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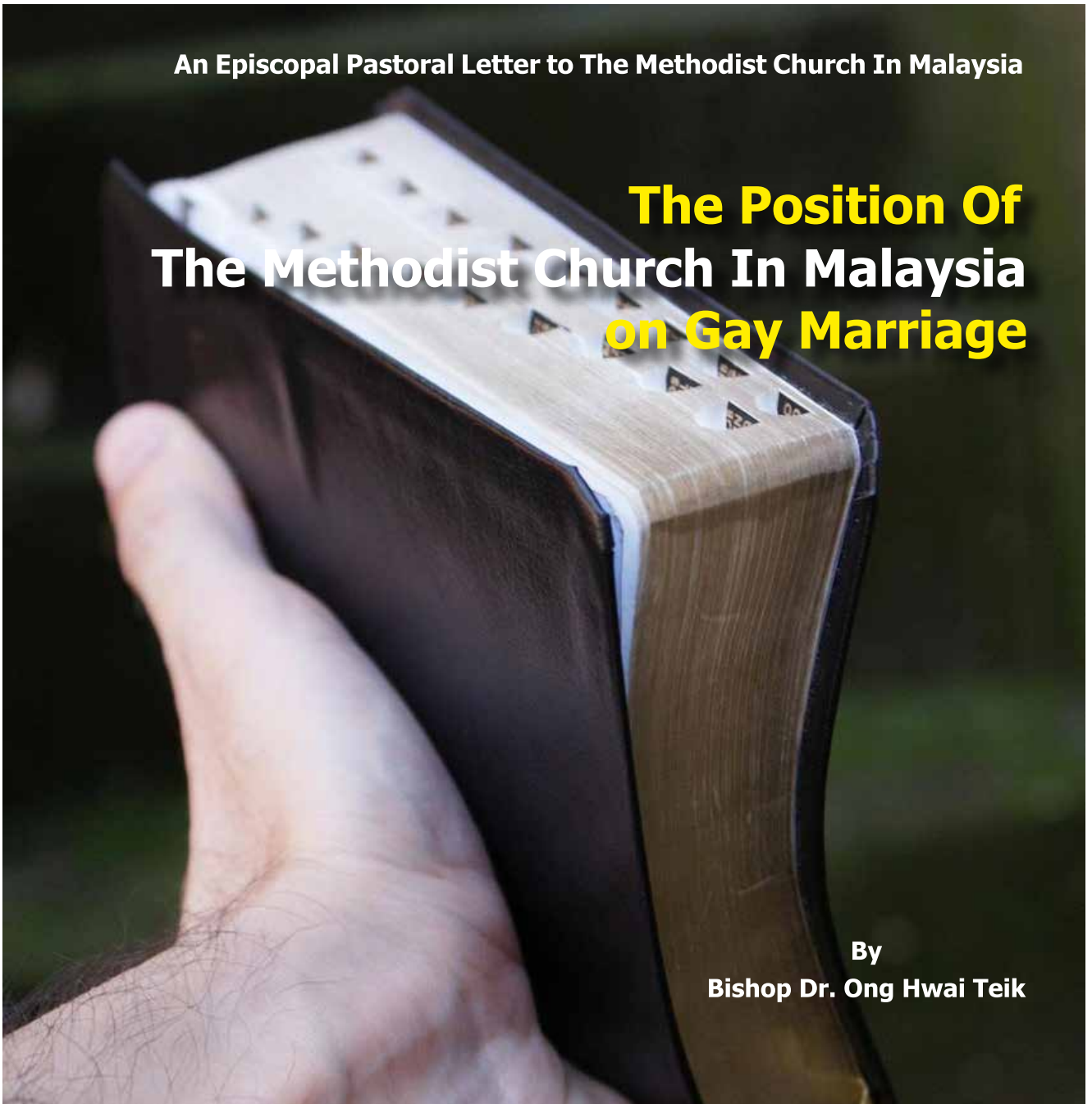


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An Episcopal Pastoral Letter to The Methodist Church In Malaysia

## **The Position Of The Methodist Church In Malaysia on Gay Marriage**

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繁华的隆市生活紧张，尤其上班族容易困在‘忙、盲、茫’的光景。日复一日，生活枯干乏味。传道书第三章的智慧，“天下万务都有定时...静默有时，言语有时...，”给予我们一个平衡点，却是现代人常忽略的。现在，几乎人人都无时静默，时时多言。我们曾否享受静默之时方能体会的全新经历呢？

为此，总议会青年理事会(GCYC)于 2015 年 6 月 26 至 29 日在金马仑卫理祈福中心举办的静默营真是恰当，让我们与上帝行走了一段独特的路程。这次共有十二位来自华人年议会以及沙巴临时年议会的弟兄姐妹参与。属灵导师团队由温俊卿姐妹（主理）、Austin 弟兄以及 Ng Wai Ling 姐妹组成，总议会的 Michael William 弟兄为主办人。

其实，我们只能以当前的状况与上帝相会。因此，导师鼓励我们敞开自己的心，与上帝深谈心底话。导师于第一晚教导我们觉验的操练。简单而言，这是以深呼吸来把自己放松，然后察觉脑海浮现的潮思作为与上帝交谈的话题。随后导师读出了一段熟悉的经文，启示录 3：20。各人在默想耶稣在门外叩门都看到不同的画面，各有其意。各人所见的画面可作为与上帝继续深谈的话题，同时聆听祂要向各人说的话。

接下来的两天，我们学习如何祷读、默观经文。例如，从列王纪上 19 章 1-18 节所记载以利亚的经历，我们能反思自己今日成为了何等的人，与以利亚有何共鸣。在约翰福音 21 章 15-23 节，耶稣三次问彼得是否爱祂比这些更深。我们亦可反省我们的‘这些’是什么，并祈求耶稣帮助我们无论以往如何，愿今日成为在祂里面真正的自我。从中，可见有时问题不在于问题本身，重整内心更为关键。这是平静之时所带来的亮光。

由于营地位于高山，鸟语花香，上帝亦藉着祂的创造向各人说话。笔者在观看重重的高山时，突然飘起一阵柔和的凉风，顿时体验上帝的爱原来‘稳重如山，柔如微风’，令人十分安慰。人际与繁杂的事物变化莫测，只有安静，方能体会耶稣是良友！余是祂的爱子，并非奴仆，祂爱余不凭余表现如何。

在每日所领受的，导师都鼓励我们写在日志里。其中两天的下午时段，我们分别与指定的属灵导师单独约见，分享各人的得着与经历。此时，日志能帮助我们集中，带出重点。属灵导师细心聆听、提点、帮助我们进一步反思、为我们祷告，每说的一句，都如此贴心。其实，真正的属灵导师是内住我们的圣灵。

此外，日志可当作一个提醒，当中我们可察觉是否有惯常出现的情况。我们可以为此献上感恩并继续祈求上帝的帮助。透过回顾、反省，生命意义方能浮现，我们的人生方有深度，不再肤浅。

在静默营划上句点之前，导师建议每一位选择一个字或标题来总结这次的经历。余的标题是‘心静自然亮’，因为安静时得着了不一样的亮光！盼望日后有更多弟兄姐妹来一同体验，让耶稣亲自来服侍，享受那又独特上好福分。

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## PRAYERUNITED

### 1. SABAH EARTHQUAKE

#### a. RESTORATION of the Christian Faith amongst the Indigenous People

- i. Immediately following the first earthquake on 5 June 2015, we see some indigenous peoples who are now followers of Christ, begin to slip back into the beliefs of their forefathers. Their faith has been shaken by the tremors. Tales of the old and mystical beliefs of their childhood days suddenly came flooding back. We pray for the strengthening and restoration of the Christian faith amongst the indigenous people. Let their faith and belief system be realigned back to God. Let them see that their help is from God. Psalm 121:1-2 (NKJV) I will lift up my eyes to the hills — From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The mountain is one of the many creations of God, and God is in control of the earthquake. Our God is the Master Creator. He resides in ALL His creations. God is still in control and in charge! Let God be God!!

#### b. HEALING from Fear and Trauma

- i. Attempts are being made by some indigenous groups to appease the mountain with sacrificial rites, and the social media has picked this up, circulating pictures of the ceremonies. This is inciting further fear among the people of the land who have yet to recover from the shock and trauma of the recent earthquakes.
- ii. Apart from this, dwellers of Kundasang and Ranau vicinities - the epicentre of the quake - are facing evacuation and dealing with physical losses ie. losing their homes/property, loved ones and sources of income. They are also facing daily problems such as shortages of fresh water supply, shelter and basic daily provisions.
- iii. All these are wearying the people down physically, emotionally, mentally, financially and spiritually. On top of all this, there is the fear of another possible quake which could further devastate the current grim situation.

- iv. As we pray for these needs, let us declare Psalm 46:1 over them. That they will hold fast their faith in God for He is their refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

#### c. RIGHT Focus

- i. The media is publicising the acts of the nudists instead of highlighting the effects of the quake. The real plight and needs of those affected are not given proper and thorough coverage, while the limelight given on the heroism of our local Malim Gunung (Mountain Guides) was quickly dwarfed by news of the charges and sentencing of the nudists.
- ii. Ideally, responsible reporting should focus on the heroic acts, wise and speedy responses of:-
  1. The mountain guides up on the mountain
  2. The off duty mountain guides who responded to the call to climb up the mountain to help their fellow mates
  3. The ground staff of the Kinabalu Park who have been extending their assistance
- iii. We pray for wisdom in accurate reporting from the various news agencies and, for the government to identify, acknowledge and reward the deserving individuals and groups.
- iv. Also for the Government and NGOs to handle the aftermath of the relief efforts efficiently and without bureaucratic delays and for funds to be channeled to the right people groups and places.
- v. In addition, precautionary systems must be set up by the government and all relevant authorities as soon as possible.

#### d. REBUILDING efforts undertaken

- i. Apart from the mountain climbing facilities, treks, trails and public amenities on the mountain being destroyed, the tremors have also caused the loss of homes due to mudslides as well as damages to the foundations of some of the buildings, bridges and main road linkages.
- ii. We pray for resources and funds to flow in speedily to the relevant agencies and places without delay and the rebuilding master-plan to be charted and executed speedily.

#### e. THE CHURCH in Sabah and Malaysia to hear what God is saying

- i. It's time for the Church in our states and nation to wake up. God is waking up all because the HARVEST is here. Malaysia is at a tipping point in this season. Let's unite together to:-
  1. Give towards the needy.
  2. Minister to the needy – attend especially in the areas of trauma and fear and their spiritual needs.
  3. Teams are being sent up by churches to do this as the need is so great.
  4. Prayer together for God's Kingdom come and His will be done not only in Sabah but Malaysia. Pray that many will attend the KINABALU PRAYER GATHERING from July 10-11, 2015, which is organised by the Sabah Council of Churches.

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## An Episcopal MISSIONAL CALL

A Methodist Church after God's Own Heart -  
**Growing deep and strong inside,  
Standing with Christ's Body nationwide,  
Giving God glory from every side.**

# The Position Of The Methodist Church In Malaysia on Gay Marriage

We live in changing times of global proportion. Key among these global changing tidal waves is the expeditious growing acceptance of gay marriage in the Western world which will change fundamentally the basic building block of society, which is, the family.

The trend of legalizing gay marriage is a matter of great concern for many, including those in the church. A BBC News article [10 Feb 2014 – *Where is it Illegal to be gay?* [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)] showed that in 1789, homosexuality was illegal in 126 countries. By 2014, about 92 countries had decriminalised homosexuality. A Pew Research Centre article [*Gay Marriage around the World*, 26 June 2015] states that currently 22 countries have legalised gay marriages. The Netherlands was the first to do so in 2000, and she was joined this year by Finland, Greenland, the Republic of Ireland and the latest nation that created the greatest of impact – the United States of America.

One source has listed Malaysia as among “79 Countries where homosexuality is illegal” [76crimes.com]. In this article the majority of the nations where homosexuality is illegal are found in Africa, and Asia including the Middle East and South East Asia.

We live in a world which has seen the discarding of the “self-evident truths of God” especially in the “trend setting” affluent and influential West - driven by forces such as increasing secularism and relativism that promote the view that each person should dictate his own moral imperatives. In the words of Ravi Zacharias, we live increasingly in a self-ruled “Autonomous Culture”.

To many, the latest legalizing of gay marriage in the United States of America that redefines marriage represents a decline of marriage marked by divorce, cohabitation and a world view that embraces almost limitless sexual freedom which started about half a century ago.

For the Church, just as no human institution has the authority to redefine the Gospel, so it is the same with the institution of marriage [which mysteriously reflects the Gospel in Ephesians 5:32]. The Lord Jesus Christ has declared that marriage as the Creator God has defined it, is from “the beginning” [Matthew 19:4-6, 8] woven into the very fabric of the creation of humankind.

The Bible plainly teaches the enduring truth that marriage involves one man and one woman. This complementarity between male and female [Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, 1 Corinthians 7:2-16, Ephesians 5:23-33] over a lifetime union is for the purpose of the extension of humankind via the building of a family and providing

a steady and sure setting for that family. This original definition of marriage has been well supported by history, psychology and nature, even as it is universally acknowledged that men and women are psychologically, emotionally and sexually designed to complement each other.

**The Methodist Church in Malaysia has always categorically affirmed -**

- **The sufficiency of the Bible** for salvation and Christian living ie – “*In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church*” [Article V, The Book of Discipline 2012, The Methodist Church in Malaysia, p 22] and
- **“the sanctity of the marriage covenant which is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment, and shared fidelity between a man and a woman...We reject social norms that assume different standards in marriage. We support laws in civil society that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, thus we do not support same sex marriage as it is against Christian teachings...”** [Social Principles para 84 1.a, The Book of Discipline 2012, The Methodist Church in Malaysia, p 32].

There was also a GCEC sanctioned reaffirmation of this same position of the Methodist Church in Malaysia titled *The Position of the Methodist Church in Malaysia on Homosexuality and Same Sex Marriage* that was issued on 24 August 2011 through the Episcopal Office then to a specific media context that reads:

*“In accordance with the Bible, the position of the Methodist Church in Malaysia on homosexuality is as follows:*

*The Bible forbids all forms of homosexual intercourse, because such acts are abnormal and unnatural. The biblical model of marriage comprises one man and one woman, one husband and one wife. Jesus Christ affirmed and upheld this principle in His discourse on marriage.*

*The Bible is clearly against homosexuality. Therefore, churches that hold fast to biblical belief do not and will not support same sex marriage.*

*Although the church cannot accept or condone homosexuality and same sex marriage, it does not reject homosexuals. The church is willing to extend love, concern and assistance to them. Church services are open to all, including homosexuals. If they are willing to accept counselling, the church will help and care for them. There*



are Christian organisations that focus on assisting homosexuals in our country.

Nevertheless, the church categorically opposes homosexuality and same sex marriage, nor does it approve of supporters of homosexuality propagating same sex marriage in the name of Christianity.”

### Conclusion

It is important for the church of this generation to think through and respond biblically and wholesomely to a host of issues surrounding human sexuality and the sanctity of marriage. The church will also have to grapple with practical measures in terms of having those with non-orthodox sexual orientation in the worshipping community. This will have a bearing on issues of participation, preparation for baptism, church membership, church discipline, leadership etc.

We must teach the truth about biblical marriage in our homes, reinforcing and shaping the teaching of the church on sexuality to our children. With great grace received comes great responsibility to shape the thought and life of the church for generations to come. This is not only the call and responsibility of the national or local church leadership, but of every Christian household.

In this way, we can be God’s intended source in bringing healing and hope to a sexually broken culture which has reached a critical

point. In the course of doing this, we should never forget the biblical mandate that all persons are created in the image of God and deserve dignity and respect – notwithstanding their sexual orientation and preference. We must remember to love our neighbours irrespective of whatever disagreements that may surface consequent to conflicting beliefs about marriage. For the sake of the common good we need to live respectfully and civilly alongside those who may disagree with us.

However, the Methodist Church in Malaysia must be faithful to the biblical witness on marriage notwithstanding the current tidal cultural shift on marriage; we are also reminded to pray for God’s people in those countries that have legalised same sex marriage. The landscape may grow more antagonistic to a biblical sexual ethic [which is not new in the history of the church] but the church is defined by the Gospel. We as God’s people called Methodists shall continue in our biblical roots and Wesleyan tradition of insisting that the Gospel brings good news to all people, regardless of whether the culture considers the news good or not.

Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik  
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## Devotion

### *A Beautiful Mind*

*The things He has written on your hearts are not doubts or opinions, but assertions—surer and more certain than sense or life itself.*

(Martin Luther)

#### IN WORD:

Our world is awfully confused about what is right and wrong. Worse yet, it is largely ignorant of the way to God. If ever there was a time to speak up, this is it. Our needy planet is desperate for a word from God.

Paul tells us that no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God, which by the way, we have (vv. 11-12). The Spirit doesn’t just know the general will of God; He “searches all things, even the deep things of God” (v.10). In a world hungry for truth, we have been given free access to it, and it is wonderful. Truth is far more fulfilling and amazing than we could ever have imagined, but it is lacking in voices. There are plenty of opinions out there, but few words with the power of the Spirit behind them. A shallow world needs to hear the deep things of God.

That doesn’t mean our message will be gladly accepted by all. Like children who are hungry at mealtime, but re-

#### One Year at the Cross Devotional by Chris Tiegreen

luctant to eat what is set in front of them, the dazed and confused seekers of our generation may not recognize the deep things of God when they see them. But the Spirit who reveals them is powerful. He can penetrate any heart He chooses. Our job is not to convince people of the deep things of God, but simply to declare them. The Spirit of God does the rest.

#### IN DEED:

We have the mind of Christ. The Word says so. That places two equal responsibilities on us. The first is to be filled with, steeped in, and standing firm on the deep secrets of God. He didn’t give us His mind for us to vacillate on His will. Wishy-washy Christians are called “unstable” and “double-minded” in James 1:5-8. The mind of Christ is not indecisive.

Our second responsibility is to give the world the wisdom it so desperately needs. We can’t force it on anyone, and we can’t expect people without the Spirit to understand spiritual realities. But we can make sure they hear, and the Spirit will help some see the wisdom in His truths. We have clarity where the world has confusion. We have the mind of Christ.

*We have the mind of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2:16

# 马来西亚卫理公会对同性婚姻的立场

我们生活在全球不断变化的时代里。在这全球剧变的浪潮中,西方世界对同性恋婚姻快速接受的增长趋势十分关键,从根本上改变了社会的基本结构单位——家庭。

同性恋婚姻合法化的趋势是许多人极关注的事情,包括教会。英国广播公司的一篇新闻(<在哪些地方同性恋是不合法的?>,www.bbc.com,10/2/2014)显示,1789年,共有126个国家法定同性恋是犯法的。到了2014年,已有92个国家不认为同性恋是犯法的。一篇Pew研究中心的文章<全世界的同性婚姻>(26/6/2015)指出,目前已经有22个国家合法化同性婚姻。2000年,荷兰是首开先河的国家;2015年,芬兰、格陵兰、爱尔兰共和国和最近具有最大影响力的美国也加入这行列。

有一消息来源把马来西亚列进“79个视同性恋为非法的国家”(76crime.com)。文章里,可见大多数视同性恋为非法的国家,是位于非洲和亚洲,包括中东和东南亚。

我们生活在一个已抛弃“上帝显而易见的真理”之世界,尤其是富裕及有影响力的西方国家;她们每每要“建立新潮流”,在后面推动的就是愈发增加的世俗主义和相对主义,鼓吹每个人都有权利设定自己的道德标准。用拉维·撒迦利亚(Ravi Zacharias)的话说,我们生活在越来越倾向自我管理的“自治文化”中。

对许多人来说,美国最近合法化同性婚姻,重写婚姻的定义,促使婚姻更衰落,约半个世纪前开始流行至今的离婚、同居和无限自由,一直冲击着婚姻。

对教会而言,就像没人有权为福音下定义般,也没人有权为婚姻制度下定义(<以弗所书>5章32节记述婚姻奥妙地反映福音)。耶稣基督已经宣告,正如造物主上帝所定义的,婚姻是从人类受造的“一开始”(太19:4-6、8),已编入创造人类的结构里。

圣经清楚教导,婚姻是一位男性和一位女性结合的永恒真理。男女之间一生的结合是互补的(创2:24;太19:4-6;林前7:2-16;弗5:23-33),旨在通过建立家庭和提供稳定、可靠的结构,让人类延续下去。这原始的婚姻定义尤其受历史、心理学和自然发展所支持;全球也公认男人和女人在心理、情绪和性别方面都是互补的。

## 马来西亚卫理公会一直明确地肯定

- 圣经足以提供得救和基督徒生活之要道——“圣经是吾会尊奉的新旧约诸书,其权威在教会中是不可存有任何疑惑的。”(卫理公会《法规》第二部第五条,页28,2012)和
- “婚约的神圣性。婚约是一个男人和一个女人以爱、彼此扶持、个人委身和相互忠诚所表达的誓约……我们不能接受任何具有不同婚姻标准的社会准则。我们支持文明社会把婚姻订为一男一女结合的法律,并不支持同一性别的婚姻,因其违反基督教教导……”(卫理公会《法规》第三部社会准则第84款1a,页40,2012)。

总议会执行理事会曾于2011年8月24日,发表<马来西亚基督教卫理公会对同性恋及同性婚姻的立场>,内文提到:

“马来西亚基督教卫理公会,根据《圣经》对同性恋性行为的立场,如下所示:

同性之间所有性行为都是圣经禁止的,因圣经将同性之间性行为列为违背天性的行为,乃属违反自然之事。《圣经》启示的婚姻模式是‘一男一女,一夫一妻’。这个原则也被耶稣基督论及婚姻时,重新确认与宣示。

《圣经》反对同性恋性行为的立场是十分确定的。因此,所有持守圣经信仰的基督教会必不赞同同性婚姻。

教会虽不认同与接纳同性恋性行为,但并不排斥同性恋者,而是愿以爱心给予关怀和协助。教会欢迎任何人来聚会,包括同性恋者。若他们愿意接受辅导,教会愿意尽力协助。本国亦有专为辅导同性恋行为者的基督教机构团体。

然而,教会坚决反对一切宣扬同性恋行为或同性婚姻者的立场;也不赞成同性恋支持者以基督教的名义,鼓吹同性婚姻。”

## 结论

对这世代的教会而言,好好思考和根据圣经全面回应众多关于性别和神圣婚姻的问题,是非常重要的。教会必须为那些在信仰群体内,但持非正统性取向者找出可行的措施。这将影响参与度、洗礼前的准备、接收会友、教会纪律和教会领袖等政策。

我们必须在家里教导圣经的婚姻真理,加强教会的性教育和塑造我们的孩子。我们既蒙大恩,也承担重大责任,就是塑造教会下一代的生活和思想。这不仅是国家或地方上的教会领袖,亦是每个基督徒家庭的呼召和责任。

如此,我们才能成为上帝的管道,为这个性破碎的文化带来医治和盼望。在进行的过程中,我们永远不可忘记圣经的命令,即所有人都是按照上帝的形像所造的;因此,每一个人——不管他们的性取向如何,都有尊严和应受尊重。我们也必须爱邻舍,即使我们信仰不同而对婚姻的看法有所冲突。为了共同的利益,我们需要与那些不认同我们的人互相尊重、和平相处。

无论时下婚姻的潮流文化如何转变,马来西亚卫理公会必须忠于圣经对婚姻的见证。我们也被提醒要为处于同性婚姻合法国的上帝子民代祷。社会发展的趋势,可能会与圣经的道德特质更显对立(在教会史上并不新奇),但教会是由福音定义的。身为卫理宗信徒的上帝子民,我们务要延续圣经的根源和卫理传承;我们务要坚持福音能为所有人带来好消息,不管世俗文化认为这是不是好消息。

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# Posisi Gereja Methodist Di Malaysia Mengenai Perkahwinan Sama Jenis Yakni “Gay”

Kita hidup dalam era perubahan global yang amat besar. Antara gelombang global utama ini adalah penerimaan yang semakin meluas terhadap perkahwinan gay di dunia Barat yang bakal mengubah secara hakiki blok binaan asas masyarakat, iaitu, keluarga.

Pengiktirafan terhadap perkahwinan gay yang semakin berleluasa ini adalah satu perkara yang membimbangkan ramai orang, termasuk umat Kristian. Satu artikel Berita BBC [10 Feb 2014 – *Di manakah gaya hidup sebagai gay salah disisi undang-undang?* [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)] menunjukkan bahawa pada tahun 1789, homoseksualiti diharamkan di 126 buah negara. Menjelang tahun 2014, lebih kurang 92 buah negara telah mengiktiraf homoseksualiti sebagai bukan satu jenayah. Sebuah artikel Pusat Penyelidikan Pew [*Perkahwinan Gay di seluruh Dunia*, 26 Jun 2015] menyatakan bahawa pada masa kini 22 buah negara telah mengiktiraf perkahwinan gay sebagai sah. Belanda merupakan negara pertama berbuat demikian pada tahun 2000, dan disertai pada tahun ini oleh Finland, Greenland, Republik Ireland dan negara terbaru yang telah menimbulkan impak terbesar – Amerika Syarikat.

Satu sumber telah menyenaraikan Malaysia di antara “79 buah Negara di mana homoseksualiti adalah salah di sisi undang-undang” [76crimes.com]. Dalam artikel ini majoriti negara di mana homoseksualiti adalah salah di sisi undang-undang terdapat di Afrika, dan Asia termasuk Timur Tengah dan Asia Tenggara.

Kita hidup dalam sebuah dunia yang telah mencampak “kebenaran bukti-nyata tentang Tuhan” terutama sekali di Negara Barat yang kaya dan berpengaruh serta menjadi ikutan – didorong oleh peningkatan ideologi sekularisma dan kerelatifan yang mempromosi pandangan bahawa setiap orang harus menentukan nilai-nilai moralnya sendiri. Seperti yang dikatakan oleh Ravi Zacharias, kita hidup dalam satu “Budaya Autonomi” di mana setiap manusia memerintah kehidupannya sendiri.

Ramai berpendapat bahawa pengiktirafan rasmi perkahwinan gay yang terbaru di Amerika Syarikat yang telah mentakrif semula istilah perkahwinan, mewakili kejatuhan taraf perkahwinan yang dicirikan oleh penceraian, kohabitasi dan satu pandangan dunia yang memeluk kebebasan seksual tanpa had yang bermula lebih kurang setengah kurun yang lalu.

Bagi pihak Gereja, tidak ada institusi manusia mempunyai kuasa untuk mentakrif semula Injil, maka adalah sama dengan institusi perkahwinan [yang mencerminkan Injil secara misteri dalam Ephesians 5:32]. Tuhan Yesus Kristus telah mengisytiharkan bahawa perkahwinan sepertimana yang Tuhan Pencipta maksudkan, [Mat-

thew 19:4-6, 8] telah dianyamNya ke dalam fabrik asas manusia dari saat manusia diciptakan.

Kitab Injil mengajar secara terang-terangan bahawa perkahwinan melibatkan seorang lelaki dan seorang wanita. Keadaan saling melengkapi antara lelaki dan wanita ini [Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, 1 Corinthians 7:2-16, Ephesians 5:23-33] dalam gabungan semumur hidup adalah untuk tujuan kelangsungan umat manusia melalui pembinaan sebuah keluarga dan menyediakan satu suasana yang tetap dan teguh untuk keluarga itu. Takrif asal perkahwinan ini telah disokong oleh sejarah, psikologi dan alam semulajadi, serta ia telah diiktiraf secara universal bahawa lelaki dan wanita adalah dicipta secara psikologi, emosi dan secara seksual untuk saling melengkapi antara satu sama lain.

**Gereja Methodist di Malaysia telah menyatakan secara kategori pendirian teguhnya bahawa -**

- **Kecukupan Kitab Injil** untuk penyelamatan dan kehidupan Kristian iaitu – “Atas nama Kitab Suci kita faham bahawa buku-buku kanonikal Testamen Lama dan Baru di mana kuasanya tidak pernah disangsikan di dalam Gereja” [Artikel V, Buku Disiplin 2012, Gereja Methodist di Malaysia, ms 22] dan
- **“Kekudusan kovenan perkahwinan yang dinyatakan melalui kasih cinta, saling sokong-menyokong, memberi komitmen peribadi, dan kesetiaan antara seorang lelaki dan seorang wanita...Kita menolak norma-norma sosial yang menggunakan pakai standard berbeza dalam perkahwinan. Kita menyokong undang-undang dalam masyarakat sivil yang mentakrif perkahwinan sebagai gabungan antara seorang lelaki dan seorang wanita, oleh itu kita tidak menyokong perkahwinan seks sejenis kerana ia adalah bertentangan dengan ajaran Kristian..”** [Prinsip-prinsip Sosial para 84 l.a, Buku Disiplin 2012, Gereja Methodist di Malaysia, p 32].

Terdapat juga satu pengiktirafan yang dipersetujui oleh GCEC serupa dengan posisi Gereja Methodist di Malaysia yang bertajuk *Posisi Gereja Methodist di Malaysia mengenai Homoseksualiti dan Perkahwinan Seks Sejenis* yang dikeluarkan pada 24 Ogos 2011 melalui Pejabat Episcopal pada masa itu kepada satu konteks media yang menyatakan:

*“Berdasarkan Kitab Injil, posisi Gereja Methodist di Malaysia mengenai homoseksualiti adalah seperti berikut:*

*Kitab Injil melarang semua bentuk persetubuhan homoseksual, kerana tindakan sedemikian adalah tidak normal dan tidak semulajadi. Model perkahwinan berasaskan Alkitab adalah terdiri daripada*

*da seorang lelaki dan seorang wanita, seorang suami dan seorang isteri. Tuhan Yesus Kristus mengiktiraf dan memegang prinsip ini dalam ajaran Beliau mengenai perkahwinan.*

*Kitab Injil dengan amat jelas sekali menentang hubungan homoseksualiti. Oleh itu, gereja yang memegang teguh kepada kepercayaan Alkitab tidak, dan tidak akan menyokong perkahwinan seks sejenis.*

*Walaupun Gereja tidak boleh menerima atau menyokong hubungan homoseksualiti dan perkahwinan seks sejenis, ia tidak menolak golongan homoseksual. Pihak gereja rela menghulurkan kasih, keprihatinan dan bantuan kepada mereka. Persekutuan di gereja adalah terbuka kepada semua, termasuk golongan homoseksual. Jika mereka rela menerima kaunseling, pihak gereja akan membantu dan menjaga mereka. Terdapat organisasi Kristian yang khusus untuk membantu golongan homoseksual dalam negara kita.*

*Pihak gereja secara kategori menentang homoseksualiti dan perkahwinan seks sejenis, dan tidak memperkenankan mereka yang menyokong homoseksualiti menyebarkan perkahwinan seks sejenis atas nama agama Kristian.”*

### Penutup

Adalah penting untuk gereja pada generasi ini untuk berfikir mendalam dan memberi respon secara menyeluruh berlandaskan Alkitab mengenai isu-isu seksualiti manusia dan kudusnya hubungan perkahwinan. Pihak gereja juga perlu mengambil langkah-langkah praktikal dari segi penerimaan terhadap mereka yang mempunyai orientasi seksual yang bukan orthodox. Ini akan memberi kesan ke atas isu-isu penglibatan dalam kegiatan gereja, persediaan untuk baptisma, keahlian gereja, disiplin gereja, kepimpinan dan sebagainya.

Kita mesti mengajar kebenaran Alkitab mengenai perkahwinan dalam keluarga kita, memperkuat dan membentuk anak-anak kita dengan ajaran gereja mengenai seksualiti. Oleh kerana limpah

kurnia Tuhan yang telah kita terima, maka kita ada tanggungjawab yang besar untuk membentuk fikiran dan hidup kegerejaan untuk generasi-generasi akan datang. Ini bukan sahaja merupakan tugas dan tanggungjawab kepimpinan gereja peringkat negara atau tempatan, tetapi tanggungjawab setiap keluarga Kristian.

Dengan cara ini, kita boleh menjadi sumber yang digunakan Tuhan dalam membawa pemulihan dan pengharapan kepada satu budaya seksual yang runtuh yang kini telah mencapai satu tahap kritikal. Kita kehendaklah sentiasa ingat akan mandat Alkitab bahawa semua orang dicipta dalam imej Tuhan dan berhak mendapat maruah dan penghormatan – tanpa mengira orientasi seksual dan kesukaan mereka. Kita hendaklah mengasihi jiran-jiran kita tanpa mengira sebarang perselisihan faham yang mungkin timbul akibat kepercayaan yang bertentangan dalam hal perkahwinan. Demi kebaikan bersama kita perlu hidup secara hormat-menghormati dan secara sivil bersama mereka yang mungkin tidak bersetuju dengan kita.

Walau bagaimanapun, Gereja Methodist di Malaysia mesti setia kepada kesaksian Alkitabiah mengenai perkahwinan tanpa mengira anjakan gelombang budaya semasa mengenai perkahwinan. Kita juga diingatkan agar berdoa untuk umat Tuhan di negara-negara yang telah mengiktiraf secara sah perkahwinan seks sejenis. Suasana mungkin menjadi bertambah tegang atau antagonistik terhadap etika seksual berlandaskan Alkitab [yang bukan satu perkara baru dalam sejarah gereja] tetapi gereja ditakrifkan oleh Injil. Kita sebagai umat Tuhan yang dipanggil Methodists harus teguh berlandaskan Alkitab dan tradisi Wesley yang menegaskan bahawa Injil membawa berita baik untuk semua orang, tanpa mengira samada budaya itu menganggap berita itu baik atau sebaliknya.

Rev Dr Ong Hwai Teik

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## Features

## Asian Methodist Conference News (AMC)

# The 4th Asian Methodist Conference, Sri Lanka, 2015



Malaysian Delegates

It is by God's grace and my privilege to attend the 4th AMC at Negombo, Sri Lanka from 17th-20th June 2015. The mere experience of living, learning and sharing among the Asian brothers and sisters in Christ from Singapore, India, Philippines, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Korea, Sri Lanka and Malaysia is just wonderful, encouraging, reviving and enriching! We are grateful to the Sri Lanka Methodist Church for hosting us.

The Conference Theme is “**Facilitating Transformation in Asia**”. Wow.transforming Asia! It seems ambitious! However, right





The New AMC Exec Committee [2015-2018]

at the Opening Ceremony, Bishop Taranath Saga from India, outgoing Chairman of Asian Methodist Council, encouraged us with Isaiah 47:14 “Fear not, you **worm** Jacob, I will help you...I will make you...”. That surely gave us all a warm assurance! The “worms” can transform Asia when placed in God’s almighty hand!!

The main theme comprised of the following three [sub] themes/ topics:

- **Islam in Asia**—by Dr Patrick Sookhdeo from Banabas Fund
- **Discipleship Today**—by Bishop Wee Boon Hup from Singapore
- **Inter-faith Relations & Ethnic Integration**—by Bishop Ong Hwai Teik of Malaysia

The three sub-themes focus on the history and present Islamization situations in Asia; discipleship in building relationship with Christ forming Christ-like character, being “other” centered, striving for personal/ social holiness and accountability; Biblical Principles on Image of God, identity, Kingdom of God and compassionate social welfare in terms of addressing inter-faith and ethnic issues. What timely teachings and reminders!

There were sharing from country representatives from each country present pertaining to the national situation in terms of political-social-religious challenges being encountered, and how the Methodist Church in each country is engaging in evangelism, missions and nation building. The issue of church unity in a few emerging Asian countries that have different international sponsoring Methodist bodies was identified as a key concern that the AMC network will help address.

For all three mornings, the day began afresh with **Devotions** from the Word of the Lord. We are reminded of good Asian values and the Wesleyan tradition of faithful, productive and accountable discipleship especially in contemporary Asia.

One of the important programs of the conference is the election of the **new Exco of AMC**. The following officers were elected for the next three years [2015-2018] - the Chairman is Rev Dr Lam Sung Che (Hong Kong), the 2 Vice Chairmen are Bishop Yong-Jai Jun (South Korea) and Mr John Ling (Malaysia), Treasurer is Mr Kim Seah (Singapore), and the Secretary is Bishop Rodolfo Juan (Philippines). We thanked the outgoing Exco for their invaluable con-



Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik preaching — hold in abeyance 1st.

tributions to AMC, especially to Bishop Taranath Saga (India) and Bishop Nathaniel Lazaro (Philippines) who were the former Chair and Secretary respectively.

During the conference, the AMC practiced the teaching of the **social compassion and concern** taught by our Lord, in specifically helping the Sri Lankan war widows. It was resolved that a tenth of the AMC reserve funds will be given to the Sri Lankan Methodist Church for their “**Empowering War Widows Families with Shalom**” project that will help 300 war widows and 200 children. It was reported that Sri Lanka has **86,000 war widows** aged 18-28, 58% of whom have 1-3 children – a grim legacy of the civil war that ended in 2009. This is a worthy cause to support: the Asia Methodist Council Executive Committee will further issue an appeal letter to all member countries for additional funds soon.

One highlight of our time in Colombo was an afternoon tour to **the Oldest Methodist Church in Asia, built in 1816**. It imprints the beautiful footsteps of the church fore-runners/missionaries in our Wesleyan tradition. It also prompts us to ask what legacy we as individuals and as a whole church are leaving to the future generation!

In conclusion, in order to transform Asia, we should start from every individual, every Methodist believer who may feel weak and vulnerable like a “**worm**”, but being willing to submit to God’s help and work alongside with all other Asian Churches of today, especially those in our Methodist family.

By Sandra Ling



# சமுதாயத்தின்

## குரலுக்கு பதிலளித்தல்



ஒவ்வொரு கிறிஸ்தவனுக்கும் சமுதாய பொறுப்பு இருக்கிறது. கர்த்தருடைய வார்த்தையானது நாம் ஏழைகளுக்கும், எளியவர்களுக்கும் உதவ வேண்டும் என கட்டளையிடுகிறது. யாக்கோபு 2:16 இப்படியாக சரீரத்திற்கு வேண்டியவைகளை அவர்களுக்குக் கொடாவிட்டால் நம்முடைய விகவாசத்தினால் பிரயோஜனமென்ன? என நமக்கு நினைவுறுத்துகிறது. தேவனுடைய இருதயத்தை உடைத்த இந்த காரியம் நமது இருதயத்தையும் உடைக்க வேண்டும்.

சமீப காலத்தில், நாம் ஒரு தமிழ் வருடாந்திர மாநாடாக இருப்பதால் இந்தியர்களின் சமூக பொருளாதார நிலையைக் கண்டு கலங்கியதோடு, சவாலுக்குள்ளானோம். மதுபானம், போதை பித்தர், குண்டர்கள், வன்முறை குற்றங்கள், விவாகரத்து, பள்ளி கல்வியை தொடராத நிலை, வேலையின்மை போன்ற அநேக காரியங்கள் நம்மில் பலருக்கும், இந்திய கிறிஸ்தவர்களுக்கும் விழித்தெழ ஒரு அழைப்பின் குரலாக இருந்தது. சமுதாயத்திற்கு ஏதாவது உதவி செய்ய வேண்டும் என ஏவப்பட்டோம். எல்லோருக்கும் உதவுவது என்பது கூடாத காரியம் ஆனால் ஒருசிலருக்கு உதவலாம்.

தொடக்கமாக தைரியத்துடன் நெகேமியா திட்டம் 2012ஆம் ஆண்டு நமது மாநாட்டுத் தலைவர் அருள்திரு. சி. ஜெயராஜ் அவர்களால் நிறுவப்பட்டது. எருசலேமின் உடைந்த மதில்களை திரும்பக் கட்டினது போல், ஒரு மாநாடாக உடைந்த வாழ்க்கையினை திரும்பிக் கட்ட ஆவல் கொண்டோம். நம்மால் முடிந்த நற்காரியங்களை, இயன்ற வழிகளில், செய்யக்கூடிய இடங்களில் செய்து மாற்றத்தை கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறோம்.(ஜான் வெஸ்லியின் விதி)

நெகேமியா திட்டம் இரு வேறுபட்ட திட்டங்களைக் கொண்டது. முதலில் சமூக நல ஊழியங்கள் நிறுவப்பட்டது. தொடர்ந்து இவ்வுழியங்களுக்கென நிதி சேகரிப்பதுடன், வருமானம் ஈட்டும் திட்டங்களிலும் முதலீடு செய்யப்பட்டது. ஒடுக்கக் கூட்ட மையம், தொழில் பயிற்சி மையம், மற்றும் தலைமைத்துவ கட்டிடம் போன்ற இதர திட்டங்களையும் துவங்க திட்டங்கள் மேற்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது.

தேவனுடைய பெரிதான கிருபையினாலே, ஸ்தல திருச்சபைகள் மற்றும் நிறுவனங்களின் கூட்டு முயற்சியில் மூன்று வருடத்திற்குள்ளாக கீழ்க்காணும் இல்லங்களையும், மையங்களையும் தொடங்கினோம். இவைகள் இந்த ஊழியதின் கைகளும், கால்களுமாகும்.

இத்திட்டத்தின் கீழ் இன்னும் பல திட்டங்கள் உள்ளன. செலையாங்கில் தற்காலிக தங்கும் இடம் மற்றும் பிராந்திய ஆலோசனை மையங்களும் ஆரம்பிக்க எண்ணம் கொண்டுள்ளோம். இதுபோன்று பல காரியங்கள் செய்யலாம்.



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எழுந்து கட்டுவோம் வாருங்கள்  
நெகேமியா 2:18

ஒருவேளை ஆண்டவர் இத்திட்டத்திற்கு  
சிறு நன்கொடை தரும்படி உங்களை  
ஏவினால் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்காணும்  
நபருடன் தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள்.

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அல்லது

த.வ.மா அலுவலகம்: 03-22749671

உண்மையாகவே உங்களுக்கு ஆதரவுக்கும்,  
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,தற்கெல்லாம் முட்டுக்கட்டையாக இருப்பது நிதியாகும்.  
எல்லா திட்டங்களையும் நிர்வகிக்க வேண்டுமாயின்  
அதிகமான நிதி தேவை. தேவன்  
உண்மையுள்ளவராயிருக்கிறார். மாநாடாக  
விகவாசத்தோடும், கீழ்ப்படிதலோடும் முன்னோக்கிச்  
செல்கிறோம். நமது அங்கத்தினர்களில் பலர் தாராளமாக  
இத்திட்டத்திற்கென தொடர்ந்து கொடுத்து வருகிறார்கள்.  
வருங்காலத்தில் பிற மாநாட்டைச் சேர்ந்த சக மெதடிஸ்ட்  
நண்பர்களும் இவ்வழியத்தில் ஈடுபடுவார்கள் என்பது  
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# ANSWERING THE CALL OF THE COMMUNITY



*Every Christian has a social responsibility. God's word commands us to help the poor and needy. James 2:16 reminds us 'what good is our faith' if we do nothing about the physical needs of people around us. Our hearts must break for the things that break God's heart.*

In recent times, as a Tamil Annual Conference we have been greatly troubled and challenged by the socio economic plight of the Indians. The alarming increase in alcoholism, drug addiction, gangsterism, violent crimes, divorce, school drop-out rates, unemployment and vice of various kinds has been a wake-up call for many of us, Indian Christians. We have been moved to do something to help. We can't help everyone but we can help someone.

As a bold initiative to help at least some needy people, The Nehemiah Project was launched in 2012 by our TAC President, Rev. C. Jayaraj. Just as Nehemiah rebuilt the broken wall of Jerusalem, we as a conference desire to rebuild lives. We want to make a difference by "doing all

the good we can, in all the ways we can and in all the places we can" (*John Wesley's Rule*).

Nehemiah Project is a two pronged project whereby social ministries are established and simultaneously funds are raised to support these ministries as well as invest in other income generating projects. There are also plans to set up a retreat centre, a vocational training centre and our headquarters.

Within the last 3 years, by the grace of God, we have started several homes and centres in partnership with local churches and agencies. They are the hands and feet for these ministries.





### Shekinah Home

*A care centre for elderly women in partnership with Methodist Women TAC.*

Location : Klang



### Children's Home

*Nurture and help raise orphans and children from broken homes in partnership with Ray of Hope.*

Location : Sg.Pelek



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*A refuge of hope for teenagers & unwed mothers in crisis. In partnership with Ray of Hope.*

Location : Sg.Pelek



### Single Mother's Home

*A shelter and care centre for single mothers and their children. In partnership with MW TAC.*

Location : Sg.Petani



### Boy's Hostel

*Houses secondary school boys, provide coaching and guidance in order to help them pass the SPM exam. In partnership with TMC Tanjung Malim.*

Location : Tanjung Malim



### Girl's Hostel

*Provide accommodation for female students from out station. In partnership with MW TAC.*

Location : Brickfields



### Tuition Centres

*Provide free tuition for poor children, motivate them to study and progress on in life. In partnership with these churches :*

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### "COME, LET US BUILD..." Nehemiah 2:18

Perhaps the Lord is impressing you to make a small donation.

Kindly, contact :

**Bro. Achu Naidu at 012-2821381  
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We trully appreciate your support and partnership.

There are several more projects in the pipeline. We hope to start a Half-way home in Selayang and Regional Family Counselling Centres. There is indeed much more that can be done.

One limitation is finance. We need a large sum of money to manage all the above projects. God has been faithful and as a conference we are moving forward in faith and obedience. Many of our members have given and continue to give generously for these projects. It is our hope that fellow Methodists from the other conferences will also sow into these ministries.



# Where is God when it hurts?

DR. PHILIP YANCEY • 14 & 15 NOVEMBER 2015



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## About Dr Philip Yancey



Growing up in a strict, fundamentalist church in the southern USA, a young Philip Yancey tended to view God as "a scowling Supercop, searching for anyone who might be having a good time - in order to squash them." Yancey jokes today about being 'in recovery' from a toxic church. "Of course, there were good qualities too. If a neighbor's house burned down, the congregation would rally around and show charity - if, that is, the house belonged to a white person. I grew up confused by the contradictions. We heard about love and grace, but I didn't experience much. And we were taught that God answers prayers, miraculously, but my father died of polio just after my first birthday, despite many prayers for his healing."

For Yancey, reading offered a window to a different world. So, he devoured books that opened his mind, challenged his upbringing, and went against what he had been taught. A sense of betrayal engulfed him. "I felt I had been lied to. I went through a period of reacting against everything I was taught and even discarding my faith. I began my journey back mainly by encountering a world very different than I had been taught, an expansive world of beauty and goodness. Along the way I realized that God had been misrepresented to me. Cautiously, warily, I returned, circling around the faith to see if it might be true."

Ever since, Yancey has explored the most basic questions and deepest mysteries of the Christian faith, taking millions of readers with him. Early on he crafted best-selling books such as *Disappointment with God* and *Where is God When it Hurts?* while also editing *The Student Bible*. More recently, he has felt the freedom to explore central issues of the Christian faith, penning award-winning titles such as *The Jesus I Never Knew*, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* and *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* His books have garnered 13 Gold Medallion Awards from Christian publishers and booksellers. He currently has more than 15 million books in print, published in 35 languages worldwide.

### SATURDAY (9.30am - 4.30pm)

- Session 1: The Question That Never Goes Away
- Session 2: Where Is God When It Hurts?
- Session 3: The Secret of the Universe

### SUNDAY (9.00am - 12.30pm)

- Session 4: A King and A Prostitute
- Session 5: Q & A

### REGISTRATION

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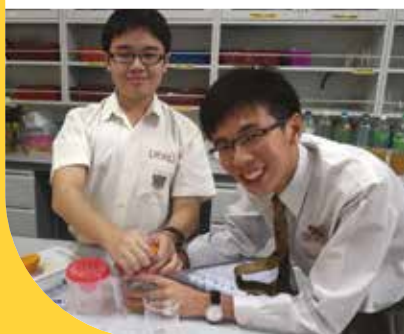


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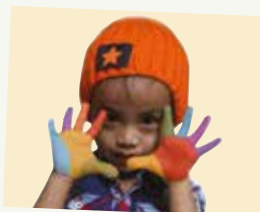
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