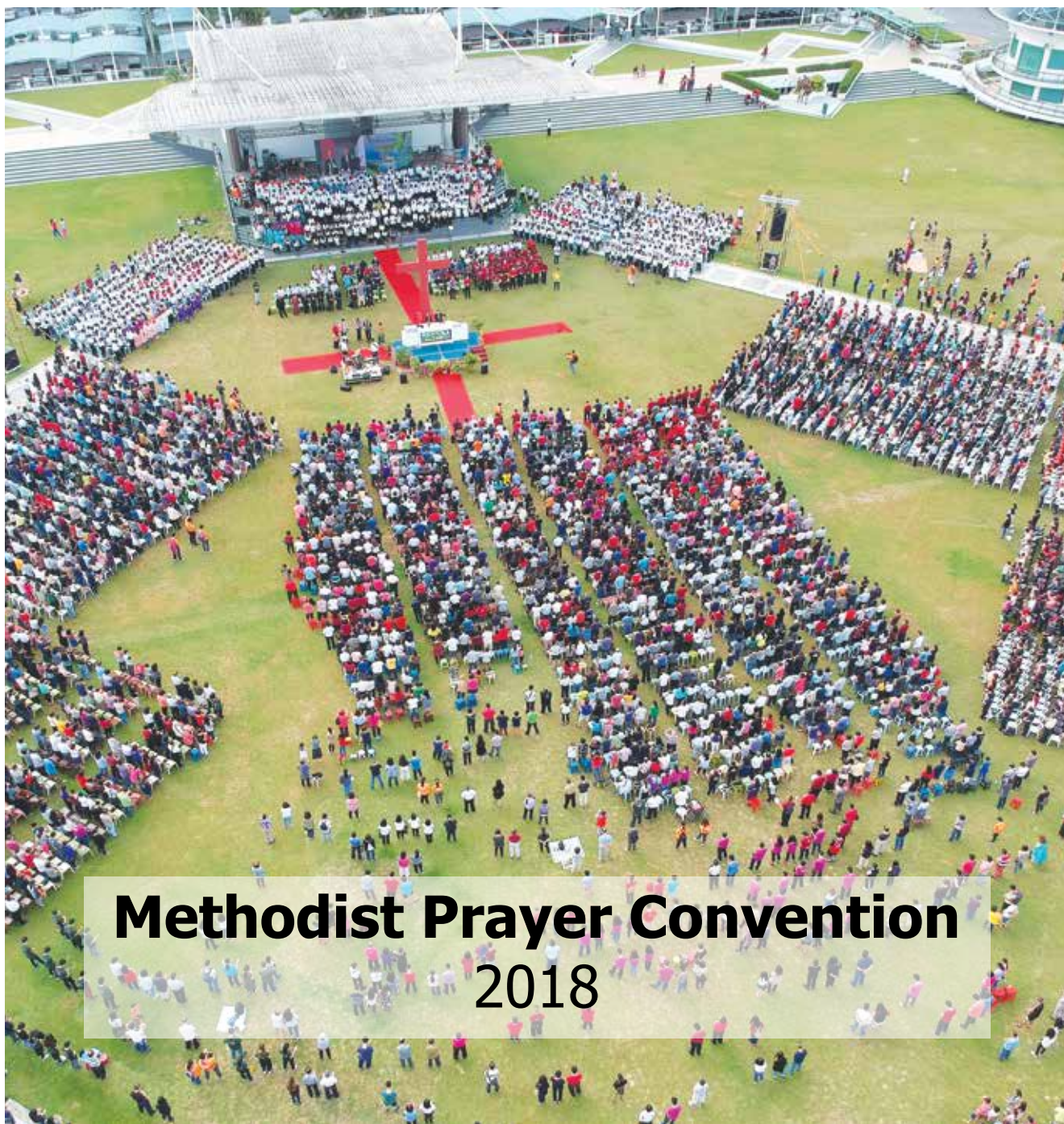


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**Methodist Prayer Convention**  
**2018**



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There are many people who live below the Poverty Line Income. Statistics from the Economic Planning Unit of Malaysia in 2014 states that the PVI for Peninsular Malaysia is 1.6%, Sabah is 7.4% and Sarawak is at 1.6% of its total population.

Let us pray that the government is able to better measure the rate of poverty in Malaysia while taking into consideration the cost of living in the rural and urban areas as well.

Let us also pray for income disparities to be narrowed and the quality of life in the country to be improved.

The Orang Asli and Orang Asal have also high rates of poverty. Let us pray for wisdom and courage amongst our leaders as they seek to address poverty among our indigenous peoples of Malaysia.

### **Matters of the Methodist Church in Malaysia**

All our Annual Conferences are currently preparing for the Annual Conference Meetings. The dates for these meetings are listed below:

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

29<sup>th</sup> Session Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist

#### **8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

15<sup>th</sup> Session Sabah Provisional Annual Conference

#### **11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

43<sup>rd</sup> Session Sarawak Iban Annual Conference

#### **16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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#### **24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

43<sup>rd</sup> Session Trinity Annual Conference

#### **27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

43<sup>rd</sup> Session Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference

Let us pray for Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik, the Annual Conference Presidents and all the delegates as they meet, pray, plan and discuss all matters regarding the respective Annual Conferences and the Methodist Church in general.



"A Church After  
God's Own Heart"

- Every Methodist personally renewed in his/her first love for Jesus
- Every Methodist congregation revived as in the Book of Acts
- The Methodist Church to be refocused and reframed after the Word of God and the Holy Spirit



# Methodist Prayer Convention 2018

**M**ethodist Prayer Convention 2018, themed “A Church after God’s own Heart”, in Sibu, Sarawak from 31 August to 2 September 2018 was attended by 3733 delegates from all the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. Our gratitude first goes to God for His sweet, energising and healing Presence throughout the Convention at Kingswood Hotel from 31/8-1/9 and His Power and Might as Creator God, blessing 10,000 people with perfect weather - overcast skies, no rain and cool breezes as natural air conditioning, for 2/9 Holy Communion service at Sibu Town Square.

We thank the Local Organizing Committee and volunteers under the capable leadership of SCAC President Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai for their sacrificial, hard work in selfless attendance to all needs during the Convention. Truly their labour of love for God and His people was very much appreciated by West Malaysians and other foreigners in our midst. We thank the Convention speakers, Bishop Chien Chung Chen, Bishop of the Methodist Church in the Republic of China (Taiwan), Rev. Viv Thomas, Associate International Director of OM International and Ms Chrisanne Chin, Founder of 24/7 Prayer Malaysia and secretary for Prayer United, for their inspiring, challenging and soul searching messages.

Worship and Prayer Responses led by worship teams and intercessors from 6 Conferences in Chinese, English, Tamil and Bahasa Malaysia were uplifting, Spirit filled and heart-warming especially when all Methodists worshipped and prayed as one voice for the church and nation, united in hearts and minds regardless of language. There were impromptu Spirit led prayers of reconciliation and deepening unity made by Bishop Ong Hwai Teik. There were prayers for personal and national repentance by West Malaysians to seek forgiveness for hurts, injustice and exploitation inflicted upon East Malaysians. Bishop Ong also prayed for Conference Presidents and pastors to be the watchmen for the fire of prayer, and for all the Annual Conferences including the Persidangan Missi Sengoi to continue burning in their passion for Christ regardless of circumstances, encouraging them from Psalm 73:25-26, that God sustains with His Strength and He is their Portion.

Bishop Chien spoke on “Building the Church” and to be “A Church after God’s own Heart” using Nehemiah’s and Paul’s prayers from Nehemiah 1 and Ephesians 1:17-23; 3:14-21 respectively. He reminded us that we are to be a church after God’s own heart, built on prayer to know the Will of God, depending on His Power to love, support and build up one another together and ministering

through prayer. It begins with holy dissatisfaction and responsible Grace to lead holy lives, recognizing our weaknesses and return to God continuously in active salvation, being renewed everyday to be filled with joy and hope to be victorious over challenges. God wants us to be His inheritance through a close relationship with Him through prayer, close fellowship within the church to build up the church and close relationship with brothers and sisters, loving one another to be a church after God’s own heart.

Rev. Dr. Viv Thomas spoke on “Intimacy with God” from Mathew 5:13-16, 10:16. To be intimate with Jesus, we need to be in communion with God through prayer, obedience and action. We must be in community with people for we cannot grow by ourselves in isolation and we must be involved in missions to the world, to be the salt of the earth and light to the world by being as shrewd as snakes but pure as doves with gentle tenderness and mercy. He also spoke on “Prayer in Jesus’ Name” from John 16:23-33. We pray in the magnificent Name of Jesus who is the compass for the future and nourishment for the present. He is our Great Intercessor and Prayer Sustainer. The centre of prayer is Jesus, not us. He quoted St. Augustine - “True, whole prayer is nothing but love” and Richard J Foster - “Real prayer comes from not gritting our teeth but falling in love”.

Ms Chrisanne Chin updated delegates on the prayer movement thus far under the sovereign hand of God: the birth and intensification of 24-7 prayer for Malaysia since 2012, when Prayer United was birthed to shield the nation. Light Up Malaysia this year mobilizes prayer in every constituency, seeks peace for the nation before GE14 and builds a “power grid” to cover the nation from demonic attacks. Chrisanne challenged The Methodist Church in Malaysia to pray without ceasing to break strongholds of deception and oppression, (Isaiah 58:6) and put markers for the next generation, (Jeremiah 31:21). She asked every church to be a house of prayer for the nation through building a sustainable prayer movement for revival and national transformation. A prayer movement can be sustained through unceasing prayer, importunity and pursuing unity. The 10 strategic sectors in each city for prayer are business, healthcare, police/fire, arts, media, sports, family, church, education and government. Spiritual transformation begins with the individual, then the family, neighbourhood, city, state, nation and finally region. State of the nation reflects the state of the church. Prayer and holiness are no longer optional. She used Isaiah 43:19 to encourage Methodist churches to be “Gereja Baru” and to be a “Hannah church” to birth and raise up preachers and missionaries.

Bishop Ong Hwai Teik at the closing Holy Communion Service, preached on Luke 11:5-13 - “Prayer - God’s Indispensable Everyday means of Grace”, which sent us home with the understanding of the need to pray unceasingly, that prayer is God’s everyday channel of grace and the power of importunate/persistent prayer. We must pray every day – it is the means and “instrument” to know the Person, Presence, Purpose and Power of God. Bishop Ong in his concluding remarks encouraged all to live the extraordinary NT church life in the ordinary of everyday life through prayer, which is God’s means of living revival each day, not to be confined as unusual and seasonal wonder moments, but a perpetual enjoyment of our first love for God. We pray for revival but we must remember to live as revived people, who demonstrate the presence Jesus and pass on the love of Christ to others as we live out the teachings of the NT - each day. Prayer makes God’s church an indispensable means of grace to Malaysia each day, as our citizenship of Heaven is demonstrated in our citizenship in this nation.

We praise and thank God for MPC 2018, being the fourth Methodist Prayer Convention over a span of 12 years, rated

by many to be the best MPC thus far. There were testimonies of spiritual breakthroughs, sweet experiences of God’s Presence as much time was spent collectively in prayer, healing of relationships and increased passion for prayer and fasting.

Collectively, the MPC 2018 achieved its goals of instilling greater awareness for the importance of importunate/persistent prayer for the church and nation, to desire revival through prayer and to be a church after God’s own heart built on prayer. Let MPC 2018 not just be a mountain top experience in Sibü but that the experience encounter with God are to be taken home where our prayer life continues to be a transforming experience at personal, local church and Conference levels. Let us keep the “**fire of prayer**” burning brightly and continually.

Let us look forward to the next 19-21 July 2019 Methodist family gathering at the General Conference Laity Convention, at Port Dickson Methodist Centre with a follow up theme, “Family after God’s Own Heart”.

Datin Judy Chin  
Chairperson, GC Council of Laity

MPC 2018 — Sunday Worship Holy Communion Celebration at Dataran Sibü  
2 September 2018 6:30am-8:30am

Excerpt of the Sermon delivered by Bishop Ong Hwai Teik

# “PRAYER – God’s Indispensable Everyday Means Of Grace”

## I. The Unchallenged Universal REALITY OF PRAYER

Matthew Henry’s quotation: Prayer is one of the great laws of natural religion.

Asking the question, “Why do we pray?” is like asking “Why do you talk to your father?”

Jesus taught his disciples, “When you pray, say: ‘Our Father...’” (Luke 1:2)

The life of the Lord Jesus was full of prayer: He prayed all night before choosing the twelve (Luke 6:12), he prayed for all believers before going to the cross (John 17:1-26)...

The apostle Paul taught in Eph 6:18 “praying at all times for all the people” and “pray unceasingly” (1 Thess 5:17)

1 Peter 2:9 tells us that we are the royal priesthood, we pray to God for the people.

Revelation 5:10 states that we are a kingdom of priests, we also minister to the people on behalf of God.

All of Paul’s letters contain prayers, except Galatians and Titus which did not start with prayer.

**Therefore, let us not transgress the spiritual law of prayer like we can never transgress the physical law of gravity.**



## II. PRAYER is God’s EVERYDAY Channel of Grace

John Wesley’s definition of “means of grace” is the ordinary channels whereby God conveys/delivers grace to the people.

John Wesley talked about threefold grace: prevenient [“preparing”] grace, justifying grace and sanctifying grace. And he said there are 6 means of grace:

- 1) Public Worship
- 2) Word of God-read & expounded
- 3) The Lord's Supper
- 4) Prayer
- 5) Sharing the gospel
- 6) Fasting & abstinence

Prayer is not to be worshipped, it's a means to an end. Prayer is a means of grace, a vehicle to communicate with God, a vehicle to receive blessings. Prayer will help us open our hearts to know the Father - His person, presence, the power and purpose. We are to fully utilise this means of grace.

**Prayer is about relationship with God, and we are to use the means of grace of prayer personally every day**, besides attending prayer meetings. Just as you pick up your favourite cup at home or your favourite mug in the office every day, remember prayer is the everyday means of grace of connecting, knowing and receiving blessings from God.

### III. Persevering Prayer/Prayer of Importunity

Importunity prayer means to "shamelessly ask and ask until you get it", until there is a conclusion. Acts 2:42 The believers devoted themselves and continue in.... prayers. Importunate prayer is like "superglue", persevere in prayer until there's a conclusion/result. Prayer was among Jesus' first teaching as recorded in Luke 11:9-13.

On the human side, we express thanks & our dependence on God: we acknowledge that makes the difference in our lives and that we need Him for living, changing and overcoming.

On the divine side, God is our Heavenly Father, the Provider.

The missionary breakthrough of Fiji is an example; it is a nation with Christians as the majority, the Methodist Church being the biggest denomination. In 1835 when the Methodist missionaries arrived on the Island, the Islanders were violent cannibals. But the missionaries never gave up in persevering prayer and in preaching the Gospel. Then in 1854, notable tribal chiefs began to believe in Jesus and the Fijian church started to grow, and eventually sent out missionaries to the nearby Islands, e.g. the Solomon Islands, Papua New Gurney and Northern Australia.

**Let me conclude with two final points:-**

#### 1. We should live the extraordinary (revival life) in the ordinary.

A.W. Tozer said, "I believe in the kind of miracles that God gives to His people who live so closely to Him that answers to prayers are common and these miracles are not uncommon." The extraordinary should not be uncommon". Answers to prayer should be common, and that miracles are not unusual.

The Founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley's ministry of over 6 decades was full of miracles. He had many extraordinary experiences in life, like instantaneous healing, divine protection and powerful ministries. While we pray for



the supernatural, the divine visitation and the season of revival to break forth, let us live as revived people of God every day, the extraordinary in each ordinary day of living. This "daily living in revival" is God's promise to those who sustain their unrivalled first love for the Lord, who live according to the New Testament teachings and empowered by the Holy Spirit so that the presence of Christ is expressed daily.

#### 2. We are the means of God's grace to Malaysia

As citizens of heaven, we desire and we pray for the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We live out our "heavenly citizenship" in our "earthly citizenship" in Malaysia, as we uphold the Rukun Negara:

- \* Believe in God – we believe in God and want to make Him visible in our land and to our people
- \* Loyalty to king and country
- \* Supremacy of Constitution – we choose to obey and observe the law
- \* Rule of Law - we uphold the rule of law
- \* Good behaviour and Morality – to be morally upright and courteous

We must at all times live as both citizens of heaven and of earth.

Let us pray together and ask God for two things:-

1. That we seek and receive grace every day.
2. That we become a means of grace to the nation and to the people.

Bishop's concluding prayer:

"Lord, we thank you for Your everyday grace, You are the Emmanuel God – Who is with us in the present. Lord, please help everyone of us to receive Your grace thankfully each day and to receive Your grace to pray. May the people called Methodists be a means of grace to Malaysia. This is our prayer as we come to Your table now, to be in Your presence and to receive another needed portion of Your grace once again.

In Lord Jesus' Name. Amen."

By Sarah Say  
CAC Prayer Coordinator

# MGSS HALL Malacca Thanksgiving and Dedication Service

To God be the Glory

Saturday 18 August 2018 was a historic day in the annals of the Methodist Girls' Secondary School (MGSS) Melaka which was founded in 1904 by Mrs Emmaline Ferris Shellabear. On that day, the School held a three-in-one event: Thanksgiving, to remember our LORD God's bounteous blessings, a Dedication Service, to dedicate the MGSS Hall which is the School's latest addition to the existing complex of buildings, and finally, a High Tea for all to share a meal together.

The VIP guest for the day was Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teik, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, who took time amidst his tight schedule to share in our joy. Other distinguished guests included The Hon. Dr. Wong Fort Pin (State Assemblyman for Bemban, Melaka), Mr. Yap Koon Roy (Chairman of the Area Executive Council) and Mr. Khor Hong Yin (Executive Director of the Methodist Council of Education). The Tan family from Melaka, representing the family of the late Baba Tan Keong Keng in whose house the School was first started in 1904, as well as the descendants of the late Mdm Tan Siok Kim (daughter of Baba Tan Keong Keng and also the School's first local teacher), were also present to continue their close ties with MGSS that have spanned 116 years.

Mr. Tay Kim Chye, the School Principal, welcomed all present and stressed the importance of improving the School facilities so as to create a conducive learning environment for students to thrive in. He also informed the audience that social and racial integration was very much alive in MGSS, with students from diverse backgrounds coming together to acquire knowledge and participate in school activities. MGSS continues to provide a platform for each student to excel, both academically and in extra-curricular activities, irrespective of a student's race, religion and creed.

Ms. Lim Ai Ling, the Chairman of the School Board of Governors, thanked the various people who had been involved in the building of the MGSS Hall, including the members of the Building Committee that was headed by Ms. Josephine Chua, past principals and the former Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Grace Soon. She also thanked all for supporting this memorable event and challenged the old girls to form an alumni.

Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik next took centre stage. He reminded the audience of the great sacrifices of the early Methodist missionaries who came to our shores to set up schools for all. He further urged everyone to continue the legacy that has been left behind by these missionaries and to model our Methodist educational institutions after our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose hallmarks of His life on earth were love and sacrifice.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony by the Bishop and Dr. Wong Fort Pin, the guests were treated to a taste of Melakan hospitality – a sumptuous high tea spread, vibrant performances by the students, an impromptu ice breaking session, and surprise flash mob dances by guests and old girls.

I am overwhelmed by the support and cooperation that the MGSS Thanksgiving & Dedication Service, and High Tea garnered among the distinguished guests, members of the School Board of Governors, MGSS staff, old girls and well-wishers. Everyone played a part in making the day a memorable one. Above all, all honour, praise and glory be unto our LORD God Almighty for without Him, nothing would have been possible.

Previously, before the MGSS Hall was built, MGSS held assemblies and functions at the open air car park area. As such, the School had to depend on the vagaries of the weather and always had to make alternative plans (a Plan B) in case rain poured and ruined the occasion which had been painstakingly planned. To overcome this perennial problem, the then Principal, Mdm. Koh Tuat Guek, mooted the idea of building a roof cover over the existing basketball court. With the help of special allocations received from the Ministry of Education and funds raised by the School, the building of the MGSS Hall began in 2003. Ms. Josephine Chua, a renowned conservationist in Melaka, and her husband, Ir. Tan Hoon Keong, came to the fore to give their expert advice to the school, pro bono. The Hall was completed in 2014 but there were hurdles that had to be overcome before the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) was finally obtained in February 2017.

Report submitted by:

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CFM Merdeka Day & Malaysia Day 2018 Message

**A NEW MALAYSIA, A NEW HOPE**

This year's Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day celebrations take on a new meaning for all Malaysians as they follow on the momentous outcome of the 14<sup>th</sup> General Election that saw for the first time a change of government in the nation since its independence in 1957 and the formation of Malaysia in 1963.

Malaysians are looking forward to being a united nation as envisioned by our founding fathers when she was first established and there is a palpable sense of anticipation and expectation that Malaysia will truly be a nation of harmony, peace, opportunity, equality and prosperity.

Let us, therefore, approach this season of commemoration and celebration with deep gratitude and joyful thanksgiving for a peaceful election and transition to a new Government. Let us offer thanks and praises to God for His mercies and for blessing our nation with new hope.

CFM urges prayers for our Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, the members of the Cabinet and the leaders of the respective State governments. May all our national and State leaders be given vital good health and the strength and courage to administer our beloved nation and rebuild our economy with uncompromising integrity, honesty, humility, compassion, wisdom, diligence, fairness, justice and transparency.

Let us also pray that members of the Opposition will rise up to play a credible role as the check-and-balance of the Government, building a viable bi-party system to hold the Government accountable for delivering on all promises in Pakatan Harapan's election manifesto for the good and well-being of all Malaysians.

Believing that sin and corruption will ultimately lead to the downfall of any nation for "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34), we urge the Government to formulate laws, policies and best practices that will eliminate all manner of corruption at all levels. Although wrongdoers must certainly be held to account, we also urge the government to act fairly and justly and not out of political vengeance against the supporters of the previous Government. Malaysia needs to build a mature democracy where there is no dread of reprisals whenever there is a change of government.

While removing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to alleviate the hardship of the middle and lower income groups has been welcomed, more, much more, must be done to rebuild our



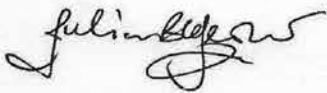
economy. The review and cancellation of extravagant mega projects is an excellent start but an in-depth review of policies to uplift poor and needy Malaysians of all ethnicities and creeds is also urgently required. If we are to build a just and equitable society for succeeding generations, poverty needs to be meaningfully defined by reference to the actual cost of living so that effective programmes for advancement with state support may be implemented not only to eradicate the poverty of a significant proportion of our peoples including native peoples such as the Penans and the Orang Asli as well as the urban poor but also to narrow the shameful disparity between the richest and the poorest among us.

Let us join hands and do our part in rebuilding this nation. So much needs to be done for a genuine national transformation to take place. Let us, therefore, put aside our differences, banish all inflammatory rhetoric which causes dissension and division amongst us, honour and respect each other as true Malaysians, unite as one in our efforts and work with a new spirit and renewed heart to take our beloved nation to ever greater heights that there may be peace, harmony and prosperity for all.

Let us take great pride in our wonderful nation by giving our full support to our national celebration and by proudly flying our national flag, the Jalur Gemilang, at our homes, offices and religious centres.

To all Malaysians: Sayangi Malaysiaku!  
Selamat Hari Merdeka dan Selamat Hari Malaysia!

Signed



Archbishop Julian Leow Beng Kim  
Chairman



Archbishop Dr. Simon Poh Hoon Seng  
Vice-chairman



Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik  
Vice-chairman



Revd. Dr. Eu Hong Seng  
Vice-chairman

# 年会“创变者”千人青少特会

报道/摄影：黄珍琳

6月15至17日，一千一百八十三人齐聚马六甲金沙湾度假村，参与年会青年事工部主办的“创变者”千人青少特会；旨在唤醒青少年人生命的热诚，转变观念和态度，影响社会。

15日下午一时三十分，年会会友领袖——李祖国弟兄表示，耶稣基督是最大的创变者，近代人中可包括卫理宗创办者——约翰·卫斯理和我国首相——敦马哈迪·莫哈末医生。因此，基督徒要积极在社会中发光当盐，见证上帝的恩典。语毕，吾会会长——郭汉成牧师（博士）奉圣父、圣子、圣灵之名宣布：年会“创变者”千人青少特会就此开始。

下午二时三十分，郭会长以“想当年 John Wesley”（可12：28-31）为题，简介约翰·卫斯理生平事迹。约翰·卫斯理一生热心爱主、广传福音、依靠圣灵和按部就班地行事；他幼时曾在火灾中获救，父母视他为“从火中抽出一根柴”，后在伦敦阿尔德门街重生。会长鼓舞会众延续约翰·卫斯理以“全世界为我牧区”的服侍精神，为主所用。

国立台湾师范大学公民教育与活动领导学系教授——谢智谋博士（小谋老师）是大会两场讲座会的主题讲员。谢教授是美国印第安纳大学体验教育与冒险治疗博士，常藉冒险教育和冒险治疗，引导许多学生走向正途。他荣获台湾教育部颁发的全国大专优秀教师（2010）、美国体验教育学会卓越实践家奖（2016）；著有《登峰：一堂改变生命、探索世界的行动领导课》。

第一场讲座主题是“恩典中的刚强”（林后12：7-10）。自认是职场宣教士的谢智谋教授坚信：信仰要与生活紧密相连，基督徒能改变世界。谢教授将主题信息分成三个阶段，即苦难中的恩典、够用的恩典和恩典中的刚强。来自家暴环境的他，成长过程坎坷，于1992年12月成为基督徒。他坦述自己的登山经历，勉励营员让神的荣光照入个人生命的裂缝，行在光明中，时时紧靠上帝，向标杆前进。

在第二场讲座“恩典中的行动”（太9：35-38）中，谢教授表示，人因神得以刚强。**因着恩典，信徒须付诸行动、担起社会责任，以进一步认识神。**耶稣在世时走遍各城各乡、在会堂里教训人、宣讲天国的福音和为人医病。当代教会的复兴，必须能影响和改变这社会。谢教授呼吁青少年人要到宣教工场扩展神国，收取福音的庄稼。此外，信徒要时常祷告，思考神对这世代的心意，以神的眼光来看看世界和帮助别人。

大会会有八场专题讲座，青年组四场，少年组四场。青年组专题一的讲员是杨巧双国会议员。杨议员曾任雪兰莪州议会议长，现为吉隆坡泗岩沫国会议员，著有“Becoming Hannah: A Personal Journey”。她说，激发个人热忱的方法，是找出神给予自己的使命，让生命充满奇迹。少年组讲员是“YouTuber”——林大咏弟兄（林BIG咏），其“YouTube”频道已吸引逾百万人订阅。他分享自己全职投入此行业的点滴，以作品妥婉地传递信仰信息。

马星集团总执行长——拿督河汉生在青年组专题二的讲题是“热衷于成为创变者”（Passion To Be a Change Maker）。他提醒会众，做生意要有诚信、过纪律/健康的生活和维持热忱的

心态。年会会友领袖——李祖国弟兄建议会众进入职场前，勤读书、有理想，做好迎接挑战的心理准备。

身为少年组专题二、青年组专题三和四的讲员，柳子骏牧师是台北复兴堂的主理。他以亚伯拉罕谎称撒拉为其妹子的史事，带出其心路历程。他在专题三中，传递三项要点：控制情绪是神开始工作（王下5：10-11）；不照自己意思是神的工作法则（王下5：11-12等）；付上代价，神才能完成计划（王下5：14）。在专题四“从心合一”（玛4：5-6）中，他藉“教会的典范转移”图表传递其心里负担——X和Y世代能从心合一。他激励营员主动接触新事物，成为有趣的人（罗12：2）。

16日上午九时三十分，陈德斌弟兄担任少年组专题三和四的讲员。陈弟兄二十六岁获得双硕士学位；三十岁创办顾问公司；四十岁著书《赚钱 So Easy》，获得国家标准局表扬；2016年获授“国家技职教官”之职，助青年人创业。他引导少年人思考自己的梦想，为梦想铺路、行动，也要履行十一奉献的责任，投资神的事工。

17日是圣餐主日，谢教授以“软弱中的恩典”（太14：22-33；路22：54-62）为证道主题。他认为，信徒的生命有三个层面，即灵命舒适区/安全地带、冒险区和灵命成长/突破区；故，基督徒要辨明神的呼召，勇于走出现状，定睛于神，以看见和经历神。

过后，郭会长主持圣餐礼，台上和台下裹礼的牧者们协助派发已包装好的圣饼和葡萄汁给会众。郭会长以“天国的奥秘和大能（可4：26-32）”为题，说明因上主的大能和恩典，生命有如种子，能结果；当人将梦想托付给上主时，梦想便能如一粒芥菜种，长成大树。

年会青年事工部主席——陈华彬牧师宣布：年会青年事工部明年会办第六届 MY TEAM 献身营（3月8至11日）、第十二届全国大专生活营（5月18至20日）和参与世界循道卫理宗华人教会联合会主办的第九届青年领袖大会（6月27日至7月1日）。最后，郭会长为大会作祝祷。午餐后，散会。

## 第二十一届年会青年团契职员名单（2019-2020）

团长：蔡伟盛（甲洞堂） 副：萧武勇（士古来堂）  
文书：曾焕杨（士拉央堂） 副：朱慧颖（昆仑喇叭堂）  
财政：蔡筱蔚（八达灵新市镇堂） 副：林志忠（八达灵新市镇堂）  
委员：黄民宏（万津堂）、曹允圣（世纪花园堂）、萧立基（峇央峇汝堂）、林崇义（芙蓉堂）和潘俊鹏（万里望堂）

## 第十届年会少年团契职员名单（2019-2020）

团长：陈凯杰（甲洞堂） 副：张恩亮（芙蓉堂）  
文书：雷忆韵（爱大华堂） 财政：李美恩（汝来堂）





郭会长（右二）代表大会赠送礼篮给杨巧双国会议员（左二），右为年会会友领袖——李祖国。



大会主题讲员——谢智谋教授激励营员们要学像彼得，跳出舒适的船身，行在水面上。



营员们分组讨论（供图：“Changemaker 2018”面子书粉丝專頁）



现场进行年会青年和少年团契新届职员就职礼



郭会长主持圣餐礼，陈华彬牧师（左一）、郭仁华牧师（左二）和万富奇教区长（右）襄礼。

# ஒருவரைக் குறித்தான அதிர்ச்சி செயத் ? பிசாசா- னவனை ஜெயிக்க விட வேண்டாம் (பகுதி 1)

நம்முடைய சொந்த சபையிலே எழும்பிய சர்ச்சையைக் குறித்து, வெளியாட்கள் மூலமாக கேள்விப்படும் போது சபைகள் அதிர்ச்சிக்குள்ளாகின்றன. தேவனுடைய சபையும், அதன் தலைவர்களும் கலங்கரை விளக்காக திகழும்படியாகவும் அதோடு உலகம் தர முடியாததை கொடுப்பவர்களாகவும், ஆவிக்குரிய காரியங்களில் மேன்மையானவர்களாகவும், நெறி தவறாதவர்களாகவும் இருக்கும்படி அழைக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். அப்படியாகசபையிலேகண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டதுன்மார் க்கமானசெயலில்ஒருபோதகரோ அல்லதுதலைவரோ சம்பந்தப்பட்டிருந்தால் சபைகள் மத்தியிலே பரபரப்பும், உணர்ச்சி மிக்கதாகவும் காணப்படும்.

இந்த துன்மார்க்கமான செயல் என்ன விளைவை கொண்டு வரும் என்பதை நாம் அறியமுடியாமலிருந்தாலும், நாம் எப்படி மறுமொழி கொடுப்போம் என்பது முக்கியம். ஏனெனில் இதில் சம்பந்தப்பட்டிருப்பது தேவனுடைய அருமையானகுழந்தை. அவருக்காகவேதேவன்இரத்தம்சிந்தியிருக்கிறார். இப்போதும் அவரைநேசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார். நாம் ஒருபோதும் பிசாசானவனை ஜெயிக்க விடக்கூடாது, பிசாசு ஒருசமயம் நம்மில் ஒருவரைவிழுத்தளளியிருந்தாலும், நாம்எப்போதும்தேவனுடையமீட்பின்பக்கமேஇருப்பதில்உறுதியாக இருக்கவேண்டும். நம்மைவீழ்த்தள்ளமுயற்சிக்கும்எதிராளியானவன்பக்கம்இல்லாமல், நாம் தேவனுடையபக்கமாகவேஇருக்கிறோம்என்பதைஎப்படிஉறுதிப்படுத்தலாம்?

1. முடிவு எடுப்பதில் பொறுமை காப்போம்  
ஆரம்ப மறுமொழி கொடுப்பதில் கவனமாக இருங்கள். உண்மையை அறிந்து கொள்ளும் முன்பு, நாம் முக்கியமாக இரண்டு வழிகளில் தவறான முடிவுகள் எடுத்து விடுகிறோம். முதலாவதாக, இது ஒரு சதித்திட்டம் என்கிறோம். எப்படியோ, யாரோ அந்த நபரை மாட்டி விட்டார்கள் என்று நாம் நம்புகிறோம். ஆதாரம்இருந்தாலும்கூட, அந்தநபர்தவறுசெய்திருக்கமாட்டார்எனநினைக்கிறோம். இரண்டாவதாக, இது ஒரு முடிமறைப்பு என சொல்லுகிறோம். நமக்கு தெரிந்ததைக் காட்டிலும் இன்னும் நிறைய விஷயம் இருக்கும். எல்லாவற்றையும் முடிமறைக்கிறார்கள் என நினைத்துக் கொள்கிறோம். சந்தேகப்படுவதில் தவறில்லை, ஆனால் முழு விசாரணையும் முடியும்வரை நமது கருத்துக்களை மனம் திறந்து பேசாமலிருந்தால் நலமாயிருக்கும்.
2. நியாயம் தீர்ப்பதில் பொறுமை காப்போம்  
இறுதியில் அந்த நபர் குற்றவாளியாக காணப்பட்டாலும், மற்றவர்களை நியாயந்தீர்ப்பதைக் குறித்து வேதம் நம்மைஎச்சரிக்கிறது. இதைலூக்கா 6:37 இல் பாரக்லாம். மற்றவர்களைக்குற்றவாளிகளென்று தீர்க்காதிருங்கள், அப்பொழுதுநீங்களும் குற்றவாளிகளென்றுதீர்க்கப்படாதிருப்பீர்கள். மேலும்யாக்கோபு 4:12 இல் இப்படியாக பார்க்கிறோம். அதாவது நியாயப்பிரமாணத்தைக் கட்டளையிடுகிறவர் ஒருவரே, அவரே இரட்சிக்கவும் அழிக்கவும் வல்லவர். மற்றவனைக் குற்றப்படுத்துகிறதற்கு நீ யார்? நாம் எந்த அளவினால் மற்றவர்களை அளக்கிறோமோ அதையே தேவனும் நமக்கும் பயன்படுத்தலாம்?

துவார்-லூக்கா 6:38. ஆகையால், மற்றவர்களைக் குறித்து முடிவு எடுப்பதில் கவனமாக இருக்க வேண்டும்.

3. நாமும்கூட தவறு செய்யாதவர்கள் அல்ல  
நம் சொந்த குறைபாடுகளை நாம் உணர்ந்திருந்தாலும், அந்த நபரைக் காட்டிலும் நாம் உயர்ந்தவர்கள் என்று தவறாக நினைத்துவிடக்கூடும். வேதம் ரோமர் 12:3 இல் இப்படியாக எச்சரிக்கிறது. அதாவது உங்களில் எவனானாலும் தன்னைக்குறித்து எண்ணவேண்டியதற்கு மிஞ்சி எண்ணாமல், அவனவனுக்குத் தேவன் பகிர்ந்த விசுவாச அளவின்படியே, தெளிந்த எண்ணமுள்ளவனாய் எண்ண வேண்டும். பெருமை நம்மை ஆட்கொள்ளாது காத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். ஏனெனில் அது நாம் மற்றவரைக் காட்டிலும் மேலானவர்கள் என்ற எண்ணம் வேருன்ற காரணமாகிவிடும்.
4. புறங்கூறுதலை தவிர்ப்போம்  
புறங்கூறுதல் குறித்து வேதம் நம்மை எச்சரிக்கிறது. நீதிமொழிகள் 17:9 இல் இப்படியாக வாசிக்கிறோம். குற்றத்தை முடுகிறவன் சிநேகத்தை நாடுகிறான். கேட்டதைச் சொல்லுகிறவன் பிராணசிநேகிதரையும் பிரித்துவிடுகிறான். புறங்கூறுதல் ஒரு நபரின் நற்பெயரைக் கெடுக்கிறது. புறங்கூறுதல் தவறான விமரிசனத்துக்கும், கருத்துகளுக்கும் இட்டுச் செல்கிறது. நாம் பேசும் ஒவ்வொரு வார்த்தையும் தேவனுக்கு கணக்கு ஒப்புவிக்க வேண்டியிருப்பதால் கவனமாக பேச வேண்டும் குறிப்பாக தேவ மனிதர்களைக் குறித்து பேசும் போது ஜாக்கிரதையாய் இருங்கள். ஏனெனில், வேதம் மத்தேயு 12:37 இல் இப்படியாக சொல்லுகிறது, உன் வார்த்தைகளினாலே நீதிமான் என்று தீர்க்கப்படுவாய் அல்லது உன் வார்த்தைகளினாலே குற்றவாளி என்று தீர்க்கப்படுவாய். ஒருவேளை குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்ட நபர் குற்றவாளியல்ல என்று நிருபணமாகிவிட்டால், பொய்ச் டாட்சி கூறியதற்கான பாவத்தின் பலனை நாம் சந்திக்க வேண்டும்.
5. பொது கருத்தாக உருவாக்கம் செய்யாதிருங்கள்  
எல்லாகூழ்நிலையிலும்பொதுகருத்தாகஉருவாக்கம்செய்தல்தவிர்க்கப்படவேண்டும். யாரேனும் தங்களது தீர்ப்பில் தவறு செய்துவிட்டால், அதிகாரத்தில் இருக்கும் அனைவரையுமே தவறானவர்கள் என்ற முடிவுக்கு வந்துவிடக்கூடாது. ஒருவேளை இந்தக் காரியத்தில் போதகர் சம்பந்தப்பட்டிருந்தால், எல்லா போதகரையுமேநம்பமுடியாதுஎன்றுஎண்ணுதல்தவறு. அதிகாரத்தில்இருப்பவரைசந்தேககண்ணோடே நாம் பார்ப்போமேயாகில், எந்தவொரு உறவுக்கும் முக்கியமான நமது நம்பிக்கையினை பிசாசு பலவீனமாக்கி சிதைத்து விடுவான். நமக்கு ஆசீர்வாதமாக இருக்கும்படியாக அதிகாரத்தில் அவர்களை நியமித்த தேவனுடைய திட்டத்தை அது குறுக்கிவிடும்.

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# Shocking News About Someone?

## Don't Let The Devil Win

### (Part 1 of 2)

Churches are normally shocked when news of 'controversy', especially if its discovered within their very own backyard finally surfaces and comes out to the open. As God's church and its leaders are called to function as beacons of light and provide what the world outside is unable to offer; spiritual standards are high and requirements of morality much more stringent. As such, any unearthed 'scandal' within church circles becomes alarming and is often sensationalized, especially when a prominent church leader or a pastor is involved.

Though we may not have the ability to influence the outcome of how the 'scandal' will eventually unfold, how we choose to respond is important. This is because, it directly involves a precious child of God for whom He has shed His blood and continues to love dearly. We must always ensure that we remain on God's redemptive side and never let the devil win although he has, for a time, knocked down one among us. How do we ensure that we are on God's side and not the side of the enemy who is actually bent on getting us down too?

#### 1. Be slow to jump into conclusions.

Be careful of our initial response. There are two main ways that we could actually be jumping to wrong conclusions without knowing the actual truth. Firstly, by calling it a conspiracy. We think that somehow, someone has set the person up. We think that the person could never do wrong even when proof is presented. Secondly, by calling it a cover-up. We assume that surely there must be more to what has come out and someone is trying to hide something. While it is not wrong to be sceptical, it would be better if we reserved our comments until all the necessary investigations are completed.

#### 2. Be slow to judge.

Even if the person is eventually found to be guilty, the Bible cautions us against judging others. We find this in Luke 6:37, 'Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned.' We also read in James 4:12, 'There is only one lawgiver and judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you, who are you, to judge your neighbour'. We need to be careful what we conclude about others within our own hearts because God will use the same measure that we have used for others (Luke 6:38).

#### 3. We ourselves may not be above reproach.

Although we may be conscious of our own shortcomings, it may be possible for us to think that we are somehow

better than the person who has now been exposed. Again, the Bible cautions us in Romans 12:3, 'For by the grace given me I say to everyone of you, do not think of yourself more highly than you ought...' We must always resist the temptation to become proud, which takes root when we inadvertently begin to consider ourselves as being better than those whose scandals have now become public.

#### 4. Be careful of gossiping.

Bible warns us about gossip. In Proverbs 17:9 we read, 'He who covers an offence promotes love but he who repeats the matter separates close friends'. Gossiping eventually tarnishes a person's reputation as those with ill intent will want to use it to exaggerate the matter. Gossip also opens room for nasty comments that maliciously deride the person. We need to be really careful as we will be accountable to God for every word we speak (Matthew 12:36), especially if it is spoken against God's anointed. Moreover, if the person concerned is eventually exonerated, those who had gossiped would now have to bear the sin of being a false witness.

#### 5. Be careful not to generalize.

The temptation to generalize must be avoided at all costs. Just because someone has erred in their judgement, we must not generalize and conclude that everyone in authority is now wrong. If the matter involves a pastor, we should never think that henceforth no pastor should be trusted. When we harbour a suspicious view of those in authority, the devil may use it to undermine our submission by eroding our trust, which is crucial for any relationship. It will short-circuit the plans of God who intends to use those in authority to be a blessing to us.

Rev Dennis Raj  
Tamil Annul Conference

# P.A.R.E.N.T.S. (Youth Sunday)

19 August 2018. Today we celebrate Youth Sunday in Trinity Methodist Church, Kuching. The Youth will not exist without our parents, so therefore, I will use the acronym P.A.R.E.N.T.S. to share with you more about Trinity Youth.

## **P – Parents**

On the behalf of the Trinity Youth, we would like to thank our most wonderful parents for being our biggest supporter. It is a big deal for us. Thank you for taking time to send us to youth meetings and activities. It means a lot to us, because at the youth gatherings, we can meet our friends and have fun. For all you do, thank you.



**Thank you to our parents and advisors for being our biggest supporter**

## **A – Along**

I would like to represent the Youth to ask all of you to walk along with us. We not only need our own parents, but for all the adults in the church, the brothers, sisters, uncles, aunties, and even the grandparents to walk along with us in this journey of faith.

## **R – Run the Race**

Hebrew 12: 1 – 3 part of which says “let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”. The moment we accept Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord, and the King of our lives, we start a race. This race is not an easy race. We might look like we are calm in the church, but we are struggle in the world out there. Please pray for us and help us run this race. If you haven’t accepted Christ as your personal Savior and Lord, please talk to our pastors, and let us run this race together.

## **E – Enthusiastic**

The youth are a bunch of enthusiastic, excited, energetic little adults. Sometimes, we might annoy you with our loud voices, non-stop chatter and shrieking laughs, but please bear with us until we grow out of it.



**Enthusiastic, excited, energetic bunch... joining community programmes e.g. raising funds in Breakthrough ministry is also part of our activities**

## **N – Nurture**

In youth, you might think that we play games every week. But no, we don’t. We also have bible studies, at least twice a month. At this point, I want to say thank you to all the advisors for really, really taking good care of us, not only physically but also spiritually. I am also saying this to assure the parents out there, that your children are safe with us in Trinity Youth.



**Group discussion and bible study is part of Trinity Youth’s programme**

## **T – Talents**

God has given each and every one of us gifts and talents. In Trinity Youth, we learn to polish these talents. For example, if a youth have talent in music, he can join the worship team and from there, he can polish his talents and use it to glorify God’s name.





Using our talents in leading Praise and Worship in the Main Church

### S – Serve

God did not give us talents for nothing but He gave us talents to serve him and to glorify Him. We as the Youth, we serve in different ministries. For example our ushering team as well as our worship team. In the youth, being able to help out in the different ministries of the church really makes us feel at home.



We also learn to serve in the community works like repairing the roads and building houses for the unfortunate.

These are some things that we do in Trinity Youth. When your kids approach the age of 12, they are most welcomed to join us. See you every Saturday night, 7.30pm at the Chapel of the Good Samaritan.

By Stephen Noel  
Trinity Youth, Trinity Methodist Church, Kuching

## SIAC and PMSM Youth Mission Trip to Myanmar

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# SIAC and PMSM Youth Mission Trip to Myanmar

A combined team of young people from the SIAC and PMSM went to Myanmar for a mission trip. This team comprised 7 youths from SIAC and 5 youths from PMSM. They were led by Rev. and Mrs. Christopher Rao from Wesley Methodist Church Teluk Intan and Mr. and Mrs. Hon Seong Lim from Wesley Methodist Church Kepong. 2 adult pastors from PMSM also accompanied them.

The objectives of this trip are as follows:

1. Provide cross-cultural mission exposure to the indigenous youths.
2. Provide opportunities for ministries in a cross-cultural setting.
3. Provide opportunities for interactions between youths from different cultural backgrounds.

The trip was initiated by the Bishop's office and was carried out in collaboration with the Bishop of Lower Myanmar Methodist Church's Office in Yangon. The newly elected Bishop together with the Pastors' of the Lower Myanmar Methodist Church graciously hosted and participated in the various programmes which were carried out.

Based in Yangon, the team also ministered in the neighbouring towns of Dala, Bago and Thanylin. Their activities included meeting up with youths from different tribal groups, sharing of testimonies from youths of both countries, preaching in worship services and finally praying and fellowshiping with each other.

Our youths were blessed by the worshipful devotion and posture of Myanmar youths. Many of them were impacted by the seriousness and commitment of the Myanmar youths in worshipping God and hearing the Word. One of our youths from PMSM, Shafida, noted that unlike the local youths in her church, Myanmar youths were very serious in worshipping God. She was amazed at the 'focus and concentration' given at the time of worship. She said she would like to bring that back to the youths in her village.

Through their interactions and ministry amongst the Myanmar people, many of our young missionaries grew a heart for them. Being able to pray, worship, and serve together left a deep impact amongst our young people.

Rev. Christopher noted that he was pleasantly surprised to see how our youths blended so well and naturally with Myanmar Youths. Many of them indicated that they felt at home

and comfortable relating to the Myanmar people. He believed that their presence was also a blessing for the Myanmar youths. It gave them the opportunity to bring their youths together and to do something that would empower their younger people.

Pastor Christopher also noted that the trip gave our youths the opportunity to be exposed to youths from a different background. He noted that youths learn much more quickly when there was a good and healthy peer influence.

Above all, the whole team thanked God, who gave them much favour in the eyes of their fellow Myanmar brothers and sisters. They felt that the top leadership of the Myanmar church showed them so much of support that they were truly blessed. They also thanked God for the adults in the team who facilitated mentoring team members on a 'one-to-one' basis and provided logistic support for the team to function effectively.

By Rev. Christopher Rao



## Kota Kinabalu Methodist Preaching Centre

# One Step Forward in Realizing the Mission of the Church

“Trials and problems are not obstacles; they are ways for God to show us His power and grace”. This statement was experienced by members of the Bahasa Malaysia Ministry of SPAC, who though lacking much and feeling weak at times, were able to start a new BM ministry. It was all due to God’s grace. The 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 was a historical day for the BM ministry as a new church was opened – the Kota Kinabalu Methodist Preaching Centre (KKMPC).

The opening ceremony was conducted by Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik and President Dr. Hii Kong Hock, the SPAC President. Also in attendance were the district superintendents of the BM ministry and the West Sabah District together with about 60 church members and representatives from the Chinese and English Speaking Methodist churches.

KKMPC is situated in Asia City at the Centre of the City of Kota Kinabalu. It is located in a strategic place so as to reach many people especially the younger generation. Through the leadership of Rev. Effindy Pengiran and assisted by Pastor Fionalisa E. Aldrin, we pray that this ministry will grow and be a blessing to the surrounding communities.

The vision of expanding the BM ministry in the city was shared at the 2017 Annual Conference Session. In this sharing, Bishop Ong Hwai Teik made an Episcopal Directed Fund contribution of RM50,000. Together with the contributions of others as well, this premise was realized and dedicated to the Lord. The process of renovation began from the month of December 2017 and the church began its worship service on the 18th of March, 2018. President Hii was also in attendance on that day.

At the opening ceremony, Bishop Ong Hwai Teik shared from John 10:15-16. He urged all the members of the church to seek out God’s lost sheep who were missing and to become a church that shines God’s love in order for God’s sheep to hear his voice.

The opening ceremony ended at 5.30pm. It is hoped that this Opening Ceremony will be the beginning for a ministry that will grow and bear fruit for the glory of the Name of God.

By Pastor Fionalisa





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