







Rev. Joshua Khong TRAC Bishop

# Our CONVICTION and CONFIDENCE in CHRIST

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests." (Luke 2: 8-14). This is Luke's remarkable account of both heaven and earth standing as witnesses for the HOPE that humanity has been waiting for in the Promised Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas message for TRAC churches which I have prepared and pre-recorded is on the HOPE that we have in Christ. HOPE is anchored in our trust in God, and we wait on God for our HOPE is in Him. This is the biblical hope in the Holy Scripture. It is not about optimism and hoping for the best to happen. Our HOPE is based on Christ because Christ is in us and we are in Him. And because Christ is in us, our JOY is made complete. Jesus says, "I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11). Therefore, as we enter into the new year, let us bring the HOPE & JOY we have in Christ to those around us... our neighbours, colleagues, friends and family.

We praise God for the year past. God led us through 2021 with His counsel and guidance, anointing us with creativity, courage and trust; helping us to navigate the difficult waters of 2021. It was a year that was filled with many challenges. Through the challenges and



uncertainties, God taught us to shift our focus from the ominous "C" of Challenges to the three "C" of Conviction and Confidence we have in Christ.

### 1. LOOKING BACK - OUR THANKSGIVING FOR 2021

a) Keeping and holding the congregation together

We praise God for holding our congregations and protecting the koinonia and fellowship of brothers and sisters in the unbroken bond of Christ's love and the common life we have in Him. The Chief Shepherd Himself, Jesus Christ is our Guide and our Strength, holding all things together. (Colossians 1: 17)

b) Growth in spite of the challenges and uncertainties

We praise God for growth, growing deeper roots, anchored in Christ our Rock. We praise God for growing the number of prayer groups and brothers & sisters joining in prayers. We praise God for BB & GB Companies and Youth Fellowships growing amidst the pandemic, and meeting the needs of youths who feel isolated and disconnected in the prolonged lockdown. We praise God for Alpha online which has seen a growth in the number of participants and a bigger circle of online participants from near and far signing up.

c) Ministry and Kingdom work continue in might and strength.We praise God for ministries continuing in

maturity and gaining ground in Kingdom work. Although buffeted by many challenges and obstacles, God's work continues to gain impact and influence meeting the needs of the marginalised, migrants, the poor and needy and rising as a voice for the voiceless and the nation. In courage and creativity, in obedience and faithfulness, TRAC Churches continue to shine in their love, worship and service unto God.

#### d) PMSM

We praise God for PMSM's 32nd Conference held in-person at WMC Kampar. We thank God for the 10 ordained Local Elder and Guru-guru Injil. We praise God for the work of preparing and equipping the new generation. The work amongst the younger generation at OA Hostel Raub has 8 youths who were baptised this Christmas in their kampungs.

### 2. LOOKING FORWARD to 2022 with HOPE & JOY

a) Keeping and holding the congregation together

Churches are encouraged to keep the koinonia of Body Life in oneness. For Sunday Services, let us be joined in oneness, where all brothers and sisters are joined as ONE, in worship (both online & in-person) in real-time. And let us meet habitually at the same time as we did before the pandemic and lockdown.

When the pandemic is over and worshiping in God's house is permitted without constraints, we can readily re-gather our congregations because we have been worshiping faithfully as ONE in an unbroken manner.

<sup>6</sup>HOPE is anchored in our trust in God, and we wait on God for our HOPE is in Him<sup>9</sup> FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

 b) Growing in our love, worship and service for God

We praise God for the growth that took place during 2021; therefore, let us run with God as He leads and guides us and as He opens doors for growth and opportunities. Again and again, God shows us that nothing is impossible with Him. Therefore, let us be attentive to His leading and be courageous to do what He entrusts and appoints for us in 2022 and beyond.

c) Christ be glorified and magnified in our ministry and Kingdom work

We praise God for the one heart, one mind and one spirit, God has joined brothers and sisters in TRAC Churches. In faithfulness, obedience, humility and generosity of heart and spirit, God has blessed us with the joy of lifting our hands in worship and engaging in service. I trust that TRAC Churches will continue to shine in the love of God our Father, and the grace of Jesus Christ the Son, and the counsel and empowerment of the Holy Spirit...and be a blessing to their community, town and city where God has placed us.

d) PMSM

The children, youth and young adults are the nOw generation and workers and pillars of leadership for the OA community both for now and in the future. We continue to equip, empower and encourage our OA brethren. We need to collect data of the "now generation" whom God is grooming and nurturing. How do we use the data collected? We keep track of them, we continue to disciple and guide them, inspire and encourage them, and we send them back to their kampungs as workers and leaders to bless the OA community and to lead their people.

e) Hybrid

We shall explore and maximise the potential of the hybrid platform for inperson and online services, seminars, events and meetings, to enhance and empower ministries. Churches may need to budget and set aside resources for a hybrid platform. Sister churches can share resources, knowledge, skill-share and explore creative ways for partnering, working together and blessing each other.

In closing, let us look forward with HOPE & JOY as we begin the new year in 2022. God is with us and He is for us; therefore, we shall not focus on the C of Challenges. Instead, we will keep our eyes on the *CONVICTION* and the *CONFIDENCE* we have in *CHRIST*.

Through the challenges and uncertainties, God taught us to shift our focus from the ominous "C" of Challenges to the three "C" of Conviction and Confidence we have in Christ. ??



## Konferansi PMSM Ke-32 2021

By Rev Denni A/L Jugit

Shalom semua...

Ucapan syukur kepada Allah Bapa di Syurga atas segala berkat, rahmat, kurnia dan kasih bagi setiap umatumatnya. Ucapan ribuan terima kasih juga kepada semua yang hadir dan menjayakan Konferansi PMSM ke-32 walaupun sedang berhadapan dengan pandemik virus covid 19.

Tahniah kepada semua yang sudah dilantik menjadi Guru Injil dan Diakon bagi Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist. Di harap dapat menjalankan tugas dan pelayanan masing-masing dengan pimpinan roh kudus daripada Tuhan Yesus Kristus. Semoga pelayanan PMSM kekal selamanya...Amen!

Saya mewakili PMSM juga ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Bishop Joshua Kong yang banyak membantu menjayakan konferansi ke-32. Walaupun sibuk, beliau sentiasa memberi ruang dan waktu untuk kami dalam menjayakan konferansi PMSM. Diharap kami dapat bekerjasama dengan beliau dengan lebih baik dalam menyusun dan menambah baik pengurusan dan pentadbiran PMSM di masa akan datang.

Akhir sekali, saya juga ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Bishop Dr. T Jeyakumar yang hadir memberkati konferansi dengan Perjamuan Tuhan dan mentadbis Guru Iniil dan Diakon. Semoga Tuhan Yesus Kristus memberkati beliau....Amen!

Tuhan Yesus Kristus Memberkati Semua.....

Konferansi PMSM Ke-32 2021









### Indah Rencana Tuhan Dalam Hidup Ku

By Revd Dato Suki Mee Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist (PMSM)



Karya dan rencana Tuhan itu indah dalam kehidupan kita. Ianya mengatasi dan melampaui batas kotak pemikiran kita manusia. Ianya berlaku dalam kehidupan saya yang tidak pernah saya rencanakan dan tidak pernah terfikir akan terjadi.

Saya dilahirkan dari kalangan keluarga Orang Asli yang tidak mengenal Tuhan Yesus. Kali pertama saya mendengar nama Yesus adalah pada awal 70an ketika dizaman sekolah rendah dari seorang pemimpin kristian di kampong saya ketika itu yang bernama pakcik Stim (Aki Garak/Yohanes). Saya masih ingat lagi pujian yang bertajuk " Og senem ku lampu eng" yang popular ketika itu. Namun pengalaman itu berlalu begaitu saja tanpa sebarang kesan dalam kehidupan saya.

Namun rencana Tuhan itu indah, pada tanggal 8 April 1989 saya telah diketemukan dan berkahwin dengan gadis pilihan saya bernama Wah Chinta. Inilah kali kedua selepas lebih 20 tahun saya diketemukan semula dengan Tuhan Yesus. Ini adalah kerana isteri saya adalah seorang kristian. Perkahwinan kami mendapat doa berkat di gereja kampong Ulu Geruntum, Gopeng. Namun sekali lagi ianya bagaikan tanpa memberi sebarang impak kepada saya. Perkahwinan saya dengan isteri tercinta berjalan dengan amat harmoni dan penuh kebahagian. Isteri saya seorang yang amat penyabar dan penyayang. Beliau tidak pernah sesekalipun memaksa saya untuk percaya kepada Tuhan Yesus. Beliau menunjukkan kasih sayang yang cukup besar kepada saya dan anak-anak sesuai dengan ajaran "Kasih" oleh Tuhan Yesus.

Rencana Tuhan itu indah, pada akhir tahun 2003 selepas melahirkan anak ke empat kami, isteri saya

disahkan mengalami sakit jantung yang kronik. Beliau menanggung kesakitan sehinggalah dibedah pada awal tahun 2007. Pada waktu pembedahan isteri saya itulah rencana Tuhan yang besar dan indah terjadi dalam kehidupan saya. Saya tiba-tiba mencari Tuhan Yesus dalam doa saya untuk kelancaran pembedahan dan kesembuhan isteri saya. Saya mula memegang alkitab di hospital untuk memohon bantuan Tuhan Yesus untuk menyembuhkan isteri saya. Puji Tuhan, berkat doa semua termasuk para jemaah dan ahli-ahli keluarga maka isteri saya sembuh walaupun tidak sepenuhnya.

Kuasa Tuhan terjadi, maka saya dengan rela dan suci hati memohon kepada isteri saya untuk dibaptiskan. Tuhan telah menyelamatkan saya dan saya selamat dibaptiskan pada 30 september 2007 oleh Rev Long Merdi di Gereja Ulu Geruntum. Saya dapat melihat akan riak kegembiraan yang amat sangat di air muka isteri saya. Mungkin itulah tanda kemenangan beliau setelah lebih 18 tahun berjuang menginjil secara senyap untuk menjadikan saya anak Tuhan.

Karya Tuhan itu tidak terhenti di situ saja, apabila isteri saya bercadang membuka sebuah gereja di Pusing pada tahun 2010, saya dan abang beliau iaitu Rev Bah Saha serta Wak Sonah serta Cikgu Anjang yang merupakan kakak dan abang ipar beliau memberikan sokongan padu. Seterusnya bagi memantapkan lagi pelayanan di gereja, maka isteri saya telah mengikuti kursus Pelayanan Kristian anjuran STM di PMSM Kampar. Secara tidak dirancang saya turut serta mengikuti kursus separa masa tersebut sebagai tanda sokongan kepada beliau.

Rencana Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita itu luar biasa, seperti dalam kitab Pengkotbah 3 :1 "Untuk segala



sesuatu ada masanya". Dengan amat sedih dan kecewa, isteri tercinta telah meninggalkan saya dan anak-anak buat selama- lamanya pada tanggal 15 disember 2015 pada saat dan ketika persiapan menyambut krismas dan Konsert Kebangkitan Rohani (KKR) yang di ilhamkan oleh beliau. Sedih dan remuk hati ini hanya Tuhan Yesus sahaja yang mengetahuinya. Rupa-rupanya tanpa saya sedari Tuhan telah mengunapakai arwah isteri saya untuk mempersiapkan diri saya dari segi mental dan rohani untuk menghadari cabaran yang mendatang dalam kehidupan ini. Melalui kepercayaan dan keyakinan kepada Tuhan Yesus serta doa dan pembacaan alkitab, damai sejahtera mengiringi kehidupan saya walaupun dalam kesedihan. Tuhan Yesus telah memberi ketenangan, kekuatan dan kedamaian untuk saya meneruskan kehidupan serta tanggungjawab kepada anak-anak, keluarga, persatuan dan masyarakat.

Dengan tekad untuk meneruskan cita-cita arwah isteri saya, maka saya meneruskan pengajian di STM sehinggalah di anugerahkan "Sijil Pelayanan Kristian" pada tanggal 21 oktober 2017. Rencana Tuhan dalam kehidupan saya terus terjadi, saya telah dilantik sebagai "Guru Injil" pada 25 Oktober 2018 bagi membantu pelayanan di Gereja PMSM Pusing. Kini setelah 3 tahun berlalu, karya Tuhan terus berjalan dan pada tanggal 2 November 2021 saya telah ditasbihkan oleh Gereja Methodist sebagai Daikon untuk Gereja PMSM dan ditugaskan untuk melayani Gereja PMSM Pusing pada tahun 2022.

Sesungguhnya saya percaya semua ini berlaku seturut kehendak Tuhan dan tidak pernah pun terlintas dalam benak pemikiran saya untuk menjadi seorang kristian dan terlibat dalam pelayananNya. Walaupun saya terlibat aktif dalam pelbagai bidang keduniaan iaitu perniagaan, persatuan dan politik, namun Tuhan Yesus juga mahu saya melibatkan diri dalam pelayanan surgawi khususnya dikalangan Orang Asli melalui PMSM. Saya percaya rencana Tuhan dalam kehidupan saya cukup indah. Walaupun saya kehilangan isteri tercinta pada 2015, namun saya diketemukan dengan jodoh yang baru pada tahun 2017 yang bernama Sara serta mendapat berkat dua cahaya mata. Beliau juga seorang kristian dan amat mendorong saya dalam pelayanan Tuhan.

Sesungguhnya rencana Tuhan itu indah dalam kehidupan saya. Saya serahkan diri saya untuk ukiranNya bagi menjadi bejana seturut kehendak Tuhan Yesus.

### Kesaksian Revd Anjang Sadang A/L itam



Setelah bersara sebagai Guru pada 18.10.2012, saya telah disarankan oleh Dato' Suki Mee supaya menguruskan sebuah Chapel yang akan dijadikan tempat Ibadah bagi jemaat yang tinggal di sekitar Pusing, Batu Gajah dan Ipoh.

Untuk memperdalamkan pengetahuan saya mengenai ajaran Kristus saya telah mengikutl Kursus Pemuridan anjuran PMS dan Kursus Sijil Pelayanan di STM. Setelah itu saya telah ditasbihkan sebagai Pemimpin Jemaah dan seterusnya sebagai Guru Injil.

Sebagai Pemimpin Jemaah ,saya dapati ramai diantara jemaah tidak mengenali dengan benar akan Tuhan Yesus Dan ajaran nya.Oleh itu saya telah merangka satu kursus Alkitab bagi semua Jemaah Gereja Pusing bermula Tahun 2017 hingga 2019 Tetapi tidak dapat diteruskan di Tahun 2020 hingga kini.

Syukur, Puji Tuhan , Tuhan telah memberikan tanggungjawab seterusnya sebagai Decon untuk mengajar Dan memberitakan Injil kepada Jemaah dan Masyarakat Orang Asli yang belum mengenali Yesus.

Syukur, sepanjang pelayanan saya, 4 keluarga Orang Asli telah Mengikutl Yesus dan menjadi Jemaah Pusing.

Saya Pasti selepas ini Tuhan Yesus akan Menyertai dan dapat menyelamatkan lebih ramai lagi jiwa-jiwa yang terhilang.

Mohon dokongan doa untuk pelayanan saya seterusnya. Tuhan Yesus Memberkati.





### Kesaksian Revd Long Kaseh A/P Bah Belkoi



#### Shalom.

Di sini saya panjatkan doa dan ucapan syukur kepada Tuhan Bapa kita Tuhan Yesus Kristus. Nama saya Puan Long Kaseh A/P Bah Belkoi. Saya sudah berkeluarga dan mempunyai dua orang anak. Sekarang saya sedang melayani di Chapel Kg Poh, Daerah Gopeng, Perak. Saya sudah melayani sebagai Guru Injil selama 3 tahun bermula dari tahun 2019 hingga kini.

Saya merasa sangat terharu dan bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana Tuhan telah memilih dan memanggil saya untuk memegang jawatan sebagai "Diakon". Rancangan Tuhan itu sangat luar biasa dan tidak dapat dijangka oleh kita semua. Namun, apa yang pasti rencana Tuhan itu indah dan baik bagi kehidupan kita pada masa akan datang.

Pada awalnya, saya merasa sangat berat untuk menerima jawatan ini kerana saya merasa diri saya tidak layak untuk menjadi seorang "Diakon". Namun, saya percaya Tuhan itu sangat baik dan apa yang telah Dia sediakan adalah yang terbaik untuk diri saya. Maka itu saya menerima jawatan ini bukan kerana paksaan dari diri sendiri atau orang lain, tetapi lebih kepada panggilan suara Tuhan seperti yang tertulis di Firman Tuhan; Mat 28: 19-20 (Karena itu pergilah, jadikanlah semua bangsa murid-Ku dan baptislah mereka dalam nama Bapa dan Anak dan Roh Kudus, dan ajarlah mereka melakukan segala

sesuatu yang telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu. Dan ketahuilah, Aku menyertai kamu senantiasa sampai kepada akhir zaman.)

Puji Tuhan, setelah saya dilantik sebagai "Diakon", saya dapat merasakan kuasa Tuhan berkerja dan bertumbuh dengan lebih dasyat dalam kehidupan saya. Namun perubahan yang begitu ketara yang dapat saya alami adalah perlayanan saya terhadap jemaat Chapel Kg Poh. Sebelum ini, saya merasakan saya sudah berusia dan tidak mampu untuk melayani para jemaat. Tetapi, Tuhan itu baik. Dia masih lagi memberi saya kekuatan dalam diri saya malah suka cita dalam perlayanan saya. Jadi saya bersemangat dan berkobar-kobar untuk melayani dan menyampaikan berita baik Tuhan bukan sahaja kepada para jemaat Chapel Kg Poh tetapi juga dengan orang ramai.

Sekali lagi saya bersyukur kepada Tuhan atas panggilanNya. Begitu juga dengan dorongan dari keluarga, rakan perlayanan saya dan para jemaat Chapel Kg Poh. Saya berharap Tuhan akan sentiasa mengguna pakai diri saya dan menyertai dalam perjalanan saya sebagai "Diakon". Saya juga berharap agar tugas yang Tuhan telah amanahkan kepada saya dapat dilakukan dengan sempuran dan sesuai dengan kehendakNya.

Terpujilah nama Tuhan Yesus Kristus sekali lagi. Amin.



### TRAC 46th Session – LPC Chairman's Report

By Julian Lau (Wesley Methodist Church, JB)



There are many "1st time" for me in Year 2021. By God's grace, I was humbled to be elected to serve as the Lay Leader of Johor Bahru Wesley Methodist Church (JB Wesley) for year 2021 and to serve as the Chairperson for the 46th TRAC Session. An online TRAC session was also my very first experience.

I praise God for His counsel, wisdom and courage, and for brothers and sisters in the team, for organizing an online TRAC Session has many challenges. Pastor Mike Ngui and the tech team made it an extraordinary online conferencing experience for all of us. We praise and thank God. Brother Christopher Au (JB Wesley) who was our LPC Registrar and Brother Tee Leong Chin (NMC) who was out LPC treasurer, effectively all other LPC members including myself, we lost of "job". Bishop Joshua Khong led a fortnightly prayer meeting for 46th TRAC Session by gathering DS MunWah, Rev. Ashok, Brother ChongHo, Brother KoonRoy, Brother KimShung and Brother EhHorng and I. Dear brothers I thank God for you all and if I remember correctly, that was my first ever experience praying with "strangers". The Lord taught me a lesson that indeed when we call upon The Name of Jesus, God unites us in one spirit and heart.

#### The summary report for 46th Session TRAC:

- A. TRAC Bishop's sermon for the Holy Communion Opening Service, "Holiness, Set Apart for A Greater Purpose" exhorts us in these 3 key areas:
  - 1. Be holy as God is holy.
  - 2. Genuine faith produces inward and outward holiness.

3. Jesus points His followers to Kingdom mindset...we are set apart for greater purpose.

#### B. Some highlights from TRAC Bishop's address:

- a) Many churches reported an increase in prayer meetings, and with a growing number of brothers and sisters gathering for prayers.
- b) We witnessed an increase in friends and church members returning to church for online Sunday Worship.
- c) We praise God that pledges and offerings have increased for some TRAC churches during the pandemic year.
- d) Bishop exhorts us that the early church and the community of faith met for worship continuously, even during times of immense hardship, deadly persecution and great oppression. Therefore, the pandemic will not deter us from worshipping, praying and serving God together.
- e) The pandemic teaches us the profound lesson about worshipping God in spirit and truth when the familiarity of what we are accustomed to are stripped away, we will yet worship God, fully and wholly.
- f) Key lessons about online worship and ministries:
  - online and virtual are not synonymous or interchangeable.



- when we worship online, we meet in real time and space to worship together. We are UNITED and JOINED in real time, in ONENESS.
- g) Therefore, we must keep and maintain worshipping together as an habitual act, so that we will not have problems gathering or re-gathering our sheep when in-person worship resumes.
- h) 2 types of holiness that must go hand in hand:
  - personal holiness, which is growing in our personal relationship with God, and
  - social holiness, which is showing love to others through caring for their physical needs.
- i) Therefore, we cannot grow in personal holiness without giving of ourselves to those in need.
- j) God cares for the poor, the orphans and the widows. We cannot love God without loving others. We cannot ignore the plight and cries of others and expect or pretend to have a meaningful loving relationship with God our Father.
- k) The pandemic and its prolonged lockdown have devastating adverse effect on mental health, personal and social well-being. Churches must be prepared and equipped to provide pastoral care and guidance. We must keep our ears and eyes opened and be alert to the needs of members and those in our community.

#### C. Highlights from various Boards:

- Board of Evangelism (Chair: Rev. Christopher Rao)
  - Run Alpha Online Together (RAOT)
     6th March 15th May 2022
     3rd July 4th September 2022
     (Registration Forms will be out soon)
  - Board of Evangelism Webinar: Oikos Webinar (Building network of relationship with Pre-believers) Date: 2nd April 2022
- Board of Laity (Chair: Lim Chong Ho)
  - 1. Family Discipleship
    - a) D6 National Conference 2022 will be on
    - b) Family Ministry 3 Study Booklets
    - c) The Do Home Survey (for Leaders and Congregation)
      - (Deadline 31 Mar 2022).
  - Outreach One Church One School Survey

     (Deadline 31 Dec 2022).
- Board of Institute of Christian Ministry
  - a) Various online retreat planned for 2022
  - b) OLM Plus 2022-2023 in all the districts in TRAC
- **Board of Worship & Music** (*Chair: Juwita Suwito*) Worship Ministry Leaders Retreat
  - Next retreat: 4-6 June 2022 (Saturday-Monday)
  - A weekend of worship, listening, interactive sharing, connecting, co-discerning and embracing your call in the worship ministry





### CONFERENCE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS

- 1. The Perak District LFMC Building Project costing about RM2 million as a TRAC Project for 2022
- 2. The Central District 2 Wesleyan Community Methodist Church Building Project as TRAC Conference Project 2022
- Salary package that was presented at the 44th Session Annual Conference be approved:
  - a) Salary Scale revision for Ministers
  - b) Salary Scale revision for Local Pastors & Ministry workers
  - c) Needs Allowances revision
- 4. The approved salary package will be implemented at an appropriate date to be determined by the Executive Board.

#### **RETIREMENT RECOGNITION (2020 & 2021)**

- 1. Bishop Emeritus Dr Ong Hwai Teik (2021)
- 2. Rev Tan Chew Mae (2021)
- 3. Rev Woo Kit Sang (2021)
- 4. Rev Joshua Hong Kee Soon (2020)
- 5. Rev Dr Ng Swee Ming (2020)

We praise God that we had a meaningful Retirement Recognition Service. The retiring pastors recorded their messages, word of exhortation and encouragement as they share their journey serving as TRAC pastors. At the close the Retirement Recognition Service we adjourned to smaller breakout rooms to have personal interactions with the five retiring pastors. The recorded videos and messages are kept at Board of Archive where you can view it.

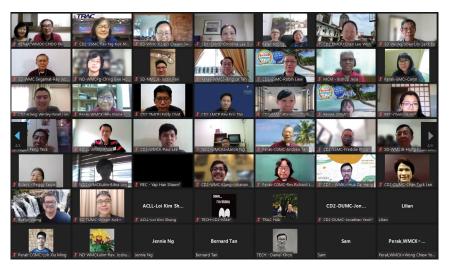
MCM Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar preached at the Closing Service. He also announced the following for our attention:

- Methodist Prayer Convention: 20-22 May 2022 (online).

The Theme, "Renewel Through Prayer" The speakers are Mr Asiri Fernando (English), Rev Dr David Dong (Chinese)

- Aldersgate Sunday: 22 May, 2022
- Methodist Education Foundation provides scholarships for needy students.
- + We Support irrespective of Race or Religion
- + Personal Donation can request for Tax-exempt Receipts
- + Pastors' Children Benefit from This Foundation
- The PELITA Methodist, published in all languages, all ACs are represented.
- In view of the increased divorced trend, MCM set up Pre-Marital Counselling team to prepare "Marriage Preparation Guide" for couples

In conclusion, we praise God for a smooth, engaging and fruitful TRAC 46th Session. It ended on time as anticipated and planned. TRAC session is over but the mission we carried is never over. I looked back at the years when I opt out from local conference and now working with the folks in TRAC, it was a wonderful experience to be able to be a part of JB Wesley's local conference and certainly a fantastic experience to be a part of a bigger family in TRAC. TRAC taught me what it means to belong to big family, different parts of The Body of Christ where we function differently yet with one objective; to love The Lord and bring more people so that they too find love in Him. The mission remains.





## TRAC Appointments For The Year 2022

EASTERN D	ISTRICT erintendent: The Revd Tho	mas Chin	
Wesley MC H	Kuantan	Revd Christopher Rao	Pastor-in-Charge
Christ MC Be	entong	Revd Ting Moy Hong	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC F	Raub	Revd Ting Moy Hong	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC H	Kuala Lipis	No Conference Appointme	nt

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

**District Superintendent: The Revd Ronald Yap** 

Wesley MC Alor Star	Revd Luke Ng	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Sg Petani	Pr Andrew Yeoh	Pastor-in-Charge (Part-time)
Wesley MC Butterworth	Pr Andrew Yeoh	Pastor-in-Charge (Part-time)
Wesley MC Kulim	Revd Joshua Chia	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Parit Buntar	Revd Joshua Chia	Pastor-in-Charge
Trinity MC Penang	Revd Shearn Sya	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Penang	Revd Ronald Yap	Pastor-in-Charge
	Revd Luke Ng	Assistant Pastor

#### PERAK DISTRICT

District Superintendent: The Revd Dr Andrew Tan

Bercham MC	Revd Anna Ng	Pastor-in-Charge
CGMC lpoh	Revd Dr Andrew Tan	Pastor-in-Charge
	Revd Yu Chiew Song	Associate Pastor
	Revd Richard Leow	Associate Pastor
Grace MC Pasir Putih	Revd Lim Chaw Leong	Pastor-in-Charge
Living Faith MC	Revd Lim Chaw Leong	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Ipoh	Revd Dr Timothy Ong	Pastor-in-Charge
	Revd Wong Chun Mun	Assistant Pastor
Wesley MC Kampar	Revd Elaine Low	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Teluk Intan	Revd Buell Abraham	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Sitiawan	Revd Lester Lim	Pastor-in-Charge
	Pr Edward Lee	Assistant Pastor
Wesley MC Taiping	Revd Jonathan Chan	Pastor-in-Charge
	Revd John Baru	Associate Pastor

#### **CENTRAL DISTRICT 1** District Superintendent: The Revd Andrew Lim

Wesley MC Kuala Lumpur	Revd Andrew Lim Revd Ashok Amarasingha Pr Thomas Jie	Pastor-in-Charge am Associate Pastor Assistant Pastor
Whispering Hope MC	Revd James Ong	Pastor-in-Charge
Wesley MC Kepong	Revd Lucy Lee	Pastor-in-Charge
Living Stone MC	Revd Lucy Lee	Pastor-in-Charge
Faith MC Cheras	Revd William Kwong	Pastor-in-Charge
Trinity MC Sg Buloh	Revd William Kwong	Pastor-in-Charge
Christ MC Ampang	Revd Koe Swee Kee	Pastor-in-Charge
Grace MC Sentul	Revd Koe Swee Kee	Pastor-in-Charge



CENTRAL DISTRICT 2					
District Superintendent: The Revd Paul S. Christie					
Wesley MC Klang	Revd Gaurri Maniam	Pastor-in-Charge			
Life MC Puchong	Revd Eric Tan	Pastor-in-Charge			
Living Hope MC	Pr Chris Manivannan	Pastor-in-Charge (Part-time)			
Emmanuel MC	Revd Thomas Chin	Pastor-in-Charge			
SSMC	No Conference Appointr	nent			
Subang MC	Pr Robert Khaw	Pastor-in-Charge			
Trinity MC PJ	Revd Paul S. Christie	Pastor-in-Charge			
	Revd Joshua Hong	Associate Pastor			
	Pr Lewis Loke	Assistant Pastor			
	Pr Shaan Sya	Assistant Pastor			
Wesleyan Community MC	Revd Joshua Hong	Pastor-in-Charge			
Damansara Utama MC	Pr Chris Kam	Pastor-in-Charge			
	Pr Mike Ngui	Associate Pastor			
	Pr Tan Moy How	Associate Pastor			
	Pr Kelvin Yong	Associate Pastor			
	Pr Gilbert Tan	Associate Pastor			
	Pr Cheah Seuk Poh	Assistant Pastor (Part-time)			
l	Pr Eddy Marson	Associate Pastor			

SOUTHERN DISTRICT District Superintendent: The Revd Wong Mun Wah					
Wesley Seremban	Revd Yong Wai Yin	Pastor-in-Charge			
Taman Ujong	Revd Yong Wai Yin	Pastor-in-Charge			
Wesley MC Melaka	Revd Teoh Lee Yng	Pastor-in-Charge			
	Revd Danny Chiew	Assistant Pastor			
	Pr Aaron Liu	Assistant Pastor			
Taman Asean MC	Revd Teoh Lee Yng	Pastor-in-Charge			
	Revd Danny Chiew	Assistant Pastor			
	Pr Aaron Liu	Assistant Pastor			
Wesley MC Segamat	Revd Woo Kit Sang	Pastor-in-Charge			
Wesley JB	Revd Wong Mun Wah	Pastor-in-Charge			
Nusajaya MC	Revd Chang Choy Quin	Pastor-in-Charge			

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS	
Seniors Ministry Director	Revd David Loo
PMSM Superintendent	Revd Yok Selan
Prayer Coordinator	Pr Robert Khaw
Part-Time Coordinator in PMSM	Revd Richard Leow
National Youth Director	Revd James Ong



### The TRAC Ordination Service at Trinity Methodist Church in Petaling Jaya on 9 January 2022

By Rev Ashok Amarasingham Chairman, Board of Ministry, TRAC.



Both the 45th and 46th Sessions of TRAC in November 2020 & November 2021 respectively were fully online. Hence also the corresponding TRAC Ordination Services were held only in January 2021 and January 2022 respectively as Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar wanted in-person services. We thank the Lord that on both occasions the government SOPs allowed for interstate travel despite the pandemic.

On 9 January 2022, we were privileged to witness four pastors being ordained, namely, two TRAC pastors and two Sengoi pastors (who were unable to be ordained in December 2021 at their own Mission Conference due to limiting factors) by the Methodist Church Bishop, Dr T Jeyakumar.

Trinity Methodist Church in Petaling Jaya was the venue. The church provided 200 seats for the service following the SOPs. Although there was pre-registration, in the end, there were ample seats available and some "walk-ins" even attended on that day itself.

We truly thank God that everything ran smoothly from perfect weather to the entire running of the service. Heartfelt thanks to Rev Paul Christie and his church members who were part of the working committee. The committee members were fast to respond to tasks that needed to be done through messaging on the WhatsApp chat group.

The service began at 4 pm. Bishop Jeyakumar had already briefed the ordinands before the service began and prayed with them. TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong had also given much valuable guidance prior to the service. All the District Superintendents were present despite having to travel as far as Penang and Johor Baru. They all had a part to play in the service. They were solidly united.







Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar gave a challenging and thought-provoking message calling people to hear God's call to enter pastoral ministry. TRAC is still very short of itinerant ministers.

Pastor Rostam and Pastor Rosmanita were ordained "Diakon" which carries the title "Reverend". Pastor Rosmanita's husband was present too. The Superintendent of the Sengoi Mission Conference, Rev Yok Selan, was there to lend his support to both his pastors. For a very long time, TRAC Conference discussed matters about the Sengoi Mission Conference (PMSM) but this was the first-ever time that the ordination service involved pastors from TRAC and PMSM. This was a momentous and memorable occasion.

Rev James Ong was ordained, Elder. He married Ms Kong Mei-Xin in 2017. She was present to support her husband. He is also the National Youth Director and Pastor of Whispering Hope Methodist Church. His hometown is Sitiawan and he has the passion to teach God's word and especially the gospel to people. Pastor Luke Ng was ordained Deacon which now carries the title "Reverend". He is from Ipoh but currently serves the Lord as a pastor in Penang Wesley and as the Pastor of Alor Setar Wesley (new appointment).

Towards the end of the service, there were nine new local preachers that received their Lay Preachers' Licence certificates. Eight of them were present and one absent due to health reasons. TRAC Lay Leader, Mr Lim Chong Ho, had a part in the service.

After the service was over, many stayed behind to catch up with each other although the crowd was dismissed within 15 minutes due to the SOPs. This was because of the joy of meeting one another in person after such a long time. We miss our times of Conferencing in Port Dickson Methodist Centre and hope that the SOPs will allow us to have the 47th Session of TRAC there at the end of 2022 as well as the Ordination Service.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.







# TRAC Chinese LPL Modules

By Rev Lester Lim The Chairperson of the Board of Chinese Ministry

The Board of Chinese Ministry organized four LPL courses in 2021, the details are as follows:

Modules	Lecturers	Dates	Mode / Venue	Participants
Small Group Ministries (Elective)	Rev Yu Chiew Song	24-25/04/2021	Hybrid (CGMC & Zoom)	<b>35</b> • 20 (Audit) • 15 (Credit)
Spirituality and Discipleship (Core)	Rev Wong Mun Wah	26-27/06/2021, 10-11/07/2021	Zoom	<b>19</b> • 3 (Audit) • 16 (Credit)
Understanding the New Testament (Core)	Rev Lim Chaw Leong	18-19/08/2021	Zoom	<b>23</b> • 14 (Audit) • 9 (Credit)
Understanding the Old Testament (Core)	Rev Aaron Ng	21-22/08/2021	Zoom	<b>24</b> • 18 (Audit) • 6 (Credit)



Small Group Ministries (Elective)

Yuki Yau Ooi Khuan

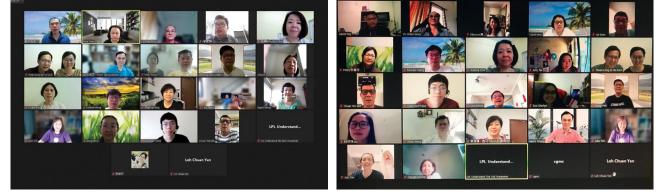
We want to thank God and congratulate the two participants who have completed the Chinese LPL courses and have obtained their Local Preachers License this year. They are sister Yuki Yau Ooi Khuan from Grace Methodist Church Ipoh and brother Choong Zheng Lin from Wesley Methodist Church Ipoh @ Jubilee Methodist Centre. Both embarked on the Chinese LPL courses from 2019 to 2021. We pray that more members of the Chinese congregation in TRAC churches will embark on the Chinese LPL courses to be equipped and obtain the Local Preachers License so that more leaders will be raised to build the Chinese work of the local churches.



Spiritually Discipleship (Core)



Choong Zheng Lin



Understanding the New Testament (Core)

Understanding the Old Testament (Core)

Modules	Lecturers	Dates	Registrations
Homiletics (Core)	Rev Yu Chiew Song	19-20/02/2022	https://forms.gle HmDwn mWHB639LNsg6
Youth Ministries (Elective)	Mr Austin Sia	11-12/06/2022	https://forms.gle TGdVM Bum8AWJVxodA
Methodism (Core)	Rev Wong Mun Wah	20-21/08/2022	https://forms.gle/TSvu3d aRe7W6hWHY7
Christian Doctrine (Core)	Rev Lim Chaw Leong	05-06/11/2022	https://forms.gle/xBo9iZ vDWS8voEg49

The following LPL courses will be offered in 2022:

We encourage and welcome brothers and sisters to participate. For enquiry, please contact Ms Wai Chi at 05-5462023 or email cgmcipoh@gmail.com.



### Wesley Penang Celebrates 130 Years of God's faithfulness

By Kok Chik Bu



Wesley Virtual Choir presented the anniversary anthem "Love Has Made Us One".

Church anniversaries are wonderful occasions for God's people to come together as a community and celebrate the marvellous work of God amongst them, even during times of pandemic lockdown and endless stay-at-home orders.

On August 14, 2021 at 9 am, the faith community of Wesley Methodist Church Penang, comprising congregants from three different congregations, gathered online on Zoom and YouTube platforms to celebrate 130 years of God's faithfulness to the church.

A soul-lifting "Praise the Lord" introit, led by the Wesley Choir, opened the combined bi-lingual celebration. Following words of welcome by the church lay leader Madam Khor Kheng Hong, the choir presented the anniversary anthem "Love Has Made Us One"—a fitting reminder that it is ultimately God's love that has united His people at Wesley Penang in one heart and one vision for the past 130 years.

Indeed, "a testimony of the love of God upon our churches and communities" was how Bishop Joshua Khong of the Methodist Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) described the occasion. Sharing from 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 on the theme "Standing on the shoulders of saints before us", Bishop Joshua expressed joy and gratitude for the generations of believers who have faithfully served and walked with God, each one connected to the next generation in love and service.

"Today we are celebrating 130 years of this continuity-this communion of saints and faithful followers of Jesus Christ in eternal connection and oneness. The godly footprint and the holy imprints that they have left behind will always be remembered and will continue its influence and impact," he said.

Bishop Joshua also encouraged the leaders and members of the church to remain faithful and obedient in building on the foundation laid by Christ and the saints who have gone before them. "We are a communion of saints! We are standing on the shoulders of saints



Anniversary thermal bags for church members and regular worshippers





Bishop Joshua Khong shared the Word with translation by Wesley Penang associate lay leader Cheah Shu Young



Wesley Penang Lay Leader, Madam Khor Kheng Hong, opened the anniversary service with words of welcome, together with Pastor Luke Ng

before us, and it delights God to see His saints engage in oneness. Therefore, let us embrace each others as co-workers and fellow saints in Christ, and let us teach this to our children and children's children," he said.

Despite the muted celebratory note due to the pandemic, the church still celebrated the occasion with the giving of specially designed thermal bags to church members and regular worshippers. In addition, a book of testimonies titled Thus Far The Lord Has Led Us was published to serve as a reminder of the manifold goodness and blessings of God upon His people.

As the oldest Methodist church in the country, Wesley Penang began its journey in 1891 with only three members. Known then as the FitzGerald Memorial Church, it was in 1931 that the church was given its present name. Today, the nearly 600-strong Wesley Penang holds three English services and one Mandarin/Hokkien service weekly. The church also offers programmes, activities, and support groups for people of all ages and from all walks of life. Looking back, it is surely God's faithfulness and unfailing love that has sustained the life and ministry of Wesley Penang all these years. It is with this confident hope in a faithful God that we look ahead to what He will do in our midst, especially in this extraordinary time. Quoting pastorin-charge Rev Ronald Yap: "Thus far the Lord has helped us; He will see us through or take us home to be with Him."

May God continue to raise up generations of faithful men, women and children who will build on the

foundation laid by saints who have gone before us, together growing as disciples and serving the communities as we proclaim the good news of Christ and His everlasting kingdom of peace.

To view the anniversary service, go to https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=LZKCEG-hdg8. For the digital publication '*Thus Far the Lord Has Led Us*', see http://bit.ly/WesleyPenang130.



The anniversary publication, 'Thus Far the Lord Has Led Us', contains testimonies and photos that reflect God's blessings to the church over the years.

# Wesley Methodist Church Seremban celebrated its 106th Anniversary on Sunday 26th September 2021

By Chow Boi



Notwithstanding the pandemic and the absence of in person interaction, the Membership and Evangelism (M&E) under the leadership of Bernice Benedict got creative and put one of the three focus areas of 2021 – Hospitality – into action. Together with Methodist Women, led by President Cindy Goh; many ladies (and a few men) were mobilized to bake yummy chocolate cookies. The cookies were distributed free to every church member in Seremban a few days before the Anniversary Sunday so that they could be eaten on the virtual Zoom Anniversary Kopitiam. Many were touched by the surprise gesture, and quite a few disconnections were re-connected. Lesson relearned: 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.'

The Anniversary Sunday service was blessed by the virtual presence of TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong who delivered his sermon of 'Come, let us serve fervently and build wisely' 1 Corinthians 3:5-11. We really appreciate Bishop Joshua impactfully and meaningfully applied two of the four core values – SERVE and BUILD - of Wesley Seremban in the title and the content of his message.

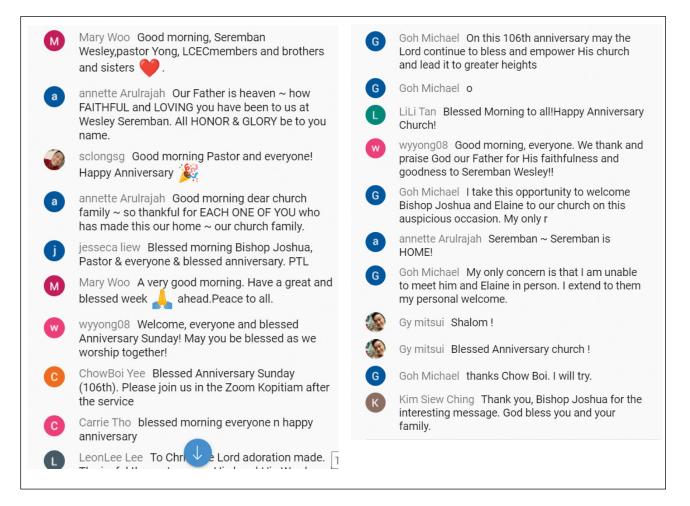
As our core values (Pray.Love.Serve.Build) are meant to help us congregation to live out the church





mission of 'Loving God, Touching Lives', Bishop Joshua articulated with richer biblical and spiritual insights that we believers are servants in God's kingdom work. We are inspired to serve fervently and faithfully in unity, not to perform as in competition, but to contribute as empowered sons and daughters of Father God because He loves us first. The 106th year of Wesley Methodist Church Seremban is made possible by the grace of God and the foundation built over the years by the leaders and members of the past generations. The present generation can learn much by continuing to build wisely for the generations to come through being Christlike disciples and nurturing our children and children's children accordingly.

The virtual kopitiam fellowship after the Annivesary service was well attended with many seeing each other after a long long while. The highlight was a session on the history and the heritage of Wesley Seremban and the Seremban city. We were blessed to have M. Kovalan providing narratives and answering questions on 'everything you want to know about our church and Seremban'. Things got so interesting and energized that we think we now have enough materials to do a walkabout (with food sampling stops, no less) of landmarks, sights, and sounds of Seremban.



On this 106th Anniversary, we in Wesley Seremban give thanks for God's continuous blessings, grace and mercy. In response, we join God in His will by building faith and trust, growing in holiness and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit by living out the core values of **PRAY.LOVE.SERVE.BUILD.** 



### Peace in Action, Love in Action, Faith in Action

By Chuah Seong York, Wesley Methodist Melaka

#### **PEACE IN ACTION - Christmas Eve Service**

Meditation : Jesus, Herod & The Magi

Pastor started the Christmas Eve worship by calling us to spare a thought and pray for the flood victims, anchoring us in reality. The liturgy caught me by surprise. There were 7 Scripture readers who also served as soloists. They each read a portion of relevant Scripture and rendered a corresponding Christmas hymn. (Sister Shamini was the pianist for the whole service.) The solemnness of the occasion can be witnessed when, without being reminded, there was no clapping after each rendition. Everyone was dumbfounded and awestruck, such that by the time of the hymn of preparation, I have never heard "O Holy Night" sang with such gusto.



Pastor Lee Yng, then in her Christmas Eve message issued the following challenges:

 In relation to Herod, "Who is on the throne of our lives?" Herod was disturbed by Jesus's existence (Matthew 2:3a). Every ruler in this world is never perfect because we are all tainted by sin. If we are the king on the throne of our lives, then we'll be similarly disturbed by Jesus's existence. In order not to feel disturbed, i.e. in order to have peace we must allow Jesus to sit on the throne of our lives.

#### 2. In relation to The Magi, "What would you give for Christmas?"

- i) Gold fitting for a King. The "golds" of our lives are what is precious to us.
- ii) Frankincense is incense for ceremony. Fragrance of our lives (2 Corinthians 2:15) is our Christian witness.iii) Myrrh is incense for embalming. We must daily die to self (Romans 12:1).

#### LOVE IN ACTION - Christmas Day Service

#### Sermon : God With US

Sermons on "Love in Action" often tell us that the church is the hands and feet of God, ambassador of God, representing God to the world, portraying the Love of God. To me Pastor Lee Yng's Christmas message entitled "God with us" from John 1:14-18 also talked about "Love in Action". But it was about "God's Love in Action through Jesus, personified in Jesus".





### God's Love in Action Personified in Jesus:

- 1. Jesus is God who became human and make his home among us (John 1:14).
- 2. Jesus came and showed us what God is like (John 1:18).

### God's Love in Action Through Jesus:

- 1. Jesus brought us undeserved kindness and truth (John 1:17).
- Out of His fullness, Jesus supplies all that we need (John 1:16). Jesus Christ, the firstborn over all creation (Colossians 1:15), our Great High Priest, is the person who first put God's Love into Action and we his disciples are to follow Him and imitate Him.

### FAITH IN ACTION - Christmas Giftbox Community Outreach

Coinciding with the commencement of Advent, the Christmas Giftbox Community Outreach project was publicised in the church bulletin for 4 Sundays before Christmas starting on 28th November.



Two Google forms were issued asking for volunteers to:

- 1. Prepare giftboxes worth RM30 to RM50 each
- 2. Distribute the giftboxes after the Christmas Day Service

Altogether 238 giftboxes were prepared and 59 church members volunteered to distribute them. Ten minutes after service on Christmas Day the volunteers gathered for a short briefing by Pastor Aaron Liu. We were joined by 4 Nepalis and 6 impromptu Manipal students. Some giftboxes were also set aside for the Myanmese and Nepali ministry. Overall the giftboxes were well-received and created goodwill in the neighbourhood. This is definitely the first steps towards encouraging Wesley Melaka members to take ownership of the various social concern projects that the church is involved in rather than just giving money and depending on a few individuals to do the

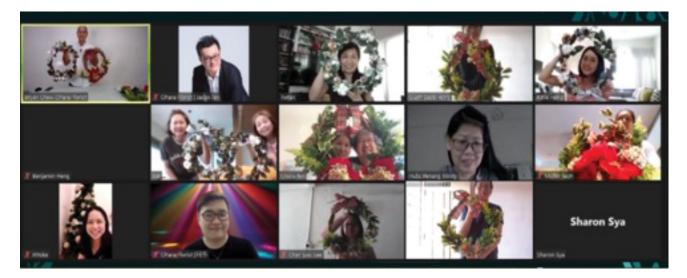


groundwork. I am once again reminded of the exhortation by James in 1:22a (NKJV) to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only", and 2:18b (NIV), "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

# Trinity Methodist Church 2021 Christmas celebrations

By Rev. Shearn Sya

Penang Trinity kicked off the Christmas season with an online class on making DIY Christmas wreaths. Components were delivered to 12 individuals and couples alike, who tried their hand at shaping and decorating their own wreaths made from real flowers, leaves, twigs, etc. to place in their homes this reminder of the eternal life that Christmas leads to. They were guided by an acclaimed professional in floral arrangements.



Next, the church school organized an online Christmas party for 41 children and 16 of their friends, as they celebrated the birthday of Jesus. The celebrations included various games and icebreakers, as well as a message that challenged the children to remember those in need during this season. They were also given an opportunity to do chores in their homes in exchange for their parents to pledge food, school supplies, and other necessities for donation to underprivileged children at Crystal Family Home.



Around this time, the church's youth group was one of the first groups to resume meeting in-person on church premises, and 17 of them took that opportunity to pack and distribute "Bags of Kindness" containing snacks and other foodstuffs to the homeless through Youth With A Mission (YWAM)'s Kawan drop-in centre. Through this activity, the youth demonstrated to themselves and others the lesson that the true meaning Christmas is not one of self-absorption.





The church's kindergarten also had a Christmas Eve celebration, where the children learnt the true meaning of Christmas - celebrating the birth of Jesus - through Bible stories. Parents generously provided the food for the party, and the children exchanged gifts with one another and sang Christmas carols. It was a day of joyful celebration and thankfulness.



Although the larger congregation was not able to come together in-person during this period, Christmas celebrations nevertheless proceeded unhindered, and we had an online Christmas Candlelight service on the night of Christmas Eve, as well as an online Christmas Day service where we joined in solidarity with the larger TRAC body as Bishop Joshua Khong shared over the same digital pulpit. In that same worship service, our joy was compounded by the baptism of 6 people, with 5 more being received into Penang Trinity's membership.





Christmas Celebration Grace Methodist Church Sentul

> Christmas Day Celebration Service 25th December 2021



Small group's Christmas Celebration respectively









# Provisions distribution to B40 Community during Christmas Season

Joint effort with Pusat Bantuan Sentul 26th Dec 2021





### Joint effort with Lions Club 5th Jan 2022





#### Grace Methodist Church Sentul this year celebrated the Christmas season in 3 phases

- Christmas Service celebration on 25th Dec. We had a full house congregation. Door gifts were given out during that day. Those who were absent, Christmas gifts were sent to their house.
- 2) Individual Small Group's Christmas gathering in various location for a meal.
- Christmas food distribution were carried out joint effort with Pusat Bantuan Sentul and Lions Club targeting B40 community in Sentul area.

# Christmas at Canning Garden Methodist Church (CGMC) Ipoh



Christmas @CGMC was celebrated pandemic-style with many 'outside the box' events and milestones, some held in-person and others online, all in celebration of Jesus' glorious birth. CGs and the MYF hosted Christmas events on Zoom, the KIDS church produced a Christmas Vimeo production with carols and a drama, the 3 congregations (English, BM & Chinese) came together for a virtual choir presentation in 3 languages, and Christmas food boxes were delivered to home-bound members. Celebrations were also in full swing at our community centres, reaching the OA, Tamil, Nepali and B40 communities.



To God be the glory!

Lyrical Dance on Christmas Eve



CGMC KIDS Christmas Special production on Vimeo and Junior KIDS Zoom Christmas attracted 250 kids!



CGs hosted "The Hope of Christmas" on Zoom



Form 3 MYF Cg in "The Quiet of Wonder" drama





CGMC Combined congregation virtual choir sang "Child of the Promise" in 3 languages





Praise God for 7 baptisms / new members, 7 preparatory members and 2 transfers.



Home bound members received Christmas gift boxes from visitation teams on Christmas Day.



Chinese choir sang 4 songs at their Christmas service.



Full attendance at BM service. New UVC lights & turbine ventilators increased confidence for in-person services during Christmas.



6 new Nepalese attended the Christmas service at our Tasek outreach centre



Christmas celebration service with 22 urban OA families



17 students from non-Christian B40 families received education aid at Tamil Christmas outreach event



### Christmas 2021 in WMC Kuala Lipis

Owing to the surging Covid-19 pandemic and massive flood that hit Lipis for the second time this year, Christmas was celebrated differently. Firstly, besides the usual pre-Christmas activities, we included house cleaning into our schedule. We were thankful for the opportunity to help the flood victims. We were actually welcomed by people whom we have never met before!



Cleaning various houses after the flood water receeded.

In compliance with the prescribed standard operating procedures (SOP) to contain the Covid-19, we did not organised an Evangelistic Christmas Service. Thus, on 23 & 24 December, we distributed 100 boxes of cream puffs to bless the local community.

Next, after a few carolling singing practices, we were informed that the application for a carolling permit was declined. Therefore it was changed to a pre evangelistic performance at a home of our member on the 23 December. Two families were invited. We praise God that they were very open and frank as we got to know them better. The night however ended on a grim note as we received news of a church member passing away.



Blessing the community with Christmas giveaway





The attendance of our Christmas Morning Service was overwhelming with 62 people present. However with the 1 meter social distancing, the church santuary could only house 45 people and 5 worship musicians. This resulting in some attendees worshipping outside the building. Thank God that it did not rain nor was the sun scorching hot that morning. As we could not have fellowship meal as we used to owing to the SOP, the trainees received pre packed food to take back to their college after worship.



The sanctuary

The back of the sanctuary

The side of the sanctuary

The Christmas service was attended mainly by teacher trainees from the IPG Tengku Ampuan Afzan.70% of them are not believers. The Christmas praise and worship was followed by song performances by Mr Donovan, followed by his 9 year old daughter, Vanessa. Tom, a non believer who frequently attends our worship also gave a number before the carollers ended the Christmas performances with a medley of Christmas carols.

Vanessa sang a



Mr Donovan brings a sense of reverence with the song 'Hallelujah'



Tom Lean gave a solo performance of the old time favourite 'White Christmas'

The Chrstmas message entitled "CHRISTMAS BRINGS HOPE" was shared by Dr Richard Chan in Bahasa Melayu and was translated into Mandarin by IPG student Vincent Lee.

After the Christmas service, some of the families from our BM service and our pastor Rev Bernard Yogaraj enjoyed our Christmas lunch at a local cafe.





The following morning a funeral service and burial was conducted for our dearly departed church member, the late Madam Khoo Lee Kheng / Mrs Yew.

After the funeral, it was house cleaning again. That caps a busy and extraordinary Christmas Week for us at WMC Kuala Lipis.





The carollers

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### Haknook Jenang 2021 Christmas celebrations on 11 December at Asrama HJ



Raub Orang Asli hostel, a TRAC initiative and Orang Asli ministry project close to the heart of then TRAC President Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar (current Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia) was aptly named Haknook Jenang ("Most loved by God") in the Orang Asli language held its annual 2021 Christmas celebrations on 11 Dec 2021 in the Worship Hall of its Orang Asli hostel in Raub, Pahang.

Always a very proud and memorable year-ending occasion for the Orang Asli students of Haknook Jenang who come from 3 different Orang Asli settlements in Pos Betau, Sinderut and Semenyih, three varieties of well-coordinated local Orang Asli native dances mingled with Christmas carols were graciously presented by three different groups represented by students from Primary school, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary schools who are residing in Haknook Jenang, Raub.

Unbeknownst to many, the 3 varieties of local Tarian Orang Asli were actually inspired, self-taught and choreographed by a handful of the more senior hostel OA girls themselves who had loosely termed their Christmas presentations as **"Tarian Remaja Orang Asli Haknook Jenang"** which is a testimony of the musical talents and team spirit of the OA students. Incidentally the native costumes of the Tarian Remaja OA Christmas presentations were hand made by the parents of the Orang Asli students themselves borne out of the roots and origins of the Orang Asli's unmistakable fashion and resplendent attire living in the dense forest in their earlier years. Guests who were invited for the highly anticipated Christmas celebratory occasion filled up the Worship Hall early which also marked the end of the inconclusive school term for 2021 which will continue into 2022 when school reopens in mid-January 2022 as a result of frequent interruptions of school sessions due to the unending pandemic and Movement Control Order. The year 2021 was hardly a year of concentrated school lessons and the substituted Online computer lessons and tutorials which were held in asrama Haknook Jenang were fortunate to have brought some relief and help to the Orang Asli students struggling with their studies. The Christmas event was attended by TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong and TRAC Eastern District Superintendent Rev Thomas Chin who had both graced the occasion. Also in attendance were the head of the Persidangan Misi Sengoi Rev ...... and senior Orang Asli pastors. Rev Bernard Lazar who was serving his final year as Pastor of Raub Wesley

Church spoke about his ministry and delivered his well-wishes and final Christmas message and expressed sadness of his impending departure. Also in attendance were Rev & Mrs Vijiyadas of neighbouring Raub Tamil Methodist Church and HJ hostel Pengurusi Ti Teow Lay and his wife Mrs Ti.

Bishop Joshua Khong delivered his inspiring Christmas message of love and faith and reminded of the hopes and aspirations of the Orang Asli communities in the area of education for better jobs and career prospects and the challenges of their lives and livelihood in the pandemic troubled years of 2020/2021.



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A Christmas luncheon mixed with Orang Asli cuisine was served to all guests and many interacted in delight in the goodwill and spirit of the Christmas season soaked in the atmosphere of the festive occasion. KL Wesley Methodist Women had earlier delivered their Christmas presents wrapped with love for the Orang Asli children in conjunction with Haknook Jenang Christmas celebrations.

Mdm Koa Vi Vian of Klang Wesley Methodist Church who is a member of Raub HJ hostel Management Committee was called upon to present her message on the hostel educational aspect and announced the results of the winners of various categories of academic performances and achievements. Prizes in the form of token monetary awards were presented by Bishop Joshua Khong, DS Rev Thomas Chin and Rev Bernard Lazar.

The event ended with а benediction by Bishop Joshua Khong and guests bid their goodbyes in high spirit and were left with the impression that the Orang Asli children in Haknook Jenang have come a long way and are indeed in good hands. In God we Trust and it is our earnest prayers and fervent hope that the Orang Asli students will be able to attain credible results not only in the area of education but will become rounded students of good character grounded in the Word of God ready to contribute to society in any small and meaningful way and in the process will be able to bring about a better life and livelihood to their families in particular and the Orang Asli communities in general.

# Haknook Jenang Year End cum Christmas Celebration 2021

By Koa Vi Vian

TRAC's first hostel for Orang Asli (OA) children celebrated the end of its second school year with a Christmas thanksgiving party on the 11th of December. Since the start of 2020, the Raub hostel (whose name 'Haknook Jenang' means God's Beloved) has provided food and lodging for the 30 children who are pursuing their education in nearby schools. Most of the children are from Pahang villages but a few came from Semenyih, Selangor. This event also served as an award ceremony for students who had participated actively in their online tuition classes.

The celebration kicked off with an inspiring Praise and Worship session led by Ms. Zakina and Ms. Suhaila, two of the senior hostel students. It was followed by TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong's Christmas message, in which he reminded everyone of the story of Jesus's birth and exhorted each person to be bold witnesses of Christ in this Christmas season. After the Bishop's encouraging sharing, Committee Chairman Mr. Ti Teow Lay gave a brief year report and passed the time over to the hostel students who had prepared creative presentations for this event.

First, the primary school students sang a lovely rendition of the popular Christmas song 'Feliz Navidad'. The lower secondary students presented an entertaining song-and-dance, but the highlight of the day was the traditional Semai dance presented by the upper secondary students. Some girls dressed in their leafy cultural costumes, while other girls and boys played traditional bamboo musical instruments. Their graceful and wellchoreographed dance steps, accented by the steady percussion of music, exhibited the uniqueness of the Semai culture to all present.

After a short song of thanksgiving to God for all he has provided, the longawaited award ceremony began. Due to the disruption of regular classes throughout the pandemic, online tuition classes for English, Maths, BM, Science and Geography were arranged for the benefit of the secondary school students starting from 2021. Their tutors are volunteers from churches all over Malaysia who willingly gave free tuition to the students over online platforms. Alongside Haknook Jenang's emphasis on moral values (such as Responsibility, Punctuality, Diligence, Respect, Confidence and Courage), the students were assessed monthly by their attendance and responsiveness in class, as well as the completion and submission of their homework. Cash rewards as high as RM70 were given to deserving students both as congratulations and also as an incentive to continue to work hard in their studies. Bishop Joshua Khong, Eastern District Superintendent Rev Thomas Chin and Rev Bernard Yogaraj of Raub Methodist Church took turns in presenting the awards to the students and ended the ceremony on a high note.

Aside from the honoured guests the TRAC Bishop and the District Superintendent, also present at Haknook Jenang's Year End Celebration were Rev Guo of Raub Chinese Methodist Church, Rev Vijayadass of Raub Tamil Methodist Church, Lay Leader of Wesley Methodist Church Klang Mr. Terence Tan, Chairman of Klang Chinese Methodist Church's Orang Asli Ministry Mr. Eric Thong and his Deputy Chairman Mr. C.P. Tan.



### The Sky Has Fallen BUT God Is In Control

By Johnny Lim Community Services, Wesley Methodist Church Klang

Dec 17th, 2021, one week before Christmas eve, where majority of Christians are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. One week, where family and friends will be going to church to celebrate Christmas.

However, on Dec 17th, 2021, a date where many people in Selangor and Klang Valley will remember, "the day the sky fell", literally speaking.

On Dec 17th & 18th, 2021, Klang District recorded a "very heavy" rainfall intensity (in one hour, Image #1). Severe flooding was reported at nearly 90% of Klang District. Worst hit flooding areas are in Shah Alam and Taman Sri Muda township.

Station	District	Last Updated	Daily Rainfall			
			15/12/2021	16/12/2021	17/12/2021	18/12/2021
Taman Sri Muda	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	28.0	1.0	47.0	161.0
Taman Sentosa	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	29.0	0.5	129.0	71.0
Tugu Keris	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.0	0.5	78.5	201.5
Bandar Klang	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.5	0.0	107.5	183.0
Kg. Delex	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.5	2.0	179.0	211.0
Kg. Rantau Panjang	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	1.0	0.0	146.0	240.0
SMK Raja Lumu	Klang	21/12/2021 22.15.00	0.0	0.5	187.0	183.0
Selat Muara	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.5	9.5	270.0	160.0
Pekan Meru	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.5	0.5	48.5	208.5
JIn Benteng Kapar	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	1.5	0.0	9.5	316.5
P/A Pandamaran	Klang	21/12/2021 22.45.00	0.0	1.5	220.5	171.0
Telok Gong	Klang	21/12/2021 21.45.00	8.0	43.0	279.0	301.5

Image #1: Screen grab of Rainfall Data

Source: https://publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my/hujan/data-hujan/?state=SEL&lang=en

Klang Wesley is not able to do "rescue work" during this period as the church do not have the necessary equipment (ie. 4WD, amphibious vehicles, boats, etc). Hence, the Community Services (Social Concerns) took the initiative to do "relief work". The Community Services team created a 4-phase action plan:

- i. Provisions of dry groceries
- ii. Replacement of waterlogged mattresses and pillows
- iii. Monetary help in repairing essential electrical items, fridge and washing machine
- iv. Monetary help to repair damaged roof

On top of the 4 phases, the team also decided to help:

- i. A Children's Home, Persatuan Kebajikan Suria Pagi (Dayspring)
- ii. Orang Asli (Indigenous People) Village, Kampong Bakar Leleh



Dec 19th, 2021, all major roads in Klang District are freely accessible and hence, the team contacted previous MCO aid recipients if their houses were flooded and in need of assistance.

The team also works closely with a Bahasa speaking pastor, Pastor Romita and Methodist Women. Pastor Romita has been helping our Orang Asli team and going into the villages to deliver God's good news for the past few years.

Dec 21st, 2021, our first dry groceries distribution to 20 immigrant families at Telok Gong. We deliver the groceries to one central dry location as parts of the Telok Gong Kampung is still flooded. I invited Pastor Gaurri Maniam to join us together with Pastor Romita and her team.



Dry groceries drop off at Telok Gong

On reading the online newspaper, we gotten to know of a Temporary Evacuation Centre located at Telok Gong itself. (Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2021/12/755567/klang-floods-expected-worsen-due-high-tide-phenomenon )

Pastor Gaurri and I, took a drive to the Evacuation Centre and we met with the head of the Kampung in Telok Gong. And we asked him how the church can help his village. He replied, "we need dry groceries". God is amazing! God open doors for us to connect with people.

On Dec 23rd, 2021, the church delivered the first of many deliveries of dry groceries, mattresses, and pillows to the village for distribution.





Part of the 200 packs of dry groceries



From left to right:

- Pastor Romita
- the village head (in the background)
- a villager
- Johnny Lim

On Jan 16th, 2022, we delivered 50 packs of dry groceries, 150 single mattresses and pillows to the kampung in Teluk Gong.

Today, we were hoping to meet up with the villagers who will be receiving the aid, but alas, this is not to be. The idea of us meeting up with the villagers is to connect with them so that in the very near future, Pastor Romita and her team can build relationship with the villagers.

However, Pastor Romita and me took this time to have a chit chat with the village head. We discussed about the flooding and how bad was the situation affecting the villagers, etc.

God gave me a topic to discuss with the village head. The topic was education. Hence, I asked the village head, "How are the children's education, their exam results, etc"? It was a lively discussion! He shared with us that only 30% - 40% of the children did well in their studies.

On further sharing, he said, for the children to succeed in their education, the parents must be diligent and encourage their children to study and do their homework at home. However, he said, this is not the case as fathers are out working the whole day, mothers taking care of the household and other siblings.



We took the opportunity to say that "the church is able to help in ways the village head is not able to do". For example, Pastor Romita and her team (mothers actually), are able to encourage and guide the mothers. The church can introduce a scheme to encourage both parents and children to study and get good results in school term exams, ie. Say for every subject with minimum Grade C result, the children will get RM20, or the school together with the church, provide extra classes to the students. The church can purchase required resources for the children and provide lunch (TRAC's one church one school campaign).

After listening to us, the village head said that, if there is a need for another delivery of dry groceries and/or mattresses and pillows, he will get the villagers to come and take the aid while we are there. This way, Pastor Romita and her team will be able to connect with mothers.

Thank God for opening doors!

As of today, 21st Jan 2022, the church has received about RM131k in donations for our flood relief work and we have spent about RM98k for the below:

- Dry Groceries: 485 packs
- Mattresses:
- o Queen ( 5' ): 105 pcs
- o Single ( 3' ): 525 pcs
- o Pillows: 735 pcs

Sharing our experiences during MCO lockdowns and flood relief work:

- i. 1st priority is to show JESUS LOVE to everyone
- ii. Pray for open doors during our relief work
- iii. Be frank to the people we are helping. Tell them we are from "gereja"/"church" and someone says that you are in need of help
- iv. Share our aid recipients' information with other ministries / other churches, ie. Methodist Women for subsequent follow-up / relationship building. You can't do everything on your own.

Follow-ups are important. This is where relationships and trust are built! Some of the testimonies we received, and I quote:

- a. Non-believers came to know God's love and there were conversions, with non-believers accepting Jesus.
- b. Non-believers testify that they were amazed by the help rendered by Christians.
- c. One family of 13 children from two wives and whose father had just passed away, were deemed not qualified for food aid by local authorities and so were in tears when "gereja" distribute food aid to them.
- d. When we distribute food aid, the recipients were amazed that we did not ask for anything. So, they asked, "mengapa gereja buat begini?" (Why do the church do this?) We shared with them that "Ini ajaran Tuhan Kami" (God teaches us to do so).
- v. Any Relief Work, the turnaround time need to be fast, hence, the need to be able to transfer the required money to the vendors efficiently.
- vi. "Encourage and Engage" in order that church members can participate and be hands-on with God's ministry.

Prayer Needs:

- 1. Pray for us to build a good relationship and trust with the Ketua Kampong, Telok Gong
- 2. Pray for us to be able to connect to the villagers of Telok Gong
- 3. Pray for my team and myself for guidance, wisdom and strength to do God's will

Brother Mordecai says this in Esther 4:14

### "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position or such a time as this?"



### Youth Leadership Development Program 2021

By Revd James Ong

Better known as YLDP has been an annual event for the youths of TRAC for many years. It is a time where youths look forward to, not only meet up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from across the peninsular, but to also learn from scripture together over the 5 days 4 nights of camp.

However, in 2020 when covid came to shore, our annual events disrupted. Our annual events, including YLDP had to change to an online conference, this includes the structure of the camp as well.

But we thank God, especially for the available technology in the modern era which has allowed us to meet and to carry out what is necessary despite the physical restrictions. For two years, YLDP has gone online, and it took on a slightly different format, with the plenary session removed, but retaining the levels workshops that includes:

#### Foundation : Identity in Christ

Level 1 : Heart of Worship; Personal Management; Christian Ethics Level 2 : Spiritual Formation; Social media;

#### **Christian Apologetics**

#### Level 3 : How am I doing as a Leader?

Workshops are progressive, that means, a youth progresses from Foundation to Level and so on.

Hence, it is a 4-year cycle and ideally requires a youth to go through all the levels beginning from Foundation. The aim of YLDP is complementary to the local church's work of building up young Christian leaders.

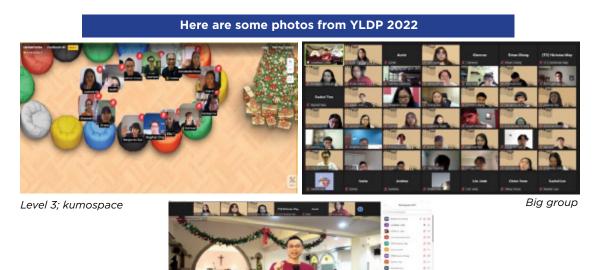
#### **Closing Challenge**

This year, the planning committee decided that a closing challenge at the end of YLDP would be beneficial and a good way of bringing the camp to a close. Rev. Jonathan Chan, the chairman of the Board of Youth Work, gave this year's closing challenge. He made 3 main points:

- 1. To connect to (or reconnect with) God
- 2. To let go of our baggage and allow God to restore us
- 3. To grow our influence in the lives of others for Jesus by exercising the gifts that God has given us.

Indeed, the past 2 years have been a great challenge not only in the mundane areas of life but also the spiritual aspect of a Christian. As we navigate through the uncertainties and questions surrounding God and our circumstances, it is so easy for one to lose sight of God and fall into a vicious cycle of

But as young people redeemed by Christ, how can our relationship with God be the catalyst to change in such a grim period? How can we face such situation as people of hope and impact others in the process?



Rev. Jonathan Chan giving the closing challenge



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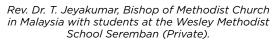




# Commemorating 75 Years of Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private)

6th December 2021 marked the 75th anniversary of Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private). A Thanksgiving 75th Anniversary event was organised by the school with the support from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) to commemorate its achievements, with the presence of Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia in providing the keynote address and thanksgiving. It was a memorable moment for all attendees to remember and honour the missionaries and educationists who have contributed to the success of the school throughout its 75 years of history. Amongst the attendees were current students and teachers at the school, representatives from Methodist Anglo Chinese School (ACS) Primary and Secondary, and members from the council's board of management & staff.







VIPs with the school's principal (front centre) at the Thanksgiving 75th Anniversary event.



School's main building at the entrance.

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Place your orders at **bit.ly/Lent22-Order** by 15 Feb 2022.

