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THE
Family
After
God's Own Heart



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Bishop & Mrs. Ong (right) and Rev. & Mrs. Moses Tey (left)



Council of Laity chairman – Mr. Jacob Lee welcoming delegates



CAC President, Rev. Dr. Ezra Kok praying for the conference



Speaker Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik



Q&A with Rev. Moses Tey facilitated by Dr. Herbert Tan with interpreters, Rev. Wong Tik Wah and Ms Sarah Say



Holy Communion



Speaker YB Hannah Yeoh



Council of Laity



Bishop Ong hosting lunch meeting on 23 August 2019 in Seremban with Methodist students of Seminari Teoloji Malaysia (STM), accompanied by lecturer, Ms Ho Gaik Kim.

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"A Church After
God's Own Heart"



Adapted from the Message delivered at the launching of the 2nd Klang Valley

BIBLE READING MARATHON

Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya, 28th August 2019.

WHY THIS PUBLIC DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD IS SO IMPORTANT

The Pharisees in the “Triumphal Entry” passage of Luke 19:37-40 had stridently told the Lord Jesus to rebuke His disciples who “began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen”. The revealing reply that He gave was - **“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”**

Similarly, even if we do not read aloud the Bible, it does not change the fact that the attestation and authenticity of this truth remains unchanging – its veracity and legitimacy being borne out by “witnesses” other than human utterance!

God's people have gathered in different locations in Malaysia over this Merdeka Day Weekend to read and declare God's Word aloud, seeking God's truth and blessing to be over this beloved nation of ours.

Why is this public reading of the Bible so important? There are at least four reasons.

1. The Bible has significance of historical proportion. The Bible contains the sovereign holy will of God whereby the beginning and final fate of our world as He has determined will come to pass. This includes the Second Coming of Christ in which the new heaven and earth will be established.

Granted that now “we see dimly” and “know only in part” – but then enough had been revealed about the script of where and how the “movie of the history of our world” will end one day.

We declare God's sovereign will to all creation, that we must “act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God” [Micah 6:8] as prescribed by the Author of the script of Earth's history. So that no matter how overpowering the threats posed by the politics of powerful nations in adversity, the mind-boggling capacity of nuclear weapons, the technological inventions and scientific breakthroughs that challenge ethical norms, and economic developments and advancement that are soulless – His “history script” - will stand forever as declared by Isaiah 40:8 **“The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever”.**

2. The Bible has cosmic significance for glorifying God in the “heavenly realm” of spiritual “principalities and powers”. The Bible contains the truth of God's “undefeatable” plan from eternity - to reveal His unsearchable riches in Christ to

the Gentiles. The Gentiles are also partakers of the promise of salvation in Christ Jesus through the gospel [Eph 3: 5-6]. This hitherto mystery has *“now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit”.*

Paul, at the same time, says **“through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places”** [Eph 3:10]. This divine wisdom “is primarily the wisdom it took to devise a plan of redemption as great as this: a plan to unite and glorify Jew and Gentile, contrary to all human expectation, by the horrible death of the mighty Messiah” [John Piper] and its successful implementation and results. This verse tells us of the grandeur of the mission of the church. The Church on earth may feel hard-pressed and in the minority but we must never forget the cosmic significance of the Church which is beyond the terrestrial.

As we read the Bible aloud, we are once again proclaiming and glorifying God to the unseen cosmic realm enemies of His “manifold wisdom”. This is the revealed wondrous and undefeatable purpose of the Good News of salvation in Christ Jesus that embraces, unites and restores our broken world - so that *“There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus”* [NLT Galatians 3:28].

We glorify the cosmic Ruler as the cosmic Church in which the “gates of hell cannot prevail against” [Matt 16:18] - under the banner of the eternal and “unchallengeable” authority of the Sovereign Ruler of the universe!

3. The Bible has significance for personal transformation. We are not only declaring the hope available for the transformation of the sinful fallen human nature but also that there is actual power to bring this to pass. This we read in ^{NLT} **Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.**

As we read the Bible aloud, we are declaring the available living power for transformation of lives in our nation – that God's Word will spread and effect changes in the young and old, male and female, the rich and the poor, the weak and the powerful, the sojourners and the citizens, inside and outside of the church. *Only the Word of God has divine authority and only the Word of God awakens life in sinners - supernaturally.*

4. The Bible has significance for worship. Worship is rooted in WHO GOD IS – the Bible asserts this clearly. This is seen especially in the names and dealings of this Holy and Almighty God. We shall proclaim what the wondrous God Whom we cannot but worship, Who is responsible for the great miracles of the crossing of the Red Sea, the sun standing still as Joshua battled the Amalekites, the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection of Christ etc.

In our Bible reading marathon - we shall proclaim why we worship this Sovereign and Holy God as revealed by His names.

He is Elohim [Genesis 1:1] – referring to God’s incredible power and immeasurable might. He is the One and only God. Who in the “Beginning... created the heavens and the earth.”

He is Yahweh – “The Lord” – the self-existing eternal great “I Am” [Exo 3:13-14] - from the verb which means to “exist,” “be.” He is responsible for all that exists but Himself dwells in eternity. He is the Absolute self-existent One that means God does not depend on anyone or anything for His existence or sustenance.

He is Abba [Gal 4:6] – the most intimate form of God’s name, demonstrating the character of the ultimate, faultless Father, Who is lovingly ever-present in our lives to provide protection, security and unconditional love.

He is El Elyon [Ps 7:17], the “God Most High” – revealing that He is the supreme cosmic God Who is above all principalities and powers, that nothing in life is more sacred. He reigns supreme, even if there are those who are deemed as “gods”.

He is El Roi [Gen 16:13] - “The God Who Sees” with kindness and care. He is the one who sees us when we feel lonely and abandoned. He sees the situations and affairs of people, and knows when they feel displaced, misplaced and out of place in life.

He is El Shaddai [Ps 91:1] which means “God Almighty” (Septuagint - *Deus Omnipotens* in Latin). Another view says it is derived from the Hebrew word meaning “*enough, sufficient, sufficiency*”. No wonder Paul says he would boast all the more gladly of his weaknesses because he had heard our El Shaddai God say to him – “My grace is *sufficient* for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” [2 Cor 12:9].

He is Yahweh Jireh [Gen 22:14] – “**The Lord will Provide**” – the faithful, generous and not petty God Whom churches celebrate with thanksgiving from anniversary to anniversary!

He is Yahweh Nissi [Exo 17:15] - “**The Lord Is my Banner**”. He gives leadership, covering, protection and deliverance for His people. He is the One Who makes the Church a minority with a majority status!

He is Jehovah Rapha [Exo 15:26] – the “**Healer**” [**The Lord who heals you**]. He is the compassionate God Who knows we are in need of healing, including our land, Malaysia. This name brings untold comfort and hope to many suffering illness, bro-

kenness, or painful circumstances. This God knows and understands we are in need of help, as we live in a broken world.

He is Yahweh Shalom [Judges 6:24] - “The Lord is Peace” – the only One capable and willing to give us the peace that passes all of our own understanding, beyond all that the world can give to us. The common *western definition* of peace is the absence of conflict or war but in Hebrew it means so much more. The root word for “shalom” means, “*to be safe in mind, body, or estate.*” It speaks of *completeness, fullness, or a type of wholeness* that encourages you to give back, to generously re-pay, so that in the middle-eastern context, the greeting “shalom” means “may you be full of well-being” –so as to overflow and bless others.

The context of the Aaronic blessing was one of war, as Israel went out to conquer the Promised Land. Numbers 6:23-26 states - “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you **peace.**’”

This Aaronic Benediction would not make sense, if peace means “the absence of war” as they would soon be in battle. Rather God was referring to an *inner peace and a sense of complete well-being* brought on by His face favourably shining upon His people, and His countenance of approval that extends His protection. That was the blessing that Israel needed as they scarcely experienced times of “outward peace”, that even in the midst of battles in the tumultuous voyage of life, they were to have an *inward rest brought on by the presence of the Lord, regardless of the outward circumstance.* That should be so for each of us as well!

When we read out God’s Word we declare Who He is – the Sovereign Author of the Script of History, the Cosmic Ruler of seen and unseen realms, the Powerful Transformer of lives, and the Only One to be worshipped.

So whatever the situations and appearances around us may be - let us now proceed to read aloud the Bible which is the everlasting Word of God that is alive to all of creation and to all realms seen and unseen!

I now declare the Second Bible Reading Marathon in Klang Valley officially open IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER – the Source of all revelations, THE SON – the Living Word, and the HOLY SPIRIT – the INSPIRER OF THE WRITTEN WORD. Amen.

Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik

Conference Lay Leaders speak on GCLC 2019

The Family After God's Own Heart

19-21 July 2019, Port Dickson Methodist Centre

"The church is a family of families. If we never have healthy families, then we will never have healthy churches". Scott T Brown

The church is God's family and it consists of many biological families. Strong families make strong churches. However, many churches are losing their younger generations. It is a big church issue but fundamentally the trend is due to the short-fall in our family generational discipling.

The family after God's own heart is God intended. We thank God that the recent General Conference Laity Convention at Port Dickson from 18-20 July put the nearly 300 participants in the right perspective in connecting church and family. It was indeed timely for us to go deeper into the challenges in our family ministry, particularly in redeeming our generations. We captured the notion of the urgency for family transformation and rededication. All were challenged to play our roles in national family reformation.

Recount God's Master Plan

Family is the greatest masterpiece in God's creation. In Genesis 1:27-28, when God created man and woman in His image, He also spelt out His master plan "... be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." Marriage and parenting are clearly in the creation plan. Parents are deemed the prime nurturers of the next generation. In his first talk on "Gospel Supremacy in Families to Build God's Kingdom", Rev Moses Tey emphasized that the authenticity of the gospel must be lived out at home. Family should be the place for gospel experience and demonstration. Family is the God-ordained institution for passing on and building of faith from one generation to the next. Have we been fulfilling the master plan of our creator both at home and as a church?

We have realized the seriousness of our inadequate family ministry. We can no longer remain in self-denial of our shortcomings. It is time to rediscover and revitalize our family ministry. In the busyness of our never ending church programs we have been neglectful in our family responsibilities as a church, thus losing the younger generations. We need to seek God's forgiveness for our negligence in fulfilling His master plan.

Realign to God's Own Heart

We were really convicted by God when Bishop Ong led us in repentance and sought God's forgiveness before he started his session "The Methodist Church Family." We prayed for His

grace in guiding our church and family to remove our flaws and replace them with reconciliatory measures and practical strategy according to His own heart.

We must no longer try to champion our own ministry dreams even with all our good intentions, without realizing that they have been jeopardizing the very essence of God's master plan for our families. We have to realign our thoughts and plan to that of God's. Deuteronomy 6:7-8 is God's instruction to the families of His people. In Ephesians 6, Paul gave specific instructions on relationship between husband and wife, parents and children. Generational discipling is the standard and the pattern given throughout Scripture.

I am not sure how many churches have been promoting generational togetherness in church. On the other hand, are we aware that our age-targeted and gender-segregating ministries have been fragmenting our families? Have we been serious in working out the necessary paradigm shift in strategizing the faith formation of our children and youths? Have we not neglected the implementation of long-term generational discipling? Not aligning to God's own heart is the reason for the crisis of losing our generations. From the sharings during the concluding session, it was clear that the participants had caught the principle in God's perspective.

Capturing the 1-12 years Group

Many were stunned when Rev Moses Tey answered a question raised on how we should bring back our wayward youths to God. He gave a profound answer with a challenge. "It causes your life to save our children's life. The key issue is 'Are you willing?'" Are we willing to sacrifice ourselves selflessly like Christ for our children's sake? Are we willing to put aside our pride, repent and even seek forgiveness from our children, rebuild relationships with them and pray for them?

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6. In his second talk, "Urgency of Capturing the Next Generation While Young", Rev Moses Tey very clearly stressed that "a child" has to be at the 1-12 year old age group. The life development of the whole being starts from the beginning of life, be it physical, social, emotional, psychological or intellectual. It is in the

areas of spiritual or faith development at this age that shape our children's attitudes, values and character. It becomes more intellectual when they enter the teenage stage. By then it will be too late to shape them; even receptivity to the gospel will be markedly reduced.

Most churches are investing heavily on the teenage or youth ministry. No doubt it is important. But we have to admit that it is an uphill task solving problems as a result of our ineffective discipling at home during their 1-12 years. It is urgent! We need to capture this group now to avoid running into the crisis of losing another generation. An hour of weekly Sunday school class at church is hardly adequate in influencing the lives of our children. The church, together with its revamped Sunday School ministry, needs to empower the parents and make the home to be the centres for the growth of the Christian faith. It has to be home-centred and church-focused.

Towards A Home-Centred Family Ministry

It is imperative for us to embrace a home-centred family ministry. We have been stuck in the old pattern of teaching the faith to the families. Can't we discard the unhelpful program and structure meant for a culture that does not exist anymore? We must rethink generational discipling and change the status quo.

In his talk "How the Church Wins the Next Generation", Rev Moses Tey emphatically mentioned that the church should be equipping and empowering the parents. Parents should not only strengthen their own marriages but also be the primary influencers in the faith formation of the next generation at home. Other factors to be considered in creating a family-friendly church include organizing intentional intergenerational activities, drawing parents into children and youth ministries when their children are in these ministries, and reducing our meetings and programs to free the parents and children so that they can have more time at home with each other.

Abel Cheah gave us great insight in his talk "The Family-Oriented Church" on how a church shall engage with everyone as part of the wider 'church family'. The 'Date My Mate' event is a creative way of dating. Marriage enrichment retreat is a ministry not to be missed. Being the National Coordinator of Alpha Malaysia, he also introduced to us the Marriage Preparation Course, The Marriage Course, The Parenting Children Course and The Parenting Teenager Course. The Sunday experience in church shall make everyone feel like they have come "Home" as a big family. He strongly encourages us to be innovative.

At times we can become frantic in chasing after the fads to lure our children or teenagers to remain in church. Discipling our younger generations has to be relational, life impacting and disciple reproducing, and homes are the most effective centres. We need to unlearn our "doing church" as an

institution, and relearn to be "being church and doing life," especially in the passing of our spiritual legacy.

God Moves beyond Reports

During the last session of our convention, we were shown the statistics on the seriousness of the social problems in our nation. Divorce rate is on the rise in Malaysia. There were 10,827 non-Muslim cases in 2018, including Christian couples. The prevalence of having sex among the teens is shocking. 9.3% of form one students are sexually active while some have multiple partners! There are 12 teenage pregnancies per day out of wedlock and the highest is in Sarawak! Mothers top the list of child abusers. Babies are dumped at an alarming rate of three per week. All these negative social ills are the result of dysfunctional families in our nation. The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development has an enormous task in bringing about a much needed national family reformation.

Sadly speaking, the life values of teenagers and adults in church are often indistinguishable from the world's life values. We have no data on the divorce rate among Christian couples locally but in the west it is not much better than the rate among the non-Christians! In God's mercy, Christian families should fare better. We shall not be overwhelmed nor be defeated by these disheartening reports. We believe our God is still at work in our families and our nation. God moves beyond reports. Besides focusing on our church families, our church should rise up to be a significant partner in shaping the nation's family welfare as our social obligation to nation building.

We need to bring back the positive impact of our church on the family in this era. We must make parents aware of their power and influence in strengthening families. It always breaks my heart to hear that a couple married in church has filed for divorce. Pre-marital counselling is important, but post-marital mentoring is equally essential in order to reduce the divorce rate. All too often, the troubled couples only seek counselling after they have already decided to separate. The church should equip spiritual parents to be mentors. Strong marriages are vital to good parenting.

As a church, we should also offer free counselling to our community too. Our helpline should be made known to the public. We should invite families from our neighbourhood to join our church family activities. Organizing marriage and parenting courses for the public should be our obligation. Besides prayer, these are the least we can do in national family reformation.

As for Me and My Household

God said to the parents in Deuteronomy 6:7-8, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children..." It is God's command, not a suggestion. It is not an option and it is non-negotiable. Our church must play her role to partner with the

home in the process of imparting the faith and values to our children. Undoubtedly the primary shapers are the parents.

We must all put in our concerted efforts to strengthen our family ministry at all levels from the Annual Conference to our home, according to God's design. May we all declare unhesitatingly like Joshua in 24:15, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Dr Wong Sung Ging
Conference Lay Leader
Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference



合神心意的家庭

文/黄顺锦 (砂拉越华人年议会会友领袖)

翻译/周凯哲

“教会是一个由众多小家庭组成的大家庭。没有健康的小家庭，就不会有健康的教会。”
(斯格特·布朗 Scott T Brown)

教会是上帝的家，是由许多有血缘关系的家庭组构成。稳固的家庭建立稳固的教会。然而，很多教会逐渐失去了他们年轻的一代，这是很大的教会课题。在根本上，这个趋势是因家庭跨代门训这个破口所造成。

合神心意的家庭本来就是上帝的意图。感谢主，于7月18日至20日在波德申举行的“总议会会友事工大会”(General Conference Laity Convention)，310名参与者得以正确地理解教会和家庭的关系。我们应该及时深入探讨家庭事工的挑战，特别是赎回每个世代。我们抓住了家庭转型和重新委身的紧迫性，所有人都被呼吁要在全国家庭改革中发挥作用。

重思上帝的大计划

家庭是上帝创造中最伟大的杰作。创世记一27-28描述上帝按照祂的形象创造了男人和女人，也阐明了上帝的大计划：“要生养众多，遍满地面，治理这地……”可见婚姻和育儿显然是在创造计划的一部分。父母是下一代的主要养育者。郑摩西牧师在他的第一场分享“在家庭中彰显福音的超越性以建立神的国”中强调：福音的确实性必须在家庭生活里体验出来。家应该是体验和展现福音的地方；家是上帝塑造以传承和建立代代相传信仰的地方。我们在家里和教会里是否都在努力完成我们的创造者的大计划呢？

我们已经意识到在家庭事工方面做得不足的严重性。我们不能再无视自己的不足，是时候再次振兴我们的家庭事工。我们因忙碌于各类的教会节目和计划，所以忽视了自己作为一个教会的家庭责任，从而失去了年轻一代；因为我们疏忽了实现祂的大计划，需要求上帝宽恕我们。

重新认识合神心意

王怀德会督在开始他的分享“卫理教会的家庭”前带领我们认罪并寻求上帝的宽恕时，我们在上帝面前深深懊悔。我们祈求上帝引导教会和家庭以和解及实用的策略来克服我们的弱点，以达至合神心意的目标。

我们不可因自己的事工愿望，而影响了上帝对我们家庭的大计划的本质。我们必须重新调整自己的思想与计划以符合上帝的计划。申命记六7-9是上帝对祂子民家属的指示。在以弗所书5、6章中，保罗对丈夫和妻子，父母和孩子之间的关系给出了具体的教导。跨代的门徒训练是整本圣经中提供的标准和模式。

我不确定有多少堂会有提倡跨代模式的事工。另一方面，我们是否意识到自己的年龄和性别区别的事工已经分裂了我们的家庭？在制定儿童和青少年信仰培育上，我们是否认真地、有策略地进行必要的范式转变？难道我们没有忽略长期性的跨代门徒训练吗？没有与上帝的心意保持一致是导致失去下一代的原因。从会议结尾的各分享来看，很明显，参与者已经能认清合神心意的原则。

锁定1-12岁的一群

当郑摩西牧师回答一个关于我们应该如何带领违背愿望的年轻人回到上帝的问题时，许多人都感到震惊了。他给一个有深度同时充满挑战的答案：“要拯救我们孩子的生命，你可能要付出生命。关键的问题是‘你愿意吗？’为了孩子的缘故，我们是否愿意像基督一样无私地牺牲自己？我们是否愿意放下我们的自大，忏悔甚至寻求孩子们的宽恕，重建与他们的关系并为他们祈祷？”

“教养孩童，使他走当行的道，就是到老他也不偏离。”(箴言廿二6)。郑摩西牧师在他的第二场分享：“赢得

年轻下一代的迫切性”，他非常清楚地强调“孩童”是指1-12岁年龄阶段的孩子。无论是身体、社交、情感、心理还是智力的成长都始于幼年时期。在这个年龄阶段，心灵或信仰的发展塑造了孩子的行为、价值观和品格。进入青少年阶段却是多属于智力的增长。那时才来塑造心灵或信仰基础已为时过晚，对福音的接受也会明显减少。

多数教会都在大力推动青少年事工，这点非常重要。但我们不得不承认，由于孩子在1-12岁年龄阶段期间，我们并没有有效在家中推行门徒训练，现在要解决青少年问题已非常困难。这是至关紧急的！我们现在需要抓住这个年龄阶段的群体，以避免陷入失去另一代人的危机中。每周一次的主日学是不能有效影响我们孩子的生命。教会及“修改”后的主日学事工必需教导父母，使家庭成为基督教信仰成长的中心。这必须以家庭为中心，同时再由教会落力支持。

走向以家庭为中心的家庭事工

我们必须推行以家庭为中心的家庭事工。一直以来，我们都采用旧模式向各个家庭传递信仰。难道我们不该放弃那些已落伍、无益的方法和架构吗？我们必须重新思考跨代门徒训练，并改变现状。

郑摩西牧师在他的分享“教会如何赢得下一代”中，强烈地提出教会应该装备父母并赋予他们教养子女的权力。父母不仅仅要加强自己的婚姻，还要成为家庭下一代信仰塑造的主要影响者。建立一个有利于家庭的教会时还要考虑其他因素，包括：组织代际活动，在孩子参与儿童和青年事工时鼓励父母同时参与该事工，减少开会或活动的次数以让父母和孩子能够拥有更多在家共处的时间。

Abel Cheah在他的分享“以家庭为导向的教会”很深刻地分析教会应如何与每个人接触，使他们成为教会大家庭的一部分。“我与伴侣的约会”活动是一种创造性的约会方式。“恩爱夫妇营”是一个不容错过的事工。作为马来西亚启发的全国协调员，他还向我们介绍了美满婚姻预备课程、美满婚姻课程、儿童亲子教育课程以及青少年亲子教育课程。他表示，周日在教堂的崇拜经历，必须是让每个人都觉得他们回到这个大家庭，因此强烈鼓励我们必须创新。

许多时候，我们追随一般世人的作风想方设法地把我们的孩子或青少年留在教会。但门训年轻的一代关乎关系，是生命影响生命，门徒繁衍门徒，而家庭则是最有果效的门训中心。我们要撇弃建构教会成为一间机构的惯法，尤其在属灵遗产的传承上，我们务要重新学习以活出信仰来建设教会的工夫。

超越“报告”的上帝

在大会最后环节我们看到了关于我国社会问题严重性的统计数据。马来西亚的离婚率正在上升。2018年共有10,827非穆斯林夫妇（包括基督徒）离婚案件。青少年婚前性行为的现象令人震惊。9.3%的中一生已是已发生过性行为，甚至有些有多个性伴侣！每天有十二个未婚少女怀。孕虐待儿童的案件中，母亲名列前茅。每周

都有三个弃婴。所有这些社会弊病都是我国家庭功能失调的结果。妇女、家庭和社区发展部在推行的全国家庭改革方面有巨大的任务。

可悲的是，教会中青少年和成年人的人生价值观往往与世俗的人生价值观无法区分。我们没有关于本地基督徒夫妇离婚率的数据，但在西方它并没有比非基督徒的比率好多少！照理来说，靠着上帝的怜悯，基督徒家庭应该做的更好啊。然而，我们不该被这些令人沮丧的报告所压垮或屈服；我们相信上帝仍在为我们的家庭和国家工作。上帝超越了报道。除了关注我们的教会家庭，教会也应该成为塑造国家家庭福利的重要伙伴，这也是我们建设国家的社会义务。

现在我们需要重塑教会家庭的积极影响。我们必须让父母们意识到他们在加强家庭方面的力量和影响力。每当我听到在教堂结婚的主内夫妇要离婚，我总是伤心欲绝。婚前辅导很重要，但婚后辅导对于降低离婚率同样重要。通常这些陷入困境的夫妇在他们已经决定离婚后才寻求辅导。教会应该装备属灵的父母成为婚姻导师。唯有成功的婚姻才能养育出好的儿女。

教会也应该为我们的社区提供免费辅导。我们应该向整个社区公布我们的辅导热线。我们也应该邀请社区里的家庭参加我们的教会家庭活动。为公众举办婚姻和亲子教育课程应该是我们的义务。这些是我们除了祈祷外，可以为我国家庭改革中做的一些事。

至于我和我的家庭

上帝在申命记六6-7中对父母们说：“我今日所吩咐你的话都要记在心上，也要殷勤教训你的儿女……。”这是上帝的命令而不是一个可协商的建议。教会必须与家庭合作，向孩子们传授信仰和价值观。毫无疑问，主要的塑造者是父母们。

我们都必须齐心协力按上帝的大计划，加强推行从年会至家庭的家庭事工，活出上帝的心意。让我们齐声宣告“至于我和我家，我们必定侍奉耶和华。”（约书亚书廿四15）



Repot Pengari Ari SIAC Ti Ngulu Aum Besai Periman

Di Port Dickson Methodist Centre kena 19-21 Julai, 2019



Gambar bala pengari ari SIAC ti ngulu GCLC 2019 di Port Dickson Methodist Center



GC METHODIST LAITY CONVENTION
AUM BESAI PERIMAN 总议会会友事工大会
பொது மாநாட்டு சபை மக்கள் கன்வென்ஷன்

Puji Tuhan, sekali agi bala periman Gereja Methodist Malaysia udah mujur ngator Aum Besai Periman 2019 di Methodist Centre, Port Dickson kena 19 ngagai 21 Julai, 2019.

Bisi 300 lebih pengari ari semua Aum Betaun (CAC, TRAC, TAC, SCAC, SIAC, SAC) udah begelumu ba Aum Besai ke sekali tu ti berambai ka jaku “The Family After God’s Own Heart” tauka “Sebilik ti Ngelantangka Ati Allah Taala.”

Leboh Aum Besai tu, SIAC udah nganjung 58 iko pengari ti nyengkaum 7 iko paderi/pengajar enggau 51 iko bala periman. President SIAC, Reverend Steward Damat enggau Tuai Periman SIAC Mr. Jefri Ngalambai sama bisi ngulu Aum Besai ti diator sekali dalam timpoh 4 taun.

Leboh maya Aum Besai tu, bisi 5 iko *speaker* ti udah bekunsi ka jaku Tuhan enggau bala ti datai lalu batang pekara ti dikerandau ka sidak berindik ari rambai jaku aum besai ke sekali tu, ianya pasal Sebilik ti Ngelantangka Ati Allah Taala. Bala speaker nya nyengkaum:-

- (i) Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik - The Methodist Church Family.
- (ii) Rev. Moses Tay - Gospel Supremacy in Families to Build

God’s Kingdom, Urgency of Capturing the Next Generation while they are young and How God’s Kingdom Capture the Next Generation.

- (iii) Mr. Abel Cheah – The Family Oriented Church.
- (iv) YB Hannah Yeoh – The Church Family in The Nation

Bala pengari diberi peluang betanya lalu bekunsi ka penemu pasal pekara ti dikerandau ka bala speaker lalu pia mega bisi sesi ngagai tiap Aum Betaun nyerara ka penemu ari pengari diri empu bekaul enggau randau ti dibantaika bala *speaker*.

Nitihka ti udah disebut Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik maya Aum Besai, peluang baum bakatu meh dikena kitai besaum sereta ngerapat ka agi kaul antara semua kitai bepun ari paderi-pengajar, periman enggau pengereja enda kira umur bepelansarka jaku ari Bup Kudus dalam **Epesus 4:3 - Lalu enggau naka ulih nyaga penyerakup dalam Roh ngena pemaik ti nanggap kita semua.**

Ditulis – Jefri Ngalambai
Conference Lay Leader
Sarawak Iban Annual Conference

TRAC's Report GC Laity Convention 2019

Members of the Methodist Church from all six Annual Conferences attended the General Conference Laity Convention (GCLC) in Port Dickson Methodist Centre. The theme was *The Family After God's Own Heart*, and the message was again the correlation of strong families leading to strong and healthy churches.

In all the above, although the themes are the same (the WHY), different expert speakers gave different viewpoints and approaches (the WHAT and HOW) to generational discipleship according to their experiences and the environment they operated in. We have no reason to doubt their expertise and sincerity. At the same time, we must understand that contexts may differ from one church to another. If we just apply others' approaches (the WHAT and HOW) wholesale without taking into consideration the characteristics and features of our own local individual churches, we could run into conflicts and get demotivated easily. Lots of discernment and innovative thinking required here, and not just hoping for the Holy Grail.

Upon reflection, the following are my insights on family ministry. I try to align them with the vision of TRAC of *Come, Follow, Become Like Jesus*. Indeed, the Board of Laity of TRAC has put family ministry as the super priority in partnering pastors to fulfill the TRAC Vision.

So where do generational discipleship and family ministry (I use these two phrases interchangeably) come in? I look at it as the pressing strategic issue many main stream churches are

facing today (the WHY): the missing generations of youth and young adults from church, and this also applies to many Wesley churches. Extending such observation into the future, the succession problem will morph into crisis. In fact, Dr Martyn Atkins, the 2008 General Secretary of the Methodist Conference in UK, went so far as to say 'A church that doesn't make disciples of Jesus Christ is 50 years from extinction wherever it is.'

Hopefully, the above explanation on the connections gives clarity, excitement and motivation (the WHY) in our services and contributions (the WHAT and HOW). There is a relevant common purpose for us all to collaborate and aim for (the WHY). It helps us to prioritize on the areas of focus given our limited resources, and the patience to persevere the journey. More specifically, how can the various ministries of church school, MYF, BB, GB, MYAF, young parents, MW, and MSF work together (through the WHAT and HOW relevant to the individual local churches) in promoting generational discipleship and effective family ministry to build stronger, healthier and growing Wesley churches in the years ahead.

It makes sense why Dr. Ron Hunter, founder of the D6 Movement in USA, called Family Ministry the 'Umbrella Ministry'.

It is our reason for being (the WHY).

Dr. Yee Chow Boi
TRAC Southern District Lay Leader

Article by Mr Yong Siang Mew, Lay Leader of SAC

参加会友事工大会，我个人从三方面浅谈在信息中的学习。

(一) 个人

信主几十年，对佈道福音的认识，一直认为只是讲究方法与技巧，然后如何寻找对象。以为福音是未信者才需要的，完全忽略了个人的领受，因此对基督救恩的大爱感受有限，以至与神的关系缺乏紧密联系，属灵生命停滞不前对主基督舍弃自己来拯救世人的福音不能有深度的体会，原因就是在这方面先有错误的观念。在潜意识中，福音听多了，那是给新人听的！感谢神，郑摩西牧师带来了福音的真谛，个人要先领悟到每一次的信息都有神的心意，再去传扬。

(二) 家庭

教育儿女最有效的时期是0~12岁。讲员指出：“福音的使命是从家开始，婚姻是展现福音最有效的体现”。还有，“创造主的本意不是要我们把什么最好的物质留给下一代，而是我们能给他们怎样的属灵光景”。这些都让我重新意识到夫妻关系及亲子关系，神是多么期望家成为一个见证荣耀上主的地方。因此教会要在婚姻辅导及儿少事工上加倍努力，父母与教会领袖都应负上生命

传承的责任使命。

(三) 教会

今天教会可能面对最大的问题是陷入如何吸引人来，而以节目为导向的目标，为各类节期特别主日的节目忙的不亦乐乎，欠缺了生命的培育、灵性的塑造，而过于注重在知识理性方面的教导。另外，会督提醒卫理联属的精神，这方面有待加强，特别在年会的事工，总部大厦的筹备及建造是一个例子。最后，在做任何事工之前先问自己：为什么而做？希望达到什么结果？是否合乎神的心意？

杨尚茂
会友领袖
沙巴年议会

Mega CMC Family Ministry experience

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
Joshua 24:15

Biological growth is an important aspect of church growth besides conversion and transfer growth. As I listened to Rev. Moses Tey preach on nurturing our children in spiritual growth starting from infancy and the likelihood of producing ‘exemplar’ disciples of Christ, I could not agree more to what he said.

The family unit is an integral part of the church family. A happy marriage is the foundation of a blessed family. So, premarital counseling is a prerequisite of all matrimonies held in Mega CMC and sort of ‘compulsory’, no premarital counseling, no wedding at church. The counselors usually a couple, would journey with the newly wed for at least two years.

Mega CMC is a very ‘productive’ church. Each year, we have approximately 25 newly born babies and we encourage infant baptism. Parents are tasked to provide Christian education to their children at home. We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday school. And therefore, we put in a lot of resources to our Sunday School. We set up a family ministry to provide classes and support groups with the aim of helping to build happy marriages and imparting parental skills. Sex education is also conducted for parents and adults.

We design our Christian education to cover all age groups to ensure there is no miss for any category; and a dedicated full

time ministry staff is assigned to each of these categories.

They may be summarized as follows:

Sunday school from toddler up to age 10,

Pre-teen for age 11 to 12

MJYF for age 13 to 17

University and college fellowship

Working youth ministry

Young adult ministry (married youths)

Family groups

Senior people fellowship

Aside from these, we always encourage our brothers and sisters to serve together as a family. Serving together will also bond the family and thus bring unity and great family experience in mission and ministry. Often times, we see families growing stronger, closer and happier after they return from mission trips. It was a moving sight seeing a young couple carrying their infant and with another young kid in tow knocking on the villager’s door and going from door to door evangelising. It’s more encouraging when you see the little boy sharing the gospel with the kid while his parents are talking to the adults.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

By Mr Jacob Lee

CAC Conference Lay Leader

GCLC Reflections from TAC

On the whole, all the sessions were good but unfortunately, due to lack of time we (the delegates) were unable to explore further. That is one of the observations we would like to make here.

Bro. Moses’ sessions have given us much to think about especially challenges for church to consider. Bro. Abel Cheah’s ‘Date the Mate’ has surely caught much attention. The challenge for us at Tamil Annual Conference, the Tamil churches, is how best we can do something similar given the cultural and traditional background that at times can also be the baggage that holds us back. But TAC is cognizant of the need of our young people to find the right partners or spouse. In fact, on a lighter but similar note, we have started in establishing a database of unmarried people and we will try this “Date a Mate” method very cautiously. We also understand that DUMC’s social evening can also be a model that we can learn from. However, for all these to happen, truly TAC needs a paradigm shift. And the question that we ask ourselves is how disruptive are we prepared to be innovative in our ministries and that is something we have to further explore.

Bishop’s point about Scott T. Brown’s quote that ‘Healthy families’ makes healthy church’ have been observed and we expand

it further to say ‘Healthy individuals make healthy marriages and healthy marriages make healthy parents which make healthy families and therefore healthy churches’.

By Mr Guna David

Conference Associate Lay Leader



曾思瀚博士说书会

报道：黄珍琳、甘慧仪

7月5日早上十时至中午十二时三十分，由永恒智慧书局主办的说书会，在卫理大厦五楼小礼堂进行，讲员是毕业于英国雪菲大学的哲学博士——曾思瀚牧师；仅受邀者可赴会，包括马来西亚神学院讲师——吴慧芬博士与其夫——伍伟民牧师、泰然诺斯在线神学院院长——郑保罗博士和《南钟》双月刊杂志主编——简永裕牧师。

永恒智慧书局董事——陆素梅律师邀来简永裕牧师成为说书会的主持人。简牧师四年前曾修读曾博士执教的课程，获益良多；他在场肯定曾博士为华人教会所做的贡献。主修圣经研究的曾博士，在说书会中积极回答众人提出的问题，并略谈其新著《天国演说家：从言说行动理论看路加福音》、《坏鬼》系列和其他著作创作之背景与其内容。

“传统释经是以许多文本/资料为解经基础，根据那些基础（database）来解释所有原文、字句的意义，但缺乏解释经文实际应用。市面上许多释经书只着重于解释读者、作者、背景和写作历史等，而忽略经文上下文的联系，这是传统释经的现象。查经时不能过于依赖现有的文本，因**文本不能代替上帝的话语**。有些人讲道有很多不同应用法，但并非所有的应用都合适于今人，以免影响会众的生命。”这是曾博士著书的宗旨。

曾博士早期发现，固有的查经方法多不正确，进而影响自己的证道素质，便尝试以最简单的方式助读者查考经文，这才有了后来为平信徒而写的“坏鬼释经”系列著作，解经者可从书中提出的主要问题来解经。他坦言，有不少牧者责备他，只因他的神学思想过于开放；他希望自己的作品能帮助许多受传统神学训练的牧者和弟兄姐妹走出框架，以不同的视野来查考圣经内容。

“释经理论是解经的根基，帮助解经者设立界限。讲员讲道时，不能只依赖理论，也必须根据自身的年龄、学养、智力、需求和经历等等，汇通经文的情境。讲员也需要认识自己讲道的内容。”曾博士说，讲员要正确认识自己使用的理论。主题式讲道潜在的危机，是人会利用经文配合自己所要说的“道”；而释经讲道就必须忠于经文原意。

提及青少年和释经之间的关联，曾博士认为，每一代的青少年都会面临不同的问题，不仅仅是后现代而已。因此，成年人需要谦卑地与青少年同行、了解其处境，有智慧地牧养他们，否则，自己所说的“道”就难以触及他们的生活。曾博士表示，长辈在不完全了解任何事情/意外的全貌之前，不要轻易指责年轻人，而是多为他们代祷。曾博士曾做过调查，知道自己的读者群相当年轻，但他自嘲五十五岁的自己已没资格写文章给年轻人看了。

“你要深度了解人生，找到生活智慧。”曾博士鼓励当今牧者保有阅读的习惯，常常阅读信仰以外的主题书籍，因具有阅读能力的人能带动社会的脉搏。曾博士平时再忙碌，每天晚上仍会花一两个小时投入概念式的阅读。

针对来宾的提问，曾博士指出，当今华人教会之所以会出现问题，不只牧者个人有问题，福音派教会最大的问题是把教会当成医院；而教会会友人数增长不能证明教会没有任何问题，也不能保证会友的属灵生命也会随之成长、成熟。曾博士强调：“牧者需要教导信徒认识上帝，不可将上帝的话语加入自己的思想，在著作中尤其如此。牧者也要知道自己无法代替耶稣基督牧养每一位弟兄姐妹，人的能力始终有限。教会是基督的身体，牧者要靠基督，安排其他适合的肢体，一起分担牧养弟兄姐妹的圣工。”

据曾博士所言，他有很强的写作能力，因头脑能很快转入其主题领域。他在香港的浸信会神学院授课时，一个学期里可教四门科目；但无论是否全职写作，都不影响其写作质量，足见神恩。曾博士向会众推荐其两本新著《天国演说家：从言说行动理论看路加福音》和《耶稣的读心术》后，说书会于此顺利结束。



（供图：陆素梅律师）



7月5至7日，曾思瀚博士亦在八达灵新市堂主讲<路加福音>的释经培灵会“路加的文本世界”（摄：符约拿/Jonah Foo）。

The 57th Anniversary Dinner of National Council of Women's Organisations (NCWO)



Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah (duduk,tengah) bersama kedua puterinya, Tengku Puteri Raja Tengku Puteri Afzan Aminah Hafizatullah dan Tengku Puteri Raja Tengku Puteri Jihan Azizah 'Athiyatullah berkenan bergambar pada Majlis Santapan Malam Hari Wanita ke-57 di sebuah hotel hari ini. Turut serta, Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita dan Masyarakat Hannah Yeoh (duduk,tiga,kanan), Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Zuraida Kamarudin (duduk,empat,kiri) serta Presiden Majlis Kebangsaan Pertubuhan Wanita Malaysia (NCWO) Prof Emerita Tan Sri Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin (duduk,empat,kanan).

Romans 12:15a (NIV) *Rejoice with those who rejoice*

NCWO was officially established on 25th August 1963 to act as a consultative, advisory, non-political, non-religious and non communal body which unites women's organisations and co-operates with national, regional and international organisations. NCWO celebrated the 57th Anniversary at the Sunway Putra Hotel on August 24, 2019. Our Queen, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah attended. Her Majesty's birthday was celebrated at the Hari Wanita dinner too. A very encouraging and motivational speech was given by our Queen. CCM (The Council of Churches of Malaysia) was also invited to present a few songs at the celebration dinner.

We, the Methodist women thank God for being given the opportunity to sing with all the sisters from different denominations. The conductor was sister Grace Ho from KL Methodist Hokkien Church. Fifty eight (58) sisters from the Chinese Annual Conference, seven (7) sisters from Tamil Annual Conference, seven (7) sisters from Trinity Annual Conference, six (6) sisters from Lutheran Church, two (2) sisters from The Syriac Orthodox Church attended. Seven (7) Instrumentalists from KL Methodist Hokkien Church led by Bro Koh provided the music. The four (4) Songs we sang were : 1. Hari Wanita 2. NCWO 3. Sejahtera Malaysia 4. You Raise me Up.

Altogether 87 members of the Combined choir and instrumentalists sang and praised our God at this special dinner comprising different races. A very inspiring speech was given by the President of NCWO, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Prof. Emerita Dr. Sharifah Hapsah binti Syed Hasan Shahabudin. Madam Ramani Gurusamy, age 71 was awarded Anugerah Pingat Tun Fatimah. Representatives from CCM were Mary Thomas Mathew, Veni,



Our Queen (in white) and Evelyn Sim (Secretary of GCMW, 4th from left) standing next to our Queen

Suzy, Shanty, Agatha, Sherly.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

By Jennifer Y.N. Yap
(CACMW)



Mdm Ramani Gurusamy , age 71 was awarded Anugerah Pingat Tun Fatimah.



Our Choir conductor, sis Grace Ho and Jennifer Yap (President of CACMW) both from KL Methodist Hokkien Church



From left to right : Mary Thomas Mathew, Veni, Suzy, Shanty, Jennifer Yap, Agatha, Shery.



Choir Members

LAGU HARI WANITA

HARI WANITA HARI BERSEJARAH
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SEGENAP LAPISAN YANG TUA DAN MUDA
MARI KERJASAMA JANGAN KIRA BANGSA

WANITA BERIKRAR BERSATU DAN PADU
CARILAH IKHTIAR MENINGKATKAN MUTU
KERANA BERSATU BERTAMBAHLAH MAJU
PERKARA YANG BERAT BOLEH SENANG DI PADU

MAJU MAJU KAUM WANITA
MENGAMBIL SEMPENA HARI BAHAGIA
MARA MARA KITA BERSAMA
AMAN DAN MAKMUR SELAMA-LAMANYA

WAHAI WANITA SELURUH MALAYSIA
BANGUNLAH BEKERJA UNTUK KEMAJUAN
MARILAH BERDOA KEPADA ILAHI TUHAN
SUPAYA TUJUAN SELAMAT DIKABULKAN

Devotion

One Year at the Cross Devotional by Chris Tiegreen

A Needed Dependence

The Holy Spirit is God the evangelist.

(J.I. Packer)

IN WORD: We might not realize it now, after two thousand years of Christian history behind us, but the thought of the Spirit of God dwelling within human hearts was amazing to Jesus' disciples. They surely knew that some of the heroes of Old Testament times had been inspired by the Spirit—as needed. And perhaps they knew that John the Baptist had been filled with the Spirit from birth—as an exception. But the Spirit of God being so accessible as to occupy multiple hearts at once? Such an uncommon gift now so commonly available? That was earth-shattering.

Even so, Jesus had stressed this gift on the night before His crucifixion, and He stressed it on the day of His ascension. He made it clear that He was not speaking in parables, but that the actual Spirit of the living God was going to dwell in living people rather than in a stone temple. No longer would inquiring seekers from abroad need to come to Jerusalem, as the queen of Sheba had done, in order to meet God. God would be scattered throughout

the world in a practical, powerful way through His people. The witnesses would be indwelt by the One about whom they witnessed.

That makes a huge difference. When we point to Jesus as a historical fact, we have the same resources the skeptic does. We've come to a different conclusion, but we've used the same historical evidence. But when we point to Jesus as a living reality, He is involved. We become intimately acquainted with the One about whom we speak. Our words can be used as His expression because He inspires and empowers them. We are living witnesses of a living Lord.

IN DEED: Pray daily that you would be filled with the gift. The Spirit's coming was not a one-time event; Paul tells his readers to be filled continually (Ephesians 5:18). The apostles were filled repeatedly in the book of Acts. Your fellowship with God's Spirit depends on your daily interaction with Him. In your life as a witness, never forget the gift.

Wait for the gift my Father promised.

Acts 1:4

DEVOTION

The Second Asian Methodist Mission Platform 2019



Attendees at the Second Asian Methodist Mission Platform, 2019



Mr. John Ling, (5th from left) with Vietnamese Methodist leaders

The second meeting of the Asian Methodist Mission Platform was held in Ho Chi Minh City from 23-26 July, 2019. This body was established by the Asian Methodist Council to bring together Methodist organisations and churches to explore partnerships and possible synergy in works of mission in Asia. This is the Methodist connectional system at work. In this way, the scope for working together, in the expansion and extension of His Kingdom in a particular region can be explored.

The Methodist Church in Malaysia was represented by Rev. Boh Che Suan, CAC Missions Board Chairman, Rev Grace Wong, SCAC Missions Director and Mr. Alan Yong, Chairman Council of Mission, MCM. Mr John Ling of SCAC was in attendance as a representative of the Asian Methodist Council. The other representatives were from the Methodist Churches of Korea, Singapore, Australia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Philippines and Global Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, USA.

An event that brought joy to the conference was the presence of several leaders of the different Methodist churches or groups in Vietnam. This is the first time that such a meeting had taken place for them. There are at least five groups of Methodist churches in Vietnam. The situation has arisen because in the early years groups from Korea and the US began separate works in the country. Also, in one case, a church leader chose to start another Methodist church! Seemingly, there is no law to prevent such an incident and under such circumstances it would not be wise to involve the authorities. The discussions led to the need to look at the different churches coming together. The recent establishment of a Methodist Church in Cambodia, which did take a long time, is an encouragement. Importantly, it would be up to the local leaders to find a way for unity. AMC will, of course, assist in any way possible, so that there is just the one Methodist church in the country. Incidentally, a missionary from a local TRAC church is working under the covering of one of the churches.

The situation in two restricted countries were noted and discussed. Rev Dr. DC informed the meeting of the existence of



Meal fellowship



Final session of 2nd AMMP

All Nations Theological Seminary established by the Korean Methodist Church in Siliguri, India. A local TRAC church will potentially be using the school as a location for training of leaders from nations bordering Siliguri.

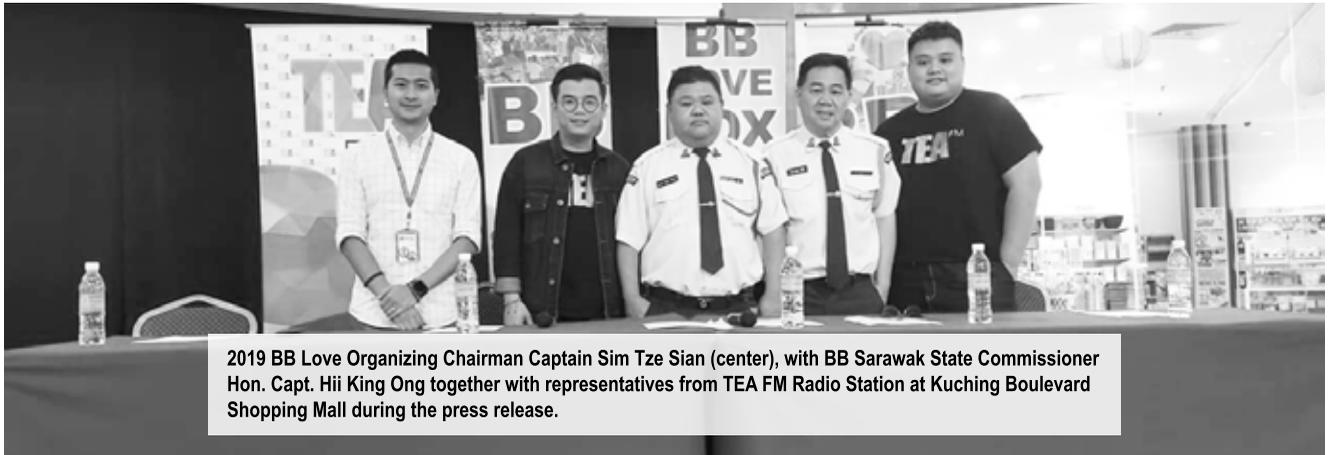
Representatives shared on the major works in the different countries. An AMMP Directory of these works is available through the Council of Mission, MCM (please contact Alan Yong, ayfy19@gmail.com).

We thank the Korean Methodist Church and United Methodist Church for organising the conference.

The next Asian Methodist Mission Platform will be held from 30 June to 2 July, 2020.

By Mr Alan Yong

BB Love Box 2019 Press Release



2019 BB Love Organizing Chairman Captain Sim Tze Sian (center), with BB Sarawak State Commissioner Hon. Capt. Hii King Ong together with representatives from TEA FM Radio Station at Kuching Boulevard Shopping Mall during the press release.

KUCHING - To share the love of Jesus Christ and the joy of Christmas with the needy, The Boys' Brigade Sarawak will launch the 2019 BB Love Box on October 26 and ending on December 2.

A press conference was held at the Boulevard Shopping Mall, Kuching, on August 17, 2019. Captain Sim Tze Sian, the Organizing Chairman, said that the goal of this year's BB Love Box is to solicit 20,000 gifts to help the needy.

Captain Sim also stated that BB Love Box is a church ministry that began as early as 2012. Its first goal in 2012 was to collect 2,500 gifts. In addition, in the past seven years, this ministry has successfully collected a total of 43,000 gifts. Last year alone, 16,000 gifts were successfully collected and distributed.

Captain Sim also reiterated that the BB Love Box is a platform that collects and distributes the gifts to the needy during the Christmas season. The public can participate in this ministry by donating the gifts to help the children and families achieve their Christmas wishes.

There are two categories: for Children (1 school bag and 1

set stationery), and for Family (5kg white rice, 2kg cooking oil and 1kg salt).

The beneficiaries of BB Love Box include the lower income groups who have registered with the Sarawak Social Welfare Council, elderly homes, orphanages, and dialysis centres.

This year, BB Love Box is expanding its ministry to eight regions in Sarawak; Kuching, Sarikei, Sibul, Mukah, Song, Bintulu, Miri and Limbang. Gifts collected will be distributed between December 12th and 20th.

At the same time, Captain Sim also announced that Sarawak BB Love Box Opening Ceremony will be held on October 26th at Bintang Megamall, Miri. The organizer will also conduct a series of activities before and after the opening ceremony, such as blood donation campaign, medical check-up, etc. Besides, Tea FM has been designated as BB Love Box Official Radio Broadcaster and its popular radio DJs Jacob and TP, are appointed as BB Love Box Ambassadors 2019.

Details of the BB Love Box ministry collection points are as follows:

Date	District	Time	Gifts Collection Booth	Contact Number of PIC
26 th October till 2 nd December	Kuching	10am - 8pm	Boulevard Shopping Mall VivaCity Megamall Crown Square	Lt. Michael Hung 012-888 1314
26 th October till 2 nd December	Sibu	10am - 8pm	Farley (Sibu) Supermarket	Capt Lawrence Ling 017-891 5578
26 th October till 2 nd December	Bintulu	10am - 8pm	Farley (Bintulu) Supermarket	Capt Henry Chiew 016-980 7411
23 rd October till 23 rd November	Miri	10am - 9pm	Bintang Megamall	Capt Law Siew Siek 013-830 5779
26 th October till 2 nd December	Limbang	10am - 5pm	Limbang Plaza	Hon. Capt Lawrence Wong 013-839 8778



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Apr 26 & Oct 2

The image shows a large, ancient Greek temple with many columns, partially ruined and surrounded by rubble. The sky is bright with some clouds.



TURKEY 7 2020
CHURCHES

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