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Guard Your Family

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

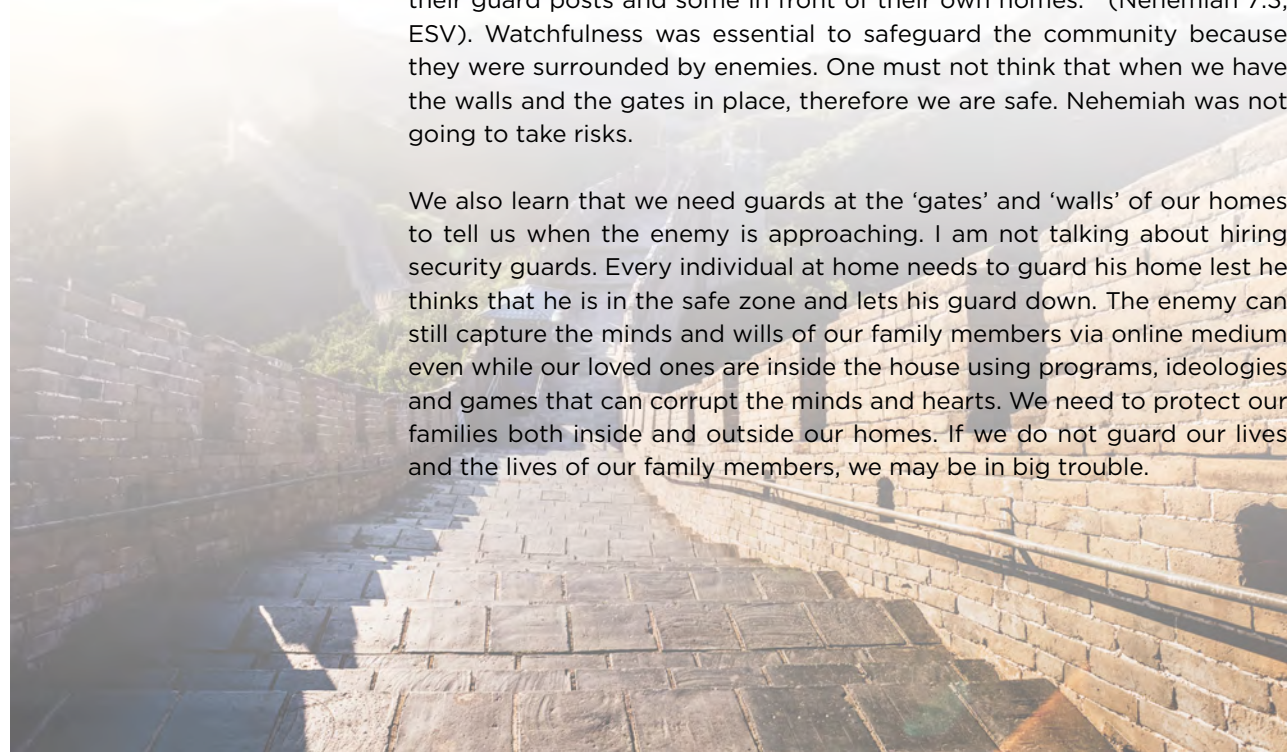


The Great Wall of China was built along the northern borders of China to protect it from the various nomadic groups that often invaded it. It was built with various materials ranging from stones, rammed earth, wood, bricks, tiles, and lime. After they built the Great Wall the people thought they were safe. They settled back to enjoy the security. However, during the first 100 years of the wall's existence, China was invaded 3 times.

When Nehemiah was rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, the enemies of the people of God did not want the work to be undertaken or to be completed. They did everything within their power to stop the work. A lot of threats were posed to Nehemiah and friends. The people were not sure if the work would be completed. Nehemiah saw beyond what everyone else saw. While most people saw the threat as attempts to stop the rebuilding of the wall, Nehemiah saw it as a threat against the well-being of the people. In those days, a city without walls was exposed to danger. The lives and belongings of the people would never be safe. By the grace of God, the wall was completely rebuilt (Nehemiah 6:15).

Even though the walls had been rebuilt, as an effective leader, Nehemiah knew that he had to be watchful and he made provisions for the safety of the people. He gave them instructions about guarding the gate. "And I said to them, 'Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes.'" (Nehemiah 7:3, ESV). Watchfulness was essential to safeguard the community because they were surrounded by enemies. One must not think that when we have the walls and the gates in place, therefore we are safe. Nehemiah was not going to take risks.

We also learn that we need guards at the 'gates' and 'walls' of our homes to tell us when the enemy is approaching. I am not talking about hiring security guards. Every individual at home needs to guard his home lest he thinks that he is in the safe zone and lets his guard down. The enemy can still capture the minds and wills of our family members via online medium even while our loved ones are inside the house using programs, ideologies and games that can corrupt the minds and hearts. We need to protect our families both inside and outside our homes. If we do not guard our lives and the lives of our family members, we may be in big trouble.



Lindungi Keluarga Anda

Tembok Besar China dibina di sepanjang sempadan utara China untuk melindunginya daripada pelbagai kumpulan nomad yang sering menyerangnya. Ia dibina dengan pelbagai bahan dari batu, tanah, kayu, bata, jubin, dan kapur. Selepas mereka membina Tembok Besar, orang ramai menganggap diri mereka selamat. Mereka kembali menikmati keselamatan. Walau bagaimanapun, dalam tempoh 100 tahun pertama kewujudan tembok itu, China telah diserang sebanyak 3 kali.

Ketika Nehemia sedang membina semula tembok Yerusalem, musuh-musuh rakyat Tuhan tidak mahu kerja-kerja itu dijalankan atau selesai. Mereka melakukan segala-galanya dalam kuasa mereka untuk menghentikan kerja. Banyak ancaman telah ditimbulkan kepada Nehemia dan rakan-rakan. Rakyat tidak pasti sama ada kerja-kerja itu akan selesai. Nehemia pula melihat di luar apa yang dilihat oleh orang lain. Walaupun kebanyakan orang melihat ancaman itu sebagai percubaan untuk menghentikan pembinaan semula tembok itu, Nehemiah melihatnya sebagai ancaman terhadap kesejahteraan rakyat. Pada masa itu sebuah bandar tanpa dinding terdedah kepada bahaya. Nyawa dan harta benda rakyat tidak akan selamat. Dengan rahmat Tuhan, dinding itu dibina semula sepenuhnya (Nehemia 6:15).

Walaupun dinding telah dibina semula, sebagai pemimpin yang cemerlang, Nehemiah tahu bahawa dia harus berhati-hati dan dia membuat peruntukan untuk keselamatan rakyat. Dia memberi mereka

arahan tentang menjaga pintu pagar. "Kataku kepada mereka, 'Jangan dibuka pintu-pintu gerbang Yerusalem sebelum matahari panas dan sewaktu para pengawal, pintu-pintu itu sedang bertugas arahkan mereka menutup dan memalang kesemua pintu. Tempatkanlah para penjaga daripada kalangan penduduk Yerusalem di tempat penjagaan masing-masing dan di depan rumah masing-masing'" (Nehemia 7:3). Pengawasan adalah penting untuk melindungi masyarakat kerana mereka dikelilingi oleh musuh. Seseorang tidak boleh berfikir bahawa apabila kita mempunyai dinding dan pintu di tempatnya, oleh itu kita selamat. Nehemiah tidak akan mengambil risiko.

Kita juga belajar bahawa kita memerlukan pengawal di 'pintu pagar' dan 'dinding' rumah kita untuk memaklumkan pada kita apabila musuh menghampiri. Saya tidak bercakap mengenai pengambilan pengawal keselamatan. Setiap individu di rumah perlu menjaga rumahnya supaya dia tidak berfikir bahawa dia berada di zon selamat dan membiarkan pengawalannya turun. Musuh masih boleh menangkap minda dan kehendak ahli keluarga kita melalui dalam talian walaupun orang yang kita sayangi berada di dalam rumah menggunakan program, ideologi dan permainan yang boleh merosakkan minda dan hati. Kita perlu melindungi keluarga kita di dalam dan di luar rumah kita. Jika kita tidak mengawasi diri kita dan kehidupan ahli keluarga kita, kita mungkin menghadapi masalah besar.





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JUDICIAL COUNCIL RULING ON PETITION DATED 17.8.2021 FOR DECLARATION RELATING TO

“The Petition on ‘1+6 Bishops’ approved by the 12th General Conference on 8 September and subsequently affirmed by the Annual Conferences”

1. Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The 12th Session of the General Conference that met on September 8, 2020, presided by then Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, Bishop Emeritus Dr Ong Hwai Teik, voted in support of a proposed nomenclature change from “President” to “Bishop of the Annual Conference”.
3. The proposed change, petitioned by then General Conference Secretary, Mr Anthony Row after deliberation at the DRC and GCEC, subsequently received support at the Annual Conference level, securing the required two thirds majority vote cumulatively.
4. In response to a question of law, raised by Mr Nga Hock Cheh at the General Conference Special Session Part 1 held on August 17, 2021, the presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar then referred the matter to the Judicial Council for a ruling.
5. We have received in writing on April 5, 2023 the Judicial Council Ruling on the above matter, declaring the Approval of the Petition **invalid** on grounds *that the amendments made to the MBOD pursuant to the Petition are not aligned or consistent with various provisions of the MBOD*. (A copy of the decision can be accessed [here](#), and shall be published in the Pelita Methodist).
6. The unanimous ruling, delivered on March 3, 2023 means we will revert back to using the word **President** of the Annual Conference instead of **Bishop** of the Annual Conference.

Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones,

Daniel Khoo
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A *renewed* CHURCH

The Methodist Church in Malaysia

Judicial Council

Declaratory Decision

Relating to the Petition on “1+6 Bishops” approved by the 12th General Conference conducted virtually on 8 September 2020 and subsequently affirmed by the Annual Conferences

Petitioner: The Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia
Counsel for Petitioner: Mr. Yap Koon Roy, Advocate & Solicitor, Malacca

Intervenor: Mr. Nga Hock Cheh (CAC), Advocate & Solicitor
Shekinah Methodist Church, Lumut, Perak

Parties affected:

1. The Bishop of the Chinese Annual Conference
2. The Bishop of the Sabah Annual Conference
3. The Bishop of the Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference
4. The Bishop of the Sarawak Iban Annual Conference
5. The Bishop of the Tamil Annual Conference
6. The Bishop of the Trinity Annual Conference

Panel: President: Loi Kwong Fon (CAC)
Secretary: Keith Chin Hsiun (SCAC)
Members: Datuk Jory Leong Kam Weng (TRAC)
Professor Datuk Dr Jayum Anak Jawan (SIAC)
Ms. Le Qiu Yi (CAC)
Daniel Ong (TRAC)
Gopala Krishnan K. Sundaram (TAC)

1. This is an unanimous decision of the Judicial Panel (**the Panel**), by consensus. The Panel is much obliged to the Intervenor and the Counsel for the Petitioner for their excellent research, arguments and submissions made both in writing, and also verbally at the sitting of the Judicial Council (**JC**) on 11 November 2022 at the Methodist Headquarters in Petaling Jaya. We sincerely thank both of them. We apologise for the delay in delivering the decision as the JC had to communicate several times, virtually, before we could agree on the final written decision.
2. **Background:** The proposal to raise the “1+6 Bishops” Petition (**the Petition**) for tabling at the forthcoming General Conference (**GC**) originated at the General Conference Executive Council (**GCEC**). The GCEC then directed the Discipline Review Council (**DRC**) to study the issue and revert to the GCEC. The Panel did not seek for, and therefore was not given, any documentation on the communication between the GCEC and the DRC or any minutes of the discussions on this matter at the GCEC. The Counsel for the Petitioner, however, did inform the Panel in writing that the DRC, after study and deliberation, presented their views to the GCEC on the matter and thereafter the then General Conference Secretary, Mr. Anthony Row, on 10 July 2020 filed the Petition for tabling at the 12th GC.

3. **Support for the Petition:** It should be noted that:

- (a) There was generally support for the Petition both at the GC and subsequently in the various Annual Conferences (**ACs**) following the 12th GC but such support was by no means unanimous. There was opposition or abstentions in all the ACs except the Sabah Annual Conference and Sarawak Iban Annual Conference. From an affidavit executed by Bishop Dennis Raj of the Tamil Annual Conference, however, it is clear that 2/3 of the delegates/members of the ACs immediately following the 12th GC, were in support of the nomenclature change proposed in the Petition i.e. from “President” to “Bishop of Annual Conference”.
- (b) An issue arose amidst the verbal presentations and discussions during the sitting of the JC, whether the term “present and voting” -
 - (i) should include all delegates/members of the AC present at the meeting including those who had abstained from voting; or
 - (ii) should such delegates/members who abstained from voting be excluded in the computation of those “present and voting”.

From the materials submitted in writing by the Counsel for the Petitioner as well as the Intervenor, it was clear that in English case law (which generally applies in Malaysia), members abstaining from voting during a general meeting are not to be included in the computation relating to members “present and voting” in the meeting.

- (c) However, the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church in Malaysia (**MBOD**) is largely based on the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church of the United States of America (**United Methodist Church**). For that reason, American principles of the law of meetings may generally apply for the interpretation of the MBOD. The English law principle - of excluding those who abstained from voting in the computation of those present and voting - does not generally apply in the United States of America. Furthermore, the Panel did not have the benefit of any submissions of any decisions or rulings made by the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church from the Intervenor or the Counsel for the Petitioner.
- (d) Hence the Panel chose, instead to go along with a ruling made by a Presiding Bishop in the course of the 10th GC. This ruling was subsequently voted upon and approved by the 10th GC on 22 October 2012. As minuted in paragraph 177.2 of the Official Journal of the 10th GC 2012, the chair was handed over to Bishop Robert Solomon by the Resident Bishop to announce the results of the election of the Bishop. Bishop Robert Solomon stated that the MBOD requires a vote of two-thirds majority of those present and voting for a person to be elected Bishop. He ruled that this means that the total out of which the two-thirds majority is calculated does not include abstentions. Bishop Robert Solomon stated that the person who abstained is present but has not voted. The minute in paragraph 177 of the 10th GC Official Journal states that this ruling by the Presiding Bishop ensued in deliberations and comments from the floor pursuant to which the ruling was put to vote. The ruling was accepted by the 10th GC with 4 objections. There is no indication in any documentation whether this ruling of the GC was referred to the JC. Hence this ruling is still not a judicial ruling but one from the legislative branch of the Methodist Church in Malaysia.
- (e) However, as a standing ruling exists in the Methodist Church in Malaysia which has been voted upon and approved by a GC, the Panel chose to go with that ruling. Based on this rule of computation of the votes for the Petition, the Petition had the required 2/3 majority at the 12th GC and in the ACs immediately following the 12th GC.

4. **Agreed issues:** The issues raised in the Petition and jointly agreed between the Counsel for the Petitioner and the Intervenor were as follows:

- (a) Issue 1: Whether the Petition is *void ab initio* and/or defective for noncompliance with Para 9 Article 1 and/or Para 509 of the MBOD?
- (b) Issue 2: Whether the Petition is void and/or invalid for being in conflict with the other relevant provisions of the MBOD especially Division Four on Presidency Para 31 to 37 and/or Para 353 of the MBOD?
- (c) Issue 3: Whether in the face of the Declaratory Ruling of the Judicial Council in Decision No. 4 dated 29/6/1991 that “in the light of the express amendments made to the episcopacy made by the General Conference in the past and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Methodist Discipline we are of the opinion that the necessary constitutional amendments to provide for election of more than one bishop have been duly carried out”, the Petition is invalid or void.
- (d) Issue 4: Whether the amendments on the nomenclature from “President to Bishop” is unconstitutional?

These four issues were considered and the decision of the JC on each of the four issues are as below:

- (a) **Issue 1:** Whether the Petition is *void ab initio* and/or defective for non-compliance with Para 9 Article 1 and/or Para 509 of the MBOD?
 - (i) The issue turns on the use of the word “delegates” in Paragraph 9a of the MBOD and the use of the word “members” in the Petition as provided for in Paragraph 509 of the MBOD.
 - (ii) The Constitution of the Methodist Church in Malaysia uses the words “member” and “delegate”, interchangeably to refer to a person who is eligible or has been elected to represent the GC or AC at the GC. For example, paragraph 40.1 of the MBOD states that the “*Judicial Council shall have authority: To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of the Bishop(s), or one-fifth of the **members** of the General Conference*”. In addition, paragraph 9b of the MBOD states that the “*Bishop shall be a **member** of the General Conference with the right to a casting vote*”. Just earlier on in paragraph 9a, the MBOD states that the “*General Conference shall be composed of not less than fifty or more than ninety-eight **delegates**, one half of whom shall be ministers in full connection and one half lay members, who are to be elected by the Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences*”.
 - (iii) For the above reason, the Panel rules that the Petition is not void ab initio or defective for using the term “members” in the Petition. Accordingly, the Panel is of the view that it is not necessary to express any opinion or rule on the consistency of Paragraph 509 with the Constitution or on the constitutionality of Paragraph 509.
- (b) **Issue 2:** Whether the Petition is void and/or invalid for being in conflict with the other relevant provisions of the MBOD especially Division Four on Presidency Para 31 to 37 and/or Para 353 of the MBOD?
 - (i) While the Panel does not condone the language used by the Intervenor in the Intervenor’s written submission of 10 June 2022, it does agree that the MBOD does not contemplate a two-tier episcopacy. This is the inadvertent effect of the nomenclature change of “President” to “Bishop of Annual Conference” pursuant to the Petition. While on the surface, the Petition is on nomenclature change, the Petition raises basic structural issues relating to the general superintendency of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. The Panel is of the view that the issue of the episcopal general superintendency of the Methodist Church in Malaysia *vis-a-vis* the proposed episcopal superintendency of each constituent annual conferences has to be clearly articulated, debated and delineated at the DRC for tabling at the GC. This essential exercise has to be carried and the consequential amendments to the MBOD in particular to the Constitution, have to be worked out before a petition is framed for discussion at the GCEC. Thereafter, the petition has to be debated at the legislative committees of the GC before a legitimate decision on the use of the term “Bishop of the Annual Conference” can be made by the GC.

- (ii) This matter would have been resolved to some extent if the required consequential amendments were worked out by the DRC and validated at the GCEC before the Petition was tabled at the 12th GCEC. The Panel rules that since the required consequential amendments would also impact the Constitution, the approval of the Petition without the consequential amendments would create much ambiguity, in particular, if a subsequent regular GC or special GC may choose to not approve petitions for one or more of the consequential amendments essential for the efficacy of the Petition to be passed. It is not acceptable for such a Petition to be approved by the GC where so many issues and gaps are left unresolved in the MBOD.
- (iii) For these reasons, and as stated in the Intervenor’s various submissions, the Panel rules that the Petition is invalid vis-a-vis other relevant provisions of the MBOD especially Division Four on Presidency Paragraph 31 to 37 and Paragraph 353 of the MBOD.
- (c) **Issue 3:** Whether in the face of the declaratory Ruling of the Judicial Council in Decision No. 4 dated 29/6/1991 that “in the light of the express amendments made to the episcopacy made by the General Conference in the past and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Methodist Discipline we are of the opinion that the necessary constitutional amendments to provide for election of more than one bishop have been duly carried out”, the Petition is invalid or void.
- (i) The Panel notes that the JC Decision No. 4 has endorsed the amendments made to the MBOD in particular the Constitution which enables the Methodist Church in Malaysia to have a plurality of bishops. Paragraph 27, Article I states that there shall be episcopacy in The Methodist Church in Malaysia, and the Bishop(s) shall be elected by the General Conference for such term(s) and shall have such powers, duties, privileges and limitations as are herein set forth. In addition, Paragraphs 12.5 and 12.6 of the MBOD states that the GC shall have full legislative power and authority over, *inter alia*, the following matters:
5. To elect bishops and to determine the number and basis upon which the bishops are to be elected.
 6. To define the qualifications, powers, duties, privileges and limitations of the episcopacy, and to provide for the discontinuance of a bishop because of impairment of health or inefficiency or unacceptability.
- (ii) While JC Decision 4 resolves the issue for appointment of bishops on a geographical basis for East and West Malaysia, it does not resolve nor was the JC’s ruling sought on appointment of bishops on a linguistic basis or on both geographical and linguistic bases. As provided in Paragraph 12, the GC has the powers to determine such issues. However, a petition to fully flesh out the workings of Paragraph 27, Article I and streamline the MBOD accordingly is definitely necessary if the basic thinking underlying the Petition is to be achieved. Such scope of work would come within the purview of the DRC and the GCEC before it is tabled at any GC.
- (iii) The Panel is of the view that the Petition is invalid for the reasons mentioned under Issue 2 above and not because of the JC Decision No. 4.
- (d) **Issue 4:** Whether the amendments on the nomenclature from “President” to “Bishop” is unconstitutional?
- (i) As the Petition stands, without the consequential amendments needed to streamline the ‘MBOD accordingly, the proposed bare Petition seeking c1n amendment on the nomenclature from President to Bishop would be obviously in conflict with the Constitution. Some of the reasons for these are set out in the response to Issue 2.
- (ii) However, amendments to the MBOD to drop the term “President” altogether from the MBOD would not, per se, be unconstitutional if properly undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the MBOD.

5. Ruling: The Panel rules that the approval of the bare Petition, without the consequential amendments, at the GC and subsequently at the various ACs is invalid on the grounds that the amendments made to the MBOD pursuant to the Petition are not aligned or consistent with various provisions of the MBOD including some provisions of the Constitution.

Dated this 11.th day of March 2023.

(This Written Ruling is delivered on **3 APR 2023**)

The Judicial Council of the Methodist Church in Malaysia



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President
LOI KWONG FON



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Secretary
KEITH CHIN HSIUN



2500 participants at the MCRD Charity Run and Carnival



Flag off

Methodist Crisis Relief & Development (MCRD) organised its 2nd Charity Run & Carnival at Mranti Park, Kuala Lumpur on Saturday 17 June 2023. The objective of the Charity Run was to raise funds to support the refugee/orang asli vulnerable communities as well as raising awareness about the appalling issues concerning their well-being in Malaysia.

More than 2500 participants gathered mainly from Klang Valley but many participants also came from Tampin, Sitiawan and other parts of Malaysia. The 5km run was flagged off at 730am by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar (Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia), YB Dato' Ngeh Koo Ham (MP for Beruas), Rev Liew Kek Ming (President of Chinese Annual Conference) and Mr Jacob Lee (Chairman of MCRD). Before the run began, the Boys Brigade Brass Band gave an upbeat performance and then they were off!

Everyone completed the walk in just over an hour and were treated to various performances by Kachin Refugees Learning Centre, Yemen Cultural Performance Group and others. All participants received a t-shirt and a goodie bag containing snacks and there were also handicraft items on sale put up by the various refugee groups from Myanmar, Yemen and Palestine. Our local orang asli (Temiar Ethnicity

Group) also showcased some of their cultural and handicraft items.

A Photo Exhibition was also on display featuring the life of the refugees and stateless community in Malaysia. The event ended with a mock cheque presentation & Appreciation Award Ceremony. A total of RM460,000 was raised from the event which will be used to help the various refugee groups in Malaysia and the orang asli community in upgrading their living conditions and improving their well-being.



Yemen Performance Group presented traditional dance and song performances.



From left, Tan Sin Yit (Organizing Chairman), Rev. Diong See Keet (Tampin CMC), President Liew Kek Ming, YB Ngeh Koo Ham, Bishop Jeyakumar, Mr Jacob Lee and a participant.



Mr Jacob Lee welcoming and thanking everyone for their participation and generosity



Boys' Brigade Brass Band



Warming up session



Off they go



Finishing line



A section of the booths on display



Company Co-Founder & Group Vice President Dr Jimmy Chong (third from left) and Mr A. C. Goh, Group chairman (second from left) from Prife International presenting a mock cheque to MCRD received by Mr Jacob Lee and witnessed by Bishop Jeyakumar, YB Dato' Ngeh Koo Ham and Mr Tan Sin Yit.



Rev Thomas Chin (third from left) and Ms Emily Mok (second from left) from Emmanuel Methodist Church presented a mock cheque to MCRD.

Methodist Pastors' School 2023

By Pr Robert Khaw
Subang Methodist Church



576 Pastors at MPS 2023

The GC Methodist Pastors' School is held once in four years where all pastors from the six Annual Conferences gather for a time of refreshing, learning and sharing. Due to the pandemic in 2020, the Methodist Pastors' School had to be postponed.

Finally, the date was set and from 11-14 April 2023, 576 pastors gathered at Port Dickson Methodist Centre with the theme, 'A Renewed Pastor'. Presided by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, we also had Rev Dr David Doong (General Secretary, Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism) and Mr Asiri Fernando (Divisional Leader, Youth for Christ, Sri Lanka) as our speakers. They were both engaging and insightful indeed.

We praise God too for each and everyone, who in one way or another contributed to the wonderful MPS that we had!



Dedicated Organising Committee members

God visited us!

We were witnesses of what the Holy Spirit had done among us at the Methodist Pastors' School.

What thing?

At about 11 o'clock in the morning on the final day, Bishop Jeyakumar led us in the Renewal Moment session. He shared from Lamentations 5:21 - "Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old."

All present listened with rapt attention to our Bishop's exhortations:

"Everything rises and falls with leadership, and Pastors are in leadership. Much depends on us. But we are all wounded. We can focus on our wounds or leave them to God. We have a choice. In the power of God, we must rise up. Yet some of us choose to remain focused on our wounds."

Then what has Christ done for us - for you?

People must see transformation in us. We must seek healing for our woundedness - forgiveness for our sins. And this is an ongoing thing. God can bring renewal in us and in the Methodist Church. If it can begin with us, it can also spread to others.

It is my prayer that God will do His work of renewal and revival in our Methodist Church. My heart's prayer is taken from the hymn that says:

*Pass me not O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*

O God, please do not pass by the Methodist Church!

I hasten to say this too. From the time I joined the Methodist Church, I thought of the church like a giant - a sleeping giant. On the day when the church wakes up, the nation will be different. So, when is the day the church will wake up? When all the Pastors wake up!"

Thereafter, the TRAC team comprising Pr Gilbert, Pr Shaan and Pr Lewis led us in an uplifting worship. With one heart, we worshipped our Lord Jesus. We sought Him to purify our hearts. We yearned to be holy, set apart for Him, ready to do His will.



Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver

In the midst of it all, Bishop Jeyakumar then made an altar call for all those who needed prayer. The Pastors stepped forward in droves. They responded to God's Word, repented and rededicated their lives to God who loves them all. It was a holy renewal moment. God visited us. Glory to GOD!



Renewal Moment

Gleanings from teaching sessions

We thank God for the teaching sessions - three each by Rev Dr David Doong and Mr Asiri Fernando.

Among other things, Rev David left us thinking deeply on several issues, trends and challenges facing us personally, corporately and globally. Here

are some snippets of what he shared on evangelism, relevance of the church and the next-generation.

† "Do we really love people or just want to grow numbers? We may use various methods to evangelise and feel tired. But if we see the real needs of people, who are without Christ, we will desire to use whatever methods, so as to reach out to them, especially if we can identify with their brokenness or suffering. So, are we able to see their brokenness? If yes, God can use us to harvest the souls."

"When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Mt 9:36)

† After listening to the five things that Rev David asserted are influencing or shaping the church (viz. technology, consumerism, meritocracy, globalisation and pandemic, and climate change), one cannot help but to ponder over challenging questions such as these:

- In our ministry, are we confining ourselves to only the spiritual thing we do as though it represents the whole gamut of things in the world?
- Have we disengaged ourselves or withdrawn from the many things that have been shaping the world and impacting the church?
- Is our church being relevant or having an impact in our era, and in the area we are located? Why or why not?
- What do we discern to be God's desire for the community around us?
- How should our church join God in such an action, so that we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world?

† "It is not that young people have left the church, but rather the church has left the world where the young people reside." The call to pray for our next-generation cannot be clearer and more urgent. Pray, therefore, that churches make every intentional effort to reach out to the young people where they are. Pray too for Christian parents and the Christian community to take up their responsibility, and teach the children (Deut 6:7-9). Persevere in praying too for our next-generation to be doers of the Word and fear God (Deut 6:1-2), so that they may inherit God's promises through faith and perseverance (Heb 6:12).

Gleanings from story-telling

Meanwhile, Mr Asiri Fernando is adept at story-telling to illustrate what he desired to convey to us, be they grace, forgiveness or reconciliation. Here are some of his stories, including his personal experience:

† When John Stott was served a cup of coffee each day, he told the person serving him, 'I am not worthy'. Not once, not twice, but repeatedly. This puzzled the person who was serving him. Finally, the person asked John Stott, "Why do you say 'I am not worthy'?" It is only a cup of coffee!" John Stott then replied: "You have yet to understand the theology of grace." Through this story, Mr Asiri Fernando drove home his point: "Everything is undeserved! Everything we have been given is by God's grace." "Have we understood this?" We were left to ponder over it too.

† Some soldiers went into a home. They killed the parents and took their daughters for themselves to fulfil their lust. The commander took a girl to his home for himself. One day, the girl somehow managed to escape. Little by little, she rebuilt her life, working in the hospital. Many months passed by. A horribly injured man was brought to the hospital. The girl was assigned to look after the man. The doctor was surprised the man could still be alive. Somehow, the man regained his life. When the man saw the girl, he thought to himself: "Have I seen this girl before?" It then dawned on him that this was the girl whom he had sexually abused. The man said to the girl: "Why do you let me live? You should have let me die." "Because I serve the Lord, who said 'love your enemies'", the girl replied.



Bishop, speakers and ACs Presidents



Praise God for first-time Pastors at MPS 2023

† "I cared for a young man for 14 years. One day, I received the most hurtful text message from him. I was shattered. I prayed to God. I then read the story of the good shepherd (Jn 10:11, 14). I noted the hired hand ran away - gave up on the sheep when the wolf came (Jn 10:12-13). But Jesus, the good shepherd, was unlike the hired hand. Jesus didn't run away. Jesus is beautiful. He didn't give up on me. He laid down his life in the face of my frustration, disobedience and wounds. Jesus strengthens me to love others. Jesus' love made me go to the young man, who had hurt me so badly. I decided to go and help him for three days to build his house. My struggle over what the man had said to hurt me deeply went away. I learnt that in every affliction, God will use it for good (Gen 50:20)."

Key takeaways

By way of summary, here are at least three takeaways from the Methodist Pastors' School:

- † God seeks us to love Him and love people more and more (Phil 1:9), so that our ministry will flow from knowing His love, not just in our heads, but importantly in our hearts also.
- † God desires us to be able to see the brokenness of people, and He desires to use us to harvest souls for Him.
- † God wants us to be beware of the danger of not being broken by sin, and in the process becoming numbed over our sins through the years.

All glory to God for a united, uplifting and transformative Methodist Pastors' School 2023.



Praying for Bishop and ACs Presidents



Joint session of Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist and TRAC

47 Iku Paderi Pengajar SIAC Ngulu Methodist Pastors School

Disediakan oleh Rev. Brendstein Kulleh



Mr. Asiri Fernando & Rev. Dr. David Doong meri ajar seduai

General Conference Methodist Pastors School ti diatur empat taun sekali udah mujur diatur di Port Dickson Methodist Center kena 11-14 April, 2023. Bisi 576 iku Paderi Pengajar ari enam iti Aum Betaun sereta siti Persidangan Misi Sengoi udah ngulu Pastors tu. Maya tu mega bisi 47 iku Paderi Pengajar ari SIAC sama udah datai lalu Tema Methodist Pastors School ke sekali tu iya nya. "Renewed Pastor".

Maya empat hari nya, dia bala Paderi Pengajar ke ngulu Pastors School tu belajarka 6 bengkah topic ke besangkut paut enggau Renewed Pastor lalu pengelicha ke ngajar maya tu iya nya Rev.Dr David Doong & Mr. Asiri Fernando.

Ke sekali tu mega bala Pastors School ngemeratka pelajar pasal "concerning" tauka betatika ba tiap bengkah aspek. Antara ke bisi ditekanka maya tu iya nya (Concerning for the World, Concerning Personal Renewal, Concerning for the Pastoral Family, Concerning Personal Hurt, Concerning for the Church Families enggau Concerning Personal Temptations).

Ba hari kepenudi, Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar udah nyimpulka semua utai ti udah dipelajarka bala dalam sesi Renewal Moment lalu iya mega ngujungka sesi nya enggau sesi besampi ka semua bala Paderi Pengajar.

Lalu ba sesi Annual Conference Affairs kena 13 April 2023, dia Komite Penampok SIAC bisi bepilihka Komite Penampok SIAC ke baru ungkup 2023 - 2024. Maya bepilih tu, Rev. Lawrence Inggai udah dipilih nyadi Chairman ti baru nganti Rev. Resa Nyalu ti udah ambis timpoh ka taun 2021-2023. Enggau tu mega, arapka semua pemela Tuhan alam SIAC kelebih agi Paderi Pengajar ke udah ngulu Pastors School tu sama bela udah bulih penemu ke baru, semangat ke baru dalam neruska pengawa ke mela gereja. Besampi awakka semua Paderi Pengajar SIAC dikemaruka sereta terus mansang alam pengawa ke mela raban domba Tuhan ba penuduh sida di Gereja Menua.



Komite Penampok Paderi Pengajar SIAC 2023-2024

Retret AJK & Wakil Belia Daerah Pelayanan BM SAC

27hb – 29hb Mac 2023, Likas Square Apartment

Ditulis Rev. Fionalisa Evelin Aldrin



Sesi 1, malam pertama retret.

“Pemimpin Yang Dinamik” merupakan misi bagi tahun 2023 untuk pelayanan Daerah Bahasa Malaysia di SAC. Melihat keperluan yang besar dalam kepimpinan gereja BM, maka lahirlah misi seperti ini. Seiringan dengan misi ini, pelayanan Belia Daerah BM telah menganjurkan satu Retret khusus untuk Ahli Jawatankuasa dan Wakil belia setiap daerah. Di dalam retret ini, pelatihan dan pengajaran diberikan untuk memberi kesedaran mengenai kepentingan serta peranan para pemimpin. Selain daripada itu, peserta juga diingatkan semula mengenai dasar pelayanan Kristian yakni, Amanat dan Perintah Agung Yesus Kristus. Dasar inilah yang akan memandu seluruh pelayanan dan menjadi matlamat bagi semua orang percaya.

Retret yang diadakan selama tiga hari dua malam pada 27hb-29hb Mac 2023 ini diadakan di Likas Square Apartment dan tenaga pengajar adalah

saya sendiri. Kaedah pengajaran interaksi dua hala telah digunakan bagi memastikan semua peserta terlibat aktif dan dapat memahami pembelajaran yang disampaikan. Berdasarkan maklum balas semua peserta, kaedah ini ternyata berkesan. Selain menerima pengajaran, peserta juga diberikan peluang untuk berbincang, berkongsi pendapat dan idea mengenai pelayanan belia. Hasil daripada perkongsian dan perbincangan, ada banyak masalah yang ditemukan sedang berlaku dalam setiap sidang. Masalah-masalah seperti pergaulan bebas, iman yang goyah, percintaan yang tidak kudus, masalah kerohanian, masalah kewangan, ketagihan gajet, malas untuk ke gereja dan banyak lagi telah memberi impak negatif terhadap pertumbuhan pelayanan belia masa kini. Sesungguhnya perkara-perkara ini menjadi keprihatinan besar bagi para pemimpin belia.



Sesi 6, malam kedua.



Sesi 9, hari terakhir.

Sehubungan dengan itu, satu visi telah dirumuskan untuk menjadi matlamat pelayanan belia bagi dua tahun akan datang. Visi yang ditetapkan adalah, “Menjadi belia yang berintegriti, berkebolehan dan berdaya saing secara holistik.” Berintegriti tidak hanya dari segi sikap, tapi juga dari segi iman percaya mereka. Di mana, setiap belia benar-benar memiliki iman yang sejati dan menjadi murid Kristus yang setia. Allah kita adalah Allah yang memperhatikan dan peduli akan setiap aspek kehidupan umatNya; tidak hanya rohani tapi seluruh keberadaan jasmani seseorang. Oleh itu, kami juga berharap agar belia dapat diperlengkapi menjadi belia yang mahir dan berdaya saing dalam pelbagai segi, menjadi berkat tidak hanya bagi keluarga, tapi juga bagi gereja, bangsa dan masyarakat. Sudah tentu semuanya itu hanya untuk kemuliaan Allah Bapa. Seperti apa yang tertulis dalam Yohanes 15:1-8, visi ini tidak akan dapat dicapai jika belia-belia tidak tetap tinggal di dalam Kristus. Oleh itu, kami telah memikirkan dua misi untuk mencapai hal ini. Misi kami adalah seperti berikut; Tahun 2024 - Mendewasakan Iman Belia dan

Tahun 2025 - Memperkasakan Belia Secara Holistik (Iman, Pendidikan, Pelayanan, Kemahiran, Intelek dll).

Secara keseluruhan, retret ini telah dilaksanakan dengan jayanya atas pertolongan Tuhan. Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk menyampaikan penghargaan kepada semua 12 orang peserta yang telah berkomitmen dalam menyertai program ini. Ketua Daerah BM, Rev. Effindy Pengiran juga telah mengambil masa untuk hadir serta berkongsi tentang misi dan visi pelayanan BM yang akhirnya menjadi satu suntikan semangat bagi semua peserta. Tidak lupa beberapa pastor lain yang sudah turut hadir dan semua yang telah menyokong di belakang tabir, tidak kira dalam bentuk sokongan apa sekalipun. Kami menghargai semuanya itu. Perkongsian ini ditulis bukan hanya untuk sekadar laporan tapi juga seruan bagi anda semua untuk terus berdoa dan menyokong pelayanan ini. Semoga kehendak Tuhan terjadi atas pelayanan ini dan visi ini tercapai demi kemuliaan namaNya. Amen.



Para peserta berbincang mengenai peranan pemimpin dan wakil belia.



Pengajaran melalui role-play.



Ketua Daerah BM Rev. Effindy Pengiran berkongsi tentang visi dan misi pelayanan daerah BM.

Methodist Archives Seminar 2023

By Organising Team



Organising team (L-R): Pr Robert Khaw, Ms Aileen Khoo, Ms Vicky Lee, Mr Noel Jayaratnam, Mrs Goh Phing Choo, Mr Jason Yap, Mrs Susie Chin, Ms Diana Kuah, Mr Chua Hong Koon and Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar

The Methodist Church in Malaysia (MCM) hosted the in-person Methodist Archives Seminar 2023 on 6-7 May 2023 in Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya with the assistance from the TRAC Board of Archives and History.

In his introduction, Pr Robert Khaw encouraged participants saying: "We will never know what we archive today may have a big impact on the work and the people of God in the future." This was the case with what was found in the archives in Babylon, which had a huge implication on the temple project and God's people (Ezra 6:1-22).

Thereafter, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar was invited to share his thoughts pertaining to the MCM Archives Seminar. He encouraged all present in this vital work of archives and history in our churches. He then prayed for the MCM churches and a fruitful seminar.

Participants came from TRAC, TAC and SIAC churches, and a few from a non-Methodist church. Altogether, there were more than 50 attendees present, including Bishop, speakers and organising team members. They came from the length and breadth of the country.

Our two guest speakers were very knowledgeable, and their presentations were most engaging and instructive:

+ "Ministry of History" by Dr Tai Kim Teng, enlightened participants saying: "History opens our eyes to the obedience of past heroes and heroines who stretched their faith and ours." He also forewarned us that "a generation that ignores their history has no past, and probably has no future as well."

Dr Tai also shared on the "Responsibilities of a Church Historian", stressing four essential attributes ie. calling, character, capability and commitment.

+ "Oral History" by Dr Tan Miao Ing offered two reasons why church oral history is important. Firstly, it allows people to use their own words to capture aspects of their faith, testimonies, and experiences that may not be recorded in writing. Secondly, it is a valuable tool for capturing and preserving information about historical events, major developments in the church - lives of individual members, testimonies, and memories that may otherwise be lost.

It has also been said by some quarters that "the collection of oral history is always most urgent because we are dealing with a frail historical source - people die." Further, "there is every reason to treat oral history seriously to help us in understanding our past if that oral history is conscientiously gathered, well-documented, and critically evaluated."



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar expressed his gladness, seeing participants from Peninsular and East Malaysia



Dr Tai Kim Teng asserted that history helps the future to understand and remember

Members of TRAC Board of Archives and History also shared during the seminar:

- + "Survey of Churches' Records" by Ms Aileen Khoo gave invaluable tips on 'what to keep and what to toss out' regarding church records, apart from arranging for a practical session on caring for our church records.
- + "How to Set-up Archives Online?" by Mr Jason Yap helped participants to understand about digital archives, including choosing the right digital archive plan.
- + "Promotional Ideas on Celebrating Church Anniversary" was shared by Mrs Goh Phing Choo from her invaluable experience on archiving. She also organised the exhibition of books and anniversary souvenirs.

"Always be able to remember these things for generations to come!"

Retelling our history is important. It is this memory that sustained the people of Israel. It told them who they were, where they came from and where they were going. We are historical beings. If we are to know God's saving grace at all, we must experience it in our history. The recitation of salvation history does not merely help us remember "back when". The story powerfully influences us here and now. It tells us, just as it told the Israelites ... God delivered us from slavery ... God guided us through the terrible wilderness ... God prepared us for the land of promise.

It is for this reason that the Methodist Church in Malaysia, with the assistance of TRAC Board of Archives and History, embarked on this initiative to help our MCM churches preserve their records so that we may continue to learn from our past and anticipate our future with the help of God.



Dr Tan Miao Ing presented several videos on how to conduct oral history in different ways



Practical session on how to store up files for easy filing and retrieving in acid-free archival storage boxes

Wesley Methodist Church Butterworth 62nd Anniversary Celebration

By Derrick Vinesh Visvanathan



More than 50 attendees comprising speakers, participants and organising team members at the Methodist Archives Seminar 2023.

Participants' Takeaways

I learnt more about archives and oral history/ interviews, as well as how to store old documents and the tools. I was glad to get a chance to visit TRAC archives room and TAC archives room during the seminar.

Nensey, TMC Rawang

"I have never thought of history as ministry. This is my main takeaway from this seminar."

Choy Yuet Moy, WMC Kampar

"Overall, a good insight on the importance of archives. I would like to have more detailed sessions on specific areas of expertise/technical archiving skills, e.g. handling of photos."

Darryn Chiew, Grace Methodist Church Sentul

"Very good, knowledge-based seminar. Looking forward to more seminars ... have a yearly conference."

Kenny Chen, WMC Sitiawan

"It is an eye-opening session on the importance of preserving the church story, so that the generations to come will know how their forefathers started the church, and how God has blessed the church through the years."

Juliana Chia, Christ Methodist Church Ampang

"Realised the importance of keeping good records for our churches. Importance of history. Very enlightening seminar. Enjoyed the sessions. Thank you so much for organising this seminar."

Doreen Chua, Subang Methodist Church

"It's a new experience to me. I learnt more about archives and history. Very knowledgeable speakers. It was an amazing seminar ... very inspiring ... amazed me with their enthusiasm! Thanks so much and may God bless you."

Easter John, Methodist Church Bahau

As a young man, I learnt the importance of preserving the archive and historical documents of my church. I also learnt the importance of accountability when handling the church's documents, monitoring the flow of documents, and people going in and out of the archives room. There is a need to establish the do's and don't's of archiving."

Alfred Raj Chelliah, TMC Sg Pelek

"I learnt how those from other churches are recording and keeping their historical documents. A very good initiative by the organiser to educate us more about archives. Also, this seminar has been a great source of motivation to let us know we are not struggling alone in the ministry of archives and history."

Joshua Jacob, TMC Tamil Settlement



WMC Butterworth in the 1980s with one of its founding members Mrs Khoo Hock Seang



WMC Butterworth New Church Building

With praise and glory to God, Wesley Methodist Church celebrated its 62nd anniversary celebration on 30 April 2023.

God has been gracious and faithful in providing for the needs and growth of Wesley Methodist Church Butterworth. What started out as a gathering of a handful of people in homes back in the early days has grown to a membership of 88 individuals as at this year.

The church started by a group of English-speaking members from the Chinese Methodist Church in Bukit Mertajam, Penang in 1961. They met in homes to hold English services. Mr and Mrs Khoo Hock Seang and Mr and Mrs Ooi Cheow Keat were instrumental in forming what later became Wesley Methodist Church Butterworth.

The church's opening ceremony in Bukit Mertajam was held on 23 April 1961 in the presence of Bishop Hobart Amstutz. Later, in 1963, the church moved to Butterworth where they met at the bungalow of Mr Bernard C. Engel. From 1966, the church operated in a double-storey shophouse unit at Jalan Pantai, Butterworth.

Since January 1966, the church operated for a good 48 years in a double-storey shop house unit that it bought at No. 4086, Jalan Pantai, Butterworth.

From the 70's, plans were in place to purchase a piece of land and build a church. After much prayer, perseverance, hard work and fund raising, 40 years later, the church was finally built on the land which it sits today. In 2015, the building was consecrated by then Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik.

Today, the church continues to play a vital role - reaching out to the community near and far - in congregating for worship, teaching of the Word of God, uniting in fellowship, serving others and evangelisation.



WMC Butterworth old shop house building in Jalan Pantai Butterworth

报道/陈洁

天道堂111周年感恩庆典暨历史文献展览厅开幕典礼



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天道堂_历史文献展览厅开幕礼

天道堂111周年感恩庆典暨历史文献展览厅开幕典礼已于5月21日（日）举行，崇拜盛况空前，座无虚席。天道家弟兄姐妹及历届牧者亦前来参与庆典，见证天道堂百年来蒙主的眷顾，福音广传。现在，福音已延伸至伊班群体，国语事工逐渐奠定稳固基础。天道堂已有111年历史，是一所蒙神眷顾、建立在坚固磐石上的教会。在1912年，兴化先辈们从中国千里远赴南洋，到诗巫垦荒。一代接一代，上帝的子民在这里坚定不移地建立上帝的家，从小小的亚答屋，到后来的钢骨水泥教堂，历代上帝的子民为教会的增长做出贡献，积极扩展上帝的国度。这百年来历经沧桑，神恩诉说不尽。

跨世代，谈合一

联合诗班在崇拜上献诗《数算主恩歌》，感谢上帝数不尽的恩典祝福着天道堂。诗巫西教区教区长陈晶晶牧师的证道主题为“跨世代，谈合一”。她强调，每一个权柄都是上帝给的，上帝呼召每个时代的人都要服在权柄之下。“谈合一”，就是要建立基督的身体。教会若要合一，就是要凡事谦虚、温柔、忍耐，用爱心互相宽容，用和平彼此联络，竭力保守圣灵所赐合而为一的心。

“合一”是指向教会的多元性，今天教会不能合一是因为看自己过于所当看的。如果我们心态上以基督为首，焦点对了，全人投入学像基督，以谦卑自己作为合一的基础，那就可以实现合一的教会。我们蒙恩都是照基督所量给个人的恩赐，是为要成全圣徒，各尽其职，建立基督的身体。在这个时代，教区长呼吁大家跨越沟通的鸿沟，发挥我们的恩赐，并在各个领域尽力事奉上帝。愿上帝兴起天道堂的弟兄姐妹，让我们见证上帝的荣耀在天道堂中，让我们同心合一使教会兴旺！

短宣生钱敬意在庆典上带来《奇异恩典》的独舞，以优美舞姿述说上帝在我们生命中注入的无尽恩典。接着天道堂男女少年军也为此庆典朗诵：“看啊，在历史时空里，圣灵的工作，藉着我们的先贤先辈，身影叠着身影，脚印叠着脚印，成为天道家的底蕴与高度。在时间的永恒中天道家仍要延续神托付的使命，建立生命、照亮人群。天道家的儿女们啊，愿我们能继续在这磐石上，如明灯照亮人群，成为他人的祝福！”

筹备会也特别制作了一个历史回顾视频，述说111年来上帝如何带领天道堂一步步地茁壮成长，让人惊叹上帝的作为，祂大能的手一直都牵引着教会前进。刘爱群本处传道也在崇拜上致词，纪念神恩、纪念善牧，同时也向弟兄姐妹传递承担使命与信仰的重要讯息。随后到了切蛋糕仪式，以及少团契友带来的舞蹈《全然美丽》。

天道堂历史文物展览厅

崇拜结束后，会友们移步到外，共同见证天道堂历史文物展览厅的开幕。由历届牧师及会友领袖们联合剪彩，之后陈晶晶牧师为历史文物展览厅牌匾揭幕作为开幕礼。随后牧者领袖及会友们陆续进入展览厅参观，里面有1912年至今的历史记载看板，还有天道堂过去教会使用的桌椅、讲台、诗班袍、诗歌本等，让人回味当年。

当然还有许许多多珍贵的历史照片，让天道堂的弟兄姐妹不约而同地想在照片中寻找自己的身影。值得一提的是，展览厅内特别模拟设立了一个圣幕，里面摆放圣经中所提及的约柜、香坛、安放陈设饼的桌子、金灯台，让会友们可以真正感受到旧约时代圣所及至圣所里头的摆设。



Restoration and Rededication Service at Hope Methodist Vocational Centre (HMVC)

Enter into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations. Psalms 100: 4-5

Hallelujah! A Restoration and Rededication Service for HMVC and Rumah Hope Kanak-Kanak Orang Asli Manjung was held on 8th April 2023 at Sitiawan. May this be a place for His children: young and old, who are encouraged in the gospel, equipped for service and joyously being the salt and light to the surrounding community.

Lord, you are good all the time! We bow before you with hearts bursting with joyful thanksgiving for who you are and what you have done in this place. We praise you forever and ever.

今早10时，总议会会督——贾古玛牧师（博士）与吾会会长——廖克民牧师莅临曼绒希望原住民儿童之家（Rumah HOPE）主持奉献礼。（译文请阅览《南钟》第三期（2023年5至6月号））

年会宣教部在主席——陈爱仁弟兄的领导下，于2021年向曼绒教区的弟兄姐妹传递原住民儿童之家的异象。原住民儿童之家（Rumah HOPE）旨在帮原住民孩童建立信仰根基，让他们爱神、爱人、爱己。我们将尽其所能，让原住民孩子接受教育，成为家庭、族群和国家的祝福。Rumah HOPE的原住民孩童主要来自半岛北部，经监护人或双亲的同意下而入住于此。



Group photo during the official event: Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar with representatives from the Board of Management, Methodist Council of Education (MCOE)



Musical and dance performance by aborigines residents in Rumah Hope Kanak-Kanak Orang Asli Manjung



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My name is Sue Ann Ling, one of the recipients of the Methodist Education Foundation scholarship. I am currently pursuing my 2nd year in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The scholarship I received has been a true blessing for me and my single-parent family. After the devastating loss of my mother to breast cancer, our lives took an emotional and financial toll. With only my father as the sole breadwinner, it seemed nearly impossible to pursue my dreams of higher education. However, the scholarship has been a lifeline for us, providing support and opening doors that we never thought possible.

First and foremost, the financial assistance provided by the scholarship has relieved a significant burden from my father's shoulders. The cost of education was a major concern and we were unsure if we could afford it without sacrificing other essential needs. Thanks to the scholarship, I can focus on my studies without the constant worry of overwhelming student loans or the strain on our limited family resources. It has allowed us to maintain stability and security during an otherwise challenging time.

Furthermore, the scholarship has enabled me to access educational opportunities that would have otherwise been out of reach. It has provided me with the means to attend a reputable institution, University Putra Malaysia, where I can pursue my academic passions and develop the necessary skills for a successful future. The financial support covers tuition, medical tools and other educational



Sue Ann and family

expenses, ensuring that I can fully immerse myself in the learning experience without any hindrances.

Beyond the financial aspect, the scholarship has given me a sense of encouragement and motivation. It has reinforced my belief in my abilities and validated the hard work and dedication I have put into my studies. Knowing that an esteemed organization has recognized my potential and invested in my education has instilled a profound sense of gratitude and determination within me. It has empowered me to strive for excellence and make the most of the opportunities presented to me.

Throughout the journey, I want to take this time and thank God for being with me and my family and also by giving me an opportunity to get to know about this scholarship. Without His presence in my life, I would be lost and lacking in true direction. Through prayer and seeking His will, I have witnessed the miraculous ways in which God works. He has opened doors that seemed impossible, provided solutions when I faced challenges and given me the courage



Sports Day



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to overcome obstacles. In times of uncertainty, when I am faced with daunting circumstances or when I feel inadequate, it is my faith in God that gives me strength and assurance. I draw comfort from knowing that He is with me, leading and sustaining me every step of the way. Without God, I humbly



Volleyball Competition

acknowledge that my abilities and accomplishments would pale in comparison. It is through His grace and blessings that I am empowered to live a purposeful and fulfilling life, making a positive impact in the world around me.

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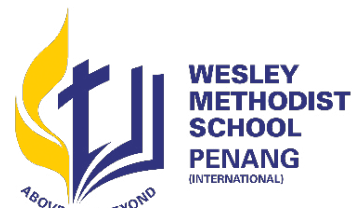
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Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) Celebrates 5th Anniversary



Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar,
sharing his message entitled
"No Unfinished Work."



Guests and board members at the multipurpose hall

Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) (WMSPI) celebrated its 5th anniversary on 3 June 2023. This special day reflected the school's heritage and resonated with the ethos and values of the school which was founded five years ago.

We were honoured to have Bishop of The Methodist Church, Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, to grace the event and share God's Word at the Thanksgiving Service. The school also welcomed its board members, representatives from the Council of Education, pastors from Methodist Churches in Penang, and members of the SCSC (School Christian Support Committee). The attendance of representatives of the Boys' & Girls' Brigade, St. John's, teachers, parents, students and staff also made this anniversary day an unforgettable and joyous occasion.

To our delight, students from Early Years, Primary and Secondary education levels performed wonderfully through orchestra and dance performances, not forgetting an inaugural full-fledged drama production performed by the primary students, themed "The Earth's Hero - A Quest to Save the Kingdom (TEH)". The production showcased a diverse talent pool in areas of performing and fine arts, where it focused on "environmentalism" and "renewable energies." Proceeds from the sales of tickets were channeled to the marine non-profit organization called Reef Check Malaysia (RCM) and Methodist Crisis Relief & Development (MCRD) for their various humanitarian aid projects across the globe.



Orchestra and dance performance by secondary school students



Dance performance by
Early Years learners



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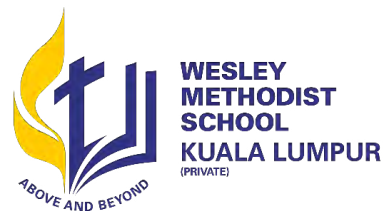


Cast and Crew, with Mr Lim Kah Cheng (Director, Methodist Council of Education), Mr Lau Chong Beng (Senior School Principal) and Madam Julia Woo (Primary School Principal) and staff

We give all glory to our Lord God for the way He has blessed the school over the past years - for its growth, development, and most importantly, His grace over the students and teachers. We pray the school will continue to be a blessing to its students and together with the surrounding Methodist churches, will be a good testimony to the community in Penang.



Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar pronouncing
the benediction at the end of the event.



New Academic Year 2023 Dedication Service at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (Private)



Director, Methodist Education of the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) providing speech and motivational talks to students during the event.

Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (Private) (WMSKLP) held its Dedication Service on 6 April 2023 which marked a significant milestone as the school commenced the academic year 2023. The service was held to acknowledge and give thanks for the growth and progress the school has achieved since its recommencement in 2022. In just two years, the school has grown to a population of more than 100 students, with 4 classes ranging from Form 1 to Form 3.

As the school continues to grow, the community places hope and faith in the Lord for its future. With plans to have its own complete school campus in the future, WMSKLP is poised to become a leading institution of learning in Kuala Lumpur as it continues to hold on to God's promises.

The service was attended by representatives from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), the school's chaplain, and the school's School Christian Support Committee (SCSC) chairman, alongside staff and students.

Let us continue to uphold and dedicate this school in our prayer in remembering how good our God is: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

About the School

The school made its debut in 2001 offering secondary school education. The Cambridge International syllabus – IGCSE was offered in 2015 when the school changed its name to Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International), alongside the Malaysian syllabus.



Group photos of VIPs who attended the event with the school's Principal, Madam Pricillia Lashmi, and Finance Manager, Madam Julia Lai.

It is our commitment to continue focusing on academic excellence with affordability, and the emphasis on Christian ethos and values. We give thanks to God that we can offer a comprehensive Malaysian syllabus, complemented with a conducive environment to ensure that every student is nurtured in a holistic, all-rounded way.

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Teachers' Day Appreciation

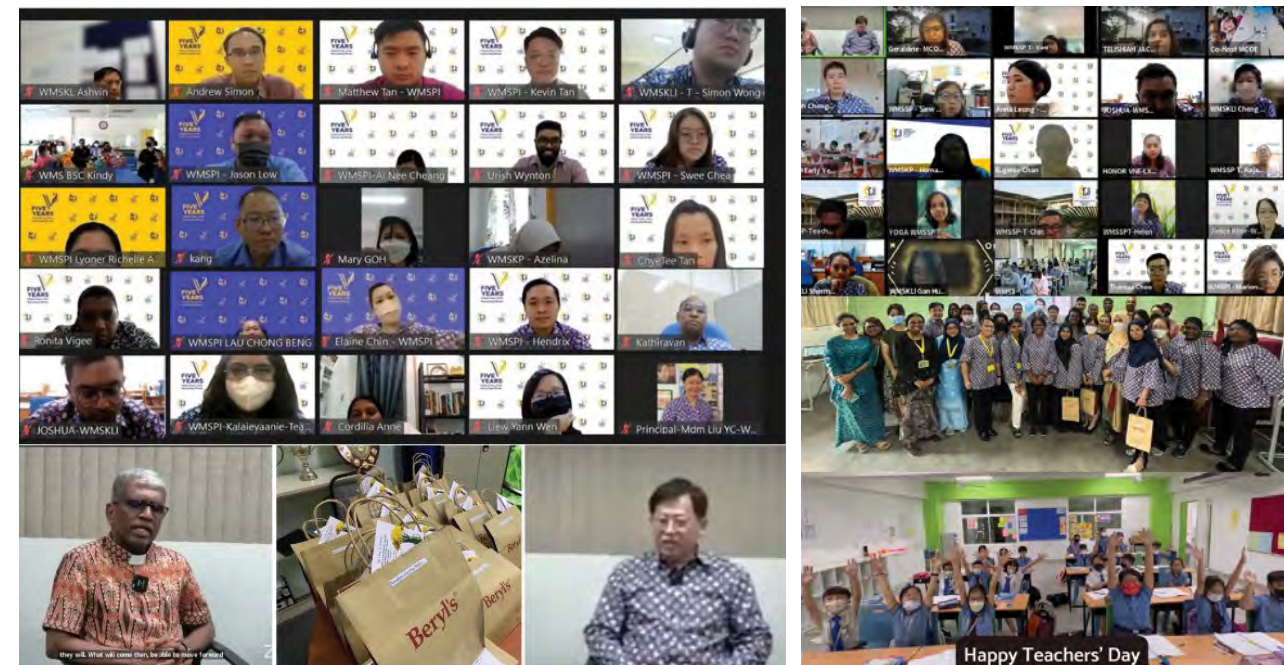
The yearly Teachers' Day Appreciation was organised on 16 May 2023 in appreciation of all teachers across the Methodist schools. Our honoured guests, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar and Chairman Mr Kwong Choong Vai, attended the event via live broadcast.

The event was attended by over 500 employees mainly teachers from the six Wesley Methodist schools spread across the nation.

Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr Kwong Choong Vai thanked all teachers for their contribution in nation building and in establishing Methodist education, making Wesley Methodist schools a school of choice for parents.

In his sharing, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar expounded on Galatians 6:9 – "Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." He encouraged teachers to continue in their labour of love in imparting knowledge and impacting on the students' lives. He prompted teachers on the importance of doing good.... and reminded all that the best teachers are those who "teach from the heart."

During the event, we showcased 11 teachers who successfully completed CICTL this year at MCKL and their success stories as encouragement. Teachers and staff were given a bag of chocolates as an appreciation from MCOE.



To view the event, go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpniK5AxB_s&ab_channel=MECLearning

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