

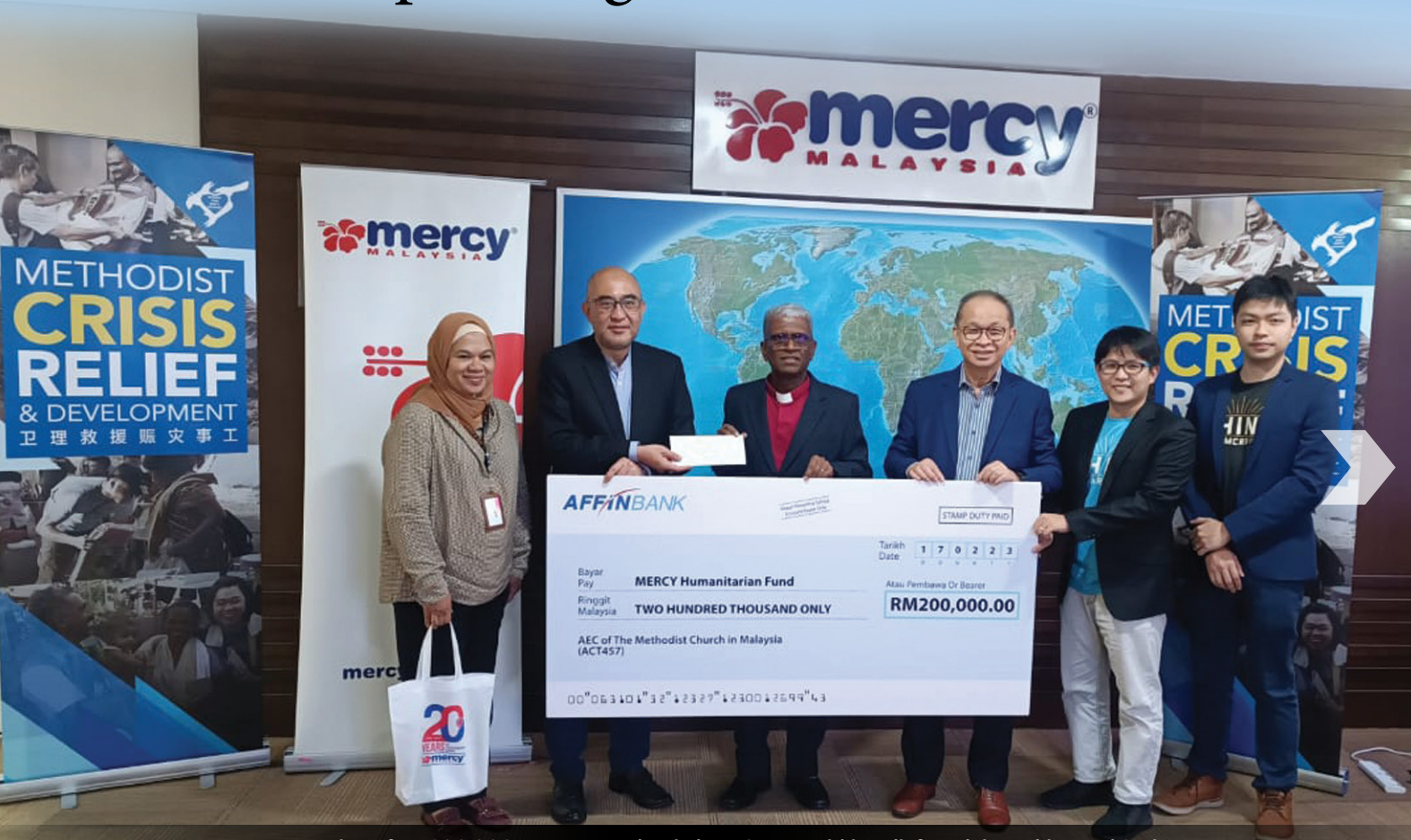
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Responding in times of crisis



Presentation of RM200,000 to Mercy Malaysia by MCRD to aid in relief work in Turkiye and Syria.

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Earthquake destruction in Turkiye



Temporary shelter for victims

Do Good, Seek Justice Isaiah 1:17

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Isaiah is firing a series of concerns at the people of Judah. The style he adopts shows urgency and shows authority. He is speaking with the authority God has given to him. He is speaking the word of God. And what God is saying is urgent. If the people do not heed the commands of God, God will bring judgment upon the people.

We need to see verse 17 in its context. In chapter 1, it is obvious that God hates worship without good works. God hates liturgy without repentance. God hates sacrifices without justice. No matter how rich, orderly and creative they thought their worship was, God rejected it because it was not coming from those with proper moral conduct.

The people were guilty of murder, living unrighteous lives, oppressing the needy, oblivious to the suffering of the poor. The Hebrew word for widow (*almanah*) does not simply mean that the woman's husband is dead, but rather a once-married woman who has no means of financial support, and is therefore in need of special legal protection. God accused the people of dealing un-righteously with the underprivileged. They cared not about the needy. They must repent of such indifference and wickedness. They must help seek justice for those who needed it.

The Bible never only tells us to not do something and leave it at that. It always tells us what we must do. Stop doing evil (16). Learn to do good (17). What good is specifically required at this point? Justice. The Hebrew word for justice (*mishpat*) occurs in its various forms more than 200 times in the Hebrew Old Testament. Therefore, it is a very important concern of God. They must learn to be proactive, to seek justice and administer justice. Verse 18 onwards gives the assurance that blessings can come to them as a people of God when they do what is right in the eyes of God.

How does this verse apply to us today?

Some of us try to manipulate God by participating in acts of worship without participating in acts of justice. We go to church, give our offerings and expect God to think that we have been good. Three lessons I want to draw out from this verse.

1. Do what is good and right as individuals
It is not enough to say that I have done no evil. I must start doing good to those in real need.

At one time, John Wesley helped at least 150 people who were on the verge of starvation owing to severe frosts that had prevented the breadwinners in each family from working. This is just one example of John Wesley who was deeply concerned for people and modelled social justice in his life (or social holiness as he would call it). You and I know that it is not just bad weather, floods and earthquakes that leave people without food. Many people, although working hard, find it difficult to earn sufficient money to support themselves and their families. As such, social responsibility, social holiness amongst us must run high. It must be part of our personal faith.

2. We must actively promote justice together
All of God's people were spoken to by Isaiah. They had a communal responsibility. There are some things we do well by joining hands with others.

John Wesley wrote his final letter to William Wilberforce in February 1791 (Wesley died in March 1791) about the abolition of slavery. Wesley said, "Let the light which is in your heart shine in all good works, both works of piety and works of mercy." He realised that justice often cannot be sought alone. It has to be sought together. So, the Methodists fought slavery together. They visited the sick, founded medical dispensaries, orphanages and other charities together. They also joined in wider movements of social responsibility such as agencies dedicated to mitigating the problems of poverty.

We can achieve so much together if we as Christ's followers can work together, especially in seeking justice, in undertaking charitable projects, and even in engaging the government together on many issues. If we merely conduct

this Unity Service together and think that we have worshipped God together with people whom we don't normally worship with, and go away thinking we have avoided evil and done good, then we fall into the same problem as the people of Judah did, and maybe we are trying to manipulate God too. If we do nothing about justice together, then the rebuke of God through the prophet applies to us too.

3. Genuine worship must lead to right living
When we have truly worshipped God, we will resolve to act with appropriate righteousness in our dealings with others. Why did God not pay attention to their worship? Because they were trying to manipulate God with their worship. They thought God would accept their sacrifices and excuse their unrighteousness.

Mother Teresa once said, "Spend one hour each day in adoration of your Lord, and never do anything you know is wrong. Follow this and you'll be fine." If we spend an hour each day in adoration we will become more like Christ, and we will do good to everyone. Conversely, if we have done what is right, we can without guilt spend an hour in adoration of our Lord. On the other hand, if we do not do what is right how do we face God!

If we want our worship to be acceptable to God, we need to repent of our unrighteous living and actively extend mercy, compassion and justice to the needy, to the marginalised and oppressed. Maybe then, when we stand before God's holy throne, we may hear Him say, "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in. When you did to the least of these, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:31-46).

**“Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of
the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”**

(Isaiah 1:17, NIV)

Buat Baik, Tuntut Keadilan Yesaya 1:17

Yesaya mencetuskan satu siri kebimbangan kepada orang Yehuda. Gaya perbicaraan dia menunjukkan sesuatu yang perlu diambil tindakan dengan segera dan menunjukkan kewibawaan. Dia berbicara dengan kuasa yang Tuhan berikan kepadanya. Dia sedang berbicara firman Tuhan. Dan apa yang Tuhan katakan adalah mendesak dan dengan itu ia perlu Tindakan yang segera. Jika manusia tidak mempedulikan perintah Tuhan, Tuhan akan mendatangkan penghakiman kepada manusia.

Kita perlu melihat ayat 17 dalam konteksnya. Dalam bab 1, jelas sekali bahawa Tuhan membenci ibadah tanpa perbuatan baik. Tuhan membenci liturgi tanpa pertaubatan. Tuhan benci pengorbanan tanpa keadilan. Tidak kira betapa kaya, teratur dan kreatif yang mereka sangkakan ibadat mereka, Tuhan menolaknya kerana ia bukan datang dari mereka yang bermoral.

Mereka bersalah kerana membunuh, hidup tidak adil, menindas orang yang ada keperluan, tidak menyedari penderitaan orang miskin. Perkataan Ibrani untuk janda (almanah) tidak hanya bermaksud bahawa suami wanita itu telah meninggal dunia, tetapi sebaliknya seorang wanita yang pernah berkahwin yang tidak mempunyai sumber kewangan, dan oleh itu memerlukan perlindungan undang-undang secara khas. Tuhan menuduh bahawa mereka tidak adil terhadap orang yang kurang bernasib baik. Mereka tidak mempedulikan orang yang mempunyai keperluan. Mereka harus bertaubat dari sikap acuh tidak acuh mereka dan kefasikan mereka. Mereka harus membantu mencari keadilan bagi orang-orang yang memerlukannya.

Alkitab tidak pernah hanya memberitahu kita apa yang tidak harus kita buat dan berhenti sekadar itu. Alkitab juga sentiasa memberitahu kita, apa yang perlu kita lakukan. Berhenti melakukan kejahatan (16). Belajar berbuat baik (17). Apakah kebaikan yang diperlukan secara khusus pada ketika itu? Keadilan. Perkataan Ibrani untuk keadilan (mishpat) terdapat dalam pelbagai bentuk lebih daripada 200

kali dalam kitab Perjanjian Lama. Ini menunjukkan bahawa Tuhan mengambil berat tentang keadilan. Mereka mesti belajar menjadi proaktif, mencari keadilan dan mentadbirkan keadilan. Ayat 18 dan seterusnya memberi jaminan bahawa berkat boleh datang kepada mereka sebagai umat Tuhan apabila mereka melakukan apa yang betul di mata Tuhan.

Bagaimanakah kita mengaplikasikan ayat ini pada hari ini?

Sebahagian daripada kita cuba memanipulasi Tuhan dengan menyertai ibadah tanpa mengambil bahagian dalam tindakan keadilan. Kita pergi ke gereja, memberikan persembahan kita dan mengharapkan Tuhan berfikir bahawa kita baik. Tiga pengajaran yang saya ingin ambil daripada ayat ini.

1. Lakukan perkara yang baik dan betul secara individu.
Tidak cukup untuk mengatakan bahawa saya tidak melakukan kejahatan. Saya mesti mula berbuat baik kepada mereka yang benar-benar memerlukannya.

Pada satu ketika, John Wesley membantu sekurang-kurangnya 150 orang yang berada di ambang kebuluran akibat cuaca sejuk yang teruk yang menghalang pencarian nafkah setiap keluarga. Ini hanyalah satu contoh John Wesley yang sangat prihatin terhadap orang ramai dan memberi teladan keadilan sosial dalam hidupnya (atau kesucian sosial seperti yang dia panggil). Anda dan saya tahu bahawa bukan hanya cuaca buruk, banjir dan gempa bumi yang meninggalkan orang ramai tanpa makanan. Ramai orang, walaupun bekerja keras, sukar untuk mendapatkan wang yang mencukupi untuk menyara diri dan keluarga mereka. Oleh yang demikian, tanggungjawab sosial, kesucian sosial di kalangan kita haruslah tinggi. Ia mesti menjadi sebahagian daripada kepercayaan iman peribadi kita.

2. Kita mesti secara aktif mempromosikan keadilan bersama-sama.
Nabi Yesaya telah berbicara kepada seluruh umat Tuhan. Lalu mereka menjadikan itu sebagai tanggungjawab mereka bersama. Ada beberapa perkara yang kita perlu lakukan dengan baik untuk berganding bahu dengan orang lain.

John Wesley menulis surat terakhirnya kepada William Wilberforce pada Februari 1791 (Wesley meninggal dunia pada Mac 1791) mengenai pemansuhan perhambaan. Wesley berkata, "Terang yang ada di dalam hatimu haruslah bersinar dalam segala perbuatan baik, baik perbuatan kesalehan maupun perbuatan belas kasihan." Dia sedar bahawa keadilan selalunya tidak boleh dicari sendirian. Ia harus dicari bersama. Jadi, orang Methodist memerangi perhambaan bersama-sama. Mereka melawat orang sakit, mengasaskan tempat dispensari perubatan, rumah anak yatim dan badan amal lain bersama-sama. Mereka juga menyertai gerakan tanggungjawab sosial yang lebih luas seperti agensi yang berdedikasi untuk mengurangkan masalah kemiskinan.

Kita boleh mencapai begitu banyak bersama-sama. Pengikut Kristus yang sejati mampu bekerjasama, terutamanya dalam mencari keadilan, dalam melaksanakan projek amal, dan juga dalam berdialog dengan kerajaan dalam pelbagai isu. Jika kita hanya menjalankan ibadah perpaduan ini dan berfikir bahawa kita telah menyembah Tuhan bersama-sama dengan orang yang biasanya kita tidak beribadah bersama, dan pergi dengan menganggap kita telah menjauhi kejahatan dan melakukan kebaikan, maka kita pun jatuh ke dalam masalah yang sama seperti orang-orang Yehuda dahulunya, dan mungkin kita juga cuba memanipulasi Tuhan. Jika kita tidak melakukan apa-apa tentang keadilan bersama-sama, maka teguran Tuhan melalui nabi Yesaya adalah ditujukan pada kita juga.

3. Ibadah yang sejati mesti membawa kepada kehidupan yang betul.
Apabila kita benar-benar menyembah Tuhan, kita akan bertekad untuk bertindak dengan keadilanbenaran yang sewajarnya dalam hubungan kita dengan orang lain. Mengapa Tuhan tidak memperhatikan ibadah mereka? Kerana mereka cuba memanipulasi Tuhan dengan ibadah mereka. Mereka menyangka Tuhan akan menerima pengorbanan mereka dan memaafkan ketidakbenaran mereka.

Ibu Teresa pernah berkata, "Luangkan satu jam setiap hari untuk memuja Tuhanmu, dan jangan sekali-kali melakukan apa-apa yang kamu tahu itu adalah salah, ikuti ini dan anda akan baik-baik saja." Jika kita menghabiskan satu jam setiap hari dalam penyembahan kita, kita akan menjadi lebih seperti Kristus, dan kita akan berbuat baik kepada semua orang. Jika kita telah melakukan apa yang betul, kita boleh tanpa rasa bersalah menghabiskan satu jam untuk menyembah Tuhan kita. Sebaliknya, jika kita tidak melakukan apa yang betul bagaimana kita menghadap Tuhan!

Jika kita ingin penyembahan kita diterima Tuhan, kita perlu bertaubat dari kehidupan kita yang tidak benar dan secara aktif menghulurkan belas kasihan, kasih sayang dan keadilan kepada yang memerlukan, kepada yang terpinggir dan tertindas. Mungkin kemudian, apabila kita berdiri di hadapan takhta suci Tuhan, kita mungkin mendengar Dia berkata, "Aku lapar, dan kamu memberi Aku makan, Aku tidak berpakaian dan kamu memberi Aku pakaian. Aku kehilangan tempat tinggal, dan kamu menerima Aku. Bila kamu melakukan kepada yang paling kecil dari mereka ini, kamu melakukannya untuk Aku" (Matius 25:31-46).

நன்மை செய், நியாயத்தைத்தேடு

ஏசாயா 1:17

யூதா ஜனங்களை சில கரிசனைகள் குறித்து ஏசாயா சாடுகிறார். அவர் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பாணி அவசரம் மற்றும் அதிகாரத்தை வெளிப்படுத்துகிறது. தேவன் அவருக்குத் தந்த அதிகாரத்தை தேவ அதிகாரத்தில் பேசுகிறார். அவர் தேவ வார்த்தையைப் பேசுகிறார், தேவன் சொல்வது அவசரமானது. ஜனங்கள் தேவனுடைய கட்டளைகளை கவனியாமல் போனால் தேவன் ஜனங்கள் மீது நியாயத்தீர்ப்பைக் கொண்டுவருவார்.

வசனம் 17ஐ அதின் துழலில் நாம் பார்க்கவேண்டும். 1ஆம் அதிகாரத்தில் கிரியைகள் இல்லாத ஆராதனையை தேவன் வெறுக்கிறார் என்பதை தெளிவாகப்பார்க்கிறோம். மனந்திரும்புதல் இல்லாத ஆசார முறைமையை தேவன் வெறுக்கிறார். நியாயம் இல்லாத பலிகளை தேவன் வெறுக்கிறார். எவ்வளவு சிறப்பானதாக, நேர்த்தியானதாக, புதுமையானதாக ஆராதனையை நடப்பித்தாலும் அவை நெறிதவறின நபர்களிடம் வருகிறதினால் தேவன் அவற்றை புறம்பாக்கினார்.

இந்த ஜனங்கள் கொலைக்குற்றவாளிகளாய், அநீதியான ஜீவியம் கொண்டு, தேவையுள்ளவர்களை ஒடுக்கி ஏழைகளின் பாடுகளை மறந்தவர்களாயிருந்தனர். விதவைக்கு எபிரெய மொழியில் அல்மனாஹ் என்று பொருள். கணவன் மரித்ததினால் விதவையல்ல ஆனால் ஒரு காலத்தில் திருமணமானவள் இன்று பொரு ளாதார ஆதரவற்றவளாக இருக்கிறாள் என்று அர்த்தம் ஆகவே அவளுக்கு விசேஷித்த அதிகாரப்பூர்வ பாதுகாப்பு தேவைப்படுகிறது. சலுகை குறைந்தவர்களுக்கு அநீதி செய்தவர்களை தேவன் குற்றஞ்சாட்டுகிறார். தேவையுள்ளவர்களுக்கு அவர்கள் கரிசனை காட்டவில்லை. அவர்கள் தங்கள் அக்கிரம செயலுக்காக மனந்திரும்ப வேண்டும் நீதி தேடுபவர்களுக்கான நியாயத்திற்காக அவர்கள் உதவ வேண்டும்.

நாம் என்ன செய்ய வேண்டும் என வேதம் எப்பொழுதும் நமக்கு கற்றுக்கொடுக்கிறது. தீமை செய்வதை நிறுத்து (16), நன்மை செய்வதை கற்றுக்கொள் (17) இந்த குறிப்பில் என்ன விசேஷமாக செய்ய வேண்டியிருக்கிறது? **நியாயம்.** நியாயத்திற்கு எபிரெய மொழியில் (மிஷ்பாட்) எனும் பதம் 200 தடவைக்கு மேல் வெவ்வேறு துழலில் வருணிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. எனவே இது தேவனுடைய மிக முக்கியமான கரிசனையாகும். நியாயத்தைத்தேடவும், நியாயத்தை செயல்படுத்தவும் செயலுக்கமுள்ளவர்களாய் இருக்க வேண்டும். தேவனுடைய கண்களுக்கு முன்பாக சரியானதைச் செய்யும்பொழுது தேவ பிள்ளைகளுக்கு ஆசீர்வாதம் உறுதி செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளதை வசனம் 18லிருந்து காணலாம்.

நமக்கு இந்த வசனம் இப்பொழுது எப்படி பயன்படுகிறது?

நியாயசெயலை நடப்பிக்காமல், சிலர் ஆராதனைகளில் ஈடுபட்டு தேவனைக் கைக்குள் போட்டுக்கொள்ள நினைக்கிறார்கள். நாம் ஆலயத்திற்குச்செல்லுகிறோம், நமது காணிக்கைகளைச் செலுத்தி நாம் நல்லவர்கள் என தேவன் நினைக்க வேண்டும் எனக் கருதுகிறோம். இந்த வசனத்திலிருந்து 3 பாடங்களை நான் கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டு வரவுள்ளேன்.

1. தனிப்பட்டவராக - எது நன்மையோ சரியானதோ அதைச் செய்ய வேண்டும் நான் தீமை செய்யவில்லை என சொல்வது மாத்திரம் போதாது. உண்மையான தேவை உள்ளவர்களுக்கு நான் நன்மையை செய்ய துவங்க வேண்டும்.

உறைபனி பாதிப்புக்குள்ளாகி வேலை செய்ய தடையாகி, பட்டினிக்கு ஆளாகவிருந்த 150 தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு ஜோன் வெஸ்லி அவர்கள் உதவி புரிந்தார்.. ஜோன் வெஸ்லி வாழ்க்கையில் மக்களைக்குறித்ததான ஆழமான கரிசனையின் சம்பவமாக இதனைக்கொள்ளலாம். தனது ஜீவியத்தில் சமூக நீதி (பரிசுத்த சமூகம்) பற்றுகையவராக இருந்தார் எனக்கூறலாம். மோசமான

பருவ நிலை,, வெள்ளம், மற்றும் நிலநடுக்கம் போன்றவை நிமித்தமே மக்களை உணவுக்கு வாடுவர் என்று சொல்ல முடியாது. கடுமையாக உழைக்கும் மனிதர்கூட தங்கள் குடும்பத்தினருக்கு உணவளிக்க போதுமான வருமானம் இல்லாத துழலில் வைக்கிறது, எனவே சமூக கடப்பாடு, சமூக பரிசுத்தம் போன்றவை நம்மை அதிகமாய் உணர்வடையச்செய்ய வேண்டும். நமது தனிப்பட்ட விசுவாசத்தில் அது ஒரு பகுதியாக மாறவேண்டும்.

2. நாம் உற்சாகமாக ஒன்றிணைந்து நியாயத்தை ஓங்கச்செய்ய வேண்டும். தேவனுடைய அனைத்து மனிதர்களும் ஏசாயாவால் பேசப்பட்டுள்ளது. சில காரியங்கள் மற்றவர்களோடு கரங்கோத்து செயல்படுவது நன்மை பயக்கும்.

ஜோன் வெஸ்லி தனது இறுதிக்கடிதத்தை வில்லியம் வில்பர். போர்ஸ் அவர்களுக்கு அடிமை ஒழிப்பைக்குறித்து பிப்ரவரி 1791ல் அனுப்பினார்.(வெஸ்லி மார்ச் 1791ல் காலமானார்). வெஸ்லி கூறினார் - “உனது மனதிலுள்ள வெளிச்சம் எல்லா நற்கிரியைகளிலும், பக்தி இரக்கம் இவ்விரண்டிலும் வெளிப்பட்டும். தியாயத்தை எப்பொழுதும் தனித்து தேடமுடியாது. அது சேர்ந்து செயல்பட வேண்டியதாகும். எனவே மெதடிஸ்ட் அடிமைத்தனத்திற்காகவும் சேர்ந்து போராடினர். அவர்கள் நோயுற்றவர்களை சந்தித்து, மருத்துவ கூடங்கள், அநாதை கூடங்கள் மற்றும் இதர தொண்டு நிறுவனங்களை இணைந்து தோற்றுவித்தனர். மற்ற விரிவாக்கம் அடைந்த ஸ்தாபனங்களோடு இணைந்து ஏழ்மையை தணிக்கும் வேட்கையில் இறங்கினர்.

கிறிஸ்துவின் சீடர்களாக சேர்ந்து நம்மால் பலவற்றை சாதிக்க முடியும் குறிப்பாக நியாயத்தைத் தேடுதல், தொண்டுழியங்களில் ஈடுபடுதல், மற்றும் அரசாங்கத்தோடு இணைந்து பல விவகாரங்களுக்கு தீர்வுகள் காணமுடியும். ஒற்றுமை சேவையில் மாத்திரம் ஈடுபட்டு, அறிமுகமில்லாதவர் களோடு சேர்ந்து தேவனைத் தொழுதுகொண்டதினால் தீமையிலிருந்து விலகி நன்மைகள் செய்து விட்டோம் என மகிழ்ந்திருப்போமானால், யூதா மக்கள் விழுந்த அதே வலையில் நாம் சிக்குகிறவர்களாக காணப்படுவோம் அல்லது தேவனை நாம் கைக்குள் அமுக்க முயற்சி செய்யவும் கூடும். நாம் சேர்ந்து நியாயத்திற்காக எதுவும் செய்யாமல் போனால், தீர்க்கதரிசியின் மூலம் தேவ கடிந்துகொள்ளுதலைப் பெற்ற ஜனமாகவே நாமும் இருப்போம்.

3. உண்மையான ஆராதனை சரியான ஜீவியத்திற்கு வழிநடத்த வேண்டும். நாம் மெய்யாகவே தேவனை ஆராதித்தால், மற்றவர்களுடன் நியாயமான அணுகுமுறையில் தீர்வு காண செயல்படுவோம். ஏன் தேவன் அவர்கள் ஆராதனையில் கவனம் செலுத்தவில்லை? ஏனெனில் தேவனை அவர்கள் தங்கள் தொழுகையின் வழி கையாளப்பார்த்தார்கள். தங்கள் பலிகளை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு தங்கள் அநியாயங்களை கண்டுகொள்ளமாட்டார் என அவர்கள் நினத்தார்கள்.

“உனது தேவனை அனுதினமும் ஒரு மணி நேரம் வணங்கு, தவறு என்று அறிந்ததை செய்யாமல் விட்டுவிடு. இதைக்கடைப்பிடிப்பாயானால், நீ நன்மை செய்கிறாய்” என அன்னை திரேசா ஒருமுறைக் கூறியிருந்தார். அனுதினமும் ஒரு மணிநேரம் தேவனை போற்றுவோமானால் இயேசுவைப்போல நாம் மாறி, ஒவ்வொருவருக்கும் நல்லது செய்வோம். மாறாக நாம் சரியானதைச்செய்திருக்கும்போது நாம் குற்றமனமில்லாமல் ஒரு மணி நேரம் தேவனை வழிபாடு செய்ய முடியும். அதே வேளையில் நாம் சரி எதுவோ அதனை செய்யாமல் விட்டிருப்போமானால் எப்படி அவரை எதிர்கொள்வோம்?

நமது ஆராதனை தேவனுக்கு முன்பாக ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்படவேண்டுமானால், நாம் நமது அக்கிரம ஜீவியத்திலிருந்து மனந்திரும்பி, தீவிரமாக இரக்கஞ்செய்து, அவசியப்படுவோருக்கும் ஒடுக்கப்பட்டோருக்கும் புறக்கணிக்கப்பட்டவருக்கும் மனதுருக்கம் மற்றும் நியாயம் செய்யவேண்டும். நாம் அவரது பரிசுத்த சிங்காசனத்திற்கு முன்பாக நிற்கும்போது “நான் பசியாயிருந்தபோது சாப்பிட ஏதோ கொடுத்தாய், நான் நிர்வாணமாய் இருந்தேன், எனக்கு உடைகள் அணியத் தந்தாய், நான் வீடற்றவனாய் இருந்தேன் நீ அடைக்கலம் தந்தாய். இந்த சிறியருக்கு செய்ததை எனக்கே செய்தாய் என ஒரு வேளை தேவன் சொல்லுவதை நம்மால் கேட்கக்கூடும் (மத்தேயு 25:31-46)

行善、寻求公义 以赛亚书1:17

以赛亚先知向犹太人发出一系列的关注事项。他采取的风格显示了紧迫感和权威性。他用神赋予他的权柄说话。他说的是神的话语。神所说的是紧要的。如果百姓不听从神的命令，神就会审判祂的子民。

我们需要从上下文中来看第十七节。在以赛亚书第一章中，很明显的，神厌恶没有善行的敬拜。神恨恶不悔改的礼仪。神憎恨没有正义的献祭。无论他们认为自己的敬拜是多么丰富、有序和富有创造力，神都拒绝它，因为它不是来自那些有高尚道德行为的人。

人们犯有谋杀罪，过着不义的生活，压迫穷人，无视穷人的痛苦。希伯来语中的寡妇 (almanah) 不仅仅意味着妇女的丈夫已经死亡，而是一个已婚的妇女，她没有经济支持的能力，因此需要特殊法律的保护。神指责人们不公义地对待弱势群体。他们不关心有需要的人。他们必须为这种冷漠和邪恶悔改。他们必须为那些需要正义的人伸张正义。

圣经从来不只是告诉我们不要做某事，然后停留在那里。它总是告诉我们必须做什么。停止作恶 (16节)，学习行善 (17节)。在这里具体行善是什么呢？正义。希伯来语中的正义 (mishpat) 在希伯来旧约中以各种形式出现了200多次。因此，这是神非常关注的事情。他们必须学会积极主动，寻求正义和伸张正义。第18节以后的经文保证，当他们做神眼中正确的事时，作为神的子民，祝福就能临到他们。

今天我们该如何应用这节经文？

我们当中有一些人试图透过参与敬拜却不参与正义行为来操纵神。我们去教堂，献上我们的奉献，并期望神认为我们是良善的。我想从这节经文中学习三个教训：

1. 个人去做美善和正确的事
仅仅说我没有做恶事是不够的。我必须开始善待那些真正需要帮助的人。

约翰·卫斯理曾经帮助了至少150名因严重雪霜冰冻，使每个家庭的养家糊口的人都无法工作，而饥饿濒临死亡的人。这只是其中的一个例子，他非常关心人们，并在生活中树立了社会正义的典范（或者他称之为社会圣洁）。你我都知道，不仅仅是恶劣的天气、洪水和地震使人们没有食物。许多人虽然努力工作，但仍然很难赚到足够的钱来养活自己和家人。因此，社会责任和社会圣洁在我们中间必须更加高昂。它必须是我们个人信仰的一部分。

2. 我们必须共同积极促进正义
以赛亚对神所有的子民说话，他们负有共同责任。有些事情我们必须通过与他人携手才能做得好。

约翰·卫斯理于1791年2月给威廉·威尔伯福斯（卫斯理于1791年3月去世）写了关于废除奴隶制的最后一封信。卫斯理说：“让你们心中的光在所有善行中闪耀，包括虔诚的行为和怜悯的工作。他意识到，正义往往不能单独寻求。必须共同寻求。因此，卫理公会信徒一起对抗奴隶制。他们探访病人，一起创办了医疗药房、孤儿院和其他慈善机构。它们也加入了更广泛的社会责任运动，参与致力减轻贫困问题的机构。

如果我们作为基督的跟随者能够共同努力，特别是在寻求正义、开展慈善项目，甚至在许多问题上与政府合作，我们就能一起取得显著的成就。如果我们只是一起做这个合一崇拜，并以为我们已经和我们通常不一起敬拜的人聚集敬拜神，认为已经避免了邪恶并行了善，那么我们会陷入与犹太人相同的问题，也许我们也是试图操纵神。如果我们不为正义做任何事情，那么神透过先知的责备也适用于我们身上。

3. 真正的敬拜必须导致正确的生活
当我们真正敬拜神时，我们会决志在与人打交道时以适当的公义行事为人。为什么神不关注他们的敬拜？因为他们试图用他们的敬拜来操纵神。他们以为神会接受他们的献祭，原谅他们的不义。

特蕾莎修女曾经说过：“每天花一个小时敬拜你的主，永远不要做任何你知道是错的事情。跟着这原则，你会相安无事的。”如果我们每天花一个小时敬拜，我们就会变得更像基督，我们会善待每一个人。如果我们做了正确的事，我们就可以毫无内疚地花一个小时敬拜我们的主。相反的，如果我们不做正确的事，我们如何面对神！

如果我们希望我们的敬拜被神所悦纳，我们需要为我们不义的生活悔改，并积极地向有需要的人、边缘化和受压迫的人伸出怜悯、同情和正义的手。也许那时，当我们站在神的圣宝座前时，我们可能会听到祂说：“因为我饿了，你们给我吃；我渴了，你们给我喝；我作旅客，你们接待我；我赤身露体，你们给我衣服穿；我无家可归，你们收留了我。只要是行在最小的弟兄身上，就是作在我的身上了。” (马太福音25:31-46)

47th Session of the Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC)

By Rev. Ashok Amarasingham (BOM Chairman, TRAC)

The 47th Session of the TRAC Conference was held at Trinity Methodist Church, PJ from 2-4 December 2022. It was presided over by Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar and TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong. A total of 117 delegates from TRAC churches throughout Malaysia attended the conference.

At the opening Holy Communion Service, Bishop Joshua preached on the importance of the centrality of the church based on John 1:9-14. His message highlighted how the pandemic has taught us the meaning and importance of how the church is central for us as individuals, for our families and communities. He shared on the 3 E's: Emerging, Enlisting and Engaging. As we "Emerge" from the pandemic we must not allow the shackles of lockdown to hold us back from serving God. The second 'E' is "Enlisting" where we must purposefully enlist in God's work together to reconstruct and rebuild the church of God. The third 'E' is "Engaging" faithfully to the task at hand by putting our hands to the plough in Kingdom work.

A Retirement Service was conducted for two long-serving Pastors. These Pastors were appreciated for their diligent services to TRAC. They were Rev. Ting Moy Hong who took optional retirement after having



served for 23 years from 1999 to 2022. The other Pastor who retired was Pastor Robert Khaw who served for 25 years from 2007 to 2022.

The Ordination Service was held on the final day and Bishop Jeyakumar preached a powerful message of encouragement to all delegates. The message moved everyone to repentance and concluded with delegates being moved to a renewed commitment in serving Christ. Two elders, Rev. Koe Swee Kee and Rev. William Kwong Cheng Ho along with one Itinerant Deacon, Pastor Aaron Liu Teck Wai and one Local Deacon Pastor Thomas Jie Mahoda were ordained.



Ordination of Elders, Rev. Koe Swee Kee and Rev. William Kwong



Ordination of Itinerant Deacon, Pastor Aaron Liu and Local Deacon, Pastor Thomas Mahoda

Sanctuary 1 of Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya restored and rededicated to the glory of God

By Lee Ching Wei

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

*That is where the tribes go up – the tribes of the LORD – to praise the name of the LORD
according to the statute given to Israel.*

There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace
within your walls and security within your citadels.’*

For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.”

Psalm 122



Unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia



The rededication commemorative plaque



Sanctuary Choir rendering their presentation

There was a buzz of excitement and expectancy in the air as congregants walked into the newly-restored Sanctuary 1 of Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya (TMCPJ) on the morning of 15 January 2023. It was on this day that the Sanctuary 1 rededication service took place – a service combining both the 9am English-speaking and Chinese-speaking services.

The awe in the eyes and nods of approval of the people were visible as they absorbed the sights and sounds of the Sanctuary, appreciating the reinvigorated beauty and splendour around them.

Guest of Honor, Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, shared his sermon message which began with the story of Ella Craig.

“Ella,” said Bishop Jeyakumar, “Had perfect attendance in church for 20 years ... that’s 1,040 Sundays. One may be tempted to ask these questions:

- ‘Didn’t Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday to keep her away from church?’
- ‘Didn’t she ever have headaches or tired feelings?’
- ‘Didn’t she ever sleep late on Sunday morning?’
- ‘Didn’t it ever rain or snow on Sunday morning?’
- ‘Didn’t she ever get her feelings hurt by someone in the church?’

Bishop Jeyakumar hypothesized that Psalm 122 could have been the reason for Ella not missing a single Sunday service: Because like David who wrote the Psalm, she too took to heart that being able to go to church to worship God is a privilege and also an act of discipleship.

Bishop Jeyakumar further expounded on three more points from the Psalm:

1. Worship brings joy (Psalm 122:1-2)
 - The psalmist did not rejoice because he managed to get out of the house or because

he got to make the trip to Jerusalem, but because he was able to worship God in His house.

- His joy is derived from being in the presence of God in the house of the Lord.
- Joy versus happiness: While happiness often depends on circumstances, joy, being the fruit of the Spirit, is not.

2. Worship brings life (Psalm 122:3-5)

- Jerusalem, as a place of worship, was a fortified and secure place; like a Sanctuary because God’s presence was there.
- It was a way of life for the people and they went as families, tribes and communities.
- Even though we can encounter God anywhere, it is when we are in church that we are more conscious of God’s presence and more focused on worship.
- It is when we come together in the house of God, with other worshippers, that things are clarified as we lift our burdens to God, seek His ways and find the meaning of life.

3. Worship brings peace (Psalm 122:6-9)

- Peace is about enjoying the presence of God.
- Peace is a gift from God; God accepts us, shows us His favour and grants us peace.

Bishop Jeyakumar concluded his sermon with a prayer for Sanctuary 1 that it will be a place where people will journey with God, and as they do so, will experience the presence, power and peace of God in their lives.

Pastor-in-charge of TMCPJ, Rev. Paul Christie, together with Bishop Jeyakumar and Bishop Joshua Khong then led in the rededication of Sanctuary 1.

Special mention of thanks was made to the following groups; the sanctuary restoration taskforce, the fundraising team, the publication team and pastoral advisor Rev. Paul Christie.

All the church groups comprising Small Groups, Home Fellowship groups, youth groups and ministries were also acknowledged for being part of the restoration fund initiatives, for organising food sales, fundraising activities and events to support the project. And the donors who contributed to this restoration project for God’s glory were also mentioned in the Commemoration book.

Towards the conclusion of the service, the Sanctuary choir presented the songs “Only God” and “Cornerstone” as offering and thanksgiving. This marked the first time they came together as a full choir in almost three years since the Covid-19 pandemic. A tribute to two choir members who passed on during the pandemic were also acknowledged.

The rededication service ended with the unveiling of the rededication Commemorative plaque by Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar and Bishop Joshua Khong, witnessed by the church congregation.

To God be the glory!



The restored and beautiful Sanctuary 1

Technological Prudence

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Since the dawn of what some scholars have called the modern Internet in the 1990s, the lives of millions have been inundated with “new media”.

Technopedia defines new media as “a catch-all term used for various kinds of electronic communications that are conceivable due to innovation in computer technology”. It helpfully adds: In contrast to “old” media, which includes newspapers, magazines, books, television and other such non-interactive media, new media is comprised of [sic] websites, online video/ audio streams, email, online social platforms, online communities, online forums, blogs, Internet telephony, Web advertisements, online education and much more.¹

The ubiquitous nature of digital media has not only created in modern society a subtle and almost slavish dependence. It has also augmented the way we relate to one another and the way we work and play. Most importantly, it has changed how we understand ourselves and our world.

We must disabuse ourselves from thinking that technology is a neutral tool that we use and control. As Robert Woods and Paul Patton have rightly pointed out, “Computers indeed consist of soulless microchips and motherboards, but the values they nurture still affect human life and consciousness in positive and negative ways.”²

One consequence of “new media” is information overload. Delfina Forstmann describes this phenomenon as “a in which you receive too much information at one time and cannot think about it in a clear way”.³ This in turn has generated public confusion and even news fatigue.

There is, however, an even darker side to this endless barrage of information.

The new media have become the ideal tool for nefarious actors—at state and private levels—to fabricate and spread fake news, disinformation and propaganda. We witnessed the proliferation

of disinformation during the 2020 US presidential election, in the confusion surrounding Covid-19 vaccines, and, more recently, in the war in Ukraine.

The purveyors of fake news take advantage of the primordial human appetite for knowledge. Centuries ago, the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BC) took note of this pervasive human desire when he wrote: “All men by nature desire to know.”⁴

The English-born American theologian, Paul Griffiths, explains that at the very basic level, appetite is merely the desire to make something that is absent present.⁵ Human beings have appetites for material things (food, drink, clothing, etc.) as well as non-material goods such as truth, love, goodness and knowledge.

The Christian faith teaches that appetites are never indiscriminately good. This applies to intellectual appetites as well, because, as the story of our first parents in the Garden of Eden clearly shows, they can be just as sinful.

Christian moral theology makes a distinction between two kinds of intellectual appetites: *curiositas*, which is its sinful form, and *studiositas*, which is a godly approach to the quest for knowledge.

Space does not allow me to discuss the many differences between these two kinds of intellectual appetite. I would like to highlight briefly just one important distinction between them that is pertinent to users of the new media.

“Curiosity,” Griffiths explains, “is concerned with novelty: curious people want to know what they don’t yet know, ideally what no one yet knows.”⁶

Thus, they tend to pursue whatever “news” no one yet possesses in order to satisfy their inordinate desire to always be the first to know. Griffith adds that the “curious need not only to know, but to be known as knowers”.⁷

Studiositas, by contrast, has a very different orientation to knowledge. “Studios people,” Griffiths points out, “seek knowledge with the awareness that novelty is not what counts...” They are not concerned with the fleeting and the sensational, but solely with the truth.

All this means that Christians inhabiting the complex and confusing world of the new media must always exercise technological prudence.

This has to do not only with the judicious selection of the technologies we use and how we use them. It also has to do with being acutely aware of the lure of *curiositas*, and with making a conscious effort to nurture the right habits and to discipline the appetite for the right kind of knowledge.



¹ Technopedia, “What Does New Media Mean?”, <https://www.techopedia.com/definition/416/newmedia>.
² Robert H. Woods and Paul D. Patton, “Faithful Criticism of Popular Media Technologies”, Virtual Lives, edited by Robert B. Kruschwitz (Waco, Tx: Baylor University, 2011), 30.
³ Delfina Forstmann, “Information Overload in Our Digital Age”, The Medium, Feb 27, 2019. <https://medium.com/@goboldfish/information-overload-inour-digital-age-90cbe93bb530>.
⁴ Aristotle, Metaphysics, translated by W.D. Ross, in The Complete Works of Aristotle, edited by Jonathan Barnes (Princeton, HJ: Princeton University Press, 1984), 980a20.
⁵ Paul Griffiths, Intellectual Appetite: A Theological Grammar (Washington D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2009), 94.
⁶ Ibid., 22.
⁷ Ibid., 218.

Rev Ng Ee Lin (11 January 1935 – 11 December 2022)

By Rev. Ashok Amarasingham (BOM Chairman, TRAC)



Rev. Ng Ee Lin served the Lord faithfully in Malaya Annual Conference (MAC), Singapore-Malaya Annual Conference (SMAC) and Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) from 1957 to 2000. He served as pastor to several churches in Malaysia and Singapore before settling down in Petaling Jaya and serving the Lord between 1973 to 2000 at Trinity Methodist Church. This record will never likely be broken. During this tenure, he was also District Superintendent of Selangor District (1973-1974 & 1978-1979), the Eastern District (1979-1980, 1988, 1993) and the Northern District (1994). The pinnacle of his leadership in TRAC was being the President of TRAC (1989-1996).

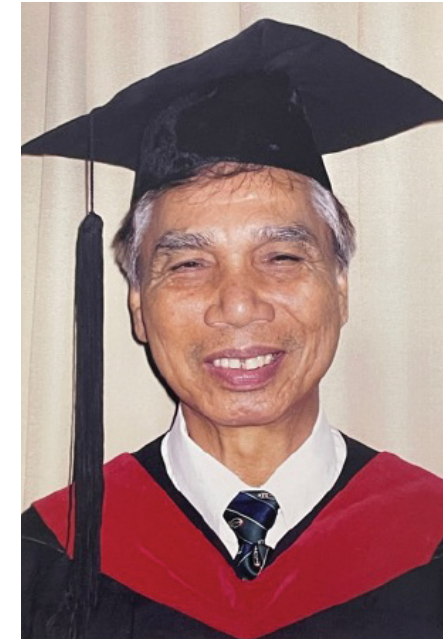
I was privileged to begin to serve the Lord in TRAC when he was the President. Although his face seemed serious and stern to me as a young pastor, I soon got to see a man who loved to share jokes and was ever willing to help me with useful advice in pastoral ministry as a Senior Minister and President of the Annual Conference.

I will never forget him asking me this question at my entrance interview into TRAC as he knew that I was already engaged to Jane in 1992. He asked: Will your future wife be supportive of your ministry as a pastor? I answered: Yes. Thirty years later, I can testify that Jane has been very supportive in God's ministry and as my wife.

Rev. Ng Ee Lin knew the Book of Discipline very well. I remember Rev. Hwa Chien who took over from him as TRAC President used to frequently get his advice of matters pertaining to the Book of Discipline. Rev. Ng wanted his fellow TRAC pastors to know the Book of Discipline well so that the church will be run with good governance.

We offer our tribute to Rev. Ng Ee Lin and remember him as a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord. Many retired pastors and currently serving pastors of TRAC attended his funeral service at Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya. It was indeed a fitting place for us to bid our final farewell to him.

Rev Jerry Rabbu Anak Ayun (30 July 1944 – 27 January 2023) - A Life Devoted to God and Family -



Jerry's life was one of devotion to both his God and his family. He began his theological studies at the Methodist Theological School in Sibu, before studying in the UK at Birmingham's Christian College in Selly Oak in 1970. Thereafter, he graduated with a Masters of Divinity (MDiv) from The United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, USA. The first Iban Pastor to obtain this honour.

He served his church and community as a Church Minister for over 40 years. During this time, he was President of the Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC) for 3 terms and represented them around the world as a delegate in Nairobi, Taiwan and Singapore.

He loved nothing more than visiting Longhouses to preach the Lord's word and was posted as a pastor in towns such as Kapit, Bintulu, Kuching and Sibu.

Jerry married the love of his life, Jenny Jipah Ak Billy, on 30 March 1963 at the Iban Church in Bawang Assan and were blessed with 3 beautiful daughters, Mary, Rebecca and Shirley. When Shirley married in 1999, he welcomed his new "son" with open arms. Later he became a grandfather in 2006 and 2008, when Alex and Elena were born. His grand-children loved him dearly and he could finally let his hair turn grey.

His Son "in Law" wrote:

"I have known and loved this family as my own for over 25 years. In all of that time, Apai Shirley was a constant of religious belief, stability and calm. When he and Indai Jenny welcomed me to the family 25 years ago, it was as a son, not a son-in-law. Jerry's marriage to Jenny is a record we should all take note of, decades of life-long love and commitment. If anyone deserves a place in heaven, I can think of no one more worthy. Rest in peace Apak."

教会动态 • 报道:卢韵琴

关怀中心工作坊感恩祝福礼拜

刘会明：学习在他人身上看到耶稣



SCAC Article 全体师生与来宾合影。

长久祷告获上帝应允，诗巫卫理关怀中心工作坊于2023年1月27日进行感恩祝福礼拜，述说上帝奇妙恩典。卫理公会砂华人年议会会督刘会明牧师以“看到耶稣”为题，为该中心工作坊主持感恩祝福礼拜。

在每个人身上看见耶稣

“盼望我们每个人都能在别人身上看到耶稣，因为只有当我们从耶稣的角度出发，我们才能够爱得更深、更广、更动人。”

常听见人说，人的爱是无限，其实不然，人的爱是有限的，只要超过限度，人的脾气、情绪就容易上来。所以，“看到耶稣”就是我们应该学习的功课，并以不同心情和态度看待眼前的一切。

马太福音廿五章40节记载，“我实在告诉你们：这些事你们既做在我这弟兄中一个最小的身上，就是做在我身上了。”为此，我们做每一件事情都不是为了自夸，而是要做在耶稣的身上。

刘会督以德兰修女为例，表示她常常用无私的爱，帮助周围很多有需要的人，希望会众也能效法德兰修女。

“因为有时候我们的爱真的很有限，爱的忍耐有程度。但是，当我们能够看到耶稣时，心态会不一样，

我们的忍耐力能更大，爱心也能更加地真诚。因为我们知道，我们不只是做在人的身上，而是做在耶稣的身上。”

他认为，当我们在每个人身上看到耶稣时，我们就会改变对人的态度，会更加尊重对方，也会更加留意自己的一举一动，及所说的每一句话。因为我们所做的每一件事，所说的每一句话，仿佛是做在耶稣身上。

同时，在他人身上看到耶稣，我们就会给予对方所需要的，不只外在的需要，还会给他内在的自尊。“很多人所需要的不只是外在的需要，他们最需要的是内在的自尊。因为骄傲或是身体的状况，许多时候会遭人嫌弃，或是招人排斥；但只要我们从他身上看到耶稣，就会给予他最起码的自尊。”

当我们在每个人身上看见耶稣时，就会改变和付出，这也是每一位老师、家长，甚至是感恩礼拜的出席者，都要记得——手所做的都是做在耶稣身上，那一切都值了，也会更加乐意去做。

为学员提供更多职业培训

诗巫卫理关怀中心事工开始于1998年，分为儿童事工与成人事业，目的在于为特殊儿提供早疗服务，以及长大后的职业培训。2006年，关怀中心迁入位于阿兰



SCAC Article 全体老师与会督刘会明（中）及关怀中心主席孙光中（右）、副主席曾秋香（左）合影。

路的爱之家，2021年10月，成人事业正式迁入隔壁的新工作坊。

新工作坊除了设有一个工作大厅，还有可提供职业培训的厨房与洗车房，让特殊成人得以接受更多样化的职业培训。

诗巫卫理关怀中心主席孙光中在致词时说，随着工作坊的服务增加，关怀中心可以让有能力的学员学习，让他们有一技之长，在未来可以有自己的事业，为他们的生活带来保障。

目前该中心所服务的对象已经超过200人，分别是儿童120人，成人90人。老师方面则有26人，其中11位在成人事业工服事，15位在儿童事业工服事。如此比例，老师们的辛苦可想而知，为此，他也特别感激老师们的无私付出。

在感恩祝福礼拜上，关怀中心亦颁发长期服务奖予服务了21年的黄其薇主任，以感激她的付出。

孙主席

也表示，除了老师们的无私付出，更希望有更多的社会人士能够看见关怀中心的工作，并且予以支持。



SCAC Article 砂华人年议会会督刘会明牧师（左4）颁发长期服务奖予服务了21年的黄其薇主任（左3）时摄，左2为诗巫卫理关怀中心主席孙光中。



SCAC Article 砂华人年议会会督刘会明牧师为工作坊主持感恩祝福礼拜，一旁为年会社会关怀部部员们。

Penampuk Sehari Kgm & Penyaup Ba Gereja Methodist Iban Bandaraya Kuching (Gmibk) Kena 18.2.2023

Ditulis Jefri Ngalambai



Puji Tuhan, penampuk sehari bala KGM begulai enggau bala penyaup ba GMIBK (LCEC Retreat) udah mujur dipenyadi kena 18.2.2023 ba Hotel UCSI di Bandaraya Kuching.



BE Dr Hwa Yung

Tuju penampuk sehari tu dikena meri peluang ngagai semua bala komiti gereja menoa ti baru enggau bala penyaup gereja beratika tanggung pengawa diri lalu kena nyikap sida nyediaka diri nyadi pemela ti dikedaka Tuhan.

Bisi 35 iku bala Komiti Gereja Menoa ti baru dipili enggau bala ti udah dicirika nyadi penyaup ba GMIBK udah ngulo penampuk tu. Dua iku speakers maya tu, ianya Bishop Emeritus Dr Hwa Yung udah ngenang pasal **“Borneo Evangelical Missions Revivals 1973-76 in Bario & Bekalalan”** enggauajarari **“SPKR20:17-35”**, lalu Bishop Bonnie Sedau udah mai ajar **“Nyadi Tauka Ngaga Murid”** (John 15: 1-8).



Kelimpah ari nya, Tuai Sitak Sarikei, Rev. Olyver Broken enggau Rev. Roslind Ijah bisi mega sama nguluka Sessi Besampi maya nya. Bela sama bisi datai mega ianya Pastor In-Charge GMIBK, Rev. Elizabeth Enjut enggau Rev. Yan Foong Peng.



Taja pan enda semua bala ti dikangau ka datai ngulo penampuk seharitu ulih datai magang ketegal bisi pengawa ti enda ulih diseliahka, kitai besampi awakka bala ti datai sama ulih bekunsi ka utai ti udah dipelajar tauka didinga maya nya.

GCMW EXCO Visit to Sibü, Sarawak

9-12 February 2023

By the Methodist Women of Tamil Annual Conference (TAC)

DAY 1

After 2 long years, the mission trip to Kapit finally materialised in conjunction with the 2nd EXCO meeting of the GCMW. This trip had already been budgeted for during the 2022 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offertory and we were all blessed that it was possible this time.

Sis Angelyn, the Vice-President and coincidentally the Sibü District representative of SIAC took every effort to ensure that every aspect of the trip was planned well. From TAC, we had 3 of us namely; Sis Shanty Shekar, the AC president, Sis Kany Jayapal, the GCMW Spiritual Life Coordinator and Sis Mary Devadason, the EAA president.

When the West Malaysia delegation landed in Sibü airport, we were immediately treated to a scrumptious Western dinner followed by a night tour of Sibü town.

DAY 2

After savouring one of Sibü's famous delicacies, Ding Bian Hu (鼎边糊), for breakfast, we visited Kapit Methodist kindergarten. There was also a Centre for women providing cookery and sewing classes for ladies.

Following that, we visited the SCAC El-En Centre where single ladies can live in individual rooms. The place was well maintained by a caretaker. There were also adjoining units for elderly couples with more amenities provided for them. There was also a community hall for the activities of the elderly which has been ear-marked for renovation. It was truly amazing to see the amount of work that the ladies were involved in. God bless all their activities.

Lunch was at a nearby Chinese restaurant after which we gathered at the SCAC HQ for our GCMW meeting where our Bishop Jeyakumar joined us through Zoom.

After the meeting, we gathered for a delicious Chinese dinner hosted by our SCAC sisters who were out in full force to welcome us. We were also joined by Rev Dr Lau Hui Ming, Bishop of SCAC and his wife.



Dinner with Rev Dr Lau Hui Ming, SCAC Bishop, Mrs Lau and the SCAC ladies.

DAY 3

On Saturday morning, all of us got up early for the trip to Kapit. For many of us, it was the 1st time to Kapit. Previously, accessibility to Kapit was only by boat but now there is a road. By 7 am, 2 vans were on their way with of a total of 20 ladies comprising of GCMW EXCO, SIAC and SCAC ladies.

The 3-hour ride to Kapit was long with several 'pit stops' to ease our aching bones and legs. But when we reached Kapit, all was forgotten as we gazed in wonder at the town. Personally, from the stories we had heard, we had imagined a small village with no electricity, running water and quite 'backward'. It was a pleasant surprise to see that it was a sizable town with many schools, buildings and amenities.

First stop was the Tadika Methodist where we met the teachers, and the Iban children. They put up a beautiful performance of memory verses and songs. It was really beautiful to see their innocent faces, and the fantastic work that was being done here. Ang-pows were handed over to each of the beautiful kids sponsored by Sis Diong Siew Ling.



Children from Tadika Methodist Kapit presenting their performance of memory verses and songs

Next stop was at the Lighthouse of Hope Sarawak which was within walking distance from the kindergarten. We were welcomed by Mr William Samat, the administrator, who briefly explained the ministries behind the organisation. This is a centre focusing on young people with a vision towards building Kapit as the Home for Missions for the upper Rajang Basin with an effective, friendly and thriving Youth Centre.

This project looks into equipping and nurturing young people into the next generation of strong leaders. Their goal is to impact, not just one or two, but to see many families, whole villages/longhouses, the whole community even the whole region impacted, transformed, rooted, built up and established in their faith and always full of thanksgiving.

On 1 May 2019, Lighthouse Kapit was officially dedicated by Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik, the then Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. In reaching for their vision, Lighthouse Kapit partners with various organisations, churches and NGOs to carry out specific initiatives, programs and events especially with primary and secondary schools through STEM programmes, engaging with the community eg. serving as a vaccination centre, running youth programmes, etc.



During a traditional Iban lunch at the nearby Iban Pasar church, both the kindergarten and Lighthouse Kapit were each given a love gift from the GCMW to bless them in their activities.

Next stop was at a Longhouse in Kapit. The women, children and some men gave us a rousing welcome and a Ngajak dance performed by some lovely teens in their traditional costumes. The Tuan Rumah of the Longhouse, En Rasin, welcomed us to their longhouse which he said they had been eagerly looking forward to. The GCMW president, Ms Evelyn Sim, gave her thanks to the community on our behalf and urged them all to remain strong in the Lord. After that, Sis Kany Jayapal of TAC gave a speech in Bahasa Malaysia, 'Peranan Wanita di dalam Persatuan Wanita

Methodist'. It was an inspiring speech which was well received by the people. Later, we witnessed the villagers produce - vegetables, hand woven baskets, and local kuih. They even had a demo of how to make their local delicacies.

All too soon, we had to leave and we bid the Iban people of the longhouse a fond farewell. By now, we were laden with many, many baskets filled with fruits and kuih which the ladies had bought. It was a long trip back, but the day was not over. Sis Angelyn took us to her Sibü Iban church which was a beautiful church.

DAY 4

Sunday worship Service was at the beautiful Masland Methodist Church. We were privileged to see the choir of the day made up entirely of senior people. It was indeed a blessing to see our seniors actively participating in the choir. Although some of us could not understand the language, we could feel the peace and love in the church shown by the pastors and congregation.

After service, we were taken to the newly opened canteen on the top floor and served a full breakfast. We took the opportunity to take photographs with the Masland pastors.



Group photo at the beautiful Masland Methodist Church

The rest of the morning was spent with a walk around town and some shopping for souvenirs of Sibü. We were feted to a Chinese lunch by Sis Hie Ching, our Advisor. We were indeed spoilt with good food and hospitality throughout the trip by our East Malaysian sisters.

Each of us carried home wonderful memories of the lovely time spent in Sibü, our encounters with the various people we met, and the various ministries. May God bless all the people of Sarawak and the ministries being carried out there.

GCMW Mission Trip Ke Kapit kena 11 February 2023

Ditulis ulih: Lily Dosson, President SIAC 2023-2024

Bisi 21 iku tubuh ari 5 iti General Conference (TRAC, TAC, SCAC, SIAC, SAC) bisi nemuai sari ke Kapit. Program ringkas ngagai:

1. Tadika Methodist Kapit : Bisi 166 iku nemiak. Tadika tu ditubuh ke dalam taun 1974

GCMW kala meri bantu nuju tadika tu suba. Berasai gaga meda pemansang Tadika tu serta meri besai terima kasih ngagai semua Pengajar Sekula Tadika tu ke udah cukup rajin ngajar bala nemiak. Bala temuai cukup gaga meda sida ia ulih menghafal/ngingat ke ayat2 dalam Bup Kudus.

2. Nemuai ngagai Lighthouse of Hope Kapit

Tu ianya siti Youth Community Centre di tubuh kena ngemansang ke bala urang ubas ngadu ke maioh macam pengawa sida ia. Maioh program udah diatur serta benong dipejalai ke centre tu diatu. Bala Urang Ubas tau ngena peluang ke diatur Lighthouse tu, tau ngajar sida ia dalam seminar, training, music, arts etc. Pia mega Centre tu ngemerat ke Pengidup Roh urang ubas, lalu program evangelism/mambar ke Injil nyadi ke siti pengawa ti dikemerat sida ia.

3. Nemuai ngagai Gereja Methodist Iban Kapit

Bala temuai di bai merarau tengagari di nah ke enggau lauk tradisi kitai Iban ianya pansuh manok, pansuh ikan enggau lauk babas ke jarang di empa.

4. Nemuai ngagai rumah panjai, Rh Edison Bugap, Ng. Melekun

Udah merarau tenghari kami alu dibai nemuai ngagai rumah panjai Ng. Melekun. Kami di sambut enggau penuh basa ari Tuai Rumah enggau disambut enggau ajat.

Bala temuai mega bisi bepeluang meda cara ngaga penganan & penyaram. Bisi mega Bala Biro Wanita rumah panjai bejual ke bakol anyam sida ia enggau kerja jari ke bukai.

Kami tembu semua program nemuai tu kira jam 3.30pm lalu mupok mulai ke diri ke Sibui.

Terima kasih Tuhan ke penyaum serta udah meri berkat selamat ngagai semua kami.



Disabled Adults and Youths Being Rewarded Encouraged and Accepted in Kinta



A dream by a group of CGMC (Canning Garden Methodist Church Ipoh) members to help people with disabilities (PWDs) ... turned into reality and in 2022, DAYBREAK celebrated its 30th anniversary, thanking all its friends and supporters, but most of all, thanking God for His love and care throughout these 30 years.

Objectives of Daybreak:

- *To provide skills training for people with disabilities so that they can be gainfully employed*
- *To seek suitable employment for people with disabilities*
- *To provide a sales outlet for all products made by the disabled*

These objectives are achieved through its inhouse Training Programme which consists of:

- **Vocational Training:** 5 social enterprises (Handicraft, Nursery, Assembly & Packaging, General Cleaning & Minimart checking & stock replenishment)
- **Supported Employment:** Job coaching on site
- **Income Generation:** Piecemeal payment

For more information on Daybreak, contact (05) 323-5908 or email to: info@daybreak.org.my

If you would like to support Daybreak financially, please send your cheque or online payment to: **PERSATUAN DAYBREAK (Maybank Account No. 0080 1061 6099)** and email a copy of your deposit slip with your name, IC number, address and contact number for a tax-exempt receipt to be sent to you.

MILESTONES

- **1992**
Set-up of Daybreak Centre in a shophouse in Jalan Banda Timah
- **1993**
Expanded Daybreak Training Centre in Gopeng
- **July 2000**
Completion of new Persatuan Daybreak Training Centre in Pengkalen Pegoh
- **January 2006**
Launching of Daybreak Landscape Gallery beside Daybreak Training Centre
- **2007**
Daybreak embarks on the 'first of its kind' collaboration programme with the Special Education Unit and State Welfare Department in Perak incorporating vocational skills into the "classroom"
- **2022**
30th anniversary celebration



Providing Relief Aid...

Report by MCRD



Mosquito net distribution



Winter items distribution



Water pump installation

Pakistan

In June last year, a high volume of rain caused major floods and devastation across Pakistan. MCRD responded to the floods by launching “Bantuan Pakistan” – a fundraising campaign and Emergency Response Programme (ERP) in collaboration with our local partners (Christian organisations). In October 2022, MCRD assigned two coordinators to visit Pakistan to assess and oversee the emergency response operations coordinated by our local partners. By January 2023 and with God's blessings, our ERP was completed successfully.

Following the ERP, a Recovery & Reconstruction Programme (RRP) was launched to support flood survivors in rebuilding their lives. In February 2023, MCRD again assigned two coordinators to visit Pakistan to evaluate the effectiveness of the ERP and devise the plan for RRP together with our local partners. Our local partners involved in both programmes included the Hyderabad Diocese, Church of Pakistan (COP), Campus Crusade for Christ Pakistan (CCC) etc. The details of both programmes are shown as follows:

Emergency Response Programme (ERP):

1. Relief goods distribution: 750 families
2. Mosquito net distribution: 300 families
3. Winter-aid items distribution: 800 families (tents, winter clothes, blankets, etc.)

Recovery/Reconstruction Programme (RRP):

4. Cash-aid distribution: 58 clergies and parish staff
5. Provision of 1-month scholarship tuition fee: 450 students
6. Rebuilding a community-based learning centre
7. Installation of water pumps (3 pumps, 3 villages)
8. Reconstruction of approximately 10 houses (in progress)
9. Live stock distribution: Approximately 40 sheep/ goats (in progress)



Provision of scholarship to 450 students

Turkiye

In response to the catastrophic earthquake in Turkiye and the Syrian border, MCRD launched “Bantuan Turkiye & Syria” – a fundraising campaign on ____ February 2023. MCRD collaborated with Mercy Malaysia for emergency response programmes as they already have teams deployed in the affected areas. Bishop Jeyakumar presented RM200,000 from donations received to Mercy Malaysia to aid in the emergency relief work. Once the conditions are deemed safer, MCRD plans to send a team to Turkiye to further assess the needs of the earthquake

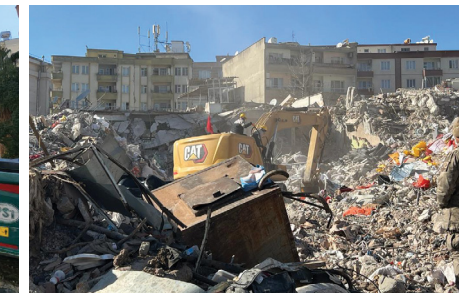
survivors and evaluate the utilization of the donated funds and the operation's effectiveness.

Turkiye Emergency Response Programme:

1. Mercy Malaysia: RM 200,000
 - Deployment of rapid assessment & emergency medical response team
 - Trauma care and essential medical and psychosocial services
 - Medical supplies for primary healthcare services & WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) services



Earthquake Destruction



Meal Distribution



MRE (Meal, Ready-to-Eat) Distribution



Blanket Distribution

Syria

The earthquake in Turkiye had far-reaching impact to the borders of parts of Syria. In response, MCRD is collaborating with World Vision Syria, Barnabas Fund, and local organizations in Syria to develop emergency response programmes. Due to the ongoing civil war in Syria, MCRD does not plan to visit Syria but instead supports the earthquake

survivors by channelling funds to the organisations mentioned with primary focus on Northwest Syria.

Syria Emergency Response Programme:

1. World Vision RM200,000
 - Meals, blankets and mattress distribution
2. Barnabas Fund RM100,000
3. Other institutions: RM100,000



Earthquake Destruction



Fuel and Heating Beneficiaries



Blankets and Pillows Distribution



Food and Water Distribution



Fuel Distribution (Shelters and Hospitals)



Blankets and Pillows Distribution

Methodist Education Foundation Thank You to all Donors



The Methodist Education Foundation (MEF) would like to thank all donors for their kindness and generosity in providing Malaysian students a chance at higher education when they could not afford it. They are the leaders of the next generation and it is wonderful that we can support them now for the future.

It was a pleasant surprise to receive the thank you messages from students and also from the President of UTAR. Indeed, their heartfelt appreciation is evidence of the work that MEF is doing – providing opportunities in education for those who cannot afford it. We pray that these students will excel in their academic achievements and be able to serve the community and the nation in the future.

MEF continues its work today and once again appeal for donations to help achieve its objectives of helping Malaysians to attain a higher education and a better future. If you would like to be a part of this cause and contribute towards nation-building and the betterment of our society, you may bank in directly to **Methodist Education Foundation (HSBC Account No. 302-311618-001)** and email the bank-in slip with contact details to mef@methodistchurch.org.my. A tax-exempt receipt will be issued.

For more information on MEF, please visit our website at www.methodistchurch.org.my and click on the tab 'Methodist Education Foundation'.

Gratitude messages from UTAR recipients

Dear Methodist Education, Happy New Year!! It was indeed a blessing to receive scholarship from this foundation. May God bless you in all you do as you contribute to bless us students financially.

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38.

Sincerely,
Esther Lau Yi Ci
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Thank you for helping me financially which allow me to complete my studies at UTAR. I appreciate it very much and will continue to improve myself and strive to be a better person who can contribute to the society using the knowledge I have gained throughout my university life. Once again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Ooi Wei Ling
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science

I am blessed to receive this scholarship and I acknowledge the importance of our team on supporting aspiring learners in our community to improve their schooling.

Sincerely,
Liew Kin Yuan
Bachelor of Accounting (Honours)

I am sincerely honoured to have been selected as the recipient of MEF scholarship. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses and it allowed me to concentrate more of my time in studying. Thank you again for your generosity and support. Your earnest investment in my future goals will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Loh Hui Ting
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Thank You Letter to MEF by UTAR President



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12 January 2023

Dear Sponsor / Donor,

Greetings from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR).

On behalf of the staff and students of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for your kind gesture in providing the financial assistance to UTAR students for their studies.

Your generosity is very much appreciated, through your support, the student recipients are able to receive the financial aid they need to continue studying in the university and to graduate with better career opportunities and a brighter future.

To convey their gratitude, the scholarship recipients have sent you their thank messages which are attached together with this letter.

May the Year 2023 bring you and your family good health, peace, success and prosperity.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Ewe Hong Tat
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SMK Methodist (ACS) Klang 130th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

By Rev Gaurri Maniam
Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church Klang
Chaplain of the 1st Company Boys' Brigade Klang



On 10 March 2023, SMK Methodist (ACS) Klang celebrated its 130th Anniversary with a thanksgiving service. Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, was the guest of honour. The event was also attended by the MP of Klang, Yang Berhormat Tuan Ganabatirau and the ADUN, Yang Berhormat Tony Leong.

Bishop Dr Jeyakumar in his address spoke from Proverbs 11:14 which says, "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers." In his message, Bishop stressed the importance of having many wise counsellors to guide the students in the school. We are in need of more wise teachers who would come alongside our students - to not only impart knowledge but wisdom as well. Bishop reminded us that wisdom comes from God and is given to us when we have the fear of the Lord in us. Teachers need to therefore teach our students to have the fear of the Lord in them.

The Boys' Brigade and the Christian Fellowship students were actively participating and helping out in the event. We praise and thank God for these

ministries that we are able to carry out through ACS Klang. We pray and hope that through these ministries we may share the love of God with our students.

This celebration also showcased The School Heritage Room, which was founded by the SMK Methodist (ACS) Klang Board of Governors towards the end of 2022. The room contains the school's history and achievements with trophies dating back to the 1930's as well as ACS shields for academic excellence and student yearbooks since 1957. The rich collection showcases the school's vision, mission, and values. Its primary objectives are to preserve the glorious past, ensure continuity of excellence and provide a platform for activities that will motivate future generations of students and teachers at the school to inspire them.

SMK Methodist (ACS) Klang is a government-aided secondary school in Jalan Raya Barat, Klang. It is the third oldest school in Malaysia. The school was founded and established by Sir William Hood Treacher on 10 March 1893.



WE ARE HIRING

ADMIN POSITION

HR Manager

Methodist College is looking for a highly committed and detailed oriented person who is experienced in Human Resources field. This role will report to CEO and responsible for overseeing human capital development, providing strategic and efficient operations of the Human Resources Department.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- To formulate HR strategic planning and manage manpower.
- To formulate and review HR related policies, SOPs, and workflow.
- To administer payroll procedures and ensure overall payroll accuracy and timeliness.
- To monitor HR operational functions which includes recruitment, induction programme, performance management, training and development, employee engagement, industrial relations, succession planning, etc.
- To establish and administer staff performance appraisal and rewards.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a Master's Degree/Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management, Business Administration or its equivalent.
- Candidate with experience in the education industry will be an added advantage.
- Possess at least 5 years of HR experience and minimum 2 years at managerial level.
- Well versed with Employment Act 1955, Industrial Relations Act 1967, and current labour law practices.
- Strong leadership skills, communication skills and analytical skills.
- Performance driven and team player.
- Familiar with Payroll Software - HR2000 is preferred.
- Proficient in both spoken and written Bahasa Malaysia and English.
- Required skill(s): Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

ACADEMIC POSITION

Head of Accounting and Finance

Methodist College is looking for a committed, detailed and results oriented person to manage Accounting & Finance under Tertiary Programmes. This post would suit someone who is looking for their first leadership role or an existing leader looking for a new challenge. This role will report to our Academic Director, Tertiary Programmes.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- To set targets and planning for student enrolment.
- To carry out course and curriculum planning/assessment to improve learning outcomes.
- To monitor students' progress and welfare, e.g., attendance, performance, progress, pastoral care, etc.
- To manage manpower planning for the department.
- To provide growth opportunities to staff and review their performance by conducting staff appraisals.
- To be involved in teaching/classroom management, which include planning teaching & learning activities, updating and facilitating the development of academic resources, etc.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- A Master's Degree in Accounting or related field and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.
- Possess ACCA qualifications will be an added advantage.
- At least 5 years of working experience in education industry.
- Strong leadership and teamwork skills.
- Good communications and interpersonal skills.

Getting started in a teaching career?

Currently, we are also looking for lecturers. The vacancies are available in KL and Penang Campus.

Drop in your CV at hr@mckl.edu.my to apply for positions

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National Inter-school Passion Week & Beyond Celebration: *Jesus' Legacy to the World*



Dates: 3-9 April 2023 | Time: 4pm (tentative) | Platform: Online via Zoom

As Easter draws near, the Council of Education is organising a national inter-school Passion Week event for Wesley Methodist School (WMS) students to commemorate the passion (suffering), death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The event starts from 3-9 April and will be conducted virtually. Students will be divided into groups for discussion led by qualified Christian facilitators from Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG).

The contents of the event are curated carefully to suit students from the age of 7 to 17 years old, with the purpose of allowing students to journey and understand the poignancy of the Easter story, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the anticipation & hope of the resurrection. It will also encourage students to ponder and reflect on the story, making their learning journey more conscious, and equipping them to think critically. During the week, it is an opportunity for the students to foster cooperative learning amongst themselves too.

To make this event significant, the Council is collaborating with various Christian organisations namely the Malayan Christian Schools Council, Sabah Interdenominational Education Committee, Scripture Union, Teachers Christian Fellowship, and the Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade Malaysia.

By God's mercy and grace, students will appreciate this moment to remember, commemorate and celebrate Passion Week.

FACILITATOR INVITATION

Would you be interested to become a facilitator for this event?

Approach us by filling up your details on this URL - https://bit.ly/passionweek_facilitator and we will contact you shortly. You could be the next enabler in impacting lives and nation, transformed by the Gospel of Christ through holistic education consistent with the principles of Rukun Negara.



Position : **Teachers** (Mathematics, Science and English subjects)
Location : **Wesley Methodist Schools** (Kuala Lumpur, Bandar Seri Coalfields, Klang, Seremban, Ipoh, Penang)

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Teach full-time IGCSE or KSSM subjects.
- Develop lesson plans, provide homework to students, marking of workbooks, and give appropriate feedback to the students. Prepare test papers and revision papers to prepare students for their exams.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree/Post-Graduate Diploma/Professional Degree in Education/Teaching/Training or equivalent.
- At least two (2) years of teaching experience in IGCSE subjects in an International School setting.
- Candidates must be fluent in both written and spoken English & Bahasa Malaysia

Position : **Human Resources Manager**
Location : **Klang Valley, Ipoh and Penang**

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Handle all aspects of HR administration, recruitment, employee compensation and benefits including disciplinary matters.
- Responsible for overall office administration and willing to take the hands-on approach.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- At least Bachelor's Degree/Post-Graduate Diploma/Professional Degree in Business Studies/Admin/HR Management or equivalent.
- Excellent communication skills.
- At least 3-6 years in a Senior Executive position in HR preferably in a school environment.
- Well-versed in Malaysian Labour laws and prevailing HR practices and legislation.

Position : **Senior Executive/Assistant Manager- Marketing**
Location : **Penang and Seremban**

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Represent the schools at education fairs, roadshows, workshops, and other sales and marketing related activities.
- Manage student recruitment and marketing initiatives by working with feeder schools and other relevant partners.
- Develop monthly newsletters, lead online digital campaigns and prepare website content and publications.
- Analyse and report the effectiveness of student recruitment and marketing strategies.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Possess at least a Bachelor's Degree/Post-Graduate Diploma/Professional Degree in Marketing.
- Highly developed organisational skills with attention to detail.
- Demonstrate initiative and enthusiasm; results-oriented and a team-player
- Ability to build and sustain successful working relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Position : **Finance Manager**
Location: **Klang Valley and Ipoh**

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Preparation of financial and management reports
- Develop, implement and monitor internal controls
- Develop financial plans, budgets and forecasts
- Streamline accounting functions and operations
- Fixed asset management
- Work with school's leadership team to improve school's financial performance

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Possess at least a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or equivalent
- Sound knowledge of accounting fundamentals and internal controls
- Audit experience and compliance oriented with good analytical skills.
- Preferably with work experience in a private/international school.

**To apply, please contact Ms Geraldine at the Methodist Council of Education at (017) 255-0890 or email full resume to: geraldine@mcoe.edu.my.
Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.**

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RM 400/pax Twin share Room

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For more information, please email to: info@methodistchurch.org.my



Methodist Archives Seminar 2023

Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya • 6-7 May 2023

- How do we keep church records?
- Are we 'keeping junk' or 'treasuring history'?
- Do we need a church historian?
Is that a ministry?
- What about digital archives?

If you have pondered over some of these questions, then register for the Methodist Archives Seminar and find the answers. Learn how you can set up your church's archive system and make it effective, the do's and don'ts and everything you should know about keeping records in print or digitally.

Register via email to

info@methodistchurch.org.my.

Registration fee at RM50 per person

(inclusive of one tea break and one lunch).

Closing date: 22 April 2023

PROGRAMME

Saturday May 6, 2023

- 1.00pm Prayer and Introduction
- 1.30pm The Ministry of History
- 2.30pm Responsibilities of a Church Historian
- 3.30pm Tea Break
- 4.00pm Survey of Churches' Records
(retention schedule - what to keep, what to toss)
- 5.30pm Caring for your Records
- 7.00pm Closing

Sunday May 7, 2023

- 9.00am Worship at Trinity Methodist Church, PJ
- 10.30am How to set up Archives Online?
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Oral History
- 2.30pm Promotional Ideas on Celebrating Church Anniversary
- 4.00pm Q & A Session
- 5.00pm Closing Prayer