fearing, faithful, persevering, and selfless young leaders who will be of a different spirit.

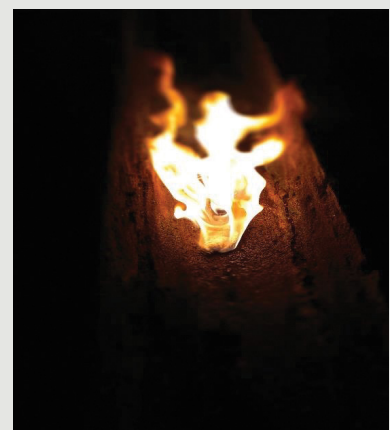
Scripture:

“But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.”

Numbers 14:24

Objectives:

1. To develop Godly disciplines & habits
2. To facilitate the discovery of God’s calling
3. To develop basic leadership skills
4. To impart a vision for the World
5. To develop basic people skills
6. To facilitate a meaningful and personal encounter with God
7. To facilitate an experience of authentic Christian community



A passion to live for Christ



Caption: Bishop Joshua Khong and Rev. Thomas Chin officiating the Commissioning ceremony for the graduants.

Testimonials

Excerpts from the Students



Learning what it feels like to carry one's cross during Quiet Retreat

In Jeremiah School, I have learned the importance of having a Christian community to share my struggles and spiritual journey with. I've also learned to interpret and meditate on scripture, what true worship means, and the need to spend time with God. **Marcus Ng**

My biggest breakthrough was dealing with my emotions. Having an Asian mindset, I believe that people who show their emotions are weak, but God proved me wrong. He used my mentors to expose my past painful memories and helped me confront them...God softened my heart to understand my own emotions, to forgive and to surrender to Him. **Grace Yong**

Having devotional time with God was my top transformation. It helped me grow spiritually and I encounter God. JS has also help me cultivate a habit of reading the Bible and applying what I have learned to studying it. **Frances**

Before JS, I held a grudge against one of my siblings. The problems and emotions I faced when dealing with it was mentally painful and exhausting. But during JS, God dealt with me by exposing my sinfulness and forgiving me of it. I am now determined to mend this sibling relationship. **Roland Ting**

Prior to JS, I did not feel like I am truly in a relationship with God, believing that I am unworthy of it. But God showed me his love through the sharing of fellow JS and the classes. Now I am assured of my faith and have since grown closer to my God.

Jesse Ting



JS has helped me transform and grow in by spiritual life. At the start spiritual disciplines like praying was a struggle for me. But as we practice more and more, it became a good habit that I've cultivated. After JS, I would like to commit myself to maintaining my spiritual disciplines. **Zachary Emmanuel**

Before JS, my spiritual life is liken to Chipsmore "Now you see it, now you don't". It was never visible or stable. In JS, I began to experience God's living word in many ways which encouraged me to dig deeper. Now I look forward to spending time with Christ and to know him more.

Emmanuel Jeevarajan



Perkongsian Pelayanan Orang Asli

Disediakan oleh: Darrel Saba



Shalom! Saudara dan Saudari dalam kasih Tuhan Yesus, saya harap anda semua sentiasa berada dalam perlindungan Tuhan Yesus, khususnya pada waktu mengharungi endemik ini. Walaupun kita semua masih menghadapi banyak cabaran mengharunginya, saya sangat pasti setiap langkah yang kita semua ambil, khususnya dalam pelayanan pasti dibimbing oleh Tuhan Yesus dan kita semua sentiasa di bawah naungan-Nya. Mazmur 91 sentiasa memberi kesedaran dan kekuatan bagi saya, ianya sentiasa memperingatkan saya bahawa segalanya berada dalam kawalan-Nya dan kekuatan saya hanya datang dari Tuhan. Pada Dec 2021 yang lalu saya berpeluang menghadiri Konferensi Ke-32 PMSM di Wesley Methodist Kampar, di mana saya membantu Rev.Elaine Low dan teamnya dalam menguruskan proses pelaksanaan Konferensi mengikuti SOP yang telah ditetapkan, Puji Tuhan segalanya berjalan dengan lancar dan selamat dan saya amat gembira melihat pentahbisan Deacon dan Guru Injil yang baru dijalankan.

Saya juga berterima kasih pada Bishop Joshua Khong yang memberi saya peluang mengongsikan sedikit tentang pelayanan bersama saudara Orang Asli kita dari suku Lanoh, Temiar dan Jahai yang berada di Kawasan Perak Utara. Dalam perkongsian saya yang berfokuskan pada empat prinsip yang utama, iaitu Firman Tuhan, kesihatan, ekonomi dan pendidikan. Dengan berfokus pada empat prinsip asas ini, kami dapat lebih lagi mengenali mereka, dan mereka juga faham tujuan sebenar kita menjangkau mereka. Diantara empat prinsip ini khususnya

pelayanan Hospital, telah banyak membuka pintu baru untuk kami melakukan pelayanan, di mana kasih Tuhan Yesus dapat dialami oleh mereka dan mereka juga mengalami kuasa doa, ini dengan tidak langsung membuat hati mereka untuk mengenali Tuhan Yesus lebih lagi. Kami sangat berterima kasih pada Board of Missions TRAC yang sanggup menyediakan sebuah rumah misi di Ipoh khususnya untuk pelayanan Hospital yang banyak membantu saudara-saudara kita ini yang datang dari pendalaman. Disini juga saya ingin kongsi sedikit rancangan -rancangan yang telah dirancang mengikuti empat prinsip asas yang akan dilaksanakan menurut kehendak Tuhan dalam norma baru.

Firman Tuhan

- Penterjemahan cerita Alkitab dan lagu rohani dalam Bahasa Asli, mentor pemimpin dan menguatkan kerohanian.

Kesihatan

- Program kesedaran masalah kesihatan dan pertolongan asas menghadapi kecemasan.

Ekonomi

- Menjalankan program pengurusan kewangan secara alkitabiah, membantu dalam memperkenalkan pertanian berkelompok bersama dengan NEEC dan IMC.

Pendidikan

- Menjalankan program kesedaran kepentingan Pendidikan, kesedaran masalah sosial, asas Bahasa Inggeris dan matematik.



Disini juga saya mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada TRAC, Bishop T.Jeyakumar, Bishop Joshua Khong, Rev Richard Leow, Dr.Lim Kean Ghee, Dr.SS Gill dan istri saya Agustini, atas segala sokongan dan doa terhadap pelayanan Tuhan ini. Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuhan Yesus kerana membuka hati hamba ini untuk melakukan pelayanan-Nya, walaupun kami menghadapi berbagai dugaan dan cabaran yang datang dari berbagai sudut, kami tetap setia melakukannya sebab kami yakin hanya tangan Tuhan yang sentiasa menumpangi kami. Kami sekeluarga juga mengucapkan terima kasih bagi semua yang sentiasa mendukung kami di dalam doa untuk melakukan pelayanan ini.

Dalam pelayanan ini kami dapat mengalami banyak pengalaman yang sangat indah dan berharga, antara pengalaman yang terindah adalah apabila Firman itu menjadi nyata, di mana kita semua dapat lihat dan merasakannya

secara langsung. Berkat dan anugerah yang telah kita semua terima dari Tuhan Yesus harus diwartakan, supaya mereka yang lain juga dapat menjadi satu dalam tubuh Kristus. Mari kita semua sentiasa memperingatkan diri kita, untuk kongsiikan berkat dan anugerah ini, dengan bertindak untuk melakukannya dengan hati yang bersyukur. Sebagai penutup, saya ingin mengongsikan sebuah quote dari John Wesley yang membawa makna dan kesedaran untuk kita semua. Sekian terima kasih dan Tuhan memberkati.

“ Lakukan semua kebaikan yang anda boleh, dengan segala cara yang anda boleh, dalam semua jalan yang anda boleh, di semua tempat yang anda boleh, pada setiap masa yang anda boleh, kepada semua orang yang anda boleh, selagi anda boleh” John Wesley

Segala hormat dan kemuliaan bagi Tuhan Yesus Amin!



Pelayanan Mereka Tetap Dikenang

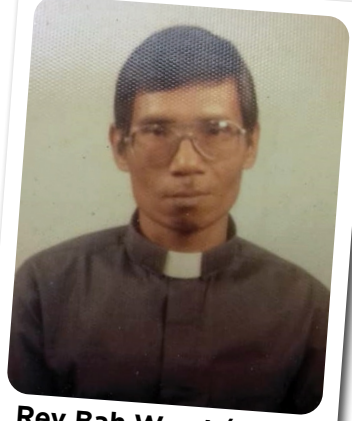
Rev Bah War A/L Bah Rantau, Elder yang bersara dari Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist, telah kembali ke pangkuan Tuhan pada tengahari Ahad 13 Februari 2022 di Kampung Ulu Bekor, Balang Manong, Kuala Kangsar, Perak dan selamat di kebumikan pada 14 Februari, 2022 di tanah perkuburan Kampung tersebut.

Rev Bah War A/L Bah Rantau, berasal dari Kampung Ulu Gruntum, Gopeng, Perak. Lahir pada 11 Ogos 1944. Beliau mula mengikuti kursus Alkitab di Maktab Injil Malaysia, Lawas, Sarawak pada tahun 1972 selama 3 tahun dan berjaya menyelesaikan kursus theologi pada tahun 1974. Beliau mula melayani dengan Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist pada tahun 1975 dan pada tahun 1981 beliau ditabiskan menjadi Diakon dan Elder pada tahun 1984. Beliau telah bersara pada tahun 2000 setelah 25 tahun melayani.

Setelah bersara dari Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist beliau melayani di Malaysian Care selama 15 tahun, mulai tahun 2000 sehingga 2015. Semasa itu beliau juga terlibat dalam penterjemahan Alkitab Bahasa Semai selama 3 tahun iaitu pada tahun 2003 sehingga tahun 2005. Selanjutnya pada tahun 2005 sehingga 2011 selama 7 tahun, melalui Malaysian Care beliau melayani di Persatuan Orang kelainan Upaya di Taiping.

Beliau berkahwin dengan Ngah Unah Binti Ngah Cichah pada 17-4-1977 (kini balu berumur 64 tahun) yang berasal dari Kampung Ulu Bekor, Balang Manong, Kuala Kangsar, Perak. Hasil dari perkongsian hidup mereka Tuhan telah mengurniakan 5 cahayamata, anak sulung yang sudah berkeluarga bernama Robin kini berumur 45 tahun, anak kedua yang sudah berkeluarga bernama Ronal kini berumur 41 tahun, dan anak perempuan mereka yang kembar bernama Suria dan Diana kini berumur 34 tahun, dan yang bongsu bernama Zack kini berumur 21 tahun.

Di atas ke prihatinan dan demi meninggikan nama Tuhan Yesus keluarga Rev. Bah War telah menyumbangkan secara ikhlas sebidang tanah seluas lebih kurang satu ekar untuk mendirikan bangunan Gereja, bangunan



Rev Bah War A/L Bah Rantau



Sekolah Minggu, bangunan perpustakaan kecil dan bangunan dapur masak serta ruang jamuan makan di Kampung Ulu Bekor, Balang Manong, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.

Demikian sedikit perkongsian maklumat mengenai Rev. Bah War seorang hamba Tuhan yang melayani sehingga akhir hayatnya. Jasa baik Rev. Bar War akan sentiasa di kenang sebagai hamba Tuhan yang taat setia.

Rev Bah Saha A/L Bah Bulu, JSM

Mantan Pengetua yang telah bersara dari Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist, telah kembali ke pangkuan Tuhan pada pukul satu tengahari, hari Selasa 1 Mac 2022 di Kediannya No 712 Jalan Indah 1, Taman Gopeng Indah 31600 Gopeng Perak. Mendiang telah selamat di kebumikan pada 2 Mac, 2022 di tanah perkuburan Kampung Ulu Gruntum.

Rev Bah Saha A/L Bah Bulu, berasal dari Kampung Ulu Gruntum, Gopeng, Perak. Lahir pada 2 September, 1960. Beliau mula mengikuti kursus Alkitab di Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist Kampar dalam kelas SWTC pada tahun 1982 selama 3 tahun dan berjaya menyelesaikan kursus theologi pada tahun 1985. Beliau mula melayani dengan Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist pada tahun 1985 seperti berikut :-

Pusat Slim River dan Pelayanan Kg Bersih Slim River	1985
Pelayanan Kg Cluny Slim River	1986-1987
Pelayanan Kg Bota Parit	1998
Pelayanan Bukit Rok Temerloh Pahang	1984

Sepanjang pelayanannya, mendiang telah dilantik memegang beberapa jawatan yang penting di PMSM seperti berikut :-

Ketua Daerah Kampar	1994-2003
Ketua Daerah Gopeng	2013-2015
Mengajar SWTC Kampar	1989
Pengerusi SWTC Kampar	1993
Pengerusi Hebi Sabah/Sarawak	2005
Pengerusi Pelayanan PMS	2014-2016
Pengetua PMS	

Bagi memantapkan lagi pengetahuannya melayani Tuhan dan sesama manusia, mendiang telah melibatkan diri dan berfokus sehingga dianugerahkan sijil-sijil seperti yang tertera di bawah,

Sijil Seminar Theologi Malaysia	1991-1992
Sijil Guru Injil	1985
Sijil Suluh Hidup Singapura	1994
Sijil Pemuridan	2012-2014
Sijil Hebi	2015
Sijil Terang Nabi - Nabi Singapura	1982
Sijil Deacon	1989
Sijil Elder	1991

Pada tahun 1989 beliau ditabiskan menjadi Diakon dan pada tahun 1991 sebagai Elder. Beliau telah bersara kerana sakit pada tahun 2020 setelah 35 tahun melayani.

Selain daripada menjadi hamba Tuhan, mendiang juga amat suka melakukan kerja kemasyarakatan khasnya pertubuhan yang ditubuhkan untuk masyarakat orang Asli seperti berikut :-

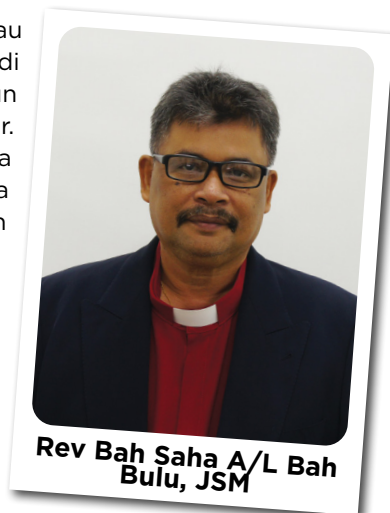
Pengerusi JKKK Kampung Geruntum	2004
Ahli Jawatankuasa Persatuan Orang Asli Malaysia Ipoh	1991
Bendahari dan Lembaga Pengarah Yayasan Orang Asli Perak	1990-2016
Ahli Jawatankuasa Koperasi Orang Asli Perak	2015
Ketua Bahagian UPKO Gopeng	2011-2016

Pada tahun 2015 di atas jasa-jasanya yang dicurahkan kepada masyarakat Orang Asli di Negeri Perak mendiang telah dianugerahkan oleh Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Dipertuan Agong, Pingat Johan Setia Mahkota (JSM) di Istana Negara.

Beliau berkahwin dengan Jamiah A/P Anchong (kini balu berumur 54 tahun) yang berasal dari Kampung Orang Asli Erong, Tanjung Malim, Perak. Hasil dari perkongsian hidup mereka Tuhan telah mengurniakan seorang cahayamata lelaki iaitu Zulayreen Amsa A/L Bah Saha, sekarang berumur 28 tahun, telah berkeluarga dan mempunyai seorang anak lelaki.

Sepanjang hidupnya, mendiang telah sempat berkunjung ke luar negara seperti tercatat di bawah ini.

Korea	2002
Kemboja	2003
Thailand	2007
Phuket	2008
Vietnam	2011
Singapura	2012
Sarawak	2012
Indonesia	2014



The 17th Triennial General Assembly of the Council of Churches Malaysia

By Rev. Shearn Sya



The 17th Triennial General Assembly of the Council of Churches Malaysia was held from 27-28th April 2022, with 113 delegates from across denominations attending online from all over the nation, with 5 more meeting in-person at the CCM Ecumenical Centre. Our Trinity Annual Conference sent 17 delegates.

We opened with the Word expounded by the 9th Anglican Bishop in Singapore, Rt. Revd. Rennis Ponniah on Romans 8:12-39 with the theme, "Come Holy Spirit". He encouraged the delegates to be affirmed in their identity as debtors to the Lord, adopted children of God, and co-heirs with Christ. His challenge was that the Church was to be "a holy, united and self-giving people, a sign-post of the glorious new age that will fully come."

The CCM Secretary General, Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri, presented his report and shared the theme for the 17th Triennium Period of 2022-2025, which is "Come Holy Spirit. Heal, Renew and Reconcile the Whole Creation" from Romans 8:12, with the sub themes of the each year being guided by the imploration for the Holy Spirit to come to Heal (2022), Renew (2023), and Reconcile (2024).

Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri also shared about how the CCM Ecumenical Centre was a source of blessing to Malaysians during the pandemic, and how CCM had been instrumental in providing pandemic safety SOPs to the Christian community during a time

when such direction was needed. During this time, the issues of the Ukraine-Russian war as well as the continued absence of Pastors Raymond Koh, Joshua Hilmy, Ruth Sitepu, and activist Amri Che Mat were raised for dialogue.

The following office bearers were then elected for the 17th Triennium Period of 2022-2025:

- President – Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas (Syrian Orthodox)
- Deputy President – Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar (Methodist)
- Vice Presidents:
 - o Bishop Datuk Danald Jute (Anglican Diocese of Kuching & Brunei)
 - o Bishop Steven Lawrence (ELCM)
 - o Major Francis Ng (Salvation Army)
- General Secretary - Rev. Jonathan Jesudas (Methodist)
- Honorary Treasurer – Mr. Thomas Thomas Mathew (Mar Thoma)

As the meeting concluded, the assembly thanked Outgoing President, Archbishop Datuk Melter Tais, and outgoing General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri, for their faithful service and stewardship.

May the work of CCM continue to further the cause of the Kingdom as we bid the Holy Spirit to come and Heal, Renew, and Reconcile the Whole Creation.