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Methodist Young Leaders' Conference 2024

A **RENEWED** LEADER

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An Unmerited Visit to Merit

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



From 21-24 May 2024, our team of about twenty, including SIAC President Bonnie Sedau and his wife, embarked on a transformative journey beyond Kapit to Merit, where unexpected grace and hospitality awaited us. Here's a glimpse into our enriching experience among the longhouse residents and the inspiring moments we shared.

We travelled three hours on four-wheel vehicles to reach Merit, a remote area where we immersed ourselves in ministry to the longhouse residents. The hospitality extended to us was exceptional, particularly at Rumah Alice Beda, where her family warmly welcomed and generously hosted us. Showering with rainwater during our four-day stay was a unique experience, while bottled water kept us hydrated.

What struck us most was the eagerness of the local Christians to receive and share the Word of God. Each evening, we gathered for worship, praising God, sharing Scripture, and hearing inspiring testimonies from our brothers and sisters. Alongside our spiritual nourishment, we enjoyed rich local cuisine that deepened our connection with the community.



As we bid farewell and dropped off team members at their homes, we were moved by their gracious hospitality and the opportunity to pray blessings over them. Witnessing firsthand the living environments of our hosts added depth to our understanding of their daily lives.

Encountering young Christian leaders, primarily from the Iban community, left us profoundly encouraged. Their zeal and vision for church growth in the face of challenges is truly inspiring. These indigenous churches, sustained by unwavering faith and some powered solely by solar energy, play integral roles in their communities.

Please join us in praying for the Iban Methodist churches to continue shining as beacons of light. May these churches thrive, and may their leaders receive support in nurturing strong, faith-filled communities that glorify Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

*Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.
(Psalm 96:1-3, NIV)*

Quad E @ Gak Acres Groundbreaking Ceremony

By Dr Lim Boon Hock, Chairman, Quad E Society

On 17 June 2024, Quad E had its Groundbreaking Ceremony officiated by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, assisted by Rev Aaron Liu, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church Melaka. It was attended by about 30 people among whom were the Committee and members of Quad E, donor of the land Mr Lim Tong Gak, the architect Ms Debbie Lee, Father Moses Rayapan of St Francis and church leaders from Wesley Melaka, parents and staunch supporters.

Affectionately dubbed Quad E @ Gak Acres, this piece of 4.72-acre land is situated in Kg. Tehel, Bemban, in Melaka, Malaysia.

Registered with the Registrar of Societies as a non-profit organisation, Quad E Society's goal is to establish a community-based environment to **Engage, Enable, Empower & Enhance** (hence "Quad E") persons with disabilities to their fullest potential towards independent living by providing them with the fullest possible opportunities and appropriate facilities.



Rev Aaron Liu (2nd from left),
Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Mr Lim Tong Gak
and Quad E committee members



Quad E Groundbreaking witnessed by
friends and supporters

Quad E hopes to cultivate suitable crops on the piece of agricultural land to engage and involve young adults with disabilities to work on the farm. In this, we will need suitably qualified therapists and persons who love working with people with disabilities and are committed to working with them towards fulfilling our long-term goals.

Please pray along with us as we raise funds for the project and seek to hire suitably qualified personnel. We welcome your input, advice and contribution.

**Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
Psalms 127:1 (NIV)**

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God @ Work

By Karyn Chua, Emmanuel Methodist Church PJ

God @ Work was a one-day programme jointly organized by ICM and Emmanuel Methodist Church PJ as part of their Workplace Value Series.

What are you living for? Where is God at WORK??

To help participants reflect on their work and purpose, Mr Alvin Ung and Ms Ng Wai Ling, facilitators for the programme led 38 participants on a series of spiritual reflections rooted in Ephesians.

Participants were first led to 'check-in' on where they are or how they are doing in their work life, then to see the need to 'make space' for God at work.



"Looking back, to look ahead" - Participants charted their Vocational Life Map identifying the highs and lows, discovering where God was and what He was doing throughout their lives.

Our perspective of WORK matters!

4 perspectives of work from the Bible show that not only does 'work matter to God', but that 'our work matters to God'.

1. God worked in Eden
2. Jesus worked
3. Jesus invites us to work
4. We will work in heaven



Praise God for an enriching day of reflection, of hearing the Word spoken through Ephesians, of spiritual sharing and of listening to each other. It is hoped that the 38 participants from several churches, be renewed with purpose as they enter the marketplace each day as a CONTAINER of God's grace.



2024基督教新媒体创意工作坊 CAC New Media Creative Workshop

报道：陈聃聃、蔡乐瑄

5月18至19日，年会传播部与文桥传播中心联办2024基督教新媒体创意工作坊，共有78位来自马来西亚、新加坡和文莱的跨宗派营员，以及10名工作人员和3位嘉宾参与其中，讲员阵容包括：黄义忠老师、余永锦传道、晨砚姐妹和叶晨星博士。工作坊启新篇，邀众探索新媒体，发掘服侍上帝的契机。

年会会长——廖克民牧师在开幕礼上勉励大家善用新媒体，将主耶稣的教导和福音传遍地极。主耶稣以身作则，在人群中宣讲，以自己的生命传递天国消息。信徒在社区中见证主耶稣复活和盼望的信息，乃是何等美善！21世纪，新媒体在教会宣教工作中发挥了重要作用，这一进程已有近二十年之久。如今，正迎来一场重要的变革——在四墙之内也能传福音。网络宣教方式已成为引爆点，我们不仅需要思考如何跨国宣教，更要用无边界的工具，广传福音。



一、大会现场 (Workshop Site)



二、廖克民会长开幕致辞 (Opening Speech by CAC President Liew Kek Ming)

开幕礼后，第一场讲座“当耶稣遇上新媒体”正式开讲。黄义忠老师指出，“新媒体”这一概念早在1959年就已存在，此后无论何时何地，都会有新的媒体形式出现，就像报纸时代催生了广播，广播时代又引领了互联网的兴起，这些都是特定时期的新媒体，反映了传播方式的演变历程。现今的新媒体则呈现出三大关键特质：信息的无界、人人皆传播者、传播的“三阶秩序”。他进一步表示，未来传播的发展趋势是人、物、机三元素的融合，形成一个系统化的发展格局。

之后，进入茶点时光，学员一边享受美味的点心，一边讨论讲员所分享的内容。大家在轻松愉快的氛围中，交流心得，拓展思路。紧接着，黄义忠老师展开第二讲“从遮蔽到敞开——如何用短视频介入公共议题”，重点探讨如何选题。他鼓励学员从生活中的细节入手，关注身边的事物，培养对社会性和公共性议题的敏锐度。他认为，只有对生活保持关心，才能发掘有意义的题材，制作出富有深度和影响力的内容。

晚上八时，余永锦传道带来第三讲“上帝是大导演——用影像说好故事的诀窍”。余传道以神在其生命中的呼召为切入点，并引用《马太福音》5章13节，强调每个基督徒要成为这世代说故事的人。我们只管献上五饼二鱼，至于怎样喂养五千个人，全是神的工作（一机在手，即可拍摄；流量有多少，看神给多少）。余传道提及拍影片的关键在于故事本身是否触动人心，以及选择适合的观众群体。他分享了自己制作的福音短片，配以细致讲解，让观众深入了解一部影片的制作过程。



三、别开生面的“站”谈会，左起为黄义忠老师和余永锦传道。(A unique “stand-up” symposium.)

在第四讲“把事情说成话——短视频里的语言运用和自媒体里的推文”中，晨砚姐妹指出，将真实的事物转化为抽象的话语是需要不断锤炼的。通过实例，她生动地说明了在不同场景和受众面前，如何巧妙运用语言和文字，更有效地传递信息和情感。她还分享如何借助图像来辅助表达文字信息，使之更具象、有内涵。我们必须先具有“用抽象文字思考的能力”，才能进行具象的创作，达到“以图说话”的目的。

晨砚姐妹在翌早的主日崇拜中证道，题为“多媒体时代的文字装备”。她分享到，在多媒体时代，基督徒需掌握新的信息传递方式，参与传福音的工作。她引述《使徒行传》2章17节，强调不论老中青，都需要被装备以回应神的呼召。她提及传道事工的三个层次：所有信徒的非正式传递、具有语言恩赐基督徒的多样化影响，以及传道人的正式讲道，这些均需具备精确且感人的文字表达能力。尽管如今图像和影音盛行，文字仍是传递信息的重要媒介。她盼望信徒装备自己成为有心志的说故事者，用语言文字影响他人。



四、晨砚姐妹分享主日证道信息 (Sis晨砚 sharing the Sunday Testimony message)

下午二时，叶晨星博士主讲第五讲“我YouTuber——短视频制作与出镜技巧”。她在分享中谈到各类社交媒体平台的特点和优势，向众人展示了可制作的多样节目类型，如讲道、灵修、搞笑、生活、敬拜音乐等，鼓励学员发挥所长，选择适合自己的方向进行创作。同时，她悉心传授主持技巧，以幽默且富有创意的方式，教导大家如何打造优质视频。整场讲座内容丰富，实用性强，让学员受益匪浅。



五、讲员叶晨星博士 (One of the speakers)

随着工作坊进入尾声，大会邀请年会传播部主席——林加道牧师致闭幕辞。他对所有学员的积极参与表示衷心感谢，并提到媒体已成为这个时代不可逆转的大趋势；人们依赖媒体获取信息和娱乐。因此，媒体所传递的内容至关重要。他勉励学员将媒体创作视为个人兴趣之余，还应担负起传播真理、服务社会的使命；在信息洪流中，善用媒体工具，注入健康的元素，传递正面的影响。

SIAC Ngulu Pengerami Nyambut Ulang Taun ke-30 Gereja Presbyterian, Pampang Pusat Taiwan

Ripot ari TS Rev Jatan Badi & Rev Yan Foong Peng



Meri terima kasih ka Tuhan, kena 1-8 Februari 2024, raban sembilan iku ari SIAC ke diuluka ulih President, Paderi Bonnie Sedau, bisi udah nemuai ngagai menua Taiwan enggau ngulu pengerami Nyambut “Ulang Taun Ke-30” Gereja Presbyterian, Pampang Pusat Taiwan. Leboh penemuai nya mega kami bisi dibai nemuai sereta meda beberapa buah gereja Presbyterian Bunun ba Nantou, Taichung.

Leboh maya pengujung taun 1960-an suba, Gereja Presbyterian ba Taiwan enggau “The Mustard Seed Mission” bisi ngirumka dua iku raban orang tandang ari bansa asal Taiwan, meritaka Injil ngagai bansa Iban ba Sarawak. Sida maptisa orang Iban sereta ngaga rumah gereja ba menua Julau enggau Bintulu. Ba abad ke-20, Komiti Pusat Bunun, Pusat Gereja Presbyterian Taiwan agi ngirum orang tandang ngagai menua ke dipadahka ba atas nya tadi ngambika ngemansangka pengarap raban Kristian. Enggau tu, kitai meri terima kasih ngagai Paderi Vava Manqoqou - President Persidangan Pusat Bunun Gereja Presbyterian Taiwan laban udah ngundang kami datai enggau nyambut Pengerami Ulang Taun Ke-30 gereja sida. Terima kasih laban udah nyambut penatai kami sereta terima kasihka Allah Taala, tegal pengasih iya. Ba pejalai sekali tu, kami belajar

tentang bakani sida menyadi ari bansa Bunun tetap ati nitihka Tuhan, taja sida tusah (ketegal tanah berenyang enggau kudi) tang tetap bekunsika pengerindu Tuhan ngagai orang bukai. Ba masa ke sama, kami mega nemu lebih silik pasal jerita orang tandang ba maya nya kelia. Kami mega meri terima kasih ngagai semua paderi, pastor, enggau bala menyadi ba Taiwan tegal pemadas enggau pementas sida nyambut penatai kami. Besampi minta Apai ba serega tetap terus ngena sida bekunsika pengerindu Tuhan.



SIAC at the 30th Anniversary of Central Taiwan Presbyterian Church

Report by DS Rev Jatan Badi & Rev Yan Foong Peng

Thanks to the Lord on 1-8 February 2024, our group of nine SIAC members led by President Bonnie Sedau arrived in Taiwan to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Central Taiwan Presbyterian Church. While there, we had also visited and were hosted by several Bunun Presbyterian Churches in Nantou, Taichung.

Going as far back as the late 1960s, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and the Mustard Seed Mission had sent two groups of missionaries to spread the gospel among the Iban people in Sarawak. They have since baptized many believers and established several churches in Julau and Bintulu areas. In the 20th century, the



Church of Bunun of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church continued to send their missionaries to the above areas to shepherd believers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Vava Manqoqou - President of the Bunun Central Conference of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church for inviting us to attend their 30th anniversary celebration and also thank God for His grace. Through this journey, we have learned how the Bunun brothers and sisters closely follow the Lord despite facing many challenges and hardships (due to natural disasters) and share the Lord's love with others. Besides that, we were also able to learn more about the history of the missionaries.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the pastors, preachers, brothers and sisters for their loving hospitality and pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to use them as they “continue to receive and share the Lord's love”.



Methodist Young Leader's Conference 2024: A Renewed Leader

Written by Rev Desmond Ling with Contributions by President Dennis Raj & Jayaprakash Jeyaseelan

From 12-15 June 2024, 350 pastors and young leaders (aged 18-40 years) assembled at Port Dickson Methodist Centre (PDMC) for the Methodist Young Leaders' Conference 2024. The brainchild of Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, this conference was organized with the support of all conference presidents to develop young leaders and pastors from every conference in The Methodist Church in Malaysia through intimate and deep Biblical lessons on leadership, self-discovery via PEAKS and exploration of one's calling.

Keynote speakers for the Conference included Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop Emeritus Dr Hwa Yung, Mr Asiri Fernando (Sri Lanka), Rev Dr David Doong (Taiwan), Rev Dr Isaac Lim & Dr Shirley Lim (Singapore), and Dr Emil Shehadeh (UK). Workshop speakers included renown persons established in their respective fields such as Dr Lim Boon Hock, Pr Samuel Nesan, Rev Tryphena Law, Dr Yoong Sau Chin, Pr Mark Tan, Mr Jason K., Ms Charis Wong, Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Leonidas Woo and Mr Michael Chang.

Highlights:

Day One: A Leadership Crisis

Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung started the conference with the first of three sermons on "Leaders as Servants." This sermon set the pace as he passionately pointed out a crisis in leadership noting that the church severely lacks godly men and women in leadership positions. Unfortunately, as the gap widens, the church turns to the world for leadership advice instead of turning to God and His values. While the world suggests leaders should govern like dictators, the Bible teaches that God gives authority to those who serve – who are His servants.

Day Two: Discovering Who We Are and Our Leadership Qualities

The second day began with Asiri Fernando's sermon on "The Leader's Character" examining Joseph's character traits as a Moral Leader: honesty, truthfulness, humble obedience, action against (sexual) immorality, and avoidance of bitterness and anger.

Rev Dr Isaac Lim and Dr Shirley Lim then led a session on PEAKS, an intelligent psychometric profiling analytics used to understand human beings and their function in their daily lives. Rev Dr Isaac Lim and Dr Shirley Lim helped participants understand themselves through their PEAKS scores—revealing innate strengths, talents and the beauty and strengths in others.

The day concluded with Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung's second sermon, "Submission: The Path to Spiritual Authority" focusing on Christ's submission to the Father being the root of His Spiritual Authority.



Day Three: The Challenges of Leadership

The third day addressed leadership challenges with Dr Emil Shehadeh highlighting leadership qualities needed in minority contexts, drawing parallels to figures like Moses.

Participants also engaged in various workshop sessions covering key issues faced by the Malaysian church such as "Apologetics" (covering the controversial topic of LGBTQI), "The Leader's Influence", "Technology in Leadership", "Leadership and Addictions", "Teaching as a Calling", "Pastoring as a Calling", "The Leader's Vision", "The Leader under Authority" and crisis and disaster management relief talks by CREST and MCRD.

The day concluded with Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung's final sermon, "The Need for Servant Leadership Today" emphasizing the urgent need for godly leaders amidst global instability. His scripture text was taken from Mark 10:35-45 with the example of Christ as the servant-leader. Many came forward for prayers, igniting a fervour among present and future leaders to serve with the authority bestowed upon us by our Lord and Savior but also to serve in humble obedience.

Day Four: The Leader's Creativity

On the final day, Rev Dr David Doong spoke on "The Leader's Creativity" needed to tackle technical and adaptive challenges, encouraging participants to tap into their creative potential as reflections of God's creativity.

Conclusion: Renewal Moment

The conference culminated in a profound Renewal Moment with Bishop Jeyakumar's closing remarks inviting all to prayerfully seek divine guidance and a call for commitment. This time of worship and prayer was reverent with many participants on their knees seeking to follow Christ's example of being the Servant King – to serve not for one's glory but for the sake of Christ. Renewal can only begin with oneself before we can transform our churches, our society, our neighbourhood and our nation.

Feedback: Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, praising the organization, speakers and workshop leaders, the accommodation and food. Many expressed their excitement about discovering themselves through PEAKS and looked forward to applying what they had learned. They also valued the opportunity to connect with leaders from different churches and annual conferences.

We thank God for His faithfulness in seeing us through this Conference – from the inception, organisation and completion. We thank Him too for providing our many speakers and workshop leaders to speak and inspire the participants with God's Word. We commit to God all our young people that they will go forth – renewed to serve Him wherever God places them. May these renewed leaders set their churches, their workplace and the nation on fire for God!

TESTIMONIES:

கர்த்தர் நாமத்திற்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். புன-இன் புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்ட தலைவர் மாநாடு திருச்சபைத் தலைவராக எனக்கு மிகவும் ஆசிர்வாதமாக இருந்தது காரணம் ஒரு தலைவரின் மெய்யான குணாதிசயங்களைப் பற்றி நினைவூட்டப்பட்டேன்.

மேலும் இந்நியுமுளு சோதனையின் மூலம் என்னைப் பற்றிய விவரக்குறிப்பு மிக ஆசிர்வாதமாக இருந்தது என்னை மதிப்பிடவும் இன் குணத்தை கட்டவும் அனுமதிக்கிறது. பிற மாநாட்டு நண்பர்களையும் வெளிநாட்டில் இருந்து வந்த நண்பர்களையும் சந்தித்ததும் இ முன்னாள் மற்றும் தற்போதைய அத்தியச்சர்களால் எழுதப்பட்ட புத்தகங்களை தள்ளுபடியில் வாங்கியதும் மட்டற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருந்தது. தேவன் ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக.

கேளப் ஜோன் ஈனயடநடி துமா-வுயுன,
Caleb, TAC

I have gained many things through this Conference. But the one thing that hit me more until the end of the Conference is that "I am called to be a servant". I need to be a servant and show leadership in my life through my actions and not from my character.

Angel Alagu, TRAC

一開始会对这个大会有兴趣是因为PEAKS 测验，感觉很难得有这样一个机会。来到这个大会之后深深的感受到马来西亚不同种族的魅力。第一次用四种语言来敬拜赞美，但是完全没有违和感，依然可以从中感受到圣灵的感动。奇妙的地方在于，虽然我们都有自己各自熟悉的母语，但是因着我们都有同样的信仰有神在主里大家都是一家人的归属感。

我在营会中最大的得着在于，我们必须成为敬虔的男人或女人，我们才能成为好的仆人的领袖。参加完这个营会，让我感觉神要我们在个人的灵命上的都得到更新，更清楚上帝在我们生命中的呼召，在言语行为上都有美好的见证，过荣神益人的生活。

SAC 神恩堂, 吴克盈

The Conference has been an eye-opening experience for me, redefining a leader's nature backed with fundamental teachings from the Bible. I'm reminded by Bishop's sharing and from several workshops that being a leader means more than being before the people, it's more about being before God first.

John, CAC



Praise & Worship



Rev Dr David Doong



Bishop Jeyakumar -
a Renewal Moment

Shalom, beberapa hari yang lepas saya dari PMSM menyertai Seminar Renewed Leader di PD. Pengalaman yang saya alami adalah dimana menjadi apa yang diingini oleh Tuhan adalah bukan kerana kebanggaan tetapi ia adalah panggilan yang sangat kukuh dari Tuhan. Selama beberapa tahun, saya bergumul dengan panggilan saya untuk bekerja di ladang Tuhan. Dalam pengumpulan saya, saya pernah berdoa dengan Tuhan " Jangan membawa orang yang membebaskan saya", dan saya juga pernah berdoa " Tuhan saya berputus asa untuk belajar di seminari dan berputus asa dalam pelayanan". Tetapi tanpa sedar, semakin hari, tahun berganti tahun, saya masih dalam pelayanan dan saya jumpa ramai orang yang bermasalah dari segi mental, rumah tangga, hubungan bersama Tuhan. tetapi saya tetap melayani mereka. Selain itu, sampai tahap sekarang saya masih tidak berputus asa untuk memikul salib Tuhan dan ingin menyampaikan berita baikNya kepada suku kaum saya iaitu OA Semai. Apabila saya balik dari seminar ini, saya mendapatkan kesegaran di mana, memang kita akan penat dalam pelayanan tetapi harus tetap berandalkan kepada-Nya dan mengutamakan Dia. Kepimpinan itu bukan senang dan mudah, tetapi menjadi pemimpin yang Tuhan ingini adalah merendahkan diri, sabar dan tetap berserah kepadaNya. Jangan pernah berputus asa seperti Bapa Kita yang di syurga tidak pernah berputus asa kepada saya.

Wasyamira A/p Bah Jusin, PMSM

Be a servant and stay faithful to God in the position God puts me in.

Pastor Chris Huong, SCAC

ஒரு புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்ட தலைவர் எனும் கருப்பொருளை உள்ளடக்கிய இந்த தலைமைத்துவ மாநாடு எனக்கு மிகவும் பயனுள்ளதாகவும் ஆசீர்வாதமாகவும் இருந்தது. தேவனுடைய ஊழியத்தை செய்கிற ஒரு தலைவர் உலகத்தின் அடிப்படையாகவோ அதனை சார்ந்தோ இல்லாதபடி வேதத்தை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு தேவனுடைய வார்த்தையை சார்ந்து அதற்கேற்ற ஒரு தலைவராகத் திகழ வேண்டும். தலைவர் என்பவர் இயேசுவின் பண்புகளாகிய கீழ்படிதல் மற்றும் தாழ்மையை தங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் கொண்டிருத்தல் மிகவும் அவசியம் என நான் கற்றுக்கொண்டேன்.

Juanita Das , TAC

Waktu di MYLC adalah suatu pengalaman yang menyentuh hati dan mengembangkan minda. Penceramah-penceramah jemputan membantu memfokuskan semula penerapan kebenaran alkitabiah di dalam keperluan kepimpinan gereja masa kini. Dalam salah satu sesi, penceramah sesi tersebut berkata sebegini; "Kepimpinan gereja sekarang berusaha menerapkan budaya korporat sekular ke dalam gereja. Buah fikiran yang seakan bagus, tetapi tidak menekan sebarang pengajaran alkitabiah. Penceramah juga memohon gereja untuk melakukan pemuridan bukan dengan memandang kepada organisasi besar tetapi dengan memandang kepada Yesus" (parafrasa). Bagi saya, ini akan menjadi pengajaran terbesar bagi saya daripada konferensi ini.

Edward Lee, TRAC

这次大会里，我重新反省属灵权威的意义，也重新审视自己作为牧者的生命状态，对付自己生命中更深层的偶像。太多时候埋头在事工里面，忘了聆听神。圣灵动工，呼召我更多，也更稳定回到圣经，也环顾神在四周的作为。总而言之，这大会对我带来生命冲击。

新乐, 天恩堂, SCAC

To be a great leader for God is not to strive to be a better leader, but to be a better servant. By being obedient to God's Word and putting God's Word and others BEFORE yourself. By striving to be an obedient, yet broken servant, you allow God to come into your life to do great and wonderful things.

John Wong Joon Hiong, Masland Methodist Church, SCAC

Thank God, I was once again reminded of servant leadership and service at this conference. I have gained a deeper understanding of how Jesus' disciples exemplify Christ's way among people. Through personality tests, I feel I should rely more actively on the Holy Spirit's power for transformation in that area, and be sanctified by the Spirit to further glorify God and witness in my future service.

Pastor Wong Wen Siong, SCAC

MYLC was an outstanding experience for discerning my calling as a leader in the Church and gaining Biblical insight into spiritual authority and leadership. The speakers and workshops were inspiring and informative, clarifying the Church's current and future challenges while providing young leaders with strategies to address them. The most impactful moments were the one-on-one conversations with leaders from different conferences and churches. I am excited to see how God will develop this seed among the young leaders in the Church.

Charissa Lee, Emmanuel Methodist Church PJ, TRAC

在这次的大会中，我学习到教会的领袖不应该像世俗所教导的那一套去追求KPI，人数增长或是看得到的指标；而是要像一位仆人，尊主为大，顺服主的旨意，透过神的话来培育出真正全人全心都愿意跟随主的门徒。

我们追求的不只是社区和国家属灵的翻转与复兴，也要追求自己的灵命和生活天天被主的话语触摸与更新。

Derrick, Samarahan Methodist Centre, SCAC

Menjadi pemimpin & pastor yang mendahulukan & bersandar pada kekuatan daripada Tuhan, secara holistik menjaga jemaah, keluarga dan diri sendiri sebagaimana yang diperintahkan Tuhan.

Rev Tann Kedal, Mei Ann MC, Miri, SCAC

+Follow Jesus' example: Fully embrace submission.
+Live in holiness: Align actions with God's ways.
+Stay accountable: Remain faithful.
+Back to the Bible: Let Scripture guide you.

Ps. Lovinna Ak Merang, Chin Seng Methodist Church, SCAC

I consider it a divine privilege to be part of the Methodist Young Leaders Conference 2024. The esteemed session and workshop speakers who selflessly shared their golden nuggets of Godly wisdom were inspiring and even challenging at times. The closing session by Bishop T Jeyakumar on 'Renewal Moment' particularly convicted me. I realised that being a leader after God's own heart requires mandatory moments of vision and mind renewal in His presence.

Indeed the conference was a time of renewal for me; renewal of His calling in my life and my passion towards His Kingdom work wherever He has placed me. I hope to carry these with me as I seek to do His work in His way.

Nishabel Anbalakan, Wesley Methodist School Ipoh (International)



Participants in one of the workshops

成为教会学校 管理学校更有自主权 The Significance of Mission Schools

报导：卢韵琴

卫理公会砂华人年议会力邀昔日因大马教育改制而离开的学校重新加入成为教会学校。一旦成为教会学校，除了可以像政府小学一样获得政府拨款和教师调派外，在学校管理和运作方面将拥有更多自主权，包括校长的委派和学生的入学。

为此，年会教育部特于4月6日假毕理学院举办了一场论坛会，邀请各学校董事部成员出席，并阐述了成为教会学校的福利。砂华人年议会会长刘会明牧师在论坛中强调了教会教育的重视并提到4大因素。

首先，时代变迁带来了许多对教育的负面影响，尤其是价值观和宗教因素的差异。第二，砂拉越政府对教育的开放态度和尊重教会学校的自主权。

再者，教会学校有强大的联系网，如砂拉越联合教会（ACS）、砂总理署其他宗教事务处（UNIFOR）和大马基督教教会学校联合会（FCMSM）。再加上，砂拉越人口中有50.1%为基督徒，更容易得到重视。

目前，联邦政府正面看待教会学校也是其中一大因素。“联邦政府认可教会学校的董事部，更在校长的委派事宜上，给予了极大的尊重与协商空间。”

因此，刘牧师力邀昔日因1972年大马教育法令而改制的学校重新成为教会学校，与教会一起透过教育与民间董事部发挥影响作用。

另一方面，年会会友领袖许鲁维亦强调了父母重视子女教育的心，而教会学校有上帝的带领与保守，所提供的教育只会更有品质。

“大马的学校分为3种，即政府学校、私立学校与津贴学校，而其中的津贴学校就是教会学校。教会学校是指土地拥有权与董事会都属于教会的学校。”

同时，他也阐明了大马基督教教会学校联合会（FCMSM）的成立目的，即根据国家教育理念和原则，支持和建议教会提供全人教育，以促进国家建设；确保教会学校的身份、精神、特色和传统的延续；担任教会与马来西亚教育部之间的联络人。

他也列出了曾经隶属于砂华人年议会，却在教育改制后脱离的教会学校，包括已列为教会学校的、正在申请重新成为教会学校的，以及拥有资格却未提出申请的。（请参阅列表。）

许氏也促请各校董事部可在教育部的系统中查证，只要有注明该校为“Sekolah Mubaligh”的学校，均可向联邦教育部提出成为教会学校的申请。

当天的论坛亦邀请了张热烈弟兄谈及“教会学校的管

理”、年会总干事许美琪姐妹谈及“教会学校董事部的管理”，以及教育部干事陈仕玲谈及“教会学校政府援助金”。

砂华人年议会属下教会学校：

（一）已列为教会学校：

- 1) 泗光小学
- 2) 东华小学
- 3) 卫理小学
- 4) 泗里街英华小学
- 5) 卫理中学
- 6) 东华中学

（二）申请程序进行中的学校

- 1) 光安小学
- 2) 南山小学
- 3) 泗利小学

（三）拥有资格但尚未申请的学校

诗巫地区：

- 1) 南村中正小学
- 2) 光民小学
- 3) 下坡兢南小学
- 4) 木桂兰榕南小学
- 5) 罗马安开智小学
- 6) 中兴中学

马拉端地区：

- 1) 民哲学校（明光堂）
- 2) 民智学校（明元堂）
- 3) 东光学校（知恩堂）

泗里街地区：

- 1) 泗德小学（达德堂）-（达德堂与万福堂合并了成万福达德堂）



图示：各校董事部成员受邀参加教会学校论坛时摄。前排左4为年会会长刘会明牧师，左5为年会会友领袖许鲁维，右3为年会总干事许美琪，左3为年会教育部干事陈仕玲。

移交钥匙于卫理公会 走进历史的教会学校——开南学校 History of Mission School - SJKC Kai Nang

报道：许庆琳

1920年设立在诗巫新南村的开南学校，于2024年正式迁往古晋三马拉汉。开南学校董事与卫理公会砂华人年议会代表，于2024年4月5日上午8时，在旧校舍举行移交钥匙仪式。

砂华人年议会会长刘会明牧师在勉励时表示，时代变迁不可避免，但是这块土地将以不同的方式祝福更多的人。

身为校友兼董事部秘书的池德孝，代表董事部致辞时虽感叹时光飞逝，但依然感谢卫理公会在过去百年里一直将这块土地供应学校使用。同时，也感谢董事、教师及坡民们的辛苦付出让开南学校可以在新南村这个小地方建立设备齐全的校舍，培育许多良才。他也展望未来卫理公会产业管理部能妥善管理并善用这份产业。

自1996年至2016年，在这里担任校长20年的刘恭猛在受访时透露，学校搬迁至三马拉汉是为了避免被政府的合并政策所吞噬。过去附近的乐育小学、中南学校、同光学校就是因为政府合并政策的缘故，失去了学校的执照。

幸运的是，池德孝董事在董联会的牵线之下，与古晋的刘天亮取得联系，且有人有意愿奉献土地建校。取得众坡民同意，并且经过董事会决议，开南小学位于三马拉汉的新校舍终于在2022年1月20日进行动土礼，并在今年3月份迎来32名新生。原本



走过104年的开南学校

的学生则转至其他邻近学校继续学业。然而，遗憾的是，开南学校不再存在于教会学校之列中。庆幸的是，华人学校开南小学得以继续传承。

关于新南村开南学校及福音堂

时光回溯至1910年，当时黄宝璽在诗巫新南村传讲福音，并借用郑其滔府上作为崇拜之所。后来，黄宝璽召集发起人郑其滔、钱长恩、包望梯、钱长梨、郑日开、叶昌兴、陈良达、张永信等人组织董事部，设立教会，并创办开南小学。

当时建立教会和校舍的土地，就位于郑其滔的房子后方，是叶昌兴所捐献。1920年，集结众人的力量，福音堂及开南学校始得成立（当时隶属诗巫中教区）。

1923年以后，因信徒和学生人数的增加，在郑其滔、林美南以及众多坡民的热心捐助下，迁到今我们所熟知的地址。然而，如今我们所看到的木屋建筑是1939年8月31日由陈立训领众人所建，并经过1994年政府拨款整修而来。此外，2004年吴厚海奉献二层楼钢筋建筑作为教育楼、2010年政府出资建立雨盖篮球场，就这样一步一脚印在这个小地方建起设备齐全的微型学校。

至于紧邻学校的福音堂，在2003年改为福音布道处，被归入民丹教区，并于2009年合并归入诗巫南村三一堂。



董事代表池德孝将钥匙转交给卫理公会砂华人年议会会长刘会明牧师。左起：卫理公会砂华人年议会产业部代表管智恩、卫理公会砂华人年议会教育部代表林仕玲、民丹教区长郑信慧、董事林大莊；右起：年会会友领袖许鲁维、前校长刘恭猛、董事池德孝。



Methodist Education Foundation

Incorporated in 1984 and established under The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Methodist Education Foundation was formed to uphold one of the most important tenets in the Methodist tradition - education.

The principal objective of the Foundation is to receive and administer funds for educational, scientific and charitable purposes, for the welfare of the public. Financial aid in the form of scholarship loans and grants are disbursed annually to eligible and deserving students to help them achieve their goals and dreams of obtaining a diploma or degree, thereby giving them a head start in life.

Ever since its inception, MEF has helped more than 2,000 students realise their dreams of pursuing higher education when they could not afford it. These dreams turning to reality are only made possible through the many kind donors who have given generously and regularly to support the objectives of the MEF. To all our wonderful donors, we say a big thank you.

This year, MEF continues to seek donations to achieve its objectives of helping Malaysians to attain a higher education and a better future. If you would like to be a part of this cause and contribute towards

nation-building and the betterment of our society, you may bank in 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.

If you would like to know more about MEF, or know of a student seeking financial aid or someone who can help by donation, please visit our website at www.methodistchurch.org.my and click on the tab 'Methodist Education Foundation'.

Letter of Gratitude to MEF from Narmitha Sathasivam, recent recipient of MEF scholarship grant from 2020-2023.

20th May 2024.

Methodist Education Foundation.
67, Jalan 5/31,
46000, Petaling Jaya,
Selangor, Malaysia.

To whom it may concern,

Letter of Gratitude

Referring to the matter above, I, Narmitha D/O Sathasivam, am writing to express my deepest gratitude to the Methodist Education Foundation for the scholarship awarded to me yearly for a duration of 4 years, since 2020.

2. I am truly happy and grateful to have been selected as the recipient of the scholarship. The scholarship has helped me financially to fund my studies in Bachelor of Biomedical Science which will be completed in the month of July 2024. It has also lightened the burden of my family in paying the tuition fee. I appreciate the generosity of the committee to help me in reaching my goals and aspiration.

3. The generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goals too.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Narmitha A/P Sathasivam.



Unity Day Celebration Brings Harmony in Diversity to Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur

In a vibrant display of camaraderie and cultural exchange, students, teachers and staff at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur came together to celebrate Unity Day on 24 April 2024. The annual event, designed to foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity, was a resounding success.

Present at the event were Deputy National Unity Minister, Senator Saraswathy Kandasami, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Board of Directors Chairman, Datuk Dr. Anwar Ridhwan, Datuk Tuan Asmawi Tuan Umar from Yayasan Prihatin Nasional, Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) Chairman, Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai, NSTP Group Managing Editor, Datuk Ahmad Zaini, together with Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia and representatives from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE).

Senator Saraswathy Kandasami also launched the school's unity-theme book, an anthology of poems entitled 'Let's Build, Never Destroy'. The book was compiled by the head of the Bahasa Melayu Department, Dr Sundarappandian Velusamy together with a student, Chloe Fong. It comprises 109 poems contributed by 102 poets, including 69 students, 33 teachers, and 11 guest poets, among them were Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai and Datuk Ahmad Zaini.

Throughout the event, the school-wide assembly was filled with music and cultural performances. Captivating performances by the students brought the entire event together in a heartwarming display of unity.



A cake-cutting ceremony with all the VIPs.



Students' performance.



Students attending Unity Day celebration.

Unity Day at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur proved to be a powerful reminder that the differences are what make the school community vibrant. The event fostered a sense of belonging and encouraged students to celebrate their unique identities while appreciating others. The positive energy and spirit of collaboration will undoubtedly carry forward long after the event ends. Unity Day is one of the most celebrated events at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur.

The event garnered huge publicity with the following media publications:

- *Berita Harian On-line: Bergabung untuk perluas program perpaduan di seluruh sekolah*
- *Bernama TV: Bernama, NSTP komited bekerjasama bantu usaha kerajaan pupuk semangat perpaduan di negara ini*
- *Bernama, NSTP: Collaborate to bolster govt efforts to foster spirit of unity*
- *Bernama, NSTP: Urge ministries to organise school-level Unity Day celebrations*



Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) Launches SPOT Programme to Train Future Teachers

MCOE welcomed two successful applicants who joined the SPOT (Significant Persons of Tomorrow) programme on 22 April 2024. This training aims to provide graduates (in any discipline) the opportunity to explore and develop their calling as educators.

The programme kicked off with an orientation at MCOE headquarters where participants were introduced to the values and vision of the Methodist Church. Chaplain, Rev Justin Clarence and Education Director, Mr Lim Kah Cheng led the session, providing a spiritual foundation that would guide participants in their future roles as educators.

Following the orientation, SPOT participants embarked on an enriching visit to Wesley Methodist School. They were warmly received by experienced leaders and teachers who provided invaluable insights into the teaching profession. MCOE is committed to nurturing these future educators to ensure they have a positive impact on young lives. I would like to extend our deep gratitude to these dedicated educators for their support.

MCOE invites members of the community to support the SPOT programme and its participants through prayer as they embark on this journey. We ask for prayers that the training and mentorship they receive will equip them with skills and knowledge necessary to become outstanding educators.

Through its SPOT programme, MCOE aims to cultivate a new generation of educators who will inspire and positively impact students, carrying forward the Methodist Church's mission to make a difference in the world.

For more information on the SPOT programme, please visit our website at: www.mcoe.edu.my



Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Education Director, MCOE (left) with SPOT participants, Matthew & Keshia, together with Ms Rebecc Boon, Senior HR Executive, during the orientation programme.



Ms Pricillia Lashmi, WMSKLP Principal, briefing the SPOT participants.



WESLEY METHODIST SCHOOL

Wesley Methodist Schools Teachers' Day Celebration Sees Over 500 Participants



Teachers' Day Celebrations at WMS KL International (left) and WMS Penang International (right)

A virtual celebration to honour teachers brought together more than 500 teachers and education professionals in a heartwarming way that showcased teachers' dedication, passion and resilience in a challenging society.

The event featured an inspiring speech from Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, who commended all teachers for their invaluable contributions to Wesley Methodist Schools and urged them to continue their noble work with unwavering faith. He also quoted a message displayed at the entrance of a South African university, emphasising the dangers of a collapsing education system and how it can lead to the deterioration of key professions and society:

"Destroying any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs or the use of long-range missiles. It only requires lowering the quality of education and allowing cheating in the examinations by students. Patients die at the hands of such doctors. Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers. Money is lost at the hands of such economists and accountants. Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars. Justice is lost at the hands of such judges... The collapse of education is the collapse of the nation."

A special highlight of the event was the recognition of teachers who had completed the CICTL (Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching and Learning) programme. This prestigious professional development programme is designed to enhance teaching quality and promote effective and reflective practices. 16 teachers at Wesley Methodist School who achieved this certification were appreciated for their dedication in improving their skills and commitment to providing higher-quality education.

All teachers received tokens of appreciation for their hard work and dedication from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), where the gift was designed to express the gratitude and respect that students, peers, and the community hold for the teachers who continue to guide and inspire future generations.



Ms Geraldine Jeyapalan, MCOE HR Director, handing a Teacher's Day gift to Rev Justin Clarence, WMS Schools Chaplain



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