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Rejoice!

*The Christ of Christmas will bring joy to
your heart and renewal to your soul.*

Joyful Christmas and A Blessed New Year

From:

*The General Conference Executive Council,
The Methodist Church in Malaysia*





2022 CALENDAR

General Conference Executive Council Meetings

- February 19
- August 20

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- January 22
- June 18
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- January 8
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- July 9
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- PMSM: October 19 - 20
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- CAC: November 8 - 10
- TAC: November 11 - 13
- TRAC: November 18 - 20
- SCAC: November 22 - 24
- SIAC : November 26 - 28

Heart Matters (Luke 21:1-38)

By Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar

Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia



“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

(Luke 21:34-36, ESV)

Luke chapter 21 has many teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is not distracted by the giving of the well-to-do. Instead, He praises a poor widow who gives all that she has. The Lord is not distracted by the magnificence of the Temple building. After all, Jerusalem will go through destruction and the Temple will not be spared. War activity and the appearance of false prophets are not the actual signs of the end of time. The believers must be ready for persecution. So what are the signs to show us that the end is at hand (Luke 21:7)? The Lord replies by asking them to look at the fig tree (21:29). When it sprouts leaves, summer is near.

There are at least three lessons that we can learn from this passage.

1. Give from the heart (Luke 21:1-4). God is not looking at how big the gift is that is offered to HIM. He looks at the willingness of the heart that makes the offering. Don't worry that you have only little to give. Blessed are the poor.
2. Watch the heart (Luke 21:5-36). Watch out and guard the heart from becoming lax and corrupt. Be careful not to give in to temptations, thinking that the Lord's coming is a long time from now. Be prepared for the coming of the end time. There will be no mystery to the end time when it actually appears. Stop asking for the timeline of events. Be ready, for the end might be today.
3. Eagerness of the heart. The Lord was teaching daily (Luke 21:37-38). The Lord taught daily because He knew that there were eager hearts ready to hear His teachings. Daily there is something to learn from the Lord if we will open the Bible with eagerness. Daily there is something to learn from the Lord when we quieten our hearts to listen to Him during our time of prayer. The more we sit at His feet, the more our hearts become sensitive to His voice and His will and are drawn to obedience. The Lord is eager to teach.

A Final Word

When my daughter was three years old, I taught her and my son the following hymn:

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing.*

I must have probably not pronounced very clearly, so much so that a few days after learning the hymn from me, I heard her singing, “let every heart *repair* him room” instead of “*prepare* Him room.” I wanted to correct her immediately but then I realized that while some hearts needed to be prepared, on the other hand, some hearts needed to be repaired.

This Christmas season is a good time to work on the disposition of our hearts vis-à-vis our relationship with GOD. It's a time to *prepare* our hearts to receive the Lord God who came as a man to earth two thousand years ago. He came even to *repair* our hearts in preparation for the end of time and the second advent of Jesus Christ. In so doing, our hearts and lives may be renewed and ready to “stand before the Son of Man” who is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Methodist Education Foundation (MEF)

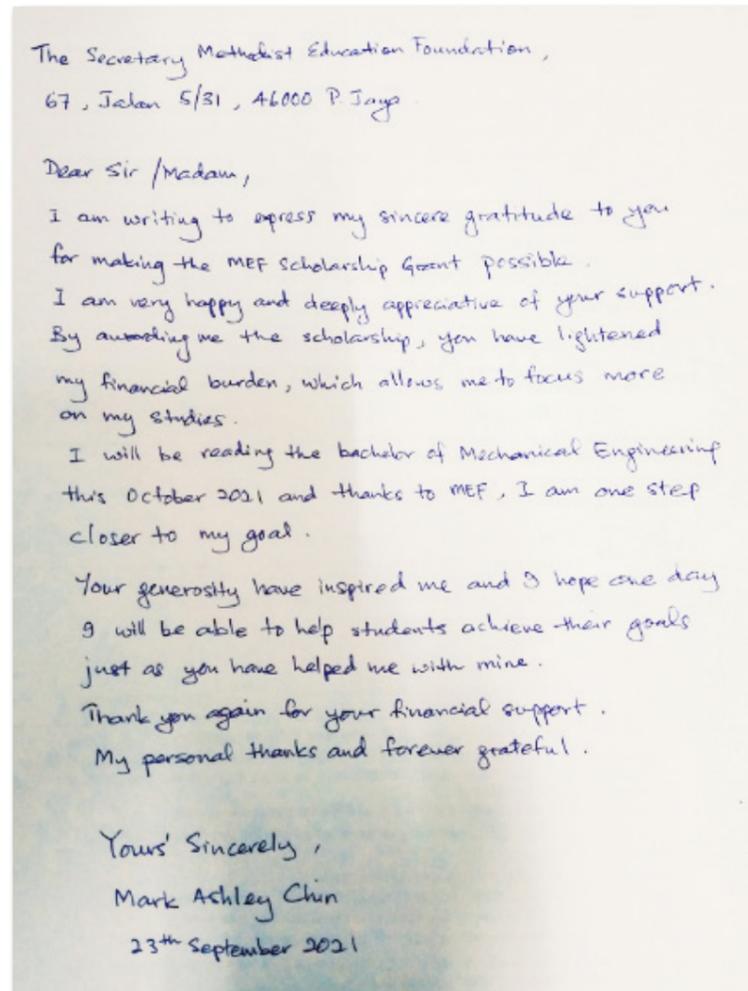
By the end of 2021, the Methodist Education Foundation (MEF) would have disbursed a total of RM538,000 to assist 140 needy Malaysian students to fulfil their dreams of a higher education. This year, MEF received nearly 160 applications, slightly more than in recent years as the pandemic slowed down the economy and many families had lost one or both incomes. Many of these students come from broken homes, struggle to make ends meet, are desolate and yet, are very bright students with good academic results.

MEF is grateful for the many supporters and donors who answered the call to donate and in sharing the vision of helping our younger generation by providing them an opportunity to further their education. It is through your kind donation that we are able to help these students, among them, a young man named Ashley Chin, whose letter of appreciation is published here.

MEF hopes to make an impact on many young Malaysians, not just to make their aspirations come true in attaining a higher education but also to have a better future. And by helping these young people, they in turn will help others when they are able to do so and thus give back to society what they have received.

As education plays an important part in our Methodist culture, MEF continues to seek donations to achieve its objectives. Donations to MEF can be made directly to Methodist Education Foundation (HSBC Account No. 302-311618-001) and email the bank-in slip with contact details to mef@methodistchurch.org.my. A tax-exempt receipt will be issued.

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



*Letter of appreciation from a very thankful recipient
- Mark Ashley Chin commencing
an undergraduate Engineering course in TAR University college*



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STM Brief Updates

STM has a total registration of 527 students in 2021 (26 full-time). To date, 14 full-time applicants have been approved for admission next year, while more applications are being processed. A number of applicants for Master of Ministry and Doctor of Ministry programmes will be sponsored by the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (OCRPL). In September, STM launched its micro-learning programme in collaboration with Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST), Singapore through the Theology For Life portal. The Micro-Learning programme supports Christian communities by providing learning materials via the internet. STM aspires to set up its own Doctor of Philosophy programme next year, working together with the Association of Theological Education of South East Asia (ATESEA) schools in Malaysia ie. Sabah Theological Seminary (STS) and Methodist Theological School (MTS), Sibiu. Meanwhile, STM continues to seek two more faculty members with doctoral qualification to support our Master of Theology and doctorate programmes to fulfill the accreditation requirements of ATESEA. Financially, STM encounters cash flow problems intermittently as donation income was affected by adverse economic conditions. In the estimated budget for 2022, it is projected that total operational expenditure would reach around RM3.7 million with a deficit of around RM500,000. Currently, STM will strive to work within its budget to optimize financial capacity.

Dr. Chong Siaw Fung, Principal.

8 October 2021

马来西亚神学院简报

2021年，马来西亚神学院共有527位学生注册，当中26位是全时间制学生。直至今日，我们已批准了14位明年入学的学生申请，还有更多的申请正在处理中。一些教牧学硕士和教牧学博士的申请者将由牛津宗教与公共生活中心 Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (OCRPL) 赞助。马来西亚神学院于9月份和新加坡圣经神学研究院合作通过Theology For Life网站推出微学习课程。微学习课程透过媒体科技把学习材料带给更广大的信徒群体。马来西亚神学院渴望明年能够与国内受东南亚神学教育协会承认的神学院，如沙巴神学院和诗巫卫理神学院共商合作办哲学博士课程。目前，以符合东南亚神学教育协会的要求，我们正致力聘用多两位拥有博士资格的讲师以开办神学硕士与博士课程。在经济上，马来西亚神学院断断续续面对资金的问题，我们的捐款收入因为不利的经济情况而受到影响。按照2022年的财务预算，总营运开支估计将达到约 370 万令吉，不敷约 50 万令吉。目前，我们仍在制定预算以充分利用财务能力。

张晓枫博士，院长

2021年10月8日

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The Methodist Church in Malaysia,
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46th Session of the Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference (SCAC)

Reported by Lv Sing



5 Elders 11 Deacons Ordained 3 Local Missionaries Commissioned

The Ordination Service of the 46th Session of SCAC was held at Masland Methodist Church, Sibu, on 24 November 2021 with attendance according to the SOP. The whole ceremony was also live streamed via YouTube.

The five Elders ordained were Rev Ngu Lock Tee, Rev Gabriel Ling, Rev Betty Wong Ling Ting, Rev Hii Mee Siong, and Rev Ambrose Wong Tuong Dian.

Meanwhile, Pastors Ting Hua Seng, Charles Tiew Geu Jung, Siaw Ming Ching, Dixon Lai Kai Xean, Ong Siew Thien, Arin Anak Manja, Ling Kwong Fuh, Lau Hie Ding, Vincent Lau Lik Wee, Chai Chang Yap, and Chong Kong Sern were ordained as Deacons.

The Ordination Service this year broke tradition with an act of Foot Washing based on John 13:1-17. Bishop Lau Hui Ming demonstrated the humble act by washing the feet of the five to-be-ordained Elders and explained that Jesus washed His disciples' feet demonstrating humility and instructed His disciples to serve likewise. He ended by saying that today, power, prestige and wealth may not be the portions (symbols) of God's servants, but servanthood and ministries that glorify God certainly are.

The Ordination Service was followed by commissioning of 3 local missionaries - Liu Ngen Kiaw (field: schools in the remote rural areas), Benny Hii Hiong Hwei (field: Sibu Jaya) and Ngieng Seng Ik (field: Kanowit & Kapit long houses). They are supported by the Board of Evangelism for mission work among the indigenous people in Sarawak.

46th Session of the Tamil Annual Conference (TAC)



During the TAC 46th Session held on 12-13 November 2021 at Port Dickson Methodist Center, four Deacons were ordained as Elders. The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar accompanied by the Bishop of the Tamil Annual Conference Rev Dr Dennis Raj. The four ordained ministers are Rev K.

Saravanan, Rev David Retnam, Rev Ezekiel Raj and Rev Nelson Nadarajan. Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar congratulated them and reminded them to be faithful until the end, serving and persevering under all circumstances, for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The four of them were also joined by their respective spouses.



46th Session of the Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC)

The Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC) held its 46th Annual Conference on 26-28 November in Sibu. It was preceded with the Installation of the Conference Bishop, Bishop Bonnie Sedau by the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar at the Methodist Iban Church, Pasar Sibu. Thereafter the conference was concluded at Wei Kuok Methodist Hall where Bishop Jeyakumar ordained an elder (Rev Lau Lee Lam) and 4 deacons (Rev Alistair Ak Jupiter, Rev Malaya Ak Lidan, Rev Kasing Pengiran & Rev Doreythisia Ak Dinggun).



104 delegates attended the Conference which was also attended by some delegates via Zoom.

46th Session of the Chinese Annual Conference (CAC) 华人年议会第46届议会

感谢上主保守第46届议会于8/11-10/11顺畅以线上的方式完成。黄迪华会督虽然是第一次主持年议会，却是睿智与从容也带着牧养的情怀引导每一个环节。赴会的牧者和会友代表们满怀感恩回顾这一年，同时也怀抱期待面向新的一年。

这是美好的一年，七位牧者被按立为游行副牧，一位被接纳为游行副牧，同时一位按立为长牧。甚愿上主赐福保守，让牧者们带着牧养的情怀喂养上主的群羊。

议会在十个教区长宣读委任表后完成，牧者们和众会友代表们将在挑战中携手铺陈上主的心意。期待2022相会于第47届议会。



3rd Session of the Sabah Annual Conference (SAC) 沙巴年议会第四届年会

在上主的恩典和带领下，马来西亚基督教卫理公会沙巴年议会于2021年11月6日举行了第四届年会。本会的牧者及代表们逾70人以线上方式进行会议，在本会许光福会督主持的会议中，一起聆听全年报告及策划了2022年的事工。

马来西亚卫理公会会督 Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar 亲临指导，宣讲主道并主持了按牧典礼。除了原定去年按立长牧的 Wahyudy Sylvester，今年被按立者计有：杨新萍（副牧），张菁芝（长牧），Fionalisa Aldrin（长牧）。

会议顺利的完成，我们把荣耀归于上主。祈愿在新的一年里，沙巴年议会全体成员继续殷勤且同心的【恒守恩约，践行使命】，也按总议会所定的异象《更新的教会》，在：‘强化教会使命，丰化家庭生活，提升教育素质，参与国家建设’等四大方向，齐心努力扩展神国度的事工。



The Lord's Servant

By Rev Tee Kwok Chiang, Sabah Annual Conference
Translated by Christina
(First published in Connection, June 2021)



This touching picture stirred my heart this morning!

This is a picture of Rev Markus Sigar, a BM pastor of Sabah Annual Conference who was conducting a Youth Training Programme. Due to the current FMCO (Full Movement Control Order), he could not gather the youths for physical training, so he conducted it online. Adding to that, the pastor had to venture into the open field in search of a place where internet connection would be strong and smooth. Having found the spot, he simply sat down on the ground to do the training. This is what dedication is all about. Let's give him the THUMBS UP!

When writing this, I am reminded of a book I read: "Traces of Grace at the Edge" by Rev Sun Po-ling. There is a paragraph in the book:

"Being a dedicated pastor is more difficult than being a renowned one, but a lot more worthy! Christ Jesus is not interested at all in your 'fame' for HE will only ask you: Did you feed the hungry sisters? Did you clothe the naked brothers? When he was lonely in bondage, did you visit him? When he felt despair and hopelessness, did you help him look up to God? A pastor shepherds, and that is it; the mission of the church is nothing more than that."

This makes me reflect on my pastorhood. If I am aiming to be well-known, to be praised, to be in a high position, unwilling to be humble but a winner on all matters, if I have such traces of hidden arrogance in me, I am not worthy of being the Lord's servant.

May the Lord have mercy on me.

Kesaksian dari Tuai Rumah Unjan Anak Bunyau, Nanga Langgu, Entabai, Julau.

Ditulis oleh Tr Unjan Anak Bunyau
(Gereja Methodist Ng. Langgo, Entabai, Julau)



Shalom, saudara dan saudari dalam nama Tuhan Yesus Kristus. Dalam kesaksian ini, terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan syukur dan terima kasih kepada Tuhan kerana Tuhan telah banyak kali membuka jalan dalam kehidupan saya. Sebelum menjadi ahli dalam Gereja Methodist dan sebelum saya terlibat aktif dalam pelayanan, saya telah lama meninggalkan Tuhan. Saya juga pernah menjadi ahli Gereja Katolik dan telah berhenti kerana saya dan keluarga berasa susah sekali untuk mengikuti peraturan-peraturan dalam Gereja Katolik. Pada masa itu saya belum lahir kembali dan tidak memahami firman Tuhan, justeru bagaimana saya dapat menginjil kepada orang lain? Saya juga tidak pernah menghadiri sebarang kursus mahupun diajar tentang selok-belok agama pada masa itu.

Saya bersyukur dan memuji Tuhan kerana Tuhan telah membuka jalan yang baru untuk saya dan keluarga saya. Sejak saya menjadi ahli dalam Gereja Methodist dan terlibat aktif dalam pelayanan saya merasakan bahawa Tuhan telah menyentuh hati dan fikiran saya. Pengalaman saya bermula pada tahun 2016. Pada masa itu, ada perjalanan team mission trip ke Ulu Entabai. Saya dipelawa oleh anak saya iaitu Ady Anak Unjan untuk membantu membawa

ahli misi menggunakan perahu panjang ke rumah-rumah panjang yang diinjili mereka. Di situ saya mula mengenali Saudara Raymond Lee yang merupakan ketua misi tersebut. Ketika itu, saudara Raymond Lee telah bertanya tentang hasrat beliau untuk bermalam dan seterusnya memberitakan Injil di rumah Panjang saya. Tetapi hasrat berkenaan tidak dapat ditunaikan kerana ada kematian di rumah panjang saya dan ahli misi tidak dapat datang.

Tetapi akhirnya pada tahun 2017, sekali lagi team misi ini berkesempatan untuk datang ke rumah panjang saya untuk memberitakan Injil. Saya amat bersyukur kepada Tuhan untuk peluang ini kepada kami, kami dapat berkumpul dan mendengarkan firman Tuhan. Ketika itu team misi telah diketuai oleh saudara Aping dan pada ketika inilah saya sekeluarga dan 7 orang ahli keluarga lain telah bersetuju untuk menjadi ahli Gereja Methodist atas bimbingan team misi ini. Sejak saya menjadi ahli Gereja Methodist, saya terlibat aktif dalam pelayanan. Saya selalu membantu ahli dan jemaah Gereja Methodist di rumah-rumah panjang lain dalam kebaktian dan sembahyang. Terutama sekali apabila Paderi atau Pastor tidak dapat datang dan pada waktu Pandemik Covid-19 ini, para Paderi dan Pastor tidak dapat datang.



Pada tahun 2021, saudara Raymond Lee telah menggalakkan saya untuk menyertai Sekolah Misi Jangka Pendek (STMS) di Methodist Theological School, Sibu selama 3 bulan. Walaupun tidak dapat datang ke MTS Sibu akibat Pandemik ini, kelas telah dijalankan secara maya, saya belajar suatu yang baru dengan mengikut pengajian dalam internet. Saya menggunakan peluang ini untuk belajar lebih mendalam tentang kepercayaan dan iman saya terhadap Tuhan Yesus. Saya tidak banyak menghadapi halangan walaupun terpaksa meninggalkan rumah, kebun dan keluarga saya seketika untuk menyertai program STMS ini. Saya begitu teruja sekali menyertai program STMS ini kerana saya telah menimba banyak pengetahuan sekali gus melatih diri saya untuk menginjil dan menjadi pemimpin Gereja di rumah panjang saya. Belajar cara-cara menginjil, memimpin orang lain dan juga cara untuk berkongsi firman Tuhan melalui kesaksian. Bagi saya, pengalaman semasa belajar STMS ini banyak mengajar saya cara

untuk membantu para Paderi dan Pastor terutama apabila mereka tidak dapat datang untuk memimpin sembahyang di rumah panjang. Saya juga dapat membantu ahli dan jemaah Gereja Methodist di rumah panjang yang lain. Saya bersyukur kerana dapat menamatkan pengajian STMS selama 3 bulan yang telah lepas. Dan telah menerima sijil dan rekod akademik dari MTS. Selepas tamat program STMS, saya selalu membantu para Paderi dan Pastor untuk memimpin sembahyang di rumah panjang saya dan juga rumah panjang yang lain. Akhir sekali, saya merakamkan penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada saudara Raymond Lee yang telah banyak membantu saya sepanjang saya belajar STMS di MTS yang lepas. Sekian. Tuhan memberkati.

(Lepas ini Saya pergi rumah sang. sembahyang dengan jemaah di sana. malam nanti Saya sembahyang di rumah Ading.)



Youths Praying for Malaysia



One is never too young to pray for our country. Around 190 pioneer members of the Girls' Brigade Malaysia from Sarawak as well as West Malaysia, prayed concurrently in writing during the recent online Young Leaders' Girls' Brigade & Spiritual Leadership Training (YLGBSL) on 20th and 22nd July 2021.

Maria Lau (1st Bintulu)

Our Father in heaven, we praise You Lord as we are all still safe at home. Dear Lord, please keep us safe from the Covid-19 pandemic and protect the ones on the front line too. Amen.

Poon Shi Yu (1st Ipoh)

Dear Lord, I pray that You will keep us safe from the virus. I pray that the cases in Malaysia will decrease

and we can go back to our normal life. I pray that You will protect the frontliners who are fighting the virus and helping those who are in need. Thank You for letting us gather here virtually. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Wong Chai Li (1st KL)

Dear God, I pray that everyone will follow the Covid SOP so that the Covid cases will drop. Lord, I also want to pray for Your protection on everyone; protect us from danger, and that the affected will have a speedy recovery after the jab. Lord, I also want to pray for the consistency of the girls' attendance in my GB company. Dear God, I would also want to pray for those who are sick that You will help them to recover. Amen.



Hermione Chui (4th Miri)

Thank You, Father for protecting us and the people around us during this pandemic. Thank You for giving us the knowledge to create vaccinations. I pray, Father, that You will cover Your mighty wings over our country Malaysia to protect us from this Covid virus. I pray for Your healing hands to be laid on those patients who are still fighting against the virus. Father, be with the frontliners and protect them. Thank You, Father for providing us an alternative way to carry on with our lives. I pray that everyone will put You first as the new normal around us. We praise You Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Wong Sze Mi (3rd Sibul)

Dear Lord, I thank You for Malaysia, and protecting us from this pandemic. Help us to always remember You are in control and it is Your will to let people go. We pray to You to bless the family around us, to protect them and let them know You, God, are in control. May You also bless GB - help all the girls to understand Your Word and Your will for their present and future. Help all of us in our spiritual and physical growth, let us have strength and faith in You for You are in control. Thank You Lord, for giving us family and the people around us to help us go through this difficult period of time. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Charlene Kho (6th Kuching)

Lord, we are so grateful that You give and provide all that we need to us. Even though the situation for Covid-19 is still bad, we know that You have a bright plan for Malaysia. I just pray that God, You will continue to bless this nation and bless all Your children in spirit and in truth. Lord, as we commit ourselves to You and confess our sins to You, You will wash away all our sins with Your pure blood, that we may be free from the consequences of sin. Thank you, God. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



Let The Methodist Prayer Movement March On

A record by Pr Robert Khaw (*TRAC Prayer Coordinator*) of the movement and way of God at the MCM Prayer Gatherings and the MCM Dawn Prayer Meetings.



A spiritual milestone – 1st MCM Prayer Gathering (online; 6th June 2021)

Our LORD God had put into the heart of our MCM Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar to unite both MCM leaders and members from all the Annual Conferences to rise up to pray (cf Nehemiah 2:12). This became possible through the use of video conferencing tools.

We then witnessed the birth of the online Prayer Gathering of The Methodist Church in Malaysia (MCM) on 6th June 2021. From then on, it was a learning journey from one prayer gathering to another with the LORD being our Helper.

In the early days, the technical team from the Tamil Annual Conference hosted the online Prayer Gathering. Subsequently, the technical team from Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference led by Rev Lenita Tiong took over as host. What wonderful teamwork we saw before our eyes! God's people just came forward to serve readily. And we all grew in the Lord by serving and trusting Him all the way.

At the monthly Prayer Gatherings (8pm-9pm), we gladly received exhortations from the Word. Truly, scriptures are both foundational and

transformational. At the recent Prayer Gathering (14th November), Bishop Jeyakumar exhorted the Methodist churches "to pray for peace and to live in peace". When the Methodist churches take heed of such scriptural words as these, God's blessings will flow (Luke 11:28).

It is encouraging that thousands of the people of God called Methodists join the online Prayer Gathering each month. Prayer leaders from the various Conferences lead in earnest prayers in the different languages viz. Bahasa Malaysia, Iban, Tamil, Mandarin and English. At one time, the Korean Methodists working in our land also joined us leading the prayers in the Korean language.

At every prayer gathering, we lift our voices in unison before the "Hearer of prayer, to Thee all flesh cometh" (Psalm 65:2; YLT). We cry out to God for ourselves in repentance. We seek the Lord Jesus for our families, churches, nation and the world that "God's kingdom come, and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10).



Some representatives among thousands of worshippers at the MCM Prayer Gathering (14th November 2021)

We thank God too for the testimonies of those who shared, and surely there are more stories to be told of God's work among His people. Truly, "God is able to do so much more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

One thing is for sure – we neither operate alone, nor do we desire this to be so. Hence, where opportunities present themselves before us, MCM partnered with likeminded ones in prayer such as during the Day of Prayer and Fasting (theme: "Lord, Heal Our Land"; 10th August) which was organised by the MCM and Prayer United together with churches in CCM. Many more thousands of worshippers thronged the online prayer platform, sending their prayers like incense heavenward!

Apart from the MCM Prayer Gathering and prayer partnership with others, Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar also initiated the monthly MCM Dawn Prayer Meeting (7am-8am) held on the second Saturday of every month. The first prayer meeting started on 13 March 2021 among those connected to the General Conference and Annual Conferences' Prayer Coordinators.

At this prayer hour, we learn to persevere in prayer for the many issues and challenges that beset Malaysia and the world such as the pandemic, persecution and poverty. We also endeavour to pray for the well-being of the Methodist Church, as well as pray for her witness in this fallen world and to have faith in God to overcome the tide of fear in people.

Now, in all of our prayers, may we ever be mindful that the object of our prayer is none other than to glorify God. For this was what our Lord Jesus himself said: "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13)

Soli Deo Gloria!

Testimonies of MCM Prayer Gathering

- The Psalmist says, "Behold! How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." (Ps 133:1) Whenever we pray together at the monthly MCM Prayer Gathering, this verse will ring in my ears and 'burn' in my heart as – "Behold! How good and pleasant it is when the People called Methodists PRAY together in unity!"

- **Bishop Hii Kong Hock, SAC**

- At the end of each prayer gathering, I feel an extreme happiness that we, from all over Malaysia, prayed together. God is so great that even with so many moving parts, all we need to do is have faith and rely on Him to carry us through.

- **Sis. Tricia Bong, SCAC – Faith Methodist Church, Kuching; technical team member**

- Joining the MCM Prayer Gathering is a new experience, yet it is a privilege to know that I am praying together with thousands of brethren, united in our spirit to ask and seek God for His grace and favour upon our land, churches and families. Praise the LORD most high!

- **Bro. Ooi Vern Hau, TRAC Subang Methodist Church**

- I am encouraged to see the Methodist Church coming together in many languages to pray for our nation. It is not our local church only. The items we pray for are very relevant to our current situation. I am very glad to see much work and thought have been put into this. Through this too, I am encouraging our local church to join as a body of Christ to cry out to God for our nation.

- **Karen Lim, TRAC Wesley Methodist Church, Kulim**

- MCM Prayer Gathering grant us the Big Methodist Family a significant time of praying and fellowship together. This will help build a Methodist Church of prayers and bring about revival to a certain extent in the long run.

- **Rev. Jonathan Wong, SCAC Director of Board of Laity**

• It is exciting to see that the people called Methodists from different Annual Conferences gather to pray in unison. We all pray in our own mother tongues but in one voice. The impossible has become possible by God through the connectivity of the internet. I believe that God will do great things through our prayers. Looking forward to a renewed Methodist Church.

- **Pr Christopher Toh, CAC**
Chinese Methodist [Hokkien] Church, KL

• The availability of Zoom and YouTube has resulted in a number of Christian groups to initiate calls to pray. I am glad that Bishop Jeyakumar has also grabbed the opportunity to initiate this MCM Prayer Gathering whereby the people called Methodists can come together to pray for the nation, church and personal needs. In so doing, we hope that the people called Methodists will see the importance and the joy of prayer.

- **Rev. Joshua Hong, MCM Prayer Coordinator**

• Great leadership as I was able to share and learn a lot of new technical things, and great fellowship with leaders from all Methodist churches.

- **Bro. Albert Paul Raj, TAC**
Tamil Methodist Church, Cheras

• A great opportunity to learn and work with fellow believers from all over Malaysia.

- **Sis. Sarah Kong, SCAC - Faith Methodist Church, Kuching; technical team member**

• Very focus time. It is a good beginning, awakening hearts to obey God to pray for the nation.

- **Rev. Tan Chew Mae, TRAC**
Christ Methodist Church, Ampang

• Bagi Persekutuan Doa bulanan Gereja Methodist Malaysia, ini memang memberangsang kehidupan rohani. Melalui jaringan doa ini, kita dapat bersatu walaupun berlainan bahasa.

- **Mdm Colin Utan, SIAC**
Gereja Methodist Iban Miri

• Bagi saya secara peribadi, Persekutuan Doa ini sangat baik dan bermakna buat saya. Kerana ia dapat menguatkan iman dan meningkatkan kerohanian saya disamping mengeratkan hubungan antara sesama rakan-rakan dari persidangan yang berlainan. Persekutuan Doa ini juga saya digalakkan dan didorong untuk turut serta secara aktif dalam melayani Tuhan, berdoa, dan mendengarkan Firman-Nya. Sementara itu, di gereja lokal dan di Persidangan saya persekutuan seperti ini masih kurang, jadi berkat dari Persekutuan Doa yang dianjurkan secara tetap dan mendapat penyertaan yang menggalakkan dari seluruh jemaat, maka dapat membangkitkan kerohanian dan semangat saya dan kerohanian jemaat saya juga. Harapan saya, agar Persekutuan Doa ini dapat diteruskan dari masa ke semasa supaya kita dapat bertumbuh di dalam Yesus Kristus disamping bersekutu bersama "secara dalam talian" (Zoom) walaupun berbeza tempat, bahasa, budaya, dan persidangan. Tetapi kita adalah satu di dalam Kristus, Tuhan kita. Akhir kata, semoga damai sejahtera Allah, kasih karunia Yesus Kristus, dan penyertaan Roh Kudus memberkati kita semua. Amin!

- **Rev Jonathan Nora, SIAC**
Gereja Methodist Oya Road ABC Batu 6-25

CAC – Karak Fire 加叻堂賑灾记

《南钟》2021年9-10月号<使命之音> 报道：叶谦勇（加叻堂传道）

10月1日，彭亨州文冬县的加叻新村迎来开埠以来最严重之火灾，八间店屋和五十六间房屋一夕之间，化为灰烬；3日，有三间房屋遭祝融肆虐，其中一间属于本堂会友。

10月1日晚上九时三十分，眼见大火不受控制，在加叻堂会友领袖通知下，我立刻收拾好教会的重要文件，预备随时撤离。厚重的无助感袭来，我第一次目睹大火就在眼前发生，不知道自己能够做什么，除了忙着收拾文件，头脑几乎一片空白。

感谢上帝，在凌晨十二时三十分左右，骇人的火势逐渐变小，火花止于第四条街上，未殃及教堂的建筑物。在一片混乱中，我听到邻人说：“火是不会烧到我家的，因为有耶稣教在我家对面。”

翌日一早，东部教区长——萧贞禄牧师、卫理救援賑灾事工的东部代表——郭书瑶牧师、加叻堂主理——祝佩玉牧师和我到灾区考察，商讨如何给予灾民具体的援助。经萧牧师和郭牧师指点后，加叻堂执事团于10月3日下午召开临时会议，一致决定，发起“汇聚力量，照亮希望”的賑灾活动，为灾民筹款。

感谢恩主带领，在短短十天内，我们已筹获十四万七千七百九十二令吉。10月17日（日），在加叻新村礼堂里，吾会会督——黄迪华牧师（博士）、祝牧师、我和加叻堂会友领袖——郑纪伟弟兄，在新村委员会代表——赵志文和郭亚格见证下，把筹款均分给七十六户灾民，即八户店主、五十六户屋主和十二户租户，每户获得一千九百四十四令吉。

加叻堂的建筑物没被火焰吞灭，得以专心服侍灾民，实际关怀和援助，显见主恩。我们很感激上帝保守。未来，本堂会探访有额外需求者和继续施援。

下列是本堂会友——赵晓梅姐妹的见证：

我刚经历人生大难。

住了半世纪之久的木屋因电流过高而引起火患，瞬间被大火吞噬，感激圣灵催促我醒来，我一家三口来得及逃生！火来得太快，我们连鞋子都来不及穿就往外冲出去！我只拿到自己的护照和钱包，其他东西根本来不及多看一眼！火来得太快，烫伤我丈夫的手臂，他当时没任何感觉，过后才觉得痛。我们如今一无所有，但保住了性命，我想起圣经的话：“……赔上自己的生命，有什么益处呢？”（太16：26）所以，我全家都很感恩，神让我们活下来。

虽然属世的财产都没有了，但还能依靠阿爸父和求祂施援。神是我们的避难所。我们感激手足、亲友、各堂弟兄姐妹、牧师、各界团体、学校、本地和外国友人以爱心捐助，你们都是神从四面八方派来的天使，特来帮助我们，尤其是在疫情下，我们最艰难之际，温暖了我们的心，神是何等爱我一家！

我们失去一切时，主赐给我们比以前更大的恩典，不论是物资和金钱，都让我们不缺乏，主的恩典够用。感激帮助我们的人，除了感恩，就是感谢！愿神大大报答你们！等我们有能力时，也会把爱分享出去，帮助他人，一切荣耀都归给天上的父，平安喜乐归给信靠祂的人。这是我经历的真实感受，主是信实和奇妙的主。若我不是基督徒，心里没有主的话语，恐怕我受不了这打击！但我知道，我可依靠天父，学习坚强和更信靠主，一起走以后的路。哈利路亚！荣耀归主名！阿们！



Praying for families, churches, nation and the world at the MCM Dawn Prayer Meeting (10th April 2021)



Day of Prayer and Fasting - jointly organised by CCM churches and Prayer United (10th August 2021)



左：10月17日下午三时，我们在加叻新村的礼堂，将賑灾金移交给灾民，略尽心意。左起为会督、加叻新村村委会的两位代表、加叻堂的叶谦勇传道、祝佩玉牧师和堂会会友领袖——郑纪伟弟兄（图上）。右：会督随同祝牧师等人探访暂居在好心人提供住处的本堂会友（左一至二），进一步了解对方所需。



为期十天的筹款活动，是加叻堂积极服侍当地灾民的项目之一。图为加叻堂设计的筹款宣传单。

Wesley Penang Celebrates 130 Years of God's faithfulness

By Kok Chik Bu



Wesley Virtual Choir presented the anniversary anthem "Love Has Made Us One".

Church anniversaries are wonderful occasions for God's people to come together as a community and celebrate the marvellous work of God amongst them, even during times of pandemic lockdown and endless stay-at-home orders.

On August 14, 2021 at 9 am, the faith community of Wesley Methodist Church Penang, comprising congregants from three different congregations, gathered online on Zoom and YouTube platforms to celebrate 130 years of God's faithfulness to the church.

A soul-lifting "Praise the Lord" introit led by the Wesley Choir opened the combined bi-lingual celebration. Following words of welcome by the church lay leader, Madam Khor Kheng Hong, the choir presented the anniversary anthem "Love Has Made Us One"— a fitting reminder that it is ultimately God's love that has united His people at Wesley Penang in one heart and one vision for the past 130 years.

Indeed, "a testimony of the love of God upon our churches and communities" was how Bishop Joshua Khong of the Methodist Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) described the occasion. Sharing from 1

Corinthians 3:5-11 on the theme "Standing on the shoulders of saints before us", Bishop Joshua expressed joy and gratitude for the generations of believers who have faithfully served and walked with God, each one connected to the next generation in love and service.

"Today we are celebrating 130 years of this continuity—this communion of saints and faithful followers of Jesus Christ in eternal connection and oneness. The godly footprint and the holy imprints that they have left behind will always be remembered and will continue its influence and impact," he said.

Bishop Joshua also encouraged leaders and members of the church to remain faithful and obedient in building on the foundation laid by Christ and the saints who have gone before them. "We are a communion of saints! We are standing on the shoulders of saints



Anniversary thermal bags for church members and regular worshippers



Bishop Joshua Khong shared the Word with translation by Wesley Penang associate lay leader Cheah Shu Young



Wesley Penang Lay Leader, Madam Khor Kheng Hong, opened the anniversary service with words of welcome, together with Pastor Luke Ng

before us, and it delights God to see His saints engage in oneness. Therefore, let us embrace each other as co-workers and fellow saints in Christ, and let us teach this to our children and children's children," he said.

Despite the muted celebratory note due to the pandemic, the church still celebrated the occasion with the giving of specially designed thermal bags to church members and regular worshippers. In addition, a book of testimonies titled 'Thus Far The Lord Has Led Us' was published to serve as a reminder of the manifold goodness and blessings of God upon His people.

As the oldest Methodist church in the country, Wesley Penang began its journey in 1891 with only three members. Known then as the FitzGerald Memorial Church, it was in 1931 that the church was given its present name. Today, the nearly 600-strong Wesley Penang holds three English services and one Mandarin/Hokkien service weekly. The church also offers programmes, activities, and support groups for people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Looking back, it is surely God's faithfulness and unfailing love that has sustained the life and ministry of Wesley Penang all these years. It is with this confident hope in a faithful God that we look ahead to what He will do in our midst, especially in this extraordinary time. Quoting pastor-in-charge Rev Ronald Yap: "Thus far the Lord has helped us; He will see us through or take us home to be with Him."

May God continue to raise up generations of faithful men, women and children who will build on the foundation laid by saints who have gone before us, together growing as disciples and serving the communities as we proclaim the good news of Christ and His everlasting kingdom of peace.

To view the anniversary service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZKCEG-hdg8>. For the digital publication 'Thus Far the Lord Has Led Us', see <http://bit.ly/WesleyPenang130>.



The anniversary publication, 'Thus Far the Lord Has Led Us', contains testimonies and photos that reflect God's blessings to the church over the years.

The Birth of a Song

By Gavin Pang

God imparted in me a calling to praise Him among the peoples and to sing to Him among the nations (Psalm 57:9). Even though I'm neither a full time nor professional songwriter or musician, I was willing to be used by God for His glory. However, due to my busy life and lack of time management, it was a struggle to obey this calling. But God is faithful. He created an opportunity through a retreat called 'Selah and Shalom' organised by TRAC in 2018 for people serving in the worship ministry.

During the retreat, for our personal morning devotion, we were given a few choices of Psalms to meditate upon.



Gavin Pang

Personal Prayer 1: Scripture Meditation

Part A. Choose **ONE** of the following passages: Psalm 42, Psalm 88 or Psalm 143

1. Practice slowing down and quietening your heart by praying the following prayer:

*Let us release the cares of our day,
And open our eyes to the wonder of God.
With an attitude of empathy to people of another time,
Let us open our hearts and minds to God
Let us prepare to experience God's Word to us through the presence of the Holy Spirit*

2. Read the passage you have chosen aloud slowly and attentively. Repeat two or three times. Allow the Spirit of God to search your mind and listen for what resonates with your heart.

I picked Psalm 42 as it was a psalm of lament, which I could relate to because of what I was going through at that time. As I read the psalm in both the New Living Translation and Alkitab Berita Baik, these words resonated with my heart:

Why am I discouraged?

Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!
Now I am deeply discouraged,
but I will remember you—
even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan,
from the land of Mount Mizar.
I hear the tumult of the raging seas
as your waves and surging tides sweep over me.
But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me,
and through each night I sing his songs,
praying to God who gives me life.
Psalm 42:6-8 (NLT)

Mengapakah aku sedih?
Mengapakah aku gelisah?
Aku akan berharap kepada Allah
dan sekali lagi aku akan memuji Dia,
Allahku dan penyelamatku.
Di tempat pembuangan ini hatiku hancur,
oleh itu aku ingat kepada TUHAN.
Jiwaku hanyut dalam arus kesedihan;
aku dilanda banjir kekacauan,
Psalm 42:6-8 (Alkitab Berita Baik)

How strong and abundant God's love is and so beautifully described by the psalmist! And the psalmist was so transparent with God about his feelings of sadness. The words really resonated with me. I felt I could be truthful with God about my feelings and the assurance of His love comforted me.



Launching the song in Emerging Songwriters 2021 on Malaysia Day



You'll Carry Me (cover art)

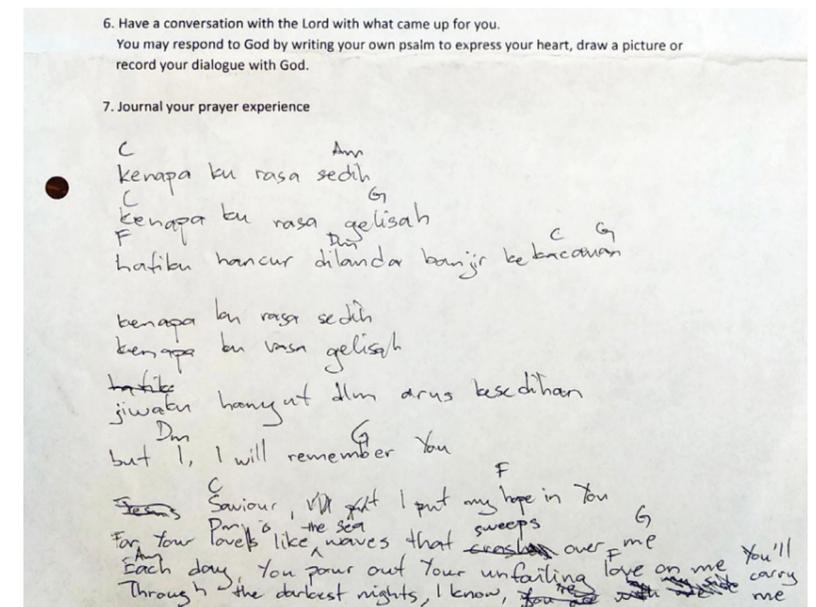


Sharing among retreat participants

I felt I had to write a song out of these beautiful verses and the experience. I asked God to help me compose a song. With the acoustic guitar I had brought along, I began to lay down the melodies and chords that came to me. I also remembered a friend who was going through depression and had trouble sleeping at night. This inspired me to write the line "Through the darkest nights, I know You'll carry me". And so I decided to write the song for people who are going through sadness, discouragement, depression, and the like; that they may find hope in Jesus. I also wrote the song in Malay and English as an attempt to give it a Malaysian identity. Thus with God's help I managed to finish the first version of the song with a verse and chorus by the end of the day.

Since then, I have sung the song for friends and many people, even those of different faiths, who were receptive because they were moved by the music and the message of God's love. It is wonderful to be able to share about Jesus through music.

In May this year, I had the opportunity to go through a songwriting and production course by the Malaysian Worship Collective. Through the mentorship programme, the song was further developed where I had more inspiration that resulted in the addition of the second verse. I was blessed to have the very capable Juwita Suwito, Chairperson of TRAC Board of Worship & Music, as one of my mentors and producers, as well as professional Christian musicians and sound engineers to record the song. It was a dream realised and by God's grace, the song was launched on Malaysia Day, 16 September 2021. The song can be listened to on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, among many platforms, by searching for the keywords "You'll Carry Me" and "Malaysian Worship Collective".



Participants of the Selah and Shalom Worship Ministry Leaders Retreat

Ripot Pemelatih Periman Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC)

Dikarang Mamat Unggat (Sukung 1 Tuai Periman SIAC)



Periman Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC) udah mujur ngatur Program Pemelatih Periman SIAC kena 24 - 25 September 2021 ngena chara online ketegat atur mindah betagang Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) ti enda ngemendarka gempuru chara fizikal.

Program pemelatih nya digulu bala Periman, Tuai Periman Sitak, Bala Indu Methodist SIAC (MWF), sereta Kaban Orang Biak Methodist Youth Fellowship (KOBM). Bisi seratus dua puluh tiga iku ngerejista diri, lalu lebih kurang seratus iku sama bela enggau nengah platform Zoom Meeting.

Nitihka penerang Tuai Periman SIAC ti mega nyadi ketua pengatur program, YBhg. Dato Ir. Alice Jawan, program pemelatih nya bisi tiga iti objektif. Keterubah, nerangka tema / visi Gereja Methodist Malaysia; kedua ngayaka pengidup roh; enggau ketiga bekunsika penemu pasal pemansang menua. Ari apak strategi, program nya dipejalai nengah chara cheramah tauka bekunsika penemu ti dikenataika lapan iku pencheramah.

Ba riris ke-1 kena malam 25 September 2021, Mr. Jacob Lee ari Aum Betaun Gereja Methodist China Semenanjung (Chinese Annual Conference) nyeritaka pejalai sereta peneleba pengidup iya empu ke nyadi Kristian; iya nya: Christian Faith: My Journey.



Sepengudah nya, kungsi penemu pasal tema Gereja Methodist Malaysia ti dikenataika Bishop SIAC, Bishop Bonnie Sedau. Iya enggau ngelansa nerangka strategi ti deka dikena SIAC ngemaruka gerija Methodist Iban ari sukut misyen enggau visyen senutuk enggau tema "A Renewed Church".



Ba riris ke-2, pagi 25 September 2021, bala pengulu program pemelatih periman bepeluang ningaka penemu pasal chara pengidup Kristian ti dikerinduka Tuhan. Bisi tiga iku speaker; (1) Bishop Aum Besai Gereja Methodist Malaysia, Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar, "Kata-Kata Mempunyai Potensi" (Yakobus (James) 3:1-12). (2) Paderi Elizabeth Injut, "Misi Allah Taala enggau Tanggung Pengawa Orang Kristian Maya Pandemik COVID-19" (John 6: 51-58); sereta (3) Mr. Jefri Ngalambai, "Pemansang Gerija Nengah Pameri - Gol, Tithing, Pledging".

Mah ke ngalihari; iya nya ba riris ke-3 berita pemansang menua ti dikunsika tiga iku pencheramah. Keterubah, Mdm. Ann Natasha Pelaga Mathiew (Penolong Pengarah Bahagian Gas, Kementerian Utiliti Sarawak) ti nerangka gaya pemansang elektrik enggau ai, ke lebih agi ba pelilih mua ke ukai ba pasar tauka jauh ari mengeri.



Lalu ba pengujung riris, Mr. Richard Lon, Pengarah Unit Hal Ehwal Agama-Agama Lain (UNIFOR) meri penerang pasal "Wang Bantu Ungkup Rumah Sembang" ari perintah negeri Sarawak.

Nithya timbal balas ari bala pengulu, sida madahka Program Pemelatih Periman SIAC nya bisi meri peransang ngagai sida ari sukut tanggung pengawa ti sama bela nyukung SIAC ngemansangka gerija Methodist Iban sereta mega tulihka penerang pasal gaya pengidup ti dikerinduka Jesus Kristus. Sida mega beterima kasih ngagai UNIFOR ketegat ampit nerima wang bantu dikena ngemansangka infrastruktur rumah gerija. Sida mega ngasaika diri benasit laban bisi ningaka penerang pasal pemansang menua ti tau nyungkakka tikas pengidup sida ba bidang agro-ekonomi.

We pay tribute to the following individuals whom we lost this year. We also express our appreciation to their families for all the work, commitment and sacrifices their loved ones had made to the Methodist schools for the betterment of future generations.

Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen

(1947 - 2021)



Dato' Kee presenting an award

Dato' Kee thanking the guests

Dato' Kee Phaik Cheen was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, 4th August 2021 at the age of 74.

As a person, Dato' Kee was a bubbly personality and was deeply committed to the Methodist School education system, where she prided herself for being an old girl who came through it. She valued the heritage, philosophy, and ethos of the Methodist Schools greatly. She was the long serving chairperson for both the Board of Governors of Methodist Girls School Secondary (MGSS), and the Board of Management of Methodist Girls Primary School (MGPS). Dato' Kee also served as the chairperson of the Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) (WMSPI) Building Task Force when the Methodist

Church began to build this school along the Lim Chong Eu Highway.

Believing in the Methodist education and holding firmly to the vision and mission of the school, she lent her unwavering support in fund raising initiatives, which had helped to bring the school building into existence.

We, at the Methodist Council of Education are deeply grateful for her enthusiasm and encouragement and for her contribution to the Methodist schools. We thank God for her unwavering commitment as a faithful steward in our Lord's service.

Datuk Teo Chiang Quan

(1949 - 2021)

By Mr Wong Chee Kheon, Principal of Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) (WMSKLI)



"I will donate all new ones," that was the first philanthropic words spoken by Datuk Teo. This was way back in 2005, when I asked him if my school could purchase used computers from his companies for our computer labs. Ever since then, he was the prime donor of all the computers in the school, paving the way for my former school, Methodist Boys' Secondary School, Kuala Lumpur, (MBSSKL) to be a leader amongst schools in digital technology. We had several occasions to work on other projects as well, and if anyone has the opportunity to walk along the corridors of MBSSKL, he/she will be amazed to see Datuk Teo's or his parents' names on plaques all over the school.

Datuk Teo undoubtedly loved his alma mater. Though he was a very successful businessman, he was humble and simple at heart. Whenever people addressed him as 'Datuk', he always corrected them - "Call me CQ," he would say. To me, his generosity and his philanthropy towards his alma mater, was second to none. I have never known a man who could give so generously, not only materially but also in service. He served in various committees and was the Alumni Association President for two terms. Before he passed on, he was the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Outside his alma mater, he had a deep and extensive passion for promoting good education as an integral part of nation-building. He was the President

of the Federation of Methodist Schools Alumni Associations Malaysia (FMSAAM) at the time of his demise, a position he held since 2018. He had wanted to bring changes to the Methodist schools in Malaysia so that they would remain as the school of choice amongst Malaysians. He believed in continuing the Methodist Schools legacy of bringing sound education to students of diverse background, especially those from financially less-advantaged circumstances.

Over the years, long before his beloved mother passed on, God had already touched his heart when he was schooling in MBSSKL. He did not overtly show that he was a Christian earlier as he did not wish to antagonize his mother. He was baptised in DUMC around 2010 and I had the opportunity to be there to hear his testimony.

In corporate circles, CQ may be known to be a very successful and astute businessman. Paramount, Sri KDU, Real Schools, University of Wollongong (UOW) Malaysia KDU are all associated with him. But he is also well-known for his esteemed values as a leader - both in his corporate and public life, putting into action what a true Christian should be.

He is sadly missed by his beloved wife, Datin Esther, two children, Eunice and Benjamin, three grandchildren and, of course, all those who know and love him.

Monica Moorthy

(1937 - 2021)

Monica Saroj Vinagayamoorthy was called home to the Lord on 9 September 2021 at the age of 84.

It was the "Methodist" brand that followed Monica. Upon her graduation from the National University of Singapore, she taught at the Methodist Boys School, Kuala Lumpur in 1962. Later, she joined the Methodist Girls School, Kuala Lumpur in 1990, where she spent two years as the school's afternoon-school administrator before reaching the mandatory retirement age of 55 for Malaysian government servants.

With her passion in teaching, Monica was specially selected to head the administration of the Sentul campus of Methodist College in 1992 and was appointed as the Deputy Principal to both Methodist College and Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur. With determination, she set out to put in place quality education for students under her care. For 10 years, Monica worked tirelessly and loyally with the principals to build up the reputation and facilities of the college and the school.

In more recent years, she taught and volunteered at the Methodist Tamil Church kindergarten and the community centre.

Monica will be remembered for her fervour and commitment that she put in as a teacher and an educator. We give thanks to God for her unwavering commitment as a faithful steward in our Lord's services.



With Dato' A.R. Peter (centre) at her farewell from Methodist College

Winnie Ng Swee Wan

(1937 - 2021)



Better known as Winnie Ng, Swee Wan obtained a BA and MA degree in Special Education from New Zealand. Upon returning home, she worked for a few years at a non-governmental organisation (NGO), the Central Welfare Council as Executive Secretary. In 1968, she joined the Malayan Association for the Blind (MAB) as the Executive Director, a post she held for 33 years until her retirement in 2001.

Though retired, Winnie was actively involved in church activities. It was her teacher - Mrs Nelly Tan who educated her on a journey to serve God since young. Winnie also recalled it was Miss Laura Schleman who was then the dedicated principal of Methodist Girls School (MGS) who nurtured her with good moral values.

Winnie was a thoroughbred MGSian. She had fond memories of her days as a prefect and as house captain of Cheng Kim House. She represented MGS in sports and her friends called her the "school runner" even to this day. The invaluable lessons on leadership from her school days helped her in her career and her involvement in community and church work.

Winnie was one of the founding members of MGS Kuala Lumpur (MGSKL) - Board of Governors. There, she served for 18 years. She was also one of the passionate initiators who formed the MGSKL alumni association. She worked hard for many months to have as many "old girls" as possible to be in the alumni association; 2005 was the year when the Protem Committee was formalised. The alumni association was then registered with the Registrar of Societies (ROS) in June the following year. Winnie was an active and committed member of the exco and walked the extra mile to render her services and support for her former school.



9th Kuala Lumpur Girls' Brigade

By Hanna Lau Zhi May



Hello everyone! I am Hanna Lau and I have been serving as a leader in the 9th Kuala Lumpur Girls' Brigade for the last 4 years. As my journey in Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) is coming to an end, I can't believe that I have been given the honour by my Captain to share my testimony with all of you.

Looking back to five years ago, my shy and timid self then would never have imagined that I would be leaving school having gained so many invaluable life experiences through the Girls' Brigade. Thankfully, the Lord had good plans for me. However, I must say, what a rollercoaster ride it has been since then!

Having to grow up surrounded by church-going family members, I didn't really feel compelled to personally delve into having a deeper relationship with God when I first came to WMSKL. The "me" then thought that Christianity was mostly about following rules - as long as I behaved well, I would be able to maintain an alright relationship with Him. The time I've spent in WMSKL and in the Girls' Brigade has shown me that being a Christian is so much more than that. It has encouraged me to make God more of a part of my daily life.

Not only that, the various situations I've had to face over the last few years have helped to mould me into a more holistic person. Compared to the beginning of my high school journey, I am now a more confident and outspoken person; knowing how to step up and take initiative when needed.

There was a time back in 2019 when I was required to go on an overnight camping trip as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award programme under the Girls' Brigade. Those who know me can tell you that I am not a very sporty or physically active person. I had never stayed in a tent for one night much less even hiked up and down a mountain for a few hours! Despite all the training I did beforehand, I still felt an immense sense of dread the day before the hike. To me, the task felt like a huge wall towering above. But since I am here to tell you the story; you know that I managed to survive it 😊 That trip has taught me to never say 'I can't' before attempting anything! I can overcome obstacles as long as God is with me. Nothing is impossible with God.

Another unforgettable memory I have from 9th Kuala Lumpur Girls' Brigade is when I went on a mission trip. Going on a trip out of the country to Cambodia is not something I would have seen myself volunteering for. I thought it would be like any other trip and wasn't

anticipating much. Surprisingly, the trip was very different and eventually became something I didn't regret joining. It was full of 'once-in-a-lifetime' experiences such as helping villagers to build a well from scratch, packing food for the locals, helping to teach children in schools around the area and watching the most gorgeous sunset in the paddy fields, free of course! Seeing how the people there lived such simple yet happy lives made me appreciate the things I have and enjoy the little and simple things in life. Who knew volunteering would be so wonderful? Hopefully I would have the chance to go there again someday. From that experience, I have learnt not to judge a book by its cover and instead carefully consider whatever challenges or chances that might come my way.

Besides those two experiences, being in the Girls' Brigade has helped me to become more open minded especially when I make mistakes when having to plan and lead various events both online and offline. Having the opportunity to learn from my mistakes has helped me grow in maturity and to be more dependent on God in my life.

To my Captain and Officers who have helped nurture and open many doors for me, I am truly grateful. I am glad that through the Girls' Brigade, I was able to meet so many other girls and grow closer with them as we served together. Some of my fellow Girls' Brigade members and seniors have greatly inspired me to always push myself to become a better person. They have motivated me that as a leader, I need to encourage those around me in my community.

With that, I'd like to end by quoting one of my favorite Bible verses from **Psalms 46:1-3**. This verse has comforted me and helped me to persevere during difficult times.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. -Psalms 46:1-3



Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Boys' School, Penang



Methodist Boy's School, Penang celebrated 130 years of Methodist Education on 16 November 2021 at the school premises, with the presence of Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia and Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Private Education Director from The Methodist Council Education (MCOE).

On 28 May 1891, Rev Benjamin H. Balderstone started Methodist education in Malaysia by founding Anglo-Chinese School Penang in Carnarvon Road. The school eventually expanded and became known as Methodist Boys' School at Ayer Itam Road for secondary education and Pykett Methodist School at Pykett Avenue for primary education.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of our past,
we gather today to give thanks for the past.
We think back to those who first had
a vision of a school in this place,
to those who put their names on a loan
so it could come to happen,
to those who gave of their labour, their treasure,
their time to make it happen.
And as we remember the efforts of the founders
and builders we offer words of thanks and praise.

God of growth,
we remember too those who helped the school to
grow in wisdom and in faith.
And so we think of staff, the teachers, principals
and Boards and many others
who provided leadership, who stepped forward to
provide governance and direction.
For their varied forms of leadership we are grateful.
God of community,
we remember events that brought us together;
school academic events, sports and social
functions, anniversaries and many more,
the gifts of friendship and fellowship and times of
learning and interaction we say thanks.

God of our present,
on this day we remember all that led this
congregation to this day.
For 130 years of ministry to and with this
community, for 130 years of growing together
in love and aspiration for all that has made us what
we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise.
Continue, O Lord, to pour your blessings upon
our present community that together we will be a
blessing to all who comes through our doors.

God of our future,
we look up to you to continue to shower your grace
upon Methodist Education Institutions in Malaysia
that we will never forget our calling and
our vision that the ethos, the character and the
traditions of the Methodist Education Institutions
in Malaysia be preserved and to
provide equal opportunities to all,
to mould lives and inspire good values for
a better tomorrow,
We thank you for your promise and your presence
for the years ahead,
In Jesus Name we pray,
Amen.



Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Boys' School, Penang



Commemorating 75 Years of Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private)



WESLEY METHODIST SCHOOL SEREMBAN (PRIVATE)



The school's main building at the entrance

6th December 2021 marked the 75th anniversary of Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private). A Thanksgiving 75th Anniversary event was organised by the school with support from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) to commemorate its achievements. Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, was present to mark the occasion and gave the keynote address and thanksgiving prayer.

It was a memorable moment for all attendees to remember and honour past missionaries and educationists who have contributed to the success of the school throughout its 75 years of history. Amongst the attendees were current students and teachers of the school, representatives from Methodist Anglo Chinese School (ACS) Primary and Secondary, and members from the council's board of management and staff.



Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, with students of Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private)



VIPs with the school's principal, Mdm Liu Yoke Chen, (front centre) at the Thanksgiving 75th Anniversary event

Wesley Methodist School Ipoh, Project Canaan Blessing Service



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar delivering his message



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar laying the final brick to Nehemiah Wall

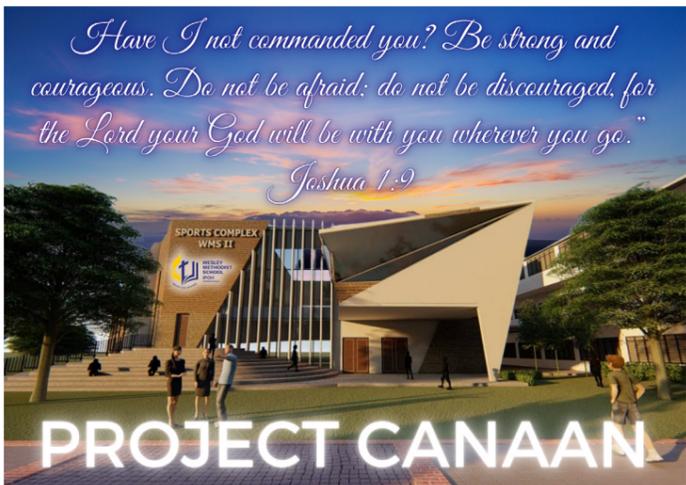


Guests at the WMSI Blessing Service

Wesley Methodist School (WMS) Ipoh held a Thanksgiving & Blessing Service on 15th November 2021 to dedicate 'Project Canaan' to our Heavenly Father. It was a joyful service and a privilege to have Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, the Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia to bring his message as well as consecrate the project.

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Psalm 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.



"It is through God's grace and providence that the vision of establishing a new school building for Wesley Methodist School Ipoh is finally realized through 'Project Canaan'. The new building will not only bring additional facilities but also, newer and more updated resources to Wesley Methodist School Ipoh. This will enhance its educational foundation to encourage young minds in the pursuit of knowledge and connect students, teachers and the wider community at large," Bishop Jeyakumar said in his message.

In a symbolic act of consecration, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, together with Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Private Education Director (MCOE) laid the final two bricks to the Nehemiah Wall consecrating it and all who walk, work and learn within it.

Students and parents are welcome to contact the school regarding registration and bursaries. Contact +6012-500 5033 or email info@iph.wms.edu.my to book your appointment.

For more information on WMS Ipoh, kindly visit us at www.ipoh.wms.edu.my or follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and news.



If you like to support the Project Canaan, please bank in directly to
WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH (PROJECT CANAAN)
OCBC: 720-117546-8

Please indicate the amount/room(s) you would like to sponsor and whatsapp a copy of your bank-in slip and donor particulars to
012-500 5033

Rooms that are still available for sponsorship.

- RM250,000 Science Lab
- RM50,000 towards a Classroom
- RM50,000 towards Bible Knowledge (BK) Room
- RM100,000 towards Conference Room
- RM200,000 towards IT Centre
- RM1,000,000 towards Multi-Purpose Hall
- RM2,000,000 towards Auditorium

Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) as Vaccine Administration Centre (PPV) for adolescents aged 12 to 15



Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) as Vaccine Administration Centre (PPV)



Students waiting to receive their inoculation at WMSBSC (P) on the first day



The implementation of the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme for adolescents at WMSBSC (P)

Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) (WMSBSC (P)) was opened on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 to cater for the vaccination of adolescents.

Private Education Director of the Methodist Council of Education, Mr. Lim Kah Cheng, said that the initiative was in collaboration and at the request of the Selangor State Education Department.

"This will serve the need to vaccinate young people between the ages of 12 and 15 in the national schools in the whole area of Ijok, Selangor," he said. "We are targeting more than 6,000 students to receive the vaccination."

The vaccine is free, and its rollout is carried out in stages. The Government wants to ensure Malaysians do not skip their Covid-19 vaccination appointments resulting in vaccine wastage. As such it is hoped that more people will be informed of the adolescent vaccination programme.

"On the first day, there were 1,000 students vaccinated and the school looks forward to welcoming many more students from the national schools in the next one week," Mr Lim said.

The Vaccination Centre at WMSBSC (P) was expected to operate until 20 October 2021 for the first dose of inoculation; whilst 8-12 November was the date set for the second dose of inoculation.

The initiative is a Methodist social responsibility undertaken by the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) and the school in support of the State Education Department and Ministry of Health. Volunteers from Bandar Seri Coalfields Methodist Church helped with the seating arrangement prior to the event. "We are delighted to have this

opportunity to collaborate with the State Education Department to support the wider community as well as our own," Mr Lim added.

At WMSBSC (P), we are committed to providing quality and holistic education in the best of our Methodist tradition. We offer national curriculum with dual language programme (DLP) where we deliver high quality all-rounded education with affordable fees. We are the only school in Bandar Seri Coalfields that offers pre-school, primary and secondary education in one location.

Students and parents are welcome to make an appointment for a personalised counselling session regarding our school, intake and bursaries. Contact +6010-4088 980 or email info@bsc.wms.edu.my to book your appointment.

For more information on WMSBSC (P), kindly visit <https://bandarsericoalfields-private.wms.edu.my> or follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and news.

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The good turnout and registration by students accompanied by their parents

A Commitment to Embrace Refreshing Changes

Upholding the 'NEW' for a Sustainable and Progressive Future



Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar presenting his sermon to the faithful during the Pykett Campus Thanksgiving service.



The Methodist community and other attendees at the Thanksgiving and Tree Planting Ceremony, representing the devotion of MCKL's academic to nurture students.

On 16 November 2021, MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) hosted a Thanksgiving & Tree Planting Ceremony at the inaugural branch campus in Pykett, Penang, established to serve the northern community in the best of the Methodist tradition.

The ceremony was attended by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar (Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia), Chairman of WESSB Board of Directors, Dato' Chin Lean Keat, Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors, Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong, COE Private Education Director, Mr Lim Kah Cheng, members of the Methodist COE, MCKL Board of Governors, MCKL CEO, Ms Angela Pok, MCKL Principal & Academic Dean, Dr Gerard Boey, WMS Penang Board of Management, MBS Old Boys' members and pastors and priests of Penang churches as they gathered to offer a heartfelt thanksgiving and praise to God for completion and relevant approvals for the college to begin operations. An opening prayer was said by Rev Ronald Yap of Wesley Methodist Church, Penang.

"The vision of MCKL College here is to provide higher education opportunities and alternate pathways for secondary school leavers and adult learners in the northern region. We also offer ourselves as God's servants and as a community, ready to serve for the greater glory of God," said Ms Angela Pok, CEO of MCKL during her welcoming remarks.

During his sermon on 'Embracing Refreshing Changes,' Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar quoted from Mark 2:22: "No one pours new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wine will burst the wineskins and both will be ruined," explaining that good changes are necessary and those who find it hard to accept changes will be left behind. Speaking after the event,

he shared, "I believe in the provision of quality yet affordable education in all our schools and colleges. I would also like to urge parents to allow their children to gain valuable teachings at our Methodist schools before they attain maturity and are ready to face the outside world, as character formation is equally important as skills and knowledge."

"Digital programmes are also in high demand by the workforce, thus, it is a huge game changer in the education and corporate field. It is a common requirement for people to be multiskilled while constantly upgrading themselves to adapt in today's society," he added. The speech was followed by his thanksgiving and blessing prayer for MCKL Penang Pykett Campus.

After the service, three trees were planted on the college grounds to symbolise the devotion of MCKL's college academics to nurture students. The first, the **Tree of Knowledge**, for students to be discipline experts of their choice, followed by the **Tree of Skills** to help students develop 21st century learning and career skills, and finally the **Tree of Attitude** to shape students into progressive individuals with celebrated traits.

Students and parents are welcome to make an appointment for a personalised counselling session regarding the new Campus, programmes offered, intakes and scholarships available. Contact +6012 313 6711 or email admission@mckl.edu.my to book your appointment.

For more information on MCKL, kindly visit <https://www.mckl.edu.my/> or call 03 2300 0998. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and news.

Wesley Methodist Schools



- Education in the best of Methodist traditions with 130-year history
- Established in Christian values and ethos
- "Above and Beyond" in Academic excellence, Character-building and Extra-curricular activities (ACE)
- Affordable holistic education
- 6 prime locations in Peninsular Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Ipoh, Bandar Seri Coalfields, Klang & Seremban



MR WONG CHEE KHEON
Principal, Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) (WMSKLI)
Years of service: Jul 2017 - Present



MR LAU CHONG BENG
Senior Principal, Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) (WMSPI)
Years of service: Aug 2021 - Present



MR CHOONG WAI SENG
Acting Principal (2021), Wesley Methodist School Ipoh (International) (WMSII)
Years of service: Jun 2017 - Present



MDM JULIE SELVAMALAR A/P RATNAM
Principal, Wesley Methodist School Ipoh (Private) (WMSIP)
Years of service: Jul 2012 - Present



MDM WONG KIM ENG (RACHEL)
Principal, Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) (WMSBSCP)
Years of service: Jan 2020 - Present



MDM LIM SAW BEE
Principal, Wesley Methodist School Klang (Private) (WMSKP)
Years of service: Nov 2020 - Present



MDM LIU YOKE CHEN
Principal, Wesley Methodist School Seremban (Private) (WMSSP)
Years of service: May 2019 - Present

MCKL (KL & Penang Pykett Campuses)



- Academic Excellence, Transforming Lives
- Quality, holistic education in the best of Methodist tradition
- "The Institution of Excellence for Life" – providing educational opportunities for all
- 2 locations in Peninsula Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur and Penang (Pykett Campus)



MS ANGELA POK
Chief Executive Officer, MCKL
Years of service: Sep 2019 - Present



DR GERARD BOEY KONG HOONG
Principal, MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) cum Academic Dean
Years of service: Mar 2021 - Present



Position : Chaplaincy Head
Reporting To : Private Education Director

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Chaplaincy Head role in Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) reports to the Private Education Director (PED) and works closely with the Chairman of MCOE (Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia). The Chaplaincy Head is responsible for development and implementation of the Christian ethos, behaviours and values inculcated and integrated into the Education mission of the Methodist Church in the MCOE portfolio of international, private and government-assisted schools.

The mission and goals of the MCOE includes:

- Nurture successive generations of students who are marked by the fear of God, respect for fellow humans and God's creation, wholeness in emotional and intellectual maturity, and Christian attributes of faith, love and sacrifice;
- Enable students to grow into adults who are empowered to live with wisdom and humility, justice and integrity, and courage and selflessness, both as private individuals and as citizens of our multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation; and
- Infuse in students of the Christian faith a growing love for God and His Word, and an ever deepening obedience to Jesus Christ.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead the development and implementation of an age-appropriate spiritual development framework and programmes in tandem with the intellectual, emotional, physical and social development of students at Wesley Methodist Schools.

- Coordinate the planning of schools' Christian ministries and activities (eg. Chapel, Boys' and Girls' Brigade, Christian Fellowship and Union) to be in-line with the overall MCOE spiritual development framework.
- Inculcate, integrate, coordinate and contribute to teaching methods and learning processes of the relevant spiritual development curriculum at schools.
- Coordinate the pastoral care ministry at schools for all community and contribute to the improvement of the pastoral care ministry.
- Establish a network amongst schools for Chaplains, School Christian Support Committee (SCSC) and local churches.
- Training of school chaplains, SCSC and teachers.
- Collaborate with Bishop to appoint Chaplains and SCSC chairpersons in each school.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's or master's degree in Theology
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Leadership skills (influencing, shaping the future)
- Interpersonal skills (team work, making it happen)
- Report writing skills
- Administrative skills
- Willingness and ability to travel
- Strong project management, multitasking, and decision-making skill
- Adaptable and flexible
- Technology and IT-savvy (Powerpoint, Word, Email, Whatsapp, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Connecting with students

Position : Centre Manager (Hope Methodist Vocational Centre)
Location : Sitiawan, Perak
Reporting To : Public School Head

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Centre Manager reports to the Public School Head and has a passion working with young people especially from the Orang Asli and B40 communities, building and training them up with trade and vocational skills in an environment where there is an exchange of ideas, working in groups and transfer of knowledge.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage the daily operations of the Centre.
- Organise and oversee the implementation of new courses and programmes.
- Manage the preparation of resources and materials for trade and vocational programmes.
- Prepare and deliver teaching as required.

- Ensure the Centre's infrastructure is well maintained and equipped for its purpose.
- Monitor the occupational competence of all centre staff in line with course/programme requirements.
- Any other duties as agreed with the Public School Head.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Training and teaching experience is an advantage
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills
- Enjoy working with youths and a team player
- Positive attitude and problem-solving skills
- Independent and proactive
- Flexible and adaptable

Lean On My Shoulder

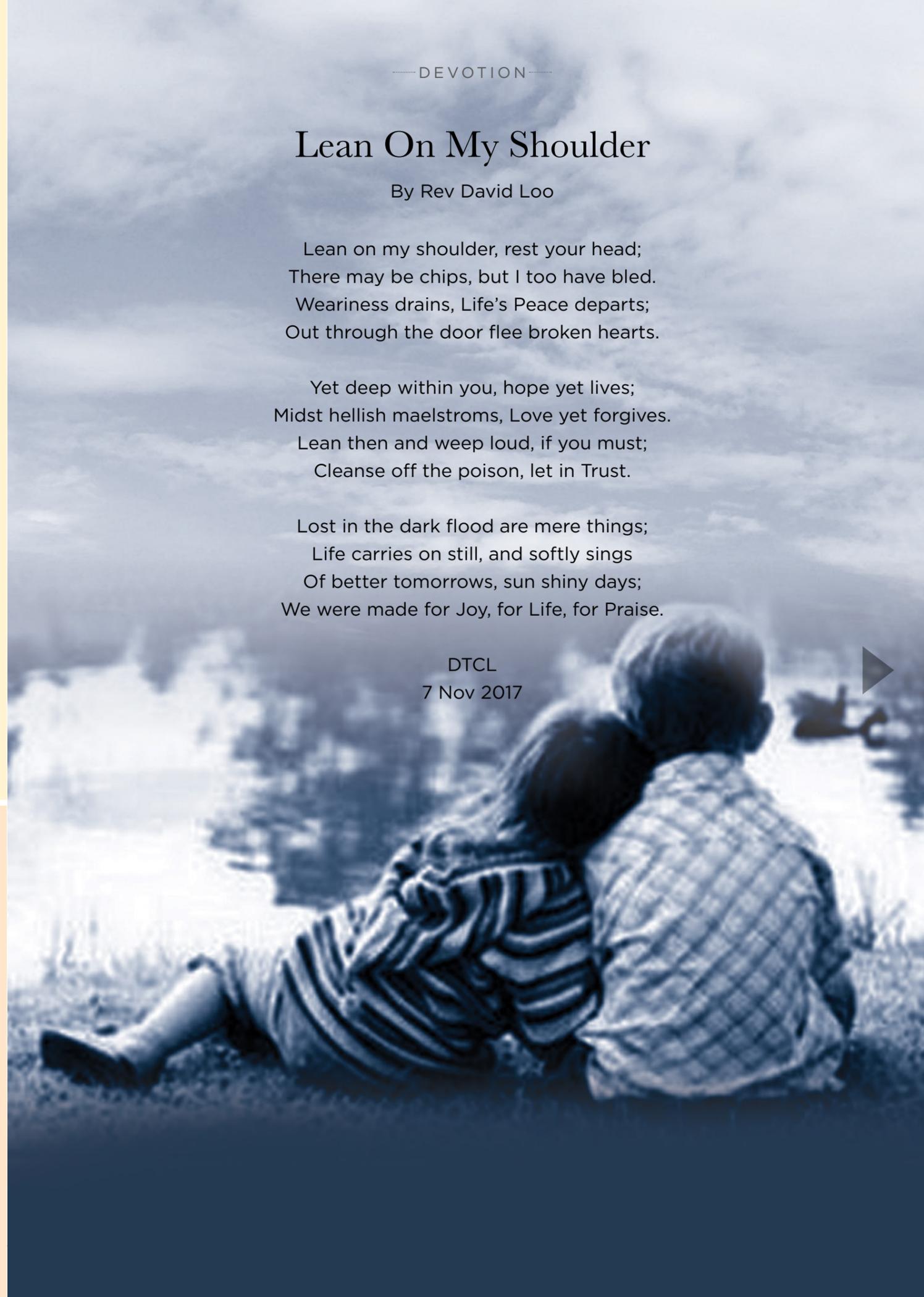
By Rev David Loo

Lean on my shoulder, rest your head;
There may be chips, but I too have bled.
Weariness drains, Life's Peace departs;
Out through the door flee broken hearts.

Yet deep within you, hope yet lives;
Midst hellish maelstroms, Love yet forgives.
Lean then and weep loud, if you must;
Cleanse off the poison, let in Trust.

Lost in the dark flood are mere things;
Life carries on still, and softly sings
Of better tomorrows, sun shiny days;
We were made for Joy, for Life, for Praise.

DTCL
7 Nov 2017





WESLEY METHODIST SCHOOL

Impacting Lives and Nation Through The Methodist Education since 1891



OUR HERITAGE

Wesley Methodist School (WMS), being part of the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), which has a long - standing legacy in education since 1891, is well-known for its academic excellence and transforming lives with its exceptional all - rounded education based on Christian Mission School ethos and values.

OUR CORE VALUES

God- Centredness | Respect For Life | Integrity | Excellence with Humility

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