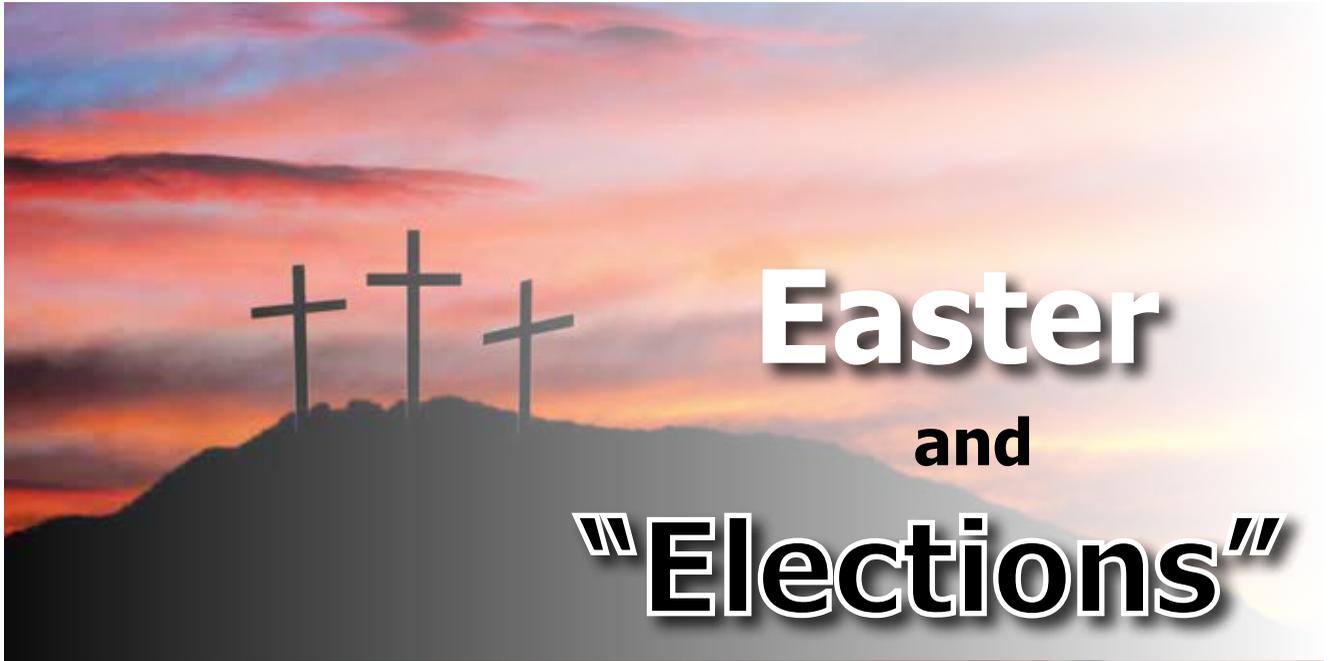


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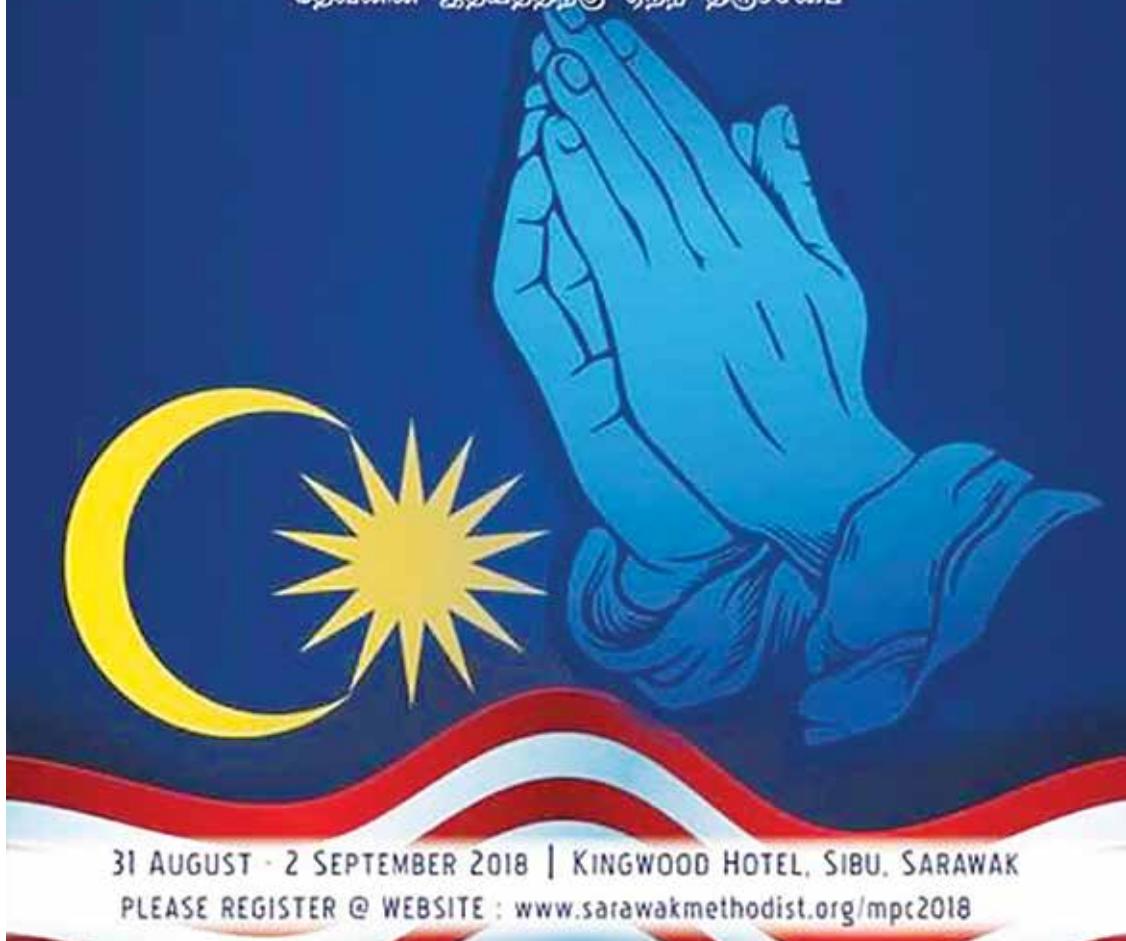
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Prayer Points for GE14

How then should we pray for the nation as GE14 draws nearer and nearer?

- 1 First, let us urge our own networks to give themselves to "pray without ceasing" for our country and its welfare. Challenge them to pray individually, in small groups and also in their local churches' prayer meetings, on regular daily/weekly basis. And if they can do it 24/7, so much the better. For as we worship and pray, the light of God will shine stronger and stronger into our land to drive out spiritual darkness and demonic powers in our midst.
- 2 Secondly, pray that the whole electoral process will be carried out properly with transparency by the appointed officers, and that all forms of cheating will be minimised if not eliminated.
- 3 Thirdly, we discussed the "Light Up Malaysia" (LUM) initiative, wherein we gather churches in every federal and state constituency to pray for their respective constituencies. Let us ask God to move the voters to elect MPs or ADUNs who are known for integrity and genuinely committed to work for righteousness in our nation and the good of all citizens.
- 4 Fourthly, let's ask God to open the eyes of the whole nation so that they will see through all the politicking, fake news and false promises, and vote in a government that will really rule with righteousness, justice and compassion in our nation.
- 5 Pray that both trouble-makers and demonic powers behind racial and religious bigotry and violence will be bound and restrained from causing riots and public disorder in the nation.
- 6 Finally, pray that Christians will go forth to do whatever God puts into our hands to do before and during the elections to help bring in a good government, for the glory of God and for the blessings of Malaysia!

Contributed by Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung

Easter and “Elections”

Joyous greetings to all – as we encounter the Lord Jesus as the risen King and celebrate the Empty Tomb over the Easter weekend!

Although Easter fell on the 1st of April this year [April Fools’ Day], the reality of the Empty Tomb is not a practical joke played by the frightened early apostles nor a piece of “fake news” spread by the desperate, lost and disappointed early disciples.

Miraculous “Fact News”

It was “fact news” – as demonstrated in the testimony of Thomas, who was absent from the room where the risen Christ appeared to the disciples gathered there [John 20 :19-28]. Not unlike many in the world as well as in the Church, Thomas kept only to a predominating mono-dimension of understanding reality ie via the “realm of reason and understanding”. So unsurprisingly he blurted out spontaneously as we read in John 20:25 : **“Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”**

Then eight days later, the risen Christ appeared in the locked room to them again. At that time Thomas was present. Jesus then said to him in John 20: 27 - **“Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”**

That was when, a probably broken Thomas exclaimed [John 20:28] - “My Lord and my God!”

Had Thomas come to a “scientific understanding” of the fact of the resurrection as seen in his risen Lord standing right before him? Obviously he had not – **he just knew that it was a fact!** In the words of that great preacher Martyn Lloyd Jones – *“So it is not a question of understanding – it is a question of the facts”*. By then, Thomas *elect*ed to believe even though he could not explain the resurrection.

Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” [Matthew 28:1] *elect*ed to be at the tomb even when they could not explain what seemed to contradict their expectations of the “power and glory” of their Messiah Lord Who had instead been crucified. They, along with the other disciples, had an “earthly ambition” for the Messiah that missed the plan and purpose of God in sending Christ into the world as an atoning Lamb of sacrifice before He rose again to become the Lion of Judah. Their “power and glory” expectation for the Messiah was measured by earthly standards alone and doomed for dissolution and decay and had been demonstrably rejected by the Lord Jesus in His temptation in the wilderness [Matthew 4:1-11].

“Holy Saturday Moments”

Many of Jesus’ followers would have thought that if the powerful Romans could crucify Him, then He just could not be the Messiah. That apparent defeat did not stop courageous Joseph of Arimathea from going to Pontius Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. Unlike Peter and the others, he had *elect*ed not to be afraid of being identified as an accomplice or sympathizer of Jesus who had been sentenced to death.

The Church of the risen Christ will need to *elect* to act in the present, just like Joseph did, when we encounter “Holy Saturday moments” – just before Easter Sunday. During “Holy Saturday moments” – the Christian faith agonizes over apparent great defeats and there is nothing to do except wait. The early Church endured Holy Saturday moments – when the mighty Roman Empire tried to exterminate the Christian faith once and for all at the end of the third century. But to their astonishment and that of historians – within a few years - more than half the Roman Empire had turned to Christianity and the new emperor gave in!

We have also witnessed the “Holy Saturday moment” in China after the victory of the Chinese Communist armies in 1949. Suppression of religion followed and the members of all missionary societies departed or were expelled from China. One report stated that in 1950 there were an estimated 700,000 Protestants in China. But it is now estimated that there are more than 100 million Protestants and nearly 12 million Catholics in China [by Professor Yang Fenggang, director of the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University].

The sceptics and enemies of the Cross will continue today to “keep Jesus safely dead” as on Holy Saturday two thousand years ago. They would want to “keep the tomb safely secured” [Matt 27:64] by making “science has disproven God” claims etc. But the resurrection on Easter Day demonstrates that God will do what God will do, in God’s sovereign time.

Like Thomas, we must *elect* to believe even though we cannot explain the “fact news” of the resurrection. Like the two Marys, we must *elect* to be at the tomb even when we cannot explain events in life and ministry that seem to contradict our anticipations of the “power and glory” expected of our beloved Lord. Like Joseph of Arimathea, we must courageously *elect* to not stop doing what needs to be done when we encounter the “mad, sad and the bad” of Holy Saturday moments in our world today.

General Election 14 - 9 May 2018

*At the time of writing this message, the Malaysian Parliament has just been dissolved and the **General Election 14** will take place on **9 May 2018**. God's people called Methodists must elect to apply concretely the reality of the hope and power of the "fact news" of the resurrection firstly through **praying** – exercising faith to ask God for His help, and with humility receive it in His terms.*

*Next, we must dutifully, determinedly and discerningly elect to **cast our votes** at the appointed time. Again like Joseph of Arimathea, we must courageously not stop doing what needs to be done even when we encounter the "mad, sad and the bad" of the political "Holy Saturday moments" in our nation today.*

*As God's people, we shall reverently pray for and act, including **registering as polling and counting agents** as we bless this fair nation of ours. May Almighty God bless our fair land with leadership of governance that is wise, just, honest, compassionate and righteous - that would sincerely serve the people and committedly deepen their welfare, uphold the rule of law, honour the Federal Constitution and courageously act to unite the people of Malaysia.*

Let us not forget the words of Billy Graham: "In a world that might say one vote doesn't matter..., it does matter because each person is of infinite worth and value to God... Your vote is a declaration of importance as a person and a citizen".

May the Almighty God of Easter fill us with His peace and hope as we make godly "elections and choices"; as our nation heads for GE 14, may the Sovereign God Who "controls the course of world events.. [Who] removes kings and sets up other kings... [Who] gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars "[Daniel 2:21] – bless and watch over Malaysia.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 15:13

Bishop Ong Hwai Teik

GE 14

An Episcopal Pastoral Letter

- The General Election 14

To All in the Methodist Family in Malaysia

Warm greetings.

Once again it is time for all Malaysian citizens to go to the polls come **9 May 2018**. The people of God in this country have been covering our beloved land with unceasing prayer and seeking that this most important, strategic and historic moment - will be a blessing to our beloved nation.

We call to mind some important truths from the Word of God, as to God's sovereignty, and the type of governance leadership that will shape well our national culture and form our shared future:

Romans 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Daniel 2:21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings....

Romans 13:4 The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good....

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

On a personal level....each of us

- **Must be determined and undeterred** by timing, inconvenient circumstances, attempts at foul play, unethical and repugnant corruptible practices – **and make sure that we cast our individual vote;**
- **Seek God and be discerning in casting your vote:** looking for the candidate that is *wise, just, honest, compassionate and righteous - that would sincerely serve the people and committedly deepen their welfare, uphold the rule of law, honour the Federal Constitution and courageously act to unite the people of Malaysia.*
- **Help to enable others to cast their votes such** as sharing transport, directions, ascertaining polling information/ centers etc;

- **Sign up/register** as **polling and counting agents** as we contribute to a “clean and fair election” and bless this beloved nation of ours.

On a community level....each church to **Pray, remind and announce**

- **Announce/remind and offer a specific prayer** and the reminder to vote - **at our Sunday Services [15, 22 & 29 April and 6 May]**, small group gatherings and other regular meetings of the church.
- **Organise prayer and fasting** - for individuals and the congregation; organise/join/invite other churches and congregations in your area for a common time of prayer for GE14.
- **Intercessions:** let us all pray for peace, fairness and orderliness for the **run-up to the elections**; integrity, transparency and propriety of the **electoral/polling process** by all involved governmental agencies and political parties; and for God's sovereign providential **outcome**, for national harmony, unity and an effective Government thereafter.

Make practical arrangements

- Arrange carpooling, transport for those isolated, infirmed and elderly; making available resources to help those in need so as to be able to fulfil their responsibility of casting their votes.
- Where needed, readily *provide sufficient/additional unrecorded leave* for the church pastor[s], ministry and administrative staff so that they can go to the polls [even though 9 May 2018 is a public holiday].

Let us take to heart the words of wisdom from two God-fearing men with proven fruitful lives.

Billy Graham said:

“In a world that might say one vote doesn't mat-

ter..., it does matter because each person is of infinite worth and value to God...Your vote is a declaration of importance as a person and a citizen”.

Abraham Lincoln declared:

“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”

Let us not take our eyes off the Highest Authority, Almighty God, as we pray for the high cause of the election of those who will guide the future of this beloved nation of ours – at *federal and state levels*. Let the Methodist Churches unite with other churches and congregations locally to pray fervently and act conscientiously – during this GE14.

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen”.

- Hebrews 13:20

May Almighty God bless Malaysia.

Bishop Ong Hwai Teik
The Methodist Church in Malaysia

11 April 2018

A Reminder:

Please take note of the
Aug 2010 binding Decision of General Conference Executive Council of
The Methodist Church in Malaysia -

“That the GCEC resolves that no Methodist church should apply for or receive government grants, irrespective of the party in power, in the period between the nomination date of any election to the polling date of the same. Given the present socio-political context, this will send a clear signal to everyone that the church is non-partisan. More importantly, it will make clear that the Methodist Church does not condone actions that are or can be perceived as being related to money politics.”

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第十四届全国大选 (GE14)
致马来西亚基督教卫理公会的大家庭

平安!

在即将来临的 2018 年 5 月 9 日，马来西亚公民将再次投下手中神圣的一票。一直以来，马来西亚的上帝子民不懈地为所热爱的土地祷告，祈求在这最重要的历史时刻，为我们亲爱的国家带来祝福。

我们想起圣经教导的一些重要真理，如上帝之道、上帝的主权、治理国家的领导模式和我国的未来，都应建立在这些真理上。

<罗马书>11 章 36 节：因为万有都是出于他、藉着他、归于他。愿荣耀归于他，直到永远！阿们。

<但以理书>2 章 21 节：他改变时候、日期，废王、立王……

<罗马书>13 章 4 节：要知道，他是上帝的仆役，对你是有益处的……

<箴言>14 章 34 节：公义使邦国高举，罪恶是人民的羞辱。

在个人层面……我们每个人

必须坚定及不被拦阻：无论是时间，或其他事件引起的不便、不法、不道德和令人反感的腐败行为，**我们须坚决投下我们个人的一票；**

投票时须寻求上帝的带领和分辨出好的候选人：在各候选人里分辨出明智、公正、诚实、富有同情心和正义感的候选人——能真诚为人民服务，竭力为人民带来福利，维护法治，尊重联邦宪法和勇敢团结马来西亚人民的人选。

提供帮助：如共享交通、指点方向、解说投票程序及中心等等；

报名/注册为监票员和算票员：是我们为“廉洁和公平选举”做出贡献和祝福我们亲爱国家的时候了。

在社区层面……每间教会该做的事

祈祷、提醒和报告

报告/提醒：在 4 月 15、22、29 日和 5 月 6 日（日）的崇拜里报告，提醒会友投票，在小组聚会和教堂其他固定的团契也可报告。

组织禁食祷告活动：在个人和堂会层面，组织/邀请/参加本地区的其他教会和会众共同为 GE14 祈祷。

代祷：让我们为选举前的各种活动代祷，祈求和平、公平和有好的秩序；为政府机构和政党的**选举/投票操作程序**有诚信，能透明和合法代祷；并为**投票的结果**是上帝的旨意，为国家的和谐、统一和其选后政府的有效操作代祷。

行政安排 ·

为需要交通者、病人和老人安排共车，或提供交通工具；也帮助那些需要资助以便能履行投票之责的人。

若有需要，让教会的牧师、行政人员和事工人员有足够的假期去投票（尽管 5 月 9 日是公共假期）。

让我们思考两位敬畏上帝的名人智慧之言。

葛培理说：

“世界可能认为一票不重要……其实是重要的，因为对上帝来说每个人都是无价之宝……你的一票是身为一个人和一个公民的重要宣言”。

林肯宣称：

“我关心的不是上帝是否站在我们这边；我最关心的是要站在上帝的一边，因为上帝永远是对的。”

让我们注目那至高无上、全能的上帝，为那些将参与选举、未来领导我们所热爱的国家和州属之人选祷告；让卫理公会与本地其他教会、会众联合起来，在 GE14 期间，殷勤、认真地祷告。

“但愿赐平安的神，就是那凭永约之血，把群羊的大牧人——我们主耶稣从死人中领出来的神，在各样善事上装备你们，使你们遵行他的旨意；又藉着耶稣基督在我们里面行他所喜悦的事。愿荣耀归给他，直到永永远远。阿们！”（来 13：20-21，和修本）

愿全能的上帝福佑马来西亚

王怀德会督

马来西亚基督教卫理公会

2018 年 4 月 11 日

请注意：

根据马来西亚基督教卫理公会总会执行理事会（GCEC）2010 年 8 月的文件：

“GCEC 决定，在任何选举的提名日到投票日之间，卫理教会不可向政府/执政党申请，或接受补助金。鉴于目前复杂的社会政治环境，这措施的明确信息是教会是超党派的。更重要的是，这能清楚表明，卫理公会不会容忍与金钱政治相关的行为。”

Launching of Hope Methodist Vocational Centre, Sitiawan

“Giving Hope in Living by Giving Skills in Earning”

On 2nd April, 2018, Officiated by Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik

Hope Methodist Vocational Centre (HMVC), Sitiawan was launched on April 2nd 2018, the Monday after Easter Sunday.

Just as Easter is the Hope of all Christians, HMVC provides hope to youths to learn a skill, enabling them to be useful contributors to society. HMVC provides a platform for those unable to continue with their academic studies.

Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik was filled with thanksgiving and joy in attending this launching. When he arrived; he was met by vibrant group of church members of this small community.

In Bishop’s words of affirmation, he delivered a straight forward message about our God, who always has the wellbeing of His people at heart; He based his message on Jeremiah chapter 29 verses 7, 11 to 13.

“Exhorting God’s people where ever they are to seek peace and prosperity of the city they live.”... and in verse 11, God says,” For I know the plans I have for you, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

HMVC is indeed that aspiration to provide living skills and a future.

That building, previously known as Methodist High School, was a school which provided second chances to many to re-enter tertiary education and to continue on to higher institutions of learning. Today the Methodist Church after much hard work by the HMVC board members and under the leadership of Col. Leong Pook Seong has established HMVC. He also gave a welcome speech.

Bishop recalled the first meeting two years ago on January 12th 2016, when he first cast the vision and encouraged the members assembled there to establish this centre of Hope. Today that vision is realised by the grace of God.

Bishop and the board members were very encouraged to see the pioneer batch of 9 students, 5 from Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist, 2 from TAC (Ipoh) 1 from local CAC church and 1 Chinese boy from Sabah.

The presence of many members from the churches and the

community attest to the aspiration that HMVC is to be a centre of blessing to others, a centre where God’s name is magnified and glorified.

We thank God for the leaders from the various communities represented at the launching service that morning,

- Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik
- District Superintendent Rev. Loo Teck Swee of Ayer Tawar Chinese Methodist Church
- Methodist Sengoi Mission Superintendent, Rev. Bah Saha A/L Bah Bulu
- Methodist Council of Education, Executive Director, Mr. Khor Hong Yin
- Retired Principals; Mr. See Lee Sing and Mr. Ding Kong Leong,
- Col. Leong Pook Seong Chairman of the Board HMVC and his board members

The following are the pioneer staff & consultants;

- Acting Principal Rev. Victor Leong
- Senior Administrative Executive and Trainer – Michael Loh
- Warden and Trainer – Liew Kam Yoong
- Centre general worker – Maureen
- Special Consultant, Simon Leong from Zone Air (M) Sdn. Bhd.
- Course Trainer – Hazron from Zone Air (M) Sdn. Bhd.

Worship was led by a group of orang Asal from East Malaysia, who are members from Wesley Methodist Church Sitiawan.

A picture of the worship service at the launch;



Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik giving His words of affirmation



A day after the launching; Trainers and His students



Bishop and the Superintendents praying for the students



Group photos:
Bishop, Board members,
Trainers and the pioneer students

After the launch, all those present were invited to a simple lunch. The gathering at the Centre projected a vibrant atmosphere, consonant with providing Hope to many in the coming years

Our next intake will be in 3 months time, and HMVC aims to award certificates of a vocational centre recognized by the government (upon meeting their requirement/standards of TVET course completion) in three years time.

HMVC, will come under the 3rd track of the Council of Education work which is – “Special needs Education” apart from our Private Education schools & Government aided schools tracks.

This Special needs education is especially meaningful because our targets are those in financial need, those with different academic orientation or the “marginalized”. The aim is to help them establish a stable foundation so that they can lead better lives in future.

Thus, we want to encourage all churches and individuals to participate in journeying with them by contributing towards this project or sponsoring the student’s tuition fee.

It costs about RM16,000.00 to train a student. The Sengoi students are especially in need of sponsorship. If journeying with them appeals to you, please contact the Council Executive Director Mr. Khor Hong Yin. His contact details are; e-mail: khorhongyin@mcoe.edu.my and cell no. **012-364 5310**.

We look to God to bless and watch over the pioneer students. We also pray for many others who are looking to build their careers outside the stream of academics to come and seek HMVC as their hope in building their career paths.

All Glory to our Almighty God.

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(Next to SMK Methodist ACS)

Wesley Methodist School Penang (International)

Dedication and Thanksgiving Service

9th March, 2018 marks a historic day in the life of Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) or WMSPI for short. It was dedicated to God's glory by Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik, the Episcopal Head of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. This school which had the ground breaking ceremony on 2nd March 2016 is now completed pending the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC).

This joyous Thanksgiving and Dedication Service was held at the open grounds of the school. About 80 plus guests consisting of members of the Board of Management, members of the Task force of WMSPI, well-wishers and friends from near and far, attended this event.

The Service was ably led by Rev Ronald Yap, the Pastor-in-charge of Trinity Methodist Church Penang and the Chaplain of WMSPI. The worship team from Trinity Methodist Church Penang were on hand to assist too. The Presidents of the TRAC, CAC and TAC Conferences were present to participate in the Service. The Children's Choir consisting of the students in the Fast Track Program (currently using Pykett Methodist School as their premises) rendered a beautiful anthem "When you Believe, there will be miracles" as an act of praise to our Lord. The children sang very well and the dance team was perfect too. It was a beautiful sight to see the children singing with the beautiful skies as their back drop.

Scripture passages from Proverbs 3:13-18, 1 Timothy 4:6-16 were read and the gospel readings for the day were taken from John 14:15-17, 25-26, 16:12-13 and Matthew 5:13-16. The chairman of the Building Task Force, Dato Eddy Leong led in the Declaration of Purpose.

Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik shared the ministry of the Word with his challenging message titled "Our Unchanging Mandate" based on the scripture text from Matthew 5:13-15. We are called to be the salt and light of the world especially in "doing school" in the age of the 4th Industrial Revolution.

He then proceeded with the Act of Consecration of the building and after prayers and the benediction, the Bishop, Rev Dr T Jeyakumar, Rev Dr Ezra Kok and Rev Dennis Raj proceeded to the adjacent wall to unveil the plaque.

The celebration concluded with the guests adjourning for lunch at the nearby Elite Restaurant.

WMSPI, the latest International School in Penang is now

ready to receive students and registration for the 2018/2019 intake is now open. WMSPI offers wholistic quality education, following the British Cambridge curriculum for Primary (Year 1 to Year 6) and Secondary School (Year 7 to Year 11) leading to the internationally recognised Cambridge I.G.C.S.E. English will be the medium of instruction. God willing, WMSPI and other WMS schools will be the school of choice when it comes to international school education.

The WMSPI campus is planned to take in 1,500 students while the hostel facilities can easily accommodate about 100 students. The school will also offer a wide range of co-curricular activities and sports e.g. Music, Drama, Art and Dance are integral components of our mission school programme.

We want to record our special thanks to Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik, the Bishop of the Methodist Church In Malaysia for officiating the event and sharing the Word; Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar (President of TRAC), Rev Dr Ezra Kok (President of CAC), Rev Dennis Raj (President of TAC); and Datin Judy Chin (General Conference Lay Leader) for their presence on this important occasion.

We also acknowledge with deep gratitude the attendance of the Rev Dr John C A Barrett, who came from the United Kingdom to grace our event; he rendered great and invaluable assistance to this project. We are thankful for the presence of Mr Tan Wah Thong (the former Chairman of the ACS Singapore Board of Governors) who has provided unstinting support, and his friends from Singapore who have specially undertaken this journey to be with us. Mr Tan Wah Thong was instrumental in the setting up of the ACS International Schools in Singapore.

We also thank Dato Chin Lean Keat (Chairman of the Board of Management of WMS Schools) and Dato Eddy Leong, Chairman of WMSPI Building Project Task Force for their hard work, invaluable guidance and support. We also put on record our deep appreciation to all our brothers and sisters who have contributed in one way or another to this project and to this celebration.

Above all else, we want to thank our Almighty God - to Whom all honour, glory and praise is due.

Mrs Evelyn Lim





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To: All in the Methodist Church Family in Malaysia

Date: 1st March 2018

The Methodist Thanksgiving Memorial Chapel [MTMC][of the Wesley Methodist School Penang (International)]

Warm greetings.

The General Conference Executive Council has agreed on 26 January 2018 to undertake, as a Methodist Church Family in Malaysia, the above project.

The **MTMC** [500 seating capacity] is a RM 2.5 million project that will be solely sponsored and supported by the financial giving and offering of our Annual Conferences, local churches, agencies [such as MW, MSF etc] and members of the Methodist Church in Malaysia.

We take on this responsibility because the Methodists, as God's people, believe in setting aside this "**sacred space**" in the Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) [WMSP(I)] that symbolises our mission and intention for building the school.

From a **historical viewpoint**, the Methodist Thanksgiving Memorial Chapel [MTMC] is our Methodist Family thanksgiving to the Lord in memory of the many blessings that our *Methodist missionary forebears* have brought to us some 133 years ago. A fundamental and essential blessing that changed many generations of lives and this country is *education* that these committed and sacrificial missionaries brought to us.

From our **community perspective**, all our Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conference, local churches and various agencies have received countless blessings that we are grateful for. We can offer a thanksgiving offering as we celebrate our church anniversaries, organise special projects to raise funds to contribute to the MTMC etc.

From a **personal angle**, there are many blessings we can celebrate with a thanksgiving offering: for our church, our life, our marriage and family, for God's faithfulness as we celebrate anniversaries, for acknowledging significant events such as our health/healing, education, answered prayers etc. We can also give out of gratitude in memory of loved ones such as our beloved parents and others whom we treasure.

Anyone, young or old, in big or small amounts, can be grateful and generous towards God, our unfailing Provider. If each of our local church in our Methodist Family gives at least RM 7,000 - the MTMC target will be reached.

Let us as God's people called Methodists – be a thankful people as we acknowledge God's hand of bounty upon the Methodist Church in Malaysia – historically, communally and individually.

ESV Psalm 100: ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ



Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik
The Methodist Church in Malaysia

*Contributions and gifts for the Methodist Thanksgiving Methodist Chapel specifically indicated for "MTMC", can be sent to: *The MTMC Project, 69 Jalan 5/31, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan;* cheques can be made out to "AEC of the Methodist Church in Malaysia".

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Features

News from TAC

2018ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஆவிக்குரிய புதுப்பித்தலையும், எழுப்புதலையும் எதிர்பார்ப்போம் (பகுதி 2)

கிறிஸ்து வாக்காளிகளும் நாம் எழுப்பி பிரகாசிக்க வேண்டுமென்றால் என்ன செய்ய வேண்டும்?

1. மனம் திரும்ப வேண்டும்
நம் வாழ்க்கையின் ஒளியற்ற நிலையை உணர்ந்து நம் பாவத்தை அறிக்கையிட்டு கர்த்தரால் உயிர்ப்பிக்கப்பட ஜெபத்திலே கர்த்தரிடம் வர வேண்டும்.
2. இயேசுவை தியானித்து நம்மை அவருக்கு முழுமையாக ஒப்புக்கொடுக்க வேண்டும். கர்த்தராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்து நம்மேல் வைத்த அளவிடமுடியாத அன்பை உணர்ந்து கொள்ள பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவர் நமக்கு உதவி செய்ய ஜெபிக்க வேண்டும்.

கர்த்தருடைய பாதத்தில் அமர்ந்து அவருடைய வாதையை வாசித்து தியானித்த அவர் பாதத்தில் காத்திருக்கும் போது, பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவர் கர்த்தராகிய இயேசுவின் சிலுவையை நமக்கு காட்டுவார். பாவிக-

ளாகிய நம்மை இரட்சிக்க தம் இரத்தத்தை சிந்தி மாறித்தாலே அவர் நம்மேல் வைத்த அளவிட முடியாத அன்பை காட்டுவார்.

கர்த்தராகிய இயேசுவை நாம் தியானித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் போது பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவர் நம்மை அனல் மூட்டுவார்.

நாம் கர்த்தராகிய இயேசுவுக்கு முழுமையாய் ஒப்புக்கொடுத்து பரிசுத்த ஆவியால் நிரப்பப்படும்போது கர்த்தருடைய பரிசுத்த ஆவியால் நம்மக்கு மிகுந்த தசந் தேதாஷத்தை உண்டாக்கும். நம் நாவு அவருக்கு நன்றி செலுத்தி துதித்துக் கொண்டே இருக்கும். அவரை முழுமனதுடன் ஆராதிக்க தொடங்குவோம்.

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致：马来西亚卫理大家庭

事关：卫理感恩纪念礼堂 (**The Methodist Thanksgiving Memorial Chapel [MTMC]**)
(位于檳城卫理国际学校)

主里平安!

身为马来西亚卫理大家庭，总议会执行理事会于2018年1月26日决议承担以上项目。

容纳五百个座位的卫理感恩纪念礼堂 (**MTMC**) 耗资马币二百五十万，此项目将完全由我们各年议会、牧区、机构 (如：妇女会、乐龄团契，等) 及马来西亚卫理会友来赞助与奉献。

我们承担这份责任，因身为卫理信徒，上帝的子民，深信在檳城卫理国际学校将此处“分别为圣”，以示我们建校的使命与目的。

从历史观点，卫理感恩纪念礼堂 (**MTMC**) 乃是我们卫理大家庭向上帝献上的感恩，为纪念我们的先贤，于大约133年前来马的卫理宣教士所带给我们的祝福。这群委身且愿意牺牲的宣教士所带给我们其一的基本与关键的祝福乃是教育，从而改变这国家世世代代的生命。

从我们的群体看法，我们所有的年议会、临时年议会、牧区，与各机构已领受无数的祝福，我们因此十分感恩。当我们庆祝我们教会的周年纪念，我们可借此来献上感恩奉献，为 **MTMC** 举办特别筹款项目，等。

从个人角度，有许多祝福值得我们欢庆，且献上感恩奉献：为我们的教会、我们的生命、我们的婚姻与家庭，在我们庆祝周年纪念之际感谢信实的上帝；甚至为特别事项来感恩，如我们的健康或医治、学业，祷告蒙应允，等。我们亦可在纪念我们的至爱，如我们的父母以及我们所珍爱的来献上感恩奉献。

任何一位，无论老或少，数额大或小，皆可向上帝谢恩并慷慨解囊，因祂是我们不落空的供应者。若我们卫理大家庭里的每一个牧区奉献至少马币七千，**MTMC** 的目标将达成。

让我们卫理信徒，身为上帝的子民，成为感恩的一群，深知上帝的恩手，在历史、群体、个人一方，不断保守马来西亚卫理公会。

(和合本) 诗篇 100: 3 你们当晓得耶和华是神! 我们是祂造的, 也是属祂的; 我们是祂的民, 也是祂草场的羊。4 当称谢进入祂的门; 当赞美进入祂的院。当感谢祂, 称颂祂的名! 5 因为耶和华本为善。祂的慈爱存到永远; 祂的信实直到万代。

谢谢。

主内



王怀德会督 (博士)
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Devotion

Lord Behind All

It pleases the Father that all fullness should be in Christ; therefore, there is nothing but emptiness anywhere else.

(William Gadsby)

IN WORD: God was pleased. Today's verse is intriguing, if we think about it. The infinite God, who lacks nothing and satisfies Himself in His own person and in His creation, was notably pleased to dwell in Jesus. The Ancient of Days, who has never had a problem with contentment, took special pleasure in the Incarnation. It wasn't a whim, it wasn't a chore, and it wasn't a mild interest. It was a passion.

When we understand that God takes pleasure in saving the world, we approach life with a much deeper perspective. Our struggles seem less exhausting, our trials seem more tolerable, and our obsessions become subordinate to a greater purpose. Like parents who rejoice in a child's growing pains—not for the pain they cause, but for the maturity they signal—God rejoices in the process that is bringing us into full maturity in Christ. He knows the end result, and it is glorious. A joyful God is much easier to embrace as Lord than a reluctant God. When we get a taste of His values regarding our struggles, we can live through them more zeal-

One Year at the Cross Devotional by Chris Tiegreen

ously. We may even enjoy wondering how they will be used for eternal gain.

IN DEED: Immerse yourself in the pleasure of God. Meditate on the passion with which He redeemed us. He was pleased in the Incarnation. He didn't enjoy the Cross, but He was excited about its result. Jesus endured the Cross for the joy that was set before Him (Hebrews 12:2). He doesn't just tolerate the new creation; He delights in it. God looks at this broken world, in all of its problems and pain, and is enthusiastic about what's coming. He knows what He has in store for us.

You'll find that bathing in the pleasure of God—really understanding the beauty and joy behind His redemptive work—will rub off on you. You will begin to experience the same joy. You'll see hardships from an eternal perspective, and you'll soon discover a strange sensation: not only does God take pleasure in His difficult work, so do you.

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things.

Colossians 1:19-20

DEVOTION

Vacancy for the Position/Appointment of General Secretary, Council of Churches Malaysia

1. Job Description

- a. The General Secretary shall provide overall strategic leadership and planning aimed at ensuring achievement of the Vision and Mission articulated at the General Assembly that is monitored and sanctioned by the Board of Management.
- b. Be responsible for the overall operations of the CCM Office in terms of administration and finance.
- c. Shall oversee the overall management of the Ecumenical Center in consultation with the Property Management Committee.
- d. To serve as the spokesperson of the National Council when so mandated by the Board of Management/ Heads of Churches.
- e. To provide overall coordination of communications and public relations with staff, member churches and the public at large.
- f. To ensure the proper hiring, training and development of staff.
- g. To build and strengthen ecumenical ties within and outside of the CCM.
- h. Governance leadership: the General Secretary in the operation of CCM shall observe and uphold the polity and leadership style underlying the structure of CCM as established and exercised by the founding Churches/Denominations, with the Heads of Churches in the Episcopal tradition playing significant roles.

2. This position calls for a person of:

- a. Genuine Christian character and spirituality.
- b. A senior churchman/person with people skills and management competencies.
- c. Committed to pursuing a vision of inter-church synergy in unity in meeting the

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3. Required Qualifications:

- a. A Malaysian citizen.
- b. A senior member in good standing of one of our membership bodies.
- c. Has a proven Christian character in service and ministry; an ordained minister and feel called into the ministry involving ecumenism will be an advantage.
- d. Have a theological degree; possessing post graduate and other relevant fields of training will be an advantage.
- e. Has a good command of English; an advantage if possess proficiency in other relevant languages.
- f. Age range: 45-50 at point of initial employment/election.

4. Procedure for Application:

- a. Each applicant must be recommended by a CCM member body.
- b. A recommended applicant must submit
 - i. A detail curriculum vitae [c.v]
 - ii. A personal photograph
 - iii. Two letters of reference – one of which must be from the Head of the Denomination/Bishop/President/ Moderator.
 - iv. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for interview.
 - v. All applications must be sent to:

**The Acting President of the CCM,
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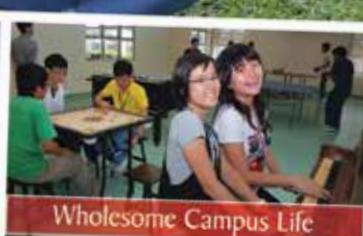
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