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Rukun Negara

Bahawasanya Negara kita, Malaysia mendukung cita-cita hendak:

- Mencapai perpaduan yang lebih erat di kalangan seluruh masyarakatnya;
- Memelihara satu cara hidup demokratik;
- Mencipta satu masyarakat adil di mana kemakmuran Negara akan dapat dinikmati bersama secara adil dan saksama;
- Menjamin satu cara liberal terhadap tradisi-tradisi kebudayaannya yang kaya dan berbagai corak;
- Membina satu masyarakat progresif yang akan menggunakan sains dan teknologi moden.

Maka kami rakyat Malaysia, berikrar akan menumpukan seluruh tenaga dan usaha kami untuk mencapai cita-cita tersebut berdasarkan atas prinsip-prinsip yang berikut:

**KEPERCAYAAN KEPADA TUHAN;
KESETIAAN KEPADA RAJA DAN NEGARA;
KELURUHAN PERLEMBAGAAN;
KEDAULATAN UNDANG-UNDANG;
KESOPANAN DAN KESUSILAAN.**

Trust

By Rev. David Loo
1 September 2020

Put me on a table high above the floor;
Stand a bit away; ask me leap and soar
Into your loving arms so ready and so strong;
Knowing who you are, I gladly leap headlong.
I trust you.

Still aching from the wound inflicted by your treason
I hear your contrite plea, I listen for a reason.
My heart shall yet open to draw you in again;
You failed but you can rise, I will absorb the pain.
I trust you.

Naive and petulant, you stumble and you stall;
Yet far ahead I see you standing, high and over all.
Your brilliance is still nascent, needing some maturity;
I still will be your mentor and lend security.
I trust you.

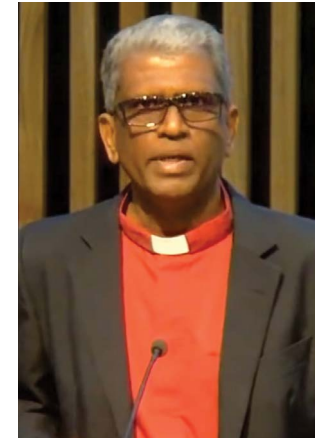
You failed to hear my story, believing what one said;
My reputation marred, through vicious rumours played.
Yet I know your heart and mind will one day realise
My friendship is sincere despite the tales and lies.
I trust you.

Are you now despondent, defeated, torn and lame?
All have but vanished, your wealth, your chums, your name.
Just look behind, I never have been far away;
Supporting you, and urging you onto another day.
I trust you.

Look then, and see; hear then and listen;
The precious things in Life do not always shine and glisten.
I will be who I will be, but now this is who I am;
Will you accept my hand of friendship; As Lion and as Lamb.
Will you trust me?

Righteousness Exalts a Nation

By Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar
Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia



Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. (Prov. 14:34, NASB)

Righteousness exalts a nation. This statement means that any nation that adheres to God's righteous standards based on God's moral law will be exalted. When an individual, a family, a church, or a nation is righteous, God responds with His favour. God will exalt that nation.

Often, in any country, some things are done to look good in the eyes of other nations and to look good in the eyes of its citizens. Sports achievements, exam results, tallest buildings can make a nation look good. (I am not saying these are no good.) While these achievements may make us look good, what really exalts the nation in the eyes of GOD is when it follows the righteous moral standards of GOD which are found in the Bible.

I can imagine someone saying, "What if a particular nation does not know the Bible? How would the people know God's moral law?" Look at Romans 2:15 – *"the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness."* What it means is that even those who do not know the Bible have God's moral law written on their hearts. Generally speaking, we know what is right and wrong. Our conscience will prompt us. But of course we can ignore it and do what our sinful hearts dictate to us. The problem is not in knowing what is right or wrong. The problem is in choosing the right.

When the nation is righteous, God honours that righteousness with His blessings. Let me give some examples of what I mean. When the nation takes corruption seriously and works at preventing corruption, when she reaches out to care for the poor, treats the foreigners with dignity, and governs with equity ie. with fairness and impartiality, that nation is the one that will be exalted. God's favour will be upon that nation.

But sin is a disgrace to any people. Whatever that is done that is opposed to God's moral law will attract disgrace in the eyes of God and in the eyes of everyone. If righteousness attracts God's favour, sin attracts shame and disgrace.

In any nation, when money becomes the national idol, the corrupted become the national icons, when justice is compromised and worse still, when justice is trampled upon, when the sanctity of marriage and family is disregarded, when foreigners are exploited, the poor are neglected, when people scheme to destroy the peace and harmony of the nation, (just to name a few) those are unrighteous acts. God will not be pleased resulting in that nation losing its blessings.

Brothers and sisters, when we speak about the nation, often it is easy to speak as if we are referring to others. But actually when we speak about the nation we have to include ourselves, our family, our business, our church. You and I have to examine ourselves to see if we have contributed to anything that is displeasing to GOD. The church needs to examine itself to see if we have done everything right. We need to confess and repent if we have not. We need to pray for ourselves and pray for our nation, that truly we will be righteous individuals/families/church/nation that are exalted in the eyes of GOD, a righteous nation upon whom God's blessings will be bestowed.

As we celebrate our National Day on the 31st August and Malaysia Day on 16th September, let us pray and commit ourselves and our beloved Malaysia to doing what is right in GOD's eyes. May HIS blessings be always upon us! MERDEKA.



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Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar

2nd July 2021

Dealing with Same-Sex Union, Biblically and Pastorally

We are hearing of some Methodist Churches overseas who are approving same-sex marriage. Although their decision has no implication on the Methodist Church in Malaysia (as we are an autonomous Church), yet there are many who are thinking through its implications for the Church all over. In some ways, the decision has affected Methodists in Malaysia too, especially our lay members who genuinely want to know where the church really stands in terms of biblical convictions. Even in the churches overseas the same-sex marriage approval has never been arrived at unanimously. It has split churches and caused many to grieve over the decision taken. Often, the decision is made from the perspective of human rights.

We wish to state three things broadly:

1. The authority of the Bible
2. The institution of marriage as espoused in the Bible
3. Our Christian response to same-sex marriage

1. The Bible is the authoritative word of God

- It is “God-breathed” (2 Tim 3:16). Meaning, the Bible is the Word of God, brought into existence by the breath of God. The human authors wrote the Word of God under inspiration from God (2 Pet 1:20-21).
- The Word of God is able to instruct us for salvation (2 Tim 3:15). God has spoken to us through the Bible primarily to show us the way to come into a relationship with Him. In other words, the Bible is not to be used as a historical or a science book, although it does complement both. However, primarily it is a Book that leads us into a relationship with God.
- Since the Bible is the Word of God, it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16). This is to say that God has not left us to wonder what truth is and what error is, what is right and what is wrong. The Bible is able to instruct us as to how we should live.
- While the Bible was written within particular cultures, this Word of God that is able to teach, rebuke, correct and train in righteousness is not a Word only for the past. It is the Word for the past, present and future cultures.

2. The institution of marriage

- We are all sexual beings created by God as male and female (Gen 1:27).
- Marriage is an institution established by God for a man and a woman (Gen 2:24)
- Our Lord Jesus affirmed the institution of marriage as it should be between a man and a woman (Mt 19:4-6).

3. Our Christian response to same-sex marriage

In view of the affirmations above, what then should our Christian response be to same-sex marriage?

- We must be faithful to the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

- Marriage is instituted by God in terms of heterosexual monogamy. It is a union between one man and one woman.
- Heterosexual marriage is God’s created order for humankind, and it is not something based on any culture of the past. It is a divine institution meant for all cultures of all times.

- Same-sex marriage does not find support in the Bible.

- The Bible is not only unsupportive of same-sex intercourse, but it is against any sexual relationship that deviates from the one man-one woman sexual act within the context of marriage.

- Even as we follow the teaching of the Bible about marriage, we must follow the teachings of the Bible with regards to loving our neighbours. While we do not accept same-sex union, we affirm that we do not hate those who deviate from the path stated in the Bible. We affirm our love for our neighbours. The doors of our hearts and the doors of our churches are open to anyone who will come to be ministered to, and be on the way to being a true disciple of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- In The Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church in Malaysia (MBOD 2016) the following is stated and we take cognizance of it:

“The Methodist Church believes that, in setting persons apart for ministry, self-avowed practicing LGBTQI (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual, Trans-Sexual, Queers and Indeterminate) are not to be certified as candidates to serve at any level in the Methodist Church in Malaysia. Nonetheless, this does not prevent us from ministering to them with the love of Christ.” (301.3)

- In the section called Social Principles in the MBOD 2016, the following is stated:

“We consider the practice of homosexuality to be incompatible with Christian teachings. However, we do recognise that homosexual persons are individuals of sacred worth. The Church is committed to provide counselling, healing and guidance as well as the spiritual and emotional support of a caring fellowship.” (84.4e)

“We believe that individuals who are confused about their sexual identity need the healing and transforming power of God’s grace rather than sex-change operations.” (84.4f)

We pray that we will be faithful to the Word of God that is contained in the Bible, and not give in to teachings that distort the Word of God. We must not treat the Word of God as an ancient text that can be interpreted according to cultural fashions and fleshly desires. We, as a Church, need to be careful that we guard our pulpits, our intellects, and our emotions from those who are eager to bring about man-made theories that cannot be sustained. At the same time the pulpit must not be used to ridicule those who reject the biblical lifestyle.

To argue from the presupposition of human rights is a huge fallacy because each has his own way of interpreting rights and demanding rights. Let us not be swayed by arguments that want to be culturally and politically correct. Cultures will change and politics will adjust itself to cultures. We, on the other hand, must be faithful to the teachings of the Bible.

Let us be prayerful for the Methodist Church in Malaysia and preach the unchanging Word of God faithfully. For those who have deviated from the truth, we pray for them to return to the Truth.

Blessings,
The Council of Bishops
The Methodist Church in Malaysia



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Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar

18th August 2021

Dear Brothers and Sister-in-Christ,

Greetings!

Please be informed that Mr Daniel Khoo was elected as the General Conference Secretary on the 17th of August for the remaining quadrennium of 2021 - 2024.

Please be informed and please pray for Daniel and his family as he takes up this responsibility. Thank you.

Blessings,

Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar

Petitions to Amend the Methodist Book of Discipline

Delegates of the General Conference Special Session Part 1 held on 17 August 2021 unanimously agreed to hold a General Conference Special Session Part 2 in 2022 especially to make amendments to the Book of Discipline.

As such, the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Malaysia invites our Methodist members, Councils, Boards and Agencies to submit petitions to amend portions of the Methodist Book of Discipline. These petitions can be submitted to the Discipline Review Council from now till December 31, 2021 (and not any later).

To ensure petitioners are given access to the progress of their petitions, all petitioners will be assigned reference numbers upon submission of their petitions.

To facilitate this, all petitioners are required to request for a login access.

Please channel all requests to:
<https://bit.ly/mcmpetitionslogin>

Thank you.

General Conference Secretary



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19 August 2021

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN MALAYSIA

- At the Special Session Part 1 of the General Conference held on 17 August 2021, the following were elected to serve as members of the Judicial Council.

A. JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

MINISTERS

2017 – 2024

Rev Dr Chu Leng Chek – CAC

Rev Jatan Badi – SIAC

2021 – 2028

Rev Ashok Amarasingham – TRAC

Rev A James Ravindaren – TAC

LAY MEMBERS

2017 – 2024

Mr Keith Chin Hsiun – SCAC

Mdm Grace Ling Kwang Huai – SAC

Mr Daniel Ong Boon Kheng – TRAC

Mr Loi Kwong Fon – CAC

NINTH MEMBER (MINISTER OR LAY MEMBER)

2017 – 2024

Rev Dr Ling Tung King - SCAC

B. JUDICIAL COUNCIL ALTERNATES

MINISTERS

2021 – 2028

Rev Joseph Ng Shiong Kim – SAC

Rev Tan Chung Kiat, Nicholas – SCAC

Rev Shearn Sya – TRAC

Rev Ningkan Suring – SIAC

Rev Lau Chung Wu, Dennis – CAC

LAY MEMBERS

2021 – 2028

Ms Rebecca Jeyanthi Selvaraj – TAC

Mr Jason Wong Seng Ho - SCAC

Ms Ng Siok Lyn, Jane – TRAC

Ms Le Qiu Yi - CAC

Mr Richard Lon – SIAC

- We praise and thank God for our brothers and sisters for faithfully answering God's call to serve.

Sure and Steadfast,

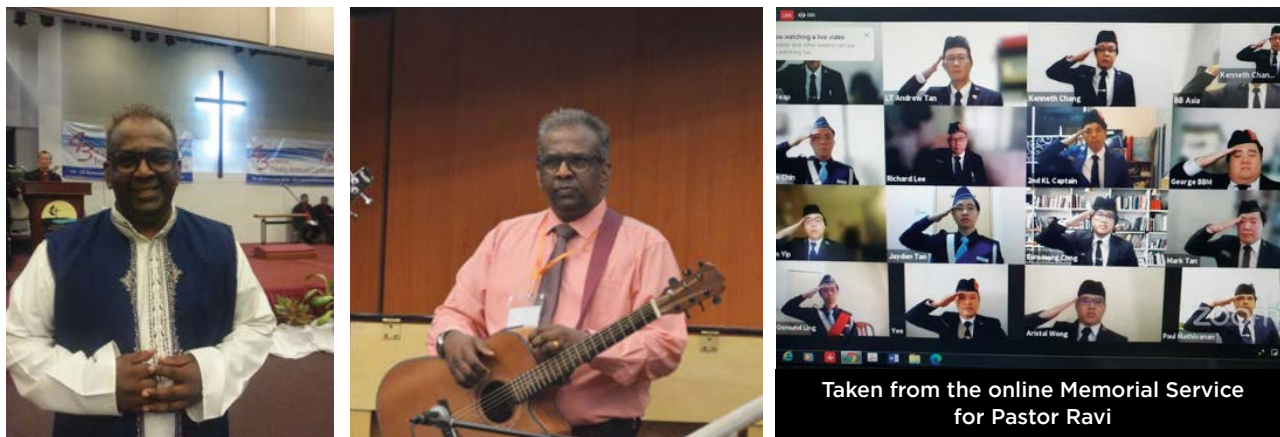
Daniel Khoo
General Conference Secretary

We pay tribute to the following pastors whom we lost to Covid-19.
We also express our appreciation to their families who gave so much of
their loved ones so that they could give their lives to their Church,
their community and the God whom they serve.

Pastor Ravindren Arumugam

(22/7/1968 - 14/7/2021)

By Rev Ashok Amarasingham (*BOM Chairman, TRAC*)



Pastor Ravi (as he was affectionately known to many) was actively involved in the Boys Brigade (BB) ministry since young. He was also Chaplain of the 12th BB Co. KL, 9th BB Co. PJ and 1st BB Co. Sungai Buloh.

He was a professional clown and ventriloquist, among the many talents God gave him. He blessed many children and adults through his clowning. He was lovingly known as "Spotty the Clown".

Pastor Ravi was obedient to God's call to join the team at DUMC (PJ) in 2010 to shepherd the Tamil Congregation. The congregation grew steadily over the years. In 2019, he became a TRAC pastor based in DUMC. Since then, many in TRAC have gotten to know him and experience his warm personality.

Sadly, Pastor Ravi contracted Covid-19 in July 2021. He passed away in hospital on 14 July 2021 much to the sadness of his beloved wife, daughter and many others.

My memories of him remain vivid. He preached a few times at Klang Wesley's BB Enrolment services. At the end of one service, he shared with me that the Lord has a word for a particular man (the name was specified). In my mind, only one church member had the name and that word didn't seem apt for him. The next day, there was a bus load of Singaporean Christians who visited Klang Wesley for the Sunday worship service. After the service, one lady came to me for prayers for her wayward son. I was almost bowled over when she mentioned her son's name (which was the exact name that Pastor Ravi told me the day before). Those words matched her son exactly. She was so blessed by those words by Pastor Ravi. I also later shared this with Pastor Ravi who was overjoyed. Another lady of Klang Wesley said that since the time Pastor Ravi prayed for her asthma, her asthma had completely left her. Clearly, God blessed Pastor Ravi with spiritual gifts. All glory be to God.

We shall miss Pastor Ravi but we will meet him again in heaven one day. Amen.

Pastor Tan Yee Ho

(25/4/1946 - 17/8/2021)

By Rev Ashok Amarasingham (*BOM Chairman, TRAC*)



Ps Tan Yee Ho (MOT Days 2004-2007)

Pastor Tan Yee Ho served as Pastor in Charge of Wesley Methodist Church, Taiping from 2007 to 2012. He was an Approved Supply Pastor (ASP).

Both Tan Yee Ho and his dear wife, Sister Hui Cheng had faithfully served God at Wesley Methodist Church, Sitiawan for many years prior to 2007.

In 2006, the TRAC President approached Tan Yee Ho to consider becoming a TRAC pastor and pastor the people at Wesley Methodist Church, Taiping. After sharing with his wife and seeking the Lord, Tan Yee Ho gladly accepted this appointment in 2007. He also served as a member on the TRAC Board of Evangelism during this time.

It was the first time in many years that the church in

Taiping had an older man who was an experienced teacher (both in God's Word and with the Ministry of Education) to lead them. The church was very blessed with both pastor and wife who fully immersed themselves in the work of the church.

I was blessed as the Perak District Superintendent to have Pastor Tan Yee Ho join the District as a pastor. He was a team player. We enjoyed times of interaction at Annual Conference level particularly at TRAC Pastors Schools. He was a good tennis and table tennis player and easily beat all of us.

Sadly, he contracted Covid-19 in August and passed away on 17 August 2021. We shall miss him but we will be reunited in heaven, someday.



忠心为仆，至死不渝－悼念饶家发牧师

Rev Yau Kah Fatt

《南鐘》2021年11-12月号<生命宝库>
采访/整理：黄珍琳 • 受访者：饶何雪芳（师母）

左：全家福
(供图：饶恩霖)



右：疫情期间，饶牧师
与身处两岸的女儿们进
行视频通话（供图：饶
恩霖）。

7月9日下午六时四十五分，吾会饶家发牧师感染新型冠状病毒（COVID-19），安息主怀，享年七十二岁。

据饶何雪芳（师母）所言，已接种两剂疫苗的饶牧师与她已于一个星期之前进行拭子检测（swab test）。检测结果显示，饶牧师呈阳性，属于无症状感染者；饶师母则呈阴性，但她继续自我隔离。虽然饶牧师身上没有任何受感染的症状，但疾病缠身，且每个星期一、三和五要洗肾，属于高风险病患，因此要寻找有提供洗肾服务的医院进行隔离。住院二三天后，医生告知家属，饶牧师的肺部严重受感染。数日后，饶牧师便永居天家。

忠心服侍，多才多艺

1949年5月6日，饶家发出生于怡保，祖籍是客家大埔；中学时期（十四或十五岁），在同学带领下，他到兵如港堂参加少年团契，信主。中学毕业后，他进入职场。1976年，毕业于新加坡三一神学院接受神学；1977年，加入华人年议会；1978年，成为年会试用会员；1982年，受按立为长牧；2013年，因身体健康欠佳，提早一年退休。退休后，协助甲洞堂牧养英文崇拜会众，直至安息主怀。饶牧师牧养的堂会有金宝堂、八达灵新市镇堂、劳勿堂兼文打堂、甲洞堂和文良港堂。除了牧会，饶牧师身兼多职：在年会，担任多年的教区长、牧职部主席、教牧医药金小组和财务/行政及产业执行小组委员

和青年事工指导等；第七至第十届的总议会代表（2000-2012）和2011年总议会特别代表；此外，他曾是马来西亚圣经公会董事和在马来西亚神学院兼职讲师，教导讲道学。在吾会服侍很久的饶牧师，很了解卫理公会《法规》总纲和条文，并依循《法规》的原则来牧养教会。

饶家发牧师为人和蔼可亲、幽默风趣。在服侍上，饶家发可谓是多才多艺的牧师。他不仅会讲华语，也说得一口流利的英语，因此协助甲洞堂英文堂的聚会，包括讲道，有时帮忙甲洞堂主理——莫泽川牧师翻译讲题。莫牧师也认同他在讲道上具备口才。最令许多人印象最深刻，是饶牧师富有音乐恩赐：会弹奏电吉他、架子鼓、钢琴、管风琴和口琴，经常自弹自唱，偶尔在教会协助带领敬拜赞美。他生前也在其面子书上，换上一张身着牧师服，背着红色电吉他的头像，格外抢眼。简言之，无论在年会、教会，饶牧师按着上帝所赐的恩赐，尽忠职守，谦卑为上帝服侍。因而其生命深深影响许多弟兄姐妹，为吾会树立了很好学习的榜样。

以身作则，言行一致

1976年8月28日，饶家发与何雪芳结为连理，今年正好是两夫妻结婚满四十五年。婚后，他们育有二女一男，即饶恩盈（长女）、饶恩霖（次女）和饶敬文（小儿子），并收林颖慧为他们的干女儿。目前恩盈和丈夫—Jameson在美国生活，育有四名孩子；恩霖与其丈夫—

Terrence在沙巴生活，育有一子；敬文在中国生活。平时，饶牧师忙于处理教会事务，主要由师母教育孩子。但，饶牧师在教育孩子上不马虎，他注重品格教育，不要求孩子们考取优异的成绩，只求他们尽力做到最好。在家，饶牧师是孩子很好的学习榜样和尊敬的父亲，例如他一定履行对孩子的承诺。饶牧师疼爱女儿们，对儿子管教则较为严厉，担心儿子易“学坏”。饶师母说，家人每个星期日聚在一起享用晚餐，分享各自的近况，然后互相祷告。疫情期间，家人间也拨冗时间，藉着Zoom云视频会议软件联系感情。

忠心的仆人——饶家发即使确诊，从未埋怨上帝，坚信一切是祂的旨意。饶师母表示，饶牧师若康复，不只要继续洗肾，也许要应对Covid-19的一些后遗症，例如肺部功能受影响。她坦言，饶牧师此次离世，对自家人而言是某种上的解脱。上帝爱饶牧师，不想让他继续痛苦地抗病。师母鼓励弟兄姐妹，多往好的一面想，明白一切皆是上帝的心意。她相信，饶牧师在世上已为传扬福音尽了本分，正如一下经文：

那美好的仗我已经打过了，当跑的路我已经跑尽了，所信的道我已经守住了。从此以后，有公义的冠冕为我存留，就是按着公义审判的主到了那日要赐给我的；不但赐给我，也赐给凡爱慕他显现的人。（提后4：7-8）

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Reverend Andrew Mengka Anak Luing (SIAC)



SIAC's President
1980-1983



MTS Graduation - 1963

Reverend Andrew Mengka Anak Luing was called home to be with the Lord on 27 March 2021, at the age of 77. He was born on 30 December 1944 in Sarikei, Sarawak and had served the Lord since 1 January 1964. He attended the Methodist Theological School (MTS) in Sibuan and was awarded a Licentiate in Theology in 1963.

In 1964, Rev Andrew was ordained as a Deacon with SIAC and then as an Elder in 1967. He served as the 2nd President of SIAC in 1980 till 1983. Rev Andrew retired in 2009 but continued to serve actively in God's kingdom.

Rev Andrew will always be remembered as a kind and gentle servant of the Lord who took genuine interest in people.

He was married to Rose Riah Anak Laoh @ Lau and they have 4 children - Ladhah, Alexander Noah, Mina and Elisha.



Rev. Andrew & Family

顺服神意，尽忠职守 — 悼念林成兴牧师和林池爱芬伉俪

Rev Lim Seng Heng

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采访/整理：黄珍琳 • 受访者：林敬献、池美芬、陈丽红

全家福
(供图：林敬献)



林师母在中心服务特儿一景，如耶稣为门徒洗脚（供图：台湾荣中礼拜堂宝贝班）。

7月6日下午三时三十分，吾会林成兴牧师感染新型冠状病毒（COVID-19），安息主怀，享年六十六岁；7月22日下午五时，林池爱芬（师母）也确诊，安息主怀，享年五十八岁。

清楚神意，谦卑服侍

1955年10月10日，林成兴出生于巴生，祖籍是广东澄海。中学毕业后，有人在路上向他传福音，因此信主。信主后，到新加坡担任记者。1986年，毕业于马来西亚圣经神学院；1991年，加入华人年议会；1995年，成为年会试用会员、毕业于马来西亚神学院；1999年，受按立为长牧；2020年，荣休。2021年，继续接受年会派司，担任巴生堂协理牧师，直至安息主怀。1963年8月8日，池爱芬出生于诗巫，是福州闽清人。小时候，邻居邀请爱芬一家到教会聚会，就此信主。1986年，她毕业于马来西亚圣经神学院（和林牧师同年毕业，不同班级）；1988年1月16日，嫁给当时的林成兴传道。2013年11月，她成立巴生UCT特殊儿童学习中心（简称“UCT特教中心”），直至离世。

林成兴牧师伉俪先后在吾会近十间教会服侍，包括文冬堂、双溪龙堂、圣淘沙堂、马口堂和巴生堂。他们在各堂会服侍所留下的脚踪是何等佳美，令不少堂会弟兄姐妹留下难忘的回忆。2010年，林牧师受派到圣淘沙堂牧会，成为该堂第二任主理。每个星期，他带其父母到教会崇拜。林牧师父母因此信主，并在圣淘沙堂接受洗礼，由林牧师亲自为他们施洗。顺服神心意的林牧师，即使接近退休，没有拒绝年会的差派，安排他到离巴生很远的马口堂牧会。2020

年近退休，林牧师没有选择退休，过安逸的日子。他忠心地顺服年会的派司，到巴生堂负责牧养吉胆岛卫理布道所。

婚后，林成兴牧师和池爱芬姐妹育有一子——林敬献。他们发现儿子从小是过动儿，在养育孩子过程中，林师母靠感动成立UCT特教中心，希望提供更优质的学习管道帮助特殊儿童。陈丽红老师说，偶尔来中心的林牧师，都对每位特儿了若指掌。林师母虽然没有接受相关特殊教育的培训，但藉着特教中心给特儿提供一个安全窝。他们以上帝的爱真心去对待每位特儿。

双亲离世，愈加坚强

一场疫情，带走了林牧师夫妇，留下林敬献。敬献说，林牧师生前在家里为人为文，处事冷静，寡言却乐观。师母与牧师则相反，为人单纯、活泼，乐意交谈。每晚入睡前，全家人聚在一起祷告。敬献坦言，去年他因教会服侍，与家人起争执。林牧师不疾不徐，坐在敬献旁，微笑地告诉他：“John，世上没有完美的教会。我在卫理公会服侍多年也经历许多风雨。”此话让敬献嚎啕大哭，并决定背起十字架跟随耶稣基督。

林牧师夫妇留给敬献的属灵遗产是何等宝贵。林牧师生前对敬献说的那番话，致使敬献经历这场风雨后，对上帝的信心不减反增。他不埋怨神没有医治父母，坚信上帝会照顾他度过接下来的日子。敬献提醒本刊读者：“无论生活过得如何，要将神放在心中，以免迷失自我。神一直与我们同在。”

注：面子书悼文承蒙所有面子书用户允许，刊登本刊。

Digital Discipleship Revolution

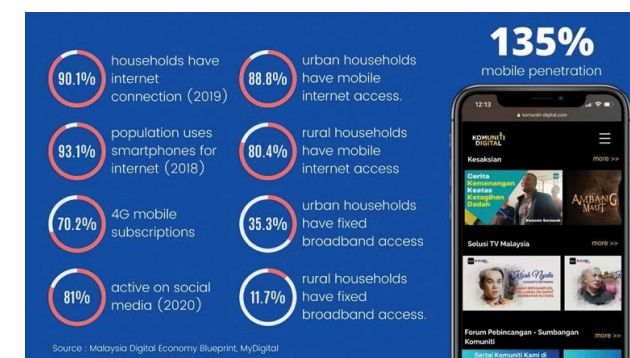
By Ann Wan Kuan, DUMC
(www.komuniti-digital.com)



What is our vision for the future Body of Christ in Malaysia? Would it be that the desire of our hearts is to see the Church rise up, be strong, and take her place at the centre stage of the nation? Can we envisage the Word of God penetrating every corner of our nation - both urban and rural and every strata of society - changing lives and giving hope?

Digital discipleship uses today's digital technologies to teach people how to become more like Jesus. These resources have a regional and global reach and are available anywhere, anytime.

The truth is that our church members are already “digital disciples.” Like it or not, they're being taught and trained how to think, act, and feel by influencers, podcasts, news, entertainment, ads, and social media. It is interesting to note from “Malaysia Digital Economy Blueprint” that:



So, if we were to put all these numbers together, the Church in Malaysia will have no choice but to have a digital strategy.

The majority of Malaysian Christians in this country are primarily BM speaking. We cannot speak of a strong Malaysian church without standing side by side with our BM-speaking brethren to build and equip them. We cannot speak of true transformation whilst neglecting a large percentage of people in this land.

Hence Komuniti Digital was started, born out of a vision to make a difference to the spiritual landscape of our beloved nation, especially in the digital space in local language.



Komuniti Digital is an unapologetically Christian digital platform which seeks to reach out to the BM speaking communities in this nation in accordance with the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

Komuniti Digital is a digital platform that will showcase all local Christian content in BM by bringing together the giftings, talents and anointing which God has already poured forth unto the Body of Christ in our country. It will be uniquely Malaysian. Users will be able to access Komuniti Digital free through PC, Mobile and the KD social mobile app (Komuniti Digital Spaces).

We aim to build up a large reservoir of local Christian content that brings the message and heart of God to Malaysians in our own national language. This is to cater for the needs of any individuals throughout their spiritual journey from being pre-believers all the way to being believers; to being spiritual fathers.

Komuniti Digital has 3 main pillars:

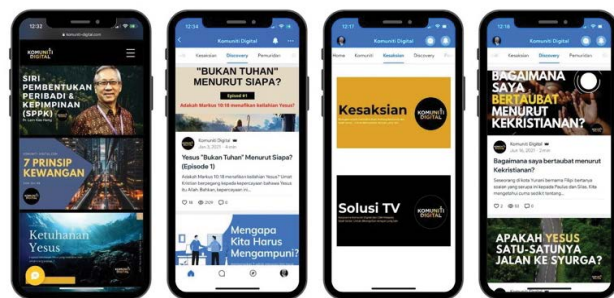
- **Evangelism** (including discipling the pre-believers in discovering the Bible)
- **Discipleship** (Training and equipping believers)
- **Community** (We want to create an online digital community that is Christ-centred, life-giving, kingdom-advancing, community-transforming and nation-impacting).

¹ “悼念已故林成兴牧师（线上追思会）”：https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XzwRy3xm2Y

BIBLICAL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

With digital online communities, we can serve one another 24/7. The exact same ministry in the early church of Acts 2:42-47, can be done digitally, complementing the physical ministry. Digital discipleship creates multiple online touch points that take our community further and deeper through each step of the discipleship process, just like that of the early discipleship revolution after Pentecost. These can be done through :

- **Reaching:** Disciples will be able to tell the gospel story and share their personal testimonies with others. At the same time, they can also use the stories of others to share with more people. The contents are SEO enabled and therefore the contents are easily searchable on the internet.
- **Teaching:** Members can devote themselves to the teachings of the bible from leaders of the BM churches. Resources at “Akademi Komuniti Digital”, will be able to help the disciples to learn.
- **Connecting:** Disciples will be able to have fellowship with one another digitally through groups and messaging facilities. Messaging platform allows members to interact with one another.
- **Engaging:** Members will be able to have community engagement. Members can openly ask questions, get answers, have discussions, and build real relationships. Members will also be able to pray for one another by sharing their prayer needs in their respective virtual digital groups. Members can also post, share, comment in public space to bless one another in the various categories.



- **Multiplying:** Healthy disciples multiply. Because our discipleship content is accessible online, the disciples can share this content with their friends and families, allowing them to begin their own discipleship processes.

In short, most of the spirit-empowered ministries that the early church has taught us to do, can be done digitally at the present age through Komuniti Digital platform.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES?

Some of the example contents that are available on Komuniti Digital platform are : The Gospel, Theology, Apologetics, Christian Living, Family, Children & Youth, Discipleship Training, Marketplace Ministry, Prayer, Prophetic etc.

All the available resources are made available for free. Disciples can learn through self-pace or through small groups.

WHAT ABOUT DATA ANALYTICS?

Behind all the above is also the data analytic platform that will assist the team to do strategic plans and initiatives for God's glory.

We will be able to track and measure the online metrics that help us to have a better understanding of our audiences/visitors and their behaviours, enabling us to make data-driven decision making. For example:

- Identification of patterns of discipleship content consumptions
- Optimization of e-discipleship content
- Analysing the performance of “Akademi Komuniti Digital”.
- E-discipleship insights
- Disciple segments etc.
- Personalization of discipleship journey of individuals.

All these, will allow the team to adapt our strategies to effectively service our community better.

It is important that the data from the analytical tools within Komuniti Digital is GDPR and CCPA compliant.

CONCLUSION

Digital Discipleship is here to stay and it will continue to take on prominent stage whether the discipleship is done online or in-person. The challenge for us as a church is to take on the challenge to make disciples of all nations, using whatever means made available to us especially digital technologies and digital platforms.

We at Komuniti Digital, are looking for volunteers. Together, we can make an impact to the spiritual transformation in this nation. We have broken down the volunteers into 3 categories.

- **DIGITAL CONTENT CREATORS.**
For example: preachers, teachers, translators, people with real life testimonies of God's work, video producers, editors & illustrators, worship leaders, script writers, song writers, creative artists, graphic artists, performing artists and those with unique talent and ideas to contribute
- **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGISTS.**
For example: website designers, video recording, video editing, video production, social media marketing, data analytics, mobile app programmers etc.

- **DIGITAL DISCIPLE-MAKERS.**
These are people that will journey with an individual or group of people digitally. We need a large number of people that will intentionally disciple pre-believers and believers. The Komuniti Digital team will be able to train as many volunteers as possible who are willing to be trained to be digital disciples, using the Komuniti Digital platform.

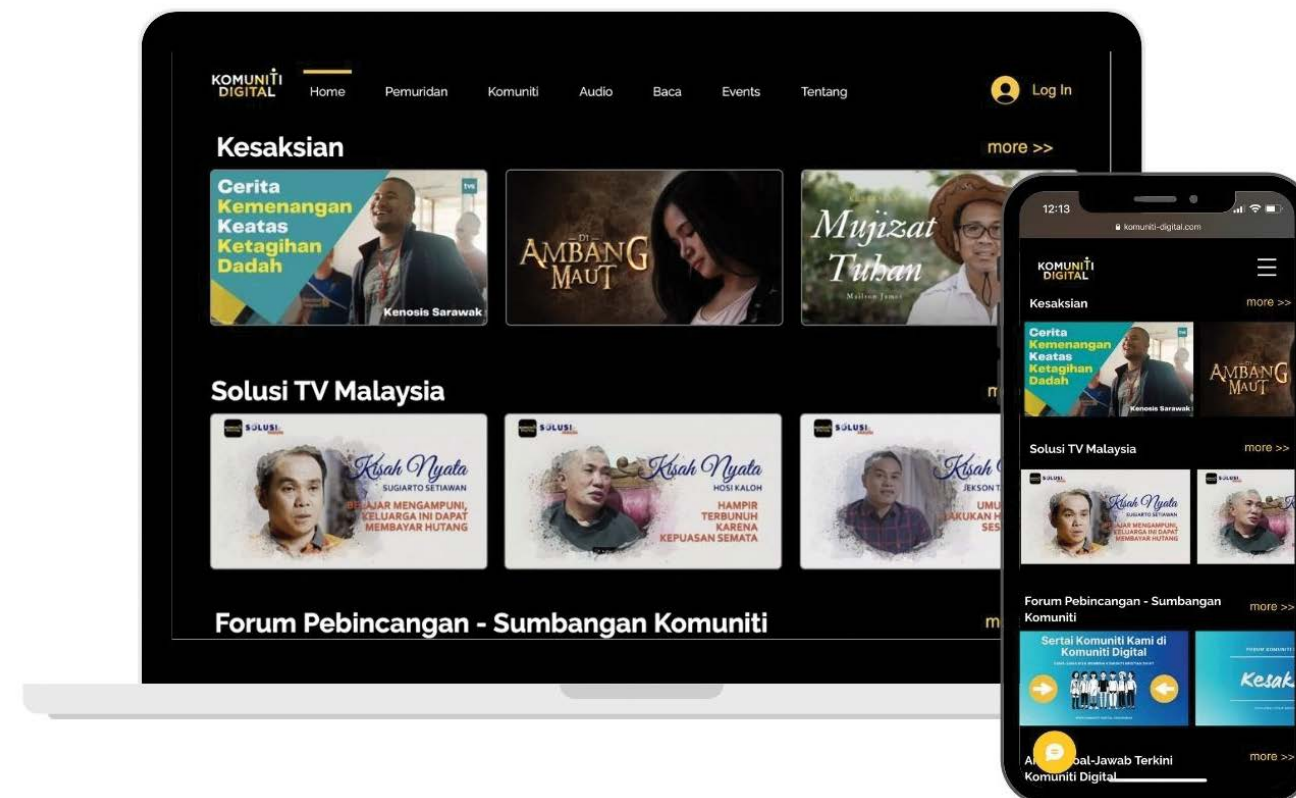
For those who are interested, you can visit www.komuniti-digital.com

And to download the community app, please use the QR code



If you are interested, please contact us at : yohanes@komuniti-digital.com

Or you can chat with us at www.komuniti-digital.com





CREST PKRCS – Travelodge City Center

Started Sat 7th Aug 2021

By Rev Dr Ng Swee Ming



Towards the end of May 2021 with the escalating Covid-19 Pandemic, a few Church Leaders met to discuss what more can the Malaysian Church do and should do. The possibility of using churches as Covid Vaccine Centers was discussed as well as the need for Covid Quarantine Centers especially for the B40 and migrant community who generally live in crowded quarters with shared cooking and bathing facilities. It is near impossible to implement proper Covid quarantine under such circumstances.

The first formal meeting was held on Sat 5th June 2021 via zoom where Pastoral leaders from different networks in the Klang Valley met to deliberate this matter. CREST – Crisis Relief Services and Training was also invited to this meeting in view of our experience in handling disasters as well as what we have been doing since the beginning of this pandemic – Food4Hope, Oximeters, Oxygen Concentrators, N95 Masks, PPEs and Sanitisers distribution.

It was decided then that CREST, as a Christian NGO, would spearhead this project and churches will support in terms of volunteers and finances. CREST started earnestly to explore for a suitable venue for a Low-Risk Covid Quarantine Center catering to

the B40s / Migrant communities and their families. In tandem, official application was submitted to the relevant governmental departments for their input and approval. It took about 6 to 7 weeks to try to find a suitable venue which would satisfy the stringent standards and requirements of the relevant authorities. It did not help that we were the first to try to set up a Low Risk Covid Quarantine Center which will be totally free because of the nature of our very specific target group.

We finally settled on Travelodge City Center, a 198-room fully furnished hotel right in the center of KL, across the road from Central Market as our venue. It was not ideal and some quick renovations had to be carried out but we persevered and finally managed to get provisional approval from the authorities to start.

We started on Saturday 7th August 2021 as a Low Risk Covid Quarantine Center catering to a very select population who were Covid-19 positive but only at Stage 1 and 2 with no co-morbidities or risk factors. The 1st floor is to be used only by volunteers since we are all on 24-hour shift duties. We can cater to a maximum of 250 patients at any one time.

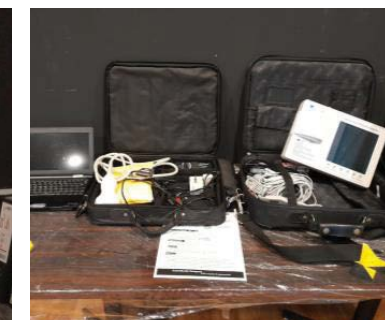
All volunteers are screened with Covid RTK test when they start and repeated weekly to ascertain they are not positive.



The entrance for Covid positive patients is via the back of the hotel which is well delineated with signages, plastic sheets and barricades.



On arrival, Covid positive patients are screened by nurses who check patients' documents, take their vital signs and also do a "1 Minute Sit-Stand test" to establish that their lung function is still good.



Patients are then checked by Medical Doctors to see if they are only Stage 1 or 2 Covid positive with no significant co-morbidities or risk factors.

As part of the check up, a lung ultrasound is carried out for every patient to make sure that their lungs are not involved. If lung involvement is seen, then they are at least Stage 3 and not suitable for our Low Risk Center.

We are fairly well equipped with not only ultrasound but also an ECG machine.



The 1st Floor is a GREEN ZONE where volunteers can stay especially those from outstation or those on night shifts – a place to rest.



All patients have their belongings checked on arrival for items like cigarettes, sharp objects and cooking utensils as no cooking is allowed in the room.

Their belongings are tagged and returned to them on discharge or transfer out.



The 2nd to 10th Floors are considered RED ZONES where patients stay. Some floors are reserved for Men and some for Ladies and some for Family units.



Complete PPE
Face Shield
N95 Mask
Head cover all the way to shoe cover
Zip with Glue flap
Double gloves
Glue flap around neck

Total Cost is about RM50 to RM75 per PPE.

Please Note :
Totally single use.
While in a PPE, you cannot eat, drink or go to the toilet.

Patients are referred from the different Covid Assessment Centers (CAC) & Klinik Kesihatan (KK) in the Klang Valley.

Only Covid-19 positive patients who are at Stage 1 or Stage 2 are referred to us. Our nurses and Doctors will reassess the patients to make sure that they are Low Risk Covid cases. Any progression to Stage 3 or above will be referred to Government centers which are better equipped to manage them.



Providing three meals a day for all the patients and volunteers is a never-ending task. Food needs to be distributed correctly according to the room occupancy numbers and occasionally special meals eg. vegetarian diet.

All this needs to be attended to. Meals are all prepared off site and delivered in meal boxes ready to be distributed.

Food distributors need to be in full PPE, placing the meals on the chairs in front of each room for the patients themselves to collect.

Lastly a WORD OF THANKS and GRATITUDE for all those who have volunteered to help at the Center, contributed financially to make this whole project possible and also those who have birthed and sustained this entire undertaking by their fervent and consistent prayer support. God alone knows who you are.

Day 24 in our 90 Days (3 mths) commitment to run this Covid Quarantine Center - volunteers are still needed and we have yet to achieve our budgeted amount of about RM2.7 million.

On behalf of CREST and all the patients, I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made this project possible. To God Be the Glory!

Sanitation is also a very important aspect of the whole project.

- Rooms must be sanitised after the patient checks out.
- Cars and vans need to be sanitised after fetching patients or sending patients to Government centers.
- Meal boxes and other rubbish need to be collected from patients' rooms daily and disposed off properly.
- All PPEs, masks, face-shields need to be properly collected and disposed.

Understanding COVID STAGES:

1. Asymptomatic
2. Symptomatic eg fever but no lung involvement
3. Lung involvement with clinical pneumonia
4. Need for supplemental oxygen
5. Multi-organ involvement, may need Ventilator or ICU

Travelodge Statistics as of 31st Aug 2021

Total Number Treated :	356
Discharged :	202
Referred :	59
Current Number :	95

<https://crestmalaysia.org/index.php/contact-us/sign-up-as-volunteer>

Donations to PKRCS may be channelled to The Methodist Church in Malaysia (Ambank Account No. 0012015000944) and email the bank-in slip with contact details to cheemun.tan@methodistchurch.org.my

Rencana Tuhan Ajaib dan Indah

Ditulis oleh Bawing Jok (Gereja Methodist Tian En, Sibu)



Kesaksian yang ingin saya sampaikan ini suka duka hidup membabitkan perasaan dan perbuatan saya dari dulu hingga sekarang. Saya dilahirkan dan dibesarkan dalam sebuah keluarga yang sederhana, tapi cukup bahagia. Masa alam persekolahan, saya memang aktif dan mengikuti setiap perkembangan gereja dan persekutuan muda-mudi di sekolah mahupun di rumah panjang. Waktu itu, di kampung saya cuma ada Kristian Roman Katolik. Apabila dewasa, saya dan kakak berhijrah ke Bandar Sibu untuk mencari rezeki kerana di kampung Belaga, pekerjaan sangat terhad dan jauh di pedalaman. Tambahan lagi ibu saya sakit mental dan perlu ke Hospital Sibu untuk temu janji dan menjalani perubatan. Kami menyewa rumah di kawasan Jalan Sukun, Hulu Lanang sehingga sekarang. Bermulanya alam perkahwinan, membuatkan saya hilang arah, hilang pedoman dan semakin jauh daripada Tuhan. Masalah rumah tangga sangat melemahkan saya sehingga saya pernah dimasukkan ke hospital selama 3 minggu oleh kakak dan adik-adik saya bagi tujuan perubatan atau pemulihan saya. Dengan demikian saya dapat menghilangkan rasa ketagihan alkohol. Saya pernah mengalami kemalangan berkali-kali dan Tuhan masih membantu saya.

Bersyukur pada Tuhan kerana masih menyayangi dan memberi saya peluang untuk terus hidup. Seinggalah saya bertemu dengan guru sekolah tadika Tieng Ong Tong. Guru ini banyak membantu saya dari segi kewangan dan mencari kerja sebagai cleaner untuk menampung perbelanjaan saya dan anak-anak. Kadang-kadang, anak-anak saya tidak dapat membeli buku sekolah. Dengan hati yang ikhlas guru ini menolong saya. Di sini bermulanya saya mengenali gereja dan terus aktif berjuang belajar mengenal Tuhan kerana peribadi yang baik ini diutus oleh Tuhan membantu saya. Hari ini saya bersemangat semula dan tahu tujuan hidup saya dalam Tuhan. Saya mengenali Rev. Clement dan isterinya Pastor Tiong, Rev. Tann Kedal, Mdm. Wong Y.S, Mdm. Tang L.C, dan bekas guru besar SJK © Thai

Kwang iaitu Mr. Ting Siew Nguong, saya mengagumi mereka kerana memberi kata-kata semangat untuk kami dan jemaah gereja juga, yang membuatkan saya bangga dan terharu.

Kami anak-beranak telah belajar Kelas Pembaptisan dan Peneguhan selama 8 minggu. Kemudian pada bulan Ogos, kami dibaptiskan dan diteguhkan oleh Rev. Wong Siew Ping di gereja yang suci ini bersama dengan anak-anak Tuhan yang baru percaya tahun 2020. Walaupun saya seorang ibu tunggal, saya percaya setiap rencana Tuhan punya keajaiban dan keindahan tersendiri. Kini, saya ada masa yang cukup untuk menguruskan ibu saya yang sudah lama sakit. Tahun demi tahun, semakin baik dan pulih dari segi psikologi dan hidup tenang seperti orang lain. Saya berhasrat untuk sama-sama melayani dan terus teguh hidup berjalan dalam terang kasih Tuhan. Saya juga percaya akan Tuhan sangat mengasihi setiap umat-Nya kerana Dia sentiasa mencukupkan dan melengkapi keperluan. Syukur kepada Tuhan kerana sentiasa memberkati kami khususnya dari segi keperluan persekolahan anak-anak. Saya sangat berterima kasih dan berhutang budi kepada AJK gereja dan jemaah gereja Methodist Tian En kerana senantiasa baik dan mengambil peduli terhadap sesama. Nasihat saya untuk semua yang membaca perkongsian saya ini, damingilah Tuhan agar tidak tersesat seperti saya dahulu. Terus percaya dan mengalami damai dalam kasih Tuhan adalah kerinduan jiwa saya. Tuhan itu baik! Sekian Terima kasih.

"Mintalah, akan diberikan kepadamu; carilah, maka engkau akan menemukan; ketuklah, maka pintu akan dibukakan bagimu. Kerana setiap orang yang meminta, menerima; dan yang mencari, menemukan; dan bagi yang mengetuk, pintu akan dibukakan." Matius 7:7-8

Halleluyah Puji Tuhan....

Berita KOBM SIAC (Youth Ministry)

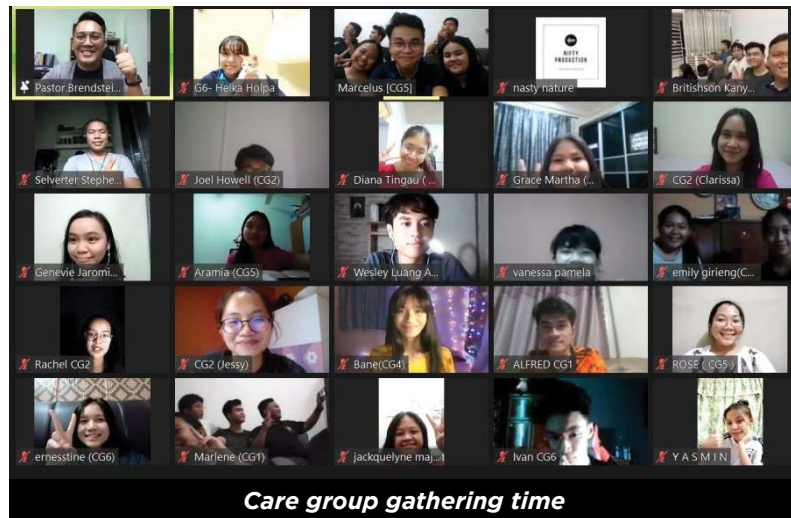
Ditulis ulih : Pastor Brendstein Kulleh (*Youth Worker SIAC*)



Kena 31 July 2021 tu tadi, Kaban Orang Biak Methodist (KOBM SIAC) bisi ngatur seminar ke berambaika jaku **“Youth & Challenges Today”** (*Orang Ubas Enggau Cabaran Keseharitu*) ke dibai ulih speaker Rev. Dr Thomas Lau. Nengah seminar, orang ubas dibai meda sereta belajar bakani betung a enggau pengidup kelebih agi ba timpuh pandemic sereta new normal ke diatu ba tentang pelajar enggau kereja sida. Nambahka nya mega, dalam seminar tu, speaker Rev. Dr Thomas bisi nekanka 3 bengkah perkara ke patut nyadika senyata diken a orang ubas napi penguji ba kemaya hari tu ianya; **1. Teguh ba pengadang** (Hope), **2. Teguh dalam pengarap** (Faith), **3. Ngembuan pengerindu ti tuchi sereta teguh** (Love).

Kelimpah ari nya mega, sekumbang penanggul ari pandemic ti udah nyadi kira setaun lebih tu, dia semua pengawa (ministry) dikereja nengah chara baru – ianya chara *online*. Nyadi ke taun tu, KOBM SIAC udah ngelabuhka pengawa nengah chara *online*.

Sebagi ari pengawa ke udah dipelabuhka chara tu ianya “Care Group” ti diator tiap minggu enggau “Gathering Time” ti diintu sebulan sekali begulai semua. Nambahka nya mega, ke diatu mayuh sekeda KOBM ba gereja menua udah belabuhka pengawa sida ngintu gempuru nengah online lalu pia mega bisi udah ngaturka Gempuru Sitak sereta begulai enggau Pengereja Orang Ubas.



Puji Tuhan, taja bisi penanggul ngator pengawa maya pandemic tu, bisi mega *kesan* positif iya laban orang ubas kitai mayuh agi ulih ngulu belajar sereta berkunsika Jaku Tuhan nengah seminar chara *online*.

Timpoh tu mega, kitai berati lalu meri puji ngagai orang ubas kitai ke diau ba endur ke nadai line internet, ti bebendar nengah inisiatif sida begigaka endur ti tau bulih line internet. Tu nunjukka pengeran ati serets pengawa ngajar ngerembaika Jaku Tuhan tu enda ngetu.



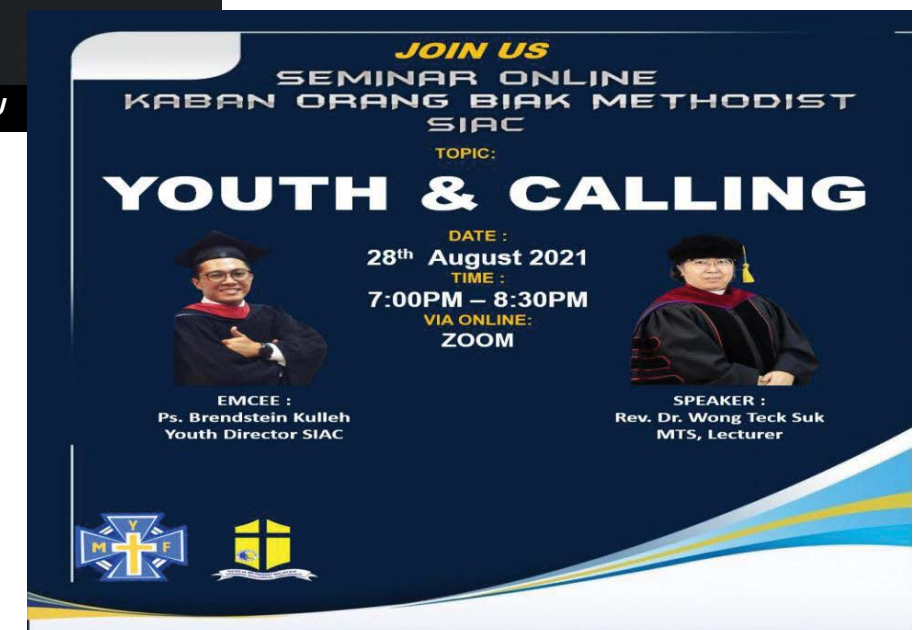
“Anang bekerja ngulihka pemakai ti nemu buruk, tang bekerja ngulihka pemakai ti tan, ti meri pengidup ti meruan belama iya. Pemakai nya deka diberi Anak Mensia ngagai kita, laban Allah Taala ti Apai udah ngasuh Iya ngereja nya.” - John 6:27



Nya alai, kesan ari pandemic tu mega, mayuh orang ubas kitai ubah sedarka pemerega pengarap sida enggau Jaku Tuhan ke patut digiga lalu dipelajarka sida.

Nambahka nya mega, kena 28.8.2021 KOBM SIAC sekali agi bisi ngatur seminar ti berambaika jaku **“Youth & Calling”** dibai ulih speaker Rev. Dr Wong Teck Suk.

Dalam seminar tu, orang ubas dibai awakka sida nemu lebih dalam agi ba senentang kangau sida dalam tanggungjawab ke nyadi membiak/pemela Tuhan. Penuja seminar tu mega, ngambika orang ubas kitai bisi sti beamat-amat deka nyerahka diri dalam pengawa ke nyadi pemela serets nemu pemerega kangau Tuhan ba pengidup.





马来西亚基督教卫理公会华人年议会 CHINESE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 属下牧区的少年军分队 THE BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANIES



Today, there are over **120** Companies all over Malaysia with over **9000** members and officers (which includes **12** Companies and approximately **1,000** members and officers sponsored by CAC's Churches).

***BB OBJECT*:** "The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Members and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian character."



三一堂 TRINITY CMC
(曼绒第一分队 1st Manjung Company)

我被升成为小队长了
I'm be promoted as N.C.O.

谢谢 BB 的栽培和造就
Thanks BB for nurturing and edifying

BB Founder
in 1883



Photo: Sir William Alexander Smith



We're having our...
集合点名 Roll-call parade



清福堂 CHIN HOCK CMC
(曼绒第二分队 2nd Manjung Company)



爱大华堂 AYER TAWAR CMC
(曼绒第三分队 3rd Manjung Company)

We're having our...
操步训练 Drill Training



北海堂 BUTTERWORTH CMC
(北海第三分队 2nd Butterworth Company)



亚依淡堂 AYER ITAM CMC
(檳城第八分队 8th Penang Company)



They are our company's...
小队队长 Non-Commissioned Officers

The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia partners with churches around Malaysia as the church's children and youth outreach ministry. The Boys' Brigade Ministry has a vital and unique role as part of the church to reach out to the children, youth and young people who have yet to know Christ. Every BB Company has to be part of a Church or a Christian organisation. Hence, churches take the role as a Sponsoring Body utilising the BB methodology to reach out to the children and youths on the outside of the church.



***BB MOTTO*:**

...from
the scripture
Hebrews 6:19
(KJV)



军官合照在 BB 创办日
Officers' group photo on BB Founder's Day



安邦堂 AMPANG CMC
(安邦第一分队 1st Ampang Company)

假期营
Holiday Camp



舞蹈呈献
Dance presentation



加影堂 KAJANG CMC
(加影第五分队 5th Kajang Company)

We also got...
幼级组 Junior Session



露营训练
Camping



金宝堂 KAMPAR CMC
(金宝第四分队 4th Kampar Company)



基督教教育班
Christian Education



甲洞堂 KEPONG CMC
(吉隆坡第十六分队 16th Kuala Lumpur)

一起学习
Learning together

BB METHODOLOGY:
BB aims to provide a holistic learning environment, building up the life of a fellow young person (known as Member) in four aspects, Social, Educational, Physical and Spiritual.



双溪南眉堂 SUNGAI RAMBAI CMC
(马六甲第三分队 2nd Melaka Company)



SERVE AS AN OFFICER: Like any ministry in the church, the fellow brothers and sisters are key to the development of the ministry. In the BB ministry, a fellow church member can serve as an Officer. The term Officer refers to the adults that will be carrying out the week to week activities among young people.

FOCUS GROUP: The BB members are made up from 4 different sections:

- Pre-Junior Section: 6 - 9 years old
- Junior Section: 9 - 12 years old
- Senior Section: 13 - 19 years old
- Primer Section: 16 - 19 years old



武吉波浪堂 BUKIT BERUANG CMC
(马六甲第四分队 4th Melaka Company)

万里望堂 MERLIMAU CMC
(马六甲第三分队 3rd Melaka Company)



初级 (小学) 高级 (中学) 一起玩和学习



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• Website: www.bbmalaysia.org



உண்மையிலே சுதந்திரத்தை உணர்கிறோமா?

சுதந்திரம் எல்லாருடைய வாழ்க்கையிலும் எதிர்பார்த்து ஏங்கும் ஓர் உணர்வுபூர்வமான அனுபவமாகும். ஏதேன் தோட்டத்தில் ஆதாமுக்கு ஏவளுக்கும் உண்மையில் ஆண்டவர் ஓர் இலவசமான தேர்வை (சுதந்திரத்தை) கொடுத்தார். துரதிர்ஷ்டவசமாக தங்களின் கீழ்படியாமையினால் மனுசனும் மனுஷியும் பாவத்திற்கு அடிமையாகி அந்த சுதந்திரத்தை இழந்தார்கள். அனைத்து மானிடமும் ஏதோ ஓர் விதத்தில் தங்களின் சுதந்திரத்தை இழந்த அனுபவத்தை உணர்ந்துள்ளனர்.

நமது நாடு தன்னுடைய 63வது மெர்டேக்கா (சுதந்திர தினம்) கொண்டாடிக் கிறது. இருப்பினும் தற்போதைய நடைமுறை வாழ்வில் அநேக அடக்குமுறைகள், துன்புறுத்துதல்களை நாம் உணர்கிறோம். இதன் மூலம் உண்மையான சுதந்திரத்தை நாம் இழந்துவிட்டோம். இந்நிலைமைக்கு காரணம் கிளர்ச்சி உண்டாக்கும் மனப்போக்கு, தேவபக்தி இல்லாமை மற்றும் தாழ்மையுடன், நிறி. ஆபிரகாம் சுயநலத்தோடு இருக்கும் தலைவர்கள். மேலும் சமுதாயத்தில் ஒற்றுமை இல்லா சூழ்நிலை.



தற்போதைய திருச்சபைகள் குறிப்பாக நம்முடைய தமிழ் வருடாந்திர மாநாடுகளில் அதிகமாக நம்மால் பேசப்படும் காரியம் புதுபித்தல் மற்றும் எழுப்புதல் ஆகும். கடந்த 2018 மற்றும் 2019 ஆண்டுகளில் ஜெபத்தின் மூலம் புதுபித்தல் மற்றும் ஓர் புதிய அலை தலைப்பில் பல மாநாடுகள் நடைபெற்றது. இருப்பினும் கடந்த 2020 கொரோனா தொற்றுவியாதி தொடங்கி இந்நாள்வரைக்கும் நாம் அதிகமாக பேசப்பட்ட புதுபித்தல் மற்றும் எழுப்புதலின் உண்மையான அனுபவத்தை நாம் உணர்ந்துள்ளோமா...? நம்மிடைய அதிகமான ஜெப முகாம், கருந்தரங்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டு வந்தாலும், இப்புதுபித்தல் மற்றும் எழுப்புதல் மூலம் நாம் எதிர்பார்த்த விரும்பத்தக்க விளைவுகளை நாம் உண்மையில் உணர்ந்துள்ளோமா? இல்லை!

யோவான் 8:32 –சத்தியத்தை அறிவீர்கள், சத்தியம் உங்களை விடுதலையாகும்;— உலகமக்களை தாழ்த்தும் பாவத்தின் அடிமைதனத்தை குறித்து இயேசு குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார். இயேசுவை முழுமையாக விசுவாசிப்பதன் மூலமே நமக்கு விடுதலைகிடைக்கும். அவரை உண்மையாக விசுவாசிப்பதன் மூலம் நாம் சத்தியத்தை அறிவோம். அவரின் கற்பனைகள் கைகொண்டு அவருக்கு நாம் சீஷராய் இருப்போம். நடைமுறை வாழ்வில், அறிவார்ந்த அறிவு (எ. கா – பரிசேயரும், சதுசேயரும்), அனுபவபூர்வமான அறிவு (எ.கா— சீஷர்கள்) இரு பாலர் உள்ளனர். நம்மில்



அநேகர் நினைப்பது எதுவேனில், நாம் நம்முடைய மூலையை கொண்டு அறிவார்ந்த அறிவுள்ளவர்கள் என்று நினைக்கிறோம். சிலர் அனுபவபூர்வமான அறிவை கொண்டு மனதின் எண்ணங்களோடு காரியத்தில் செயல்படுகின்றனர். இருப்பினும் வேதகாமத்தில் யோவான் 8:36: – ஆகையால் குமாரன் உங்களை விடுதலையாக்கினால் மெய்யாகவே விடுதலையாவீர்கள்; இது நமக்கு உறுதிபடுத்துகிறது என்னவென்றால், இயேசு ஒருவரே நம் வாழ்வில் உண்மையான சுதந்திரம் கிடைக்க மூலகாரணம். விடுதலையாவீர்கள்; இது நமக்கு உறுதிபடுத்துகிறது என்னவென்றால், இயேசு ஒருவரே நம் வாழ்வில் உண்மையான சுதந்திரம் கிடைக்க மூலகாரணம்.

என் கருத்து என்னவென்றால், நாம் எதிர்பார்க்கும் புதுபித்தலும் எழுப்புதலும் ஒருவர் உண்மையான சுதந்திரத்தை அனுபவித்தால் மட்டுமே நிறைவெறும். ஒருவரிடம் கிழே குறிப்பிடப்பட்ட காரியங்கள் அனைத்தும் உண்மையான சுதந்திரை உணர உறுதிபடுத்தப்படவேண்டும். அவை:— ஒருவரின் ஆவி, மனம், சரிரம், உணர்வு மற்றும் சமூகம்.

ஆவி –நம்முடைய ஒரே விசுவாசம், ஒரே பிதா, ஒரே குமாரன், ஒரே ஆவி, ஒரே ஞானஸ்நானம், ஒரே விசுவாசம் ஆகும் (எபேசியர் 4:4–6). நடைமுறை வாழ்வில்



நாம் ஆவிக்குரிய காரியங்களில் நாம் வேறுபட்டுள்ளோம். நாம் கட்டாயமாக ஒரே மனமாய் ஜெபத்திலும் மற்றும் மாநாட்டு காரியங்களிலும் ஈடுபட்டேவண்டும். ஆனால் மிகவும் வருத்தமான காரியம் நம்மிடையே இந்த ஒரே மனம் காணப்படவில்லை. நாம் சுதந்திரத்தை பறைசாட்டினாலும் நம்மிடையே ஒரே மனம் நம் ஆவிக்குரிய வாழ்வில் இல்லை.

மனம் –நம் விசுவாசிப்பது என்னவென்றால், ஞானம், அறிவு, புரிந்துணர்வு பிதாவினிடத்திலிருந்து நாம் பெறுகிறோம். (நீதிமொழிகள் 2:6). நம்முடைய தனிப்பட்ட வாழ்வில், குடும்பத்தில், தேவ சமூகத்தில் இருக்கும் நடவடிக்கைகளில் நாம் ஒரே உடன்பாட்டில் இருத்தல் வேண்டும். நம் ஞானம், அறிவு மற்றும் புரிந்துணர்வு நாம் விசுவாசிக்கிற ஒரே தேவனிடமிருந்து பெற்றுக்கொள்ளுகிறோம். இருப்பினும் நம்முடைய மாநாட்டு தலைமைத்துவத்திடம் நமக்கு நிறைய கருத்து வேறுபாடுகள் மற்றும் அர்பணிப்பு இல்லை. இது நாம் இன்னும் மனதளவில் முழு சுதந்திரை அடையவில்லை என்று குறிக்கிறது.

சரிரம் –ரோமர் 12 மற்றும் 1 கொரிந்தியர் 12 குறிப்பிட்டது போல், கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் நாம் ஒரே சரிசரமாய் இருக்கிறோம். காரணம் நாம் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவை இரட்சகராய் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு அவரை விசுவாசித்தால் நாம் அவருடைய பிள்ளைகளாகும்படி, அவர்களுக்கு அதிகாரங்கொடுத்தார் (யோவான் 1:12, எபேசியர் 4:16). இதன் மூலம் நாம் ஒன்றாக இணைக்கப்பட்டு சரிரம்(மாநாடு) வளர்ச்சிபெற பயனுள்ள காரியத்தில் ஈடுபடவேண்டும். இருப்பினும் வருத்தத்தக்குரிய காரியம் என்னவென்றால் தலைமைத்துவத்தை குறித்து பல சச்சரவுகள் மற்றும் புறங்குறுதல் அதனுடைய

வளர்ச்சிக்கு தடையாக உள்ளது. இதுவும் நமக்கு அறிவறுத்துவது, நாம் இன்னும் முழுமையான சுதந்திரத்தை நமது சரிர மண்டலம் மூலமாய் இன்னும் உணரவில்லை.

உணர்வு –நாம் கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் சகோதர சகோதரிகளாய், நாம் சொந்த உணர்வு உள்ளவர்களாய் இருத்தல் வேண்டும். நாம் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் ஒருவர் அக்கறையுள்ளவர்களாய் இருக்கவேண்டும். நாம் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் பாரத்தை பகிர்ந்துகொள்ளவேண்டும் (ரோமர் 12:15). மாநாட்டில் உள்ள 54 சபைகளும் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் தங்கள் வளங்களை பகிர்ந்து கொள்ள உதவவேண்டும். மாநாட்டு தலமைத்துவமும் இதே அக்கறையும் பாரத்தை எல்லா சபைகளுக்கும் காண்பிக்கவேண்டும். இத்தகைய செயல் கண்டிப்பாக நம்மிடைய ஒற்றுமையை நிலைநிறுத்தும். மாறாக சிலசமயங்களில் இது எதிர்ப்புறையாக நடைக்கிறது. இதுவும் நமது உணர்வுகளில் நாம் முழுமையான சுதந்திரத்தை அடையவில்லை என்று அறிக்கிறோம்.

சமுதாயம் –நாம் தேவனுடைய சாயலில் அவரைப்போல் சிருஷ்டிக்கப்பட்டு, இயற்கையாய் ஒரே தேவனை, ஒரே சிருஷ்டிகரை விசுவாசிக்கிறோம். ஆனால் தேவன் நம்மை வெவ்வேறு பாத்திரங்களாக உருவாக்கி வெவ்வேறு காரியங்களுக்கு பயன்படுத்துகிறார். இந்த வேற்றுமையை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு, தேவனுடைய மகிமைக்காக ஒற்றுமையாய் செயல்படுகிறோம். நாம் இந்த காரியத்தில் மேலும் மேன்மையடைய தலைத்துவத்தில் உள்ளவர்கள் ஆணி வோக செயல்படவேண்டும். இதன் மூலம் நம் வாழ்க்கையில் சமுதாய அடிப்படையில் நாம் முழுமையான சுதந்திரம் அடையமுடியும்.

மேல் குறிப்பிட்ட (ஆவி, மனம், சரிரம், உணர்வு & சமுதாயம்) ஆகியவற்றில் கண்டிப்பாக நம்முடைய அனுகுமுறைகள், அறிவு, திறமைகள், தேவனின் விசுவாசிகளாகவும், சீஷர்களாகவும் நம் வாழ்க்கை முறையில் பல விளைவுகளை ஏற்படுத்தும். இதன்மூலம் நாம் முழுமையான சுதந்திரத்தை உணர, நமது வாழ்வை முழுமையாக தேவனுக்கு ஒப்புவித்து, இவ்வுலகத்திற்கு உப்பாகவும், வெளிச்சமாகவும் தேவனுடைய மகிமைக்காகவும் வாழவேண்டும்.

முடிவாக, என் மேலான நம்பிக்கை நம்முடைய மாநாடு மற்றும் தமிழ் மெதடிஸ்ட் திருச்சபைகள் தங்களை மதிப்பீடு செய்து, முறையான செயல்களை செய்து பல மாற்றங்களை வெளிக்கொண்டுவரவேண்டும் என பிரயாசப்படுகிறேன். இதன் மூலம் நாம் வாஞ்சிக்கிற உண்மையான சுதந்திரத்தை இயேசுவின் மூலம் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

குறிப்பு – இது என் முதல் இருதயத்தின் படைப்பாய் உள்ளதால், குறைகள் இருப்பின் தயவாய் மன்னிக்க வேண்டுகிறேன். தங்களின் கருத்துகளையும் தயகமின்றி தெரிபடுத்தவேண்டுமாய் எதிர்பார்கின்றேன்.

தாழ்மையுடன்,
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MCKL Rolls Out New Future-Proof Programmes



The pandemic has challenged every industry and society for the past year including posing a new set of challenges for students. MCKL, decided to turn these challenges into opportunities by equipping the next generation for the fast-changing world. One fact that MCKL is conscious of as an institution is that knowledge is expanding rapidly, where previously stable jobs gradually become obsolete. For that reason, MCKL has specifically designed the following new programmes that will provide students with the skills and knowledge to ride the wave of change, rather than be swept away by it.

Kicking off for the first time, during MCKL's August 2021 intake – MCKL rolled out four new programmes, Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in Information Technology, Diploma in E-Commerce and Diploma in Digital Marketing, all focused on equipping students for our increasingly technologically-driven society.

The Diploma in Computer Science provides students with a broad range of relevant knowledge in the field, such as Data Science, Coding and Cloud Computing. There is also an emphasis on training students with future-oriented skills that will make them even more prepared to handle real-life scenarios. Each diploma necessitates a 12-week training stint with an industry partner, further ensuring that students are ready for the next step after the diploma.

The second new programme, Diploma in Information Technology caters to the ever-expanding needs of the Internet of Things (IoT) industry. Students will learn how to design, operate, and apply IoT in various industries, applying practical and theoretical skills simultaneously.

Both these diplomas are partnered with professional accreditation bodies, ensuring that students have

technical skills with recognizable qualifications upon completing their course at MCKL. These qualifications include SAS Academic Specialisation in Data Science and Machine Learning as well as AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner. Additionally, the University of South Australia (UniSA) is offering MCKL students, from these two diplomas, the unique opportunity to obtain a degree with a one-year top up programme.

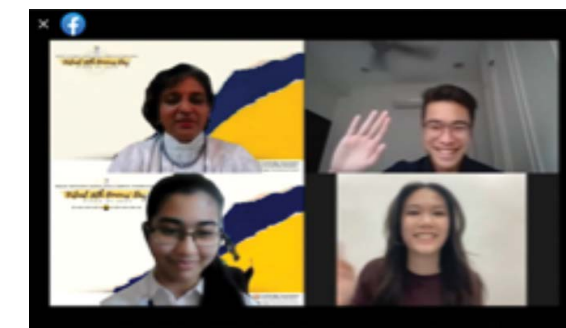
The Diploma in E-Commerce focuses on the ever-growing and changing technologies in the business stance. While there are many courses in other institutions catering to commerce students, the slant provided with this diploma ensures that students will have a cutting-edge advantage, directly tied in with findings of research about the future industry needs.

Finally, MCKL's fourth new programme, the Diploma in Digital Marketing specifically targets the growing needs of large and small businesses alike to market their brand virtually. This diploma aims to encourage creativity and sharp business acumen, particularly applied to the area of marketing.

These new diploma programmes will provide a solution to the growing needs in our society for a response to the doubling of knowledge and disruptive technologies.

For over 38 years, MCKL has been providing quality higher education in the best of the Methodist tradition. MCKL will soon be launching its first branch campus – MCKL College, Pykett Campus in Penang. For more information on MCKL, kindly visit <https://mckl.edu.my/> or call 03 2300 0998. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and news.

Virtual 30th Honours Day Celebration at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International)



Nicole Melissa Chong with two other award recipients – Nathaniel (top right) a recipient for IGCSE Scholar of the Year 2020, and Catherine (bottom right) a recipient for Wesleyan of the Year 2020, with the emcee of the event (top left).

It is this time of the year where Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) (WMSKLI) had its Honours Day in recognising the students' achievements and sharing this joy with their parents. In view of the pandemic situation, WMSKLI conducted the event virtually on Saturday, 26th June 2021 through an online platform. Students, parents, teachers and principal were all gathered virtually to witness and celebrate the success achieved through sheer hard work and perseverance of our students.

During the award ceremony, various awards were given out, namely the IGCSE Scholars of the Year 2020, Wesleyan of the Year 2020, Meritorious Awards for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10, Cambridge Secondary One Checkpoint 2020, IGCSE 8, 9 & 10 Distinctions (8A*/A, 9A*/A & 10A*/A), IGCSE 8, 9 & 10 Distinctions In All Subjects (8A*/A, 9A*/A & 10A*/A), IGCSE Subject Prize Award, Special Co-Curriculum Award 2020 – The Duke of Edinburgh International Award, Top In The World Award and the **Exemplary Christian Service Award**.

As one of the four recipients for the **Exemplary Christian Service Award**, Nicole Melissa Chong was a representative of the school at the Central Bible Knowledge Quiz held by Scripture Union at both regional and national levels, placed top ten at the national level and achieved first place at the regional level. Nicole had represented the school in the Kingdom Education Programme in the UK in 2019 too. The **Exemplary Christian Service Award** is awarded to students who are dedicated followers

of Christ who consistently embody the attributes of servant leaders.

At WMSKLI, we are committed to building up each student into responsible, purposeful individual and citizen equipped with the aptitudes to succeed and adapt in a rapidly changing world through Methodist Education:

- **A** – Academic excellence with affordability
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- **E** – Extra-curricular achievements aiming to provide an extensive exposure into arts, science, sports, and team building; also, to develop the learners' leadership skills and to have responsibilities for community services.



WMSKLI students at the basketball court
Students in the laboratory class

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**WMS
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87%
A*/A
IGCSE 2020
Exams

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A*/A for Chinese as a Second Language A*/A for English as First Language
59%
A*/A
IGCSE 2020
Exams

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Primary Checkpoint*:
85.2% **71.1%**
for Maths for English
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for Maths for Science

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