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An Envelope from Our Past - Penned by Rev James Hoover in 1919.
This simple artifact reminds us of his faithful service and
the enduring legacy he left to our community.



What The Lord Requires

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



“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8, NIV 1984)

As we approach the joyous celebrations of Hari Kebangsaan (31 August) and Hari Malaysia (16 September), we give heartfelt thanks to God for our beautiful, diverse nation. Malaysia is a tapestry woven from myriad cultures, languages, and creeds - and in this unity, we find both a gift and our responsibility.

The prophet Micah's timeless question - “What does the Lord require of you?” - points us directly to what matters most: justice, mercy, and humility. John Wesley's commentary sheds further light:

To act justly is to give everyone their due, avoiding oppression in every area - physical, material, or relational - treating all with equity. To love mercy is to be richly compassionate and kind, toward every person.

To walk humbly with God is to keep up a constant fellowship with Him, by humble, holy faith.

These hallmarks of righteous living are exactly what our nation needs - especially now. Troubling incidents of bullying and mistreatment have surfaced, attacking the dignity of individuals and corroding the unity we cherish. Such behaviour undermines everything that Micah 6:8 calls us to embody.

As a Church rooted in Methodist tradition, our calling is clear:
Act justly - stand up for those marginalized or mistreated; oppose cruelty and imbalance.
Love mercy - offer kindness, restoration, and grace to those wounded or ostracized.
Walk humbly with God - depend on His guidance and grace in every effort to heal and uplift our communities.

Malaysia's strength lies not in wealth or development alone, but in the moral and spiritual fibre of its people. May our homes, churches, and institutions become places where equity, compassion, and humility flourish. Let us witness authentically as disciples of Christ who live out justice, compassion, and faithful reliance on God's grace.

As we celebrate, let us also pray:
For our nation to live in unity, peace, and hope.
For our youth to grow in compassion, honour, and courage.
For the Church to walk in justice, mercy, and humility before God.

Prayer:
God of justice, mercy, and truth,
Fill Malaysia with dignity, harmony, and hope.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Vision and Impact of Mission Schools in Malaysia

It is a privilege to write on a topic very close to my heart—the vision and impact of mission schools in Malaysia, and how they continue to matter in our present educational climate.

1. A Heritage of Vision

The story of mission schools in Malaysia began more than a century ago, when Christian missionaries—whether Anglican, Brethren, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, or others—established these schools with a clear vision:

- To provide quality education to all, regardless of race, creed, or social standing. The mission schools were among the first to bring together students of different races, religions, and backgrounds under one roof.
- To develop the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—grounded in moral values, character and integrity, and service to others. As C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*: “Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.”

They believed education was not just about passing exams, but about shaping lives for the better. Many of Malaysia's leaders, professionals, and community builders walked through the gates of these schools. Mission schools were also pioneers in girls' education—a contribution that deserves recognition, as it changed the trajectory of women's empowerment in Malaysia. As we celebrate Merdeka on 31 August, some have pointed out that, in fact, it was these mission schools that prepared our country for independence.

And here's the truth: the mission school identity was never meant to be just about buildings or prestige—it was always about the mission. Where there is no mission, the school is no longer a mission school.

2. Where We Are Today

Fast forward to today—there are 416 mission schools across the nation. Most are now government-aided schools, meaning the government provides teachers' salaries and some operational costs, while the buildings and land remain under church ownership. For this, we must also thank the government for their immense contribution and partnership in sustaining mission schools.

We must also recognise the important role of the Board of Governors and Board of Managers—not just as custodians of buildings, but as guardians of our ethos and mission.

3. Impact and Influence

The contribution of mission schools cannot be overstated. They have consistently been recognised for:

- Academic excellence, often producing top results.
- Strong discipline and respect for authority.
- English language proficiency that equips students for global engagement.
- Holistic development through co-curricular activities, sports, music, and leadership training.

Perhaps the most enduring impact is in the values they instil—honesty, character and integrity, service, perseverance, and respect for all.

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4. Current Educational Climate

We must be honest about the environment in which these schools now operate. The national education system is facing many pressures:

- Frequent policy changes that make it hard for schools to maintain consistent direction.
- Overcrowded classes in urban areas, and under-enrolled schools in rural regions.
- Overemphasis on rote learning, with less space for creativity and critical thinking—so important in the Artificial Intelligence world we now live in.
- Inclusion challenges—although we have a “Zero Reject Policy” for students with special needs, real support systems are still insufficient.

In this wider context, mission schools share in these struggles while facing their own unique constraints and challenges.

5. Constraints Facing Mission Schools

Some of the major challenges include:

- Funding limitations: Government aid covers basic needs but rarely major repairs. Many mission school buildings are over 100 years old and require significant restoration.
- Loss of autonomy: Since the 1970s, the government has controlled curriculum, staffing, and admissions, leaving limited space for mission authorities to shape the school's character.

- Declining enrolment in some areas, as newer government schools are built closer to housing developments.
- Land and property issues: Expired leases can cause schools to be lost if they are not renewed.
- Teacher pipeline: Fewer Christian educators are joining the profession, making it harder to sustain the school's ethos and co-curricular life.

In some schools, even chapel services—once a hallmark of mission school life—are limited or discontinued due to the absence of Christian teachers who can be responsible for them.

6. Trends and Needs

If mission schools are to continue their legacy, several needs must be addressed and solutions found:

- Preserving heritage while upgrading facilities for modern teaching.
- Stronger collaboration between churches, alumni, parent-teacher associations, corporate CSR programs, NGOs, local communities, and the Ministry of Education.
- Investing in teacher development, especially those who understand and carry forward the mission school ethos.
- Innovating within the system by using extracurricular programs, counselling, and community engagement to maintain holistic education.

- Reviving and sustaining chapel services where possible should be a priority, as they reinforce the spiritual foundation of mission schools. This requires intentional recruitment and support of Christians called to education.

This is also where initiatives such as Christian hostels for school-going children could strengthen our educational emphasis, even in places where starting new mission schools is not possible. In schools where they are welcomed, the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade can also help shape character, discipline, and leadership in line with our values.

7. What Is Being Done

There is hope. We are seeing:

- State government support—for example, Penang and Sarawak have allocated funds for mission school infrastructure upgrades.
- Alumni engagement—many Old Students' Associations are actively raising funds for building repairs, scholarships, and programs.
- Exploring new models—some mission schools are considering private or international school status to regain autonomy while sustaining their heritage. Let me be clear: the reason for starting our own private or international schools is not profit-making, but the desire to touch lives using the same values that shaped the old mission schools under non-profit organisations.

8. Moving Forward

The vision that gave birth to mission schools is still relevant today—perhaps even more than ever. In a rapidly changing world, our children need more than just knowledge; they need values, character and integrity, resilience, and compassion. Mission schools are uniquely placed to offer this blend.

But for them to thrive, we need the commitment of all stakeholders—government, churches, alumni, parents, teachers, and the wider community.

Let us not see mission schools merely as relics of the past, but as partners for the future—producing graduates who are not only smart, but good, and not only competent, but caring.

In conclusion, the heritage of mission schools is a gift to our nation. Let us preserve it, invest in it, and pass it on—not only in the 416 schools that bear the name today, but in every place where a teacher shapes a life and a community nurtures a child. It was these mission schools that prepared our country for independence. In the same spirit, they are now called to prepare our country for the future—to shape another generation to take Malaysia to greater heights.

May each of us play our part—whether by teaching, giving, mentoring, or simply supporting—so that the mission continues in another time and era.

Blessings,
Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar
Bishop



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Methodist Academy 2025 – Renewing Lives Through Equipping

From 8-11 July 2025, about 130 pastors, ministry workers and church leaders from all the six Annual Conferences gathered at Port Dickson Methodist Centre (PDMC) for the Methodist Academy 2025. Themed “Renewing Lives through Equipping”, the Methodist Academy aimed to equip volunteers, full-time workers and pastors with the tools, knowledge and spiritual vitality that they needed for effective ministry.

The 4-day/3-night event saw a line-up of speakers and three specialised streams:

- School of Evangelism by Pastor Dato Dr Daniel Ho
- School of Missions by Pastor Kelvin Yong
- School of Preaching by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar

In addition, Pastor Chris Kam spoke during the main sessions on Discipleship with emphasis on Accountable Discipleship, offering participants practical ministry

tools. He also spoke on healing ministry and prophetic ministry particularly how to discern God’s voice whilst ministering to others.

School of Evangelism

The School of Evangelism saw Pastor Dato Dr Daniel Ho expound on how Jesus went about doing ministry. Using various Bible texts, Pastor Daniel Ho showed how Jesus overcame prejudices and obstacles and how He made a difference in people’s lives.

School of Missions

Everyone knows the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) but how do we practice it in our world today? Here, Pastor Kelvin Yong re-examines the call to make disciples of all nations and provided useful insights on Jesus’ own strategy of proclamation, acts of compassion yet displaying His power and presence. To “practicalise” the Great Commission, one must acknowledge and accept that the world is always changing and

so understanding the present global trends is crucial. It is not so easy to reach people across different cultures, backgrounds, language and beliefs. Knowing where you are in God’s big plan will also help.

School of Preaching

In this advanced module, Bishop Jeyakumar went through John Wesley’s theology of preaching and provided relevant examples of how to explain, apply and illustrate the sermon clearly and meaningfully with practical do’s and don’ts of sermon delivery. There was also a session on using Biblical

commentaries and at the end, participants had to prepare a 10-minute sermon which was shared in small groups.

At the close of the Academy, a “Commissioning Moment” led by Bishop Jeyakumar was poignant and significant calling everyone to renewal and a deeper sense of commitment. As God calls us out to serve others and draw them to His kingdom, we too must see His kingdom work with His eyes and have His vision. Many came forward for prayers for renewal and commitment.



Participants to the Evangelism Module



Participants to the Missions Module



Participants to the Preaching Module



Participants from SAC



Participants from TRAC

Feedback: Many participants gave positive feedback saying the Academy should be organised yearly in order to refuel and recharge; connect and share with one another on experiences and help encourage one another in their journey and service.

We thank God for the successful implementation of this Conference and His faithfulness along the way. For the speakers, module facilitators, helpers, worship teams,

the accommodation, food, and lots more – are all the result of God’s providence and grace.

We pray that the participants will go forth in boldness, renewed and zealous – fully equipped to serve Him for effective ministry. May we all be reminded that discipleship is a daily journey and that ministry is the call of every believer.

TESTIMONIES:

I have joined the preaching class at Methodist Academy, and one thing that deeply impacted me was the importance of word study. Since then, I have made it a priority in my preaching. Now, whenever I prepare a sermon, I focus carefully on the text, analyzing and exegesizing the words to deliver God’s message faithfully and clearly.

- Pastor Ebenezer (TAC)

The Methodist Academy was a truly meaningful and blessed experience for me. Each session was precise, rich, and filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The group discussions were especially impactful, as we exchanged insights and witnessed how God’s Word was transforming lives. Overall, it was an awesome journey of growth—and all glory to Jesus Christ alone.

- Jayaprakash (TAC)

The Methodist Academy was a compact yet enriching experience, especially the Preaching class taught by Bishop Jeyakumar. His engaging and practical teaching emphasized that preaching is about communicating God’s Word clearly, not sounding scholarly but simply what God says. That reminder shifted my perspective. It is not about sounding clever or quoting famous commentaries. It is about asking, “What is God saying to me through this passage?” before turning to any commentary. That personal reflection must come first. I realised I had become too used to relying on what others wrote, and not enough on what the Lord was emphasizing to me personally. That lesson alone was worth the entire class.

The group preaching exercise further highlighted strengths and areas for growth. Overall, the class deepened both understanding and practice, teaching the importance of listening to God first and then preaching with clarity and conviction.

- Angel Alagu (TRAC)

In the preaching module, all participants had to share a 10-minute sermonette in small groups, applying what we had learnt from the earlier sessions. Initially nervous and feeling unqualified, I was intimidated by preaching alongside pastors. However, Bishop’s practical teaching made preaching approachable and even enjoyable. Finally, when it was my turn to preach, my fear disappeared and I could just feel God’s presence leading me.

This experience taught me that preaching isn’t about having all the right words or being a pastor. It’s about being available. Stepping out in faith. Letting the Holy Spirit take the lead. Thank you, Bishop and Methodist Academy, for showing me that God doesn’t call the qualified – He qualifies the called.

- Ivy Ong (TRAC)

Attending the Methodist Academy in PD was yet another meaningful personal journey for me. Bishop Jeya’s teaching on humility struck me deeply—showing how Moses had to be ‘wounded’ before God could entrust him with His mission. Ps Chris Kam’s reminder that many respond to salvation but few to discipleship challenged me to embrace the long, obedient walk with Jesus, while his candid sharing on marriage reminded me that real love is sacrifice. Evangelism with Ps. Daniel Ho further opened my eyes to the urgency of sharing the Gospel, even if I’m still growing in boldness. Altogether, the Academy was a timely reminder God’s call to deeper faith and obedience.

- Vicky Poon (TRAC)

I was privileged to be able to attend the Methodist Academy. Although the Academy is not primarily designed for official members already serving in ministry, I treated it as a much-needed retreat from the busyness of pastoral life. I was especially grateful that all of us pastors from SAC could attend together, creating space for bonding, rest, and shared reflection.

The main speaker, Ps Chris Kam, carries a deep burden for disciple-making. His sharing on spiritual practices leaned more towards a “Charismatic” expression, yet always with a biblical foundation. This sparked many open and respectful discussions among us pastors. For me, it felt like a “cultural crash” moment—where different traditions and emphases met face to face.

These conversations were not divisive but enriching. They helped us wrestle with how to encourage spiritual practices in the church while also remaining discerning and careful in our approach. I came away convinced that such balance is crucial if the church is to minister effectively to today’s dynamic, cross-generational, cross-denominational, and cross-cultural congregations—especially in our post-pandemic, interconnected world.

In short, the Methodist Academy was more than a retreat. It became a space of encounter, dialogue, and growth that I believe will help strengthen both our personal ministries and our collective witness as SAC pastors.

- Ps. Jonas Wong (SAC)

Akademi ini banyak mengajarkan hal-hal asas yang telah diabaikan oleh ramai pemimpin. Saya secara peribadi sangat diberkati, terutamanya dalam School of Preaching kerana melalui kelas ini hati saya seperti dibakar untuk terus berkobar-kobar dalam melayani Tuhan khususnya dalam pengajaran Firman Tuhan.

- Fionalisa Aldrin (SAC)

My father and I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Methodist Academy at Port Dickson Methodist Centre. As lay preacher candidates, we joined the preaching module and were truly blessed. The plenary sessions by Pastor Chris Kam on discipleship reminded us again of our core calling as followers of Jesus Christ. It was both refreshing and challenging to be equipped for ministry together as father and son. I believe events like this are so valuable and should be made available every year to help God’s people grow and serve better. Grateful to Bishop Jeya for organizing this and for bringing in such inspiring speakers.

- Garry Lin (SCAC)



Participants from SCAC

Puji Tuhan bisi peluang enggau Pengawa Methodist Academy. Pengalaman ke cukup manah laban bisi peluang belajar enggau Bishop bakani ngaga ajar sembiang. Ajar iya cukup badas ulih muka runding serta penemu ke baru dalam deka ngaga ajar ke manah serta ulih ngasuh orang nemu Berita Manah Tuhan.

- **Pastor Annee anak Aibu (SIAC)**

Puji Terima kasih ke Tuhan tegal bisi peluang enggau Methodist Academy ke sekali tu. Mayuh utai dipelajar ke aku lalu nambah ka penemu mega. Kelas evangelisme meransang ati aku gagit agi ngena tiap peluang ke bisi bekunsi ke Injil Tuhan, awakka mayuh agi orang ngelala Tuhan Yesus Kristus dalam pengidup sida nyadika Tuhan enggau Juruselamat.

- **Pastor Aliceson Nyaring anak Richard (SIAC)**

在这次的卫理学院(Methodist Academy)里, 贾古玛会督传授我们牧者讲道学。感恩会督用心良苦地再次提醒我们牧者在讲道上不必过于引用一些例证或是心灵鸡汤, 反应该要专注于讲解圣经经文, 把神的道给予清楚说明。

最让我印象深刻的就是牧者们都有实际操练的机会, 大家都能彼此观摩、互相学习。

相信透过类似的学习, 必能有效帮助我在讲道上的服侍。

期待能再有机会与同工们彼此学习。

郑国强牧师 (Rev Tee Kwok Chiang)
沙巴年议会 (SAC)

会督所教导的讲道学提醒我-讲道, 是上帝所特别呼召的仆人, 按照正意分解真理的道, 然后将这道教导给神的儿女, 并劝勉他们遵行。所以, 讲道, 就是讲解圣经, 教导神的话语, 传达上帝的旨意和命令, 并教导人遵行。

苏宝玲牧师 (Rev Pauline Su)
沙巴年议会 (SAC)

在上帝的祝福下, 我们所有的 SAC 牧者都蒙恩有机会参与这一次总议会的卫理学校。讲堂中的内容, 虽然有些部分曾经学习过, 但这次却成为宝贵的复习, 也让我更清楚看见自己在讲道上仍需要加强和改进的地方。被提醒: 讲道需要不断操练, 唯有在持续的练习中, 才能不断成长与进步。此外, 让我印象更深刻的, 是这次卫理学校晚上的主讲主题——门训、医治和预言。对于这些主题, 我原本带着一些不同的看法。但最后反思时, 我更深认识到: 圣灵的大能, 直到今天仍在我们中间运行, 成就上帝的旨意。我们只管顺服圣灵的带领, 见证上帝奇妙的作为!

林意连传道 (Pastor Paul Ling Yik Liang)
沙巴年议会 (SAC)

还记得上healing ministry的时候, Pastor Chris 叫我们为旁边的人来祷告, 学习为别人的病痛来祷告。当时同工分享她的脚痛了几天, 所以我就按手为她的脚来祷告, 求神医治她, 挪去她的疼痛, 好让她接下来几天的行程都可以轻松走动。结果当我们结束祷告时, 我邀请她尝试动动脚看看如何, 她小惊讶地分享完全不痛了。甚至到第二天、第三天, 她都不断和我分享神医治了她, 真的没有再痛。我们都很感谢神行奇妙的事在我们中间。

Rev. Grace Yong Sing Ping (SAC)



Participants from SIAC



Participants from TAC

第十三届砂拉越卫理高尔夫球慈善赛 古晋队膺团体总冠军

The 13th Sarawak Methodist Golf Charity Tournament

报道: 徐希淦 (古晋卫理高尔夫球团契文书)



古晋队伍从陈朝强牧师手中接团体挑战杯

由古晋卫理高尔夫球团契主办的第十三届砂拉越卫理高尔夫球慈善赛, 于2025年9月15日假砂拉越高尔夫球俱乐部成功举行。本届赛事成功筹得 RM100,000, 善款将惠及三个团体: 凯胜之家、马来西亚三福及古晋卫理真光洗肾中心。

赛事共吸引了来自美里、民都鲁、诗巫及古晋的104位高尔夫球爱好者参与。为欢迎远道而来的球员, 主办方古晋卫理高尔夫球团契于9月14日晚在 City One Mall 的香格里拉海鲜餐厅设宴款待。晚宴上, 古晋西教区教区长林圣贵牧师传讲信息, 古晋东教区教区长萧瑜瑾牧师带领谢饭祷告。

来自古晋的苏贤章弟兄以净杆67杆的佳绩勇

夺个人赛冠军; 民都鲁代表黄淇忠弟兄则以78杆摘下总杆组冠军。团体赛方面, 古晋队以总成绩713分荣膺团体总冠军, 民都鲁队以54分之差屈居亚军。

主办方宣布, 第十四届砂拉越卫理高尔夫球慈善赛将由诗巫卫理高尔夫球团契于明年接棒主办。



拿督林淑强颁发净杆冠军杯给苏贤章



参赛者合影



拿督斯理刘久健颁发总杆冠军杯给黄淇忠



Ribbon Cutting



Bishop Jeyakumar - Putting his signature on the plaque



Group photo

A total of 99 attendees, including church members and leaders were present to witness this momentous occasion.

During the dedication service, Bishop Jeyakumar delivered an inspiring sermon from Nehemiah 1:1-11. He reminded us that God often use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. Nehemiah was not a prophet or priest, but a cupbearer — yet God used him mightily because he was a man of prayer, burden, and action.

Bishop encouraged us to be like Nehemiah — people who care deeply about the surrounding brokenness, who respond with prayer and fasting, and who rise to the challenge of rebuilding and restoring in obedience to God.

He urged the congregation to see this preaching point as more than just a building — it is a mission field, and a call to serve the community, especially students and families in Kota Samarahan, with compassion, vision, and unwavering faith.

At the end of the service, Bishop Jeyakumar presented a special memento to YBhg Dato' Georgina Apphia Ngau, Director of UNIFOR

with a meaningful gift in the form of the book "As God Wills - 140 Years of Methodist Mission and Ministry in Malaysia", published in conjunction with the 140th Anniversary of The Methodist Church in Malaysia.

In addition, Rev Ezra Kong from Grace Methodist Church Kota Samarahan graciously presented a congratulatory frame to the church, commemorating this important milestone. We are truly grateful for this gesture of encouragement and support from our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to all sponsors and donors who have so kindly supported the setting up of Gereja Methodist Iban Kota Samarahan. Your generosity and willingness to give have truly helped lessen the financial burden of this project, making it possible for us to establish a place of worship that will serve the community for generations to come.

We are thankful to everyone who supported this journey through prayers, time, resources, and presence. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly for your cheerful giving and continued support in His kingdom work.

All glory and honour be to God!



Official Opening & Dedication Service of Gereja Methodist Iban Kota Samarahan

By Myla

Praise be to God for a truly meaningful and historic day for our church community! Today, we celebrated the official opening and dedication of Gereja Methodist Iban Kota Samarahan, a long-awaited vision by the Iban Methodist Church Kuching to bring worship and ministry closer to our members residing in the Samarahan area.

The event began with a Ribbon Cutting and Signing Ceremony symbolising the formal opening of the new preaching point. This was followed by a Dedication Service, where the space was prayerfully committed to God's purpose and mission.

We were deeply honoured to have the ceremony graced by the presence of:

- Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia
- YBhg. Dato Georgina Apphia Ngau, Director of UNIFOR
- Rev Bonnie Sedau, President of the Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC)
- Rev Olyver Broken, District Superintendent
- Rev Steward Damat and Rev Lau Lee Lam, Pastor In-Charge of Gereja Methodist Iban Bandaraya Kuching
- Leaders and committee members of Gereja Methodist Iban Bandaraya Kuching and Kota Samarahan



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar presenting the book to YBhg. Dato Georgina Apphia Ngau, Director of UNIFOR



Receiving the frame

Sembiang Penyerah Gereja Methodist Iban Johor Bahru, Megah Ria

Ripot ari Rev. Jenny Wenndy



Puji Tuhan, kena 20 haribulan Julai, 2025
Bishop Gereja Methodist Malaysia, ianya
Bishop Reverend Dr. T. Jeyakumar udah datai
bejadika Gereja Methodist Iban Johor Bahru.
Mega Ria ti digulo 300 iku bala maioh.

Sama bisi datai ngulo pengerami sembiang
penyerahnya ianya President SIAC, Rev
Bonnie Sedau, President Bala Indu SIAC, Tuai
Periman Aum Betaun SIAC, Semua Bala Tuai
Sitak SIAC, Tuai Periman Sitak Sibu Jaya, Tuai

Bala Indu Sitak Sibu Jaya, anembiak Gereja
Skudai, Gereja CAC Kulai, JB Wesley, Gereja
Nusajaya enggau sekeda bala Paderi SIAC.

Maya nya mega, Bishop T. Jeyakumar
udah sama bekunsika Jaku Tuhan nengah
Nehemiah 7: 1-5 ti betemaka **“Didekasikan
Diri Untuk Tuhan”**. Kelimpah ari nya, temuai ti
datai mega sempat dibantaika main asal baka
ngajat, tarian enggau rebana.



Priesthood of All Believers

ஆனைத்து விசுவாசுகளின் ஆசாரியத்துவம்

நீங்களோ, உங்களை அந்தகாரதினின்றும்
தம்முடைய ஆச்சரியமான ஒளியினிடத்திற்கு
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ஆசாரியக்கூட்டமாயும், பரிசுத்த ஜாதியாயும்,
அவருக்குச் சொந்தமான ஜனமாயும்
இருக்கிறீர்கள். 1 பேதுரு 2:9

மெய்யாகவே, நாம் 1 பேதுரு 2:9
வாசிக்கும்போது ராஜரீக ஆசாரியத்துவத்துக்கு
இது ஒரு புதுபித்தலாகவும் காலத்துக்கேற்ற
நினைவுறுத்தலாகவும் நம் யாவருக்கும்
அமைகிறது. மூப்பர் வாரியத்தின் இயங்கலை
வேத ஆராய்ச்சியில் பங்கெடுத்த யாவருக்கும்
இது ஒரு அழைப்பு என கூறலாம்.

போதகர் பி.பி.ஆப்ரகாம், விசேஷ
பேச்சாளர் மற்றும் மூப்பர் போதகர், 6
வாரங்களுக்கு இந்த காலத்திற்கு பொருந்திய
தலைப்புகளை பற்றி பேச 23மே2022லிருந்து
கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்பட்டார். பங்கேற்றவர்களின்
எண்ணிக்கை முதல் வாரத்தில் 70 பேரிலிருந்து
பின் வரும் வாரங்களில் 40ஆக குறைந்தது
மிகவும் வருத்தத்துக்குரியதாயிருந்தது. 7
பேர் ஒரு மாகாணத்திற்கு என்பதிலிருந்து
5 பேர் ஒரு மாகாணத்திற்கு என
குறைந்தது. அனைத்து கிறிஸ்தவர்களும்
சமம் என்பதை வலியுறுத்தும் தலைப்புக்கு
பங்கெடுத்தவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை மிக
குறைவு. இதை அறிவிப்பு செய்யும் வகை
மற்றும் அதன் செயல்திறன் மறு ஆய்வு
செய்யப்பட வேண்டும்.

நமது சொந்த தலைவர்களில் ஒருவர்,
ஆசாரியத்துவத்தை பற்றிய தலைப்பு
குழப்பத்தையும் முரண்பாட்டையும் ஏற்படுத்தும்
என்று கூறியது நமது கவனத்தை ஈர்த்தது.
இதை நான் கூற காரணம் என்ன?
“ஆசாரியத்துவம் என்பது வேதாகமத்தின்படி
அனைத்து விசுவாசிகளுக்குமா?” என
கேட்டால், அது அதிகப்படியானதா? 1பேதுரு
2:9 பற்றி நன்கு தெரிந்தும் நான் ஏன் இப்படி
கேட்கிறேன் என நீங்கள் யோசிக்கக்கூடும்.
சிறந்த பேச்சாளர் போதகர் பி.பி.ஆப்ரகாம்,
தேவன் அனைத்து ஆத்துமாக்களும்
இரட்சிக்கப்பட விரும்புகிறார் எனவும் அந்த
எண்ணத்தை சபையார் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள
வேண்டும் எனவும் அவர்கள் முன் ஒரு

சவாலை வைத்தார், அனைத்து தேசங்களின்
ஆசாரியத்துவத்தின் அழைப்பை அடைய
புரிந்துணர்வு விசுவாசம், மற்றும் முழு நேர
ஊழியத்தில் இருப்பவர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து
பணியாற்றுவது அவசியம்.

வேதம் கூறுகிறது, தேவன் ஒருவரே,
தேவனுக்கும் மனுஷருக்கும் மத்தியஸ்தரும்
ஒருவரே (1 தீமோ 2:5), அவர் கிறிஸ்து
இயேசு, மேலும் ஜனங்கள் தேவனிடம் பிரதான
ஆசாரியராகியஇயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் மூலம்
வரலாம் (எபி 4:14-16). பழைய ஏற்பாட்டின்
ஆசாரியத்துவத்தின் தேவைப்படி ஒரே
பலியின் மூலமாக ஆலயத்தின் திரைச்சீலை
அகற்றப்பட்டது.

பழைய ‘மூட்டைகளான’ யார் பொறுப்பு,
மரபை பின்பற்றுதல், ‘அபிஷேகம்’
பண்ணப்பட்டவரை தொடுபவருக்கு எச்சரிக்கை
போன்றவை சபையாருக்கு உதவியாக
இல்லாமல் அவர்களை மனத்தளர்வடைய
செய்து அவர்கள் உலகத்திற்கு உப்பாகவும்
ஒளியாகவும் இருப்பதற்கு சவாலாக
அமைகிறது. மூப்பர்களாக நாம் நிச்சயமாக
மெதடிஸ்ட் விதிமுறைகளையும் ஒழுங்கையும்
எப்பொழுதும் கடைபிடிக்க வேண்டும். குழந்தை
ஞானஸ்நானம், திடப்படுத்தல், சபைக்கு
தவறாமல் வருவது, பரிசுத்த திருவிருந்தில்
பங்கெடுப்பது ஆகியவற்றில் நாம் இன்னும்
நம்பிக்கையுள்ளவர்களாக உள்ளோம்.
ஆனாலும், நாம் நற்கிரியைகளுக்கு ஆர்வமாக
உள்ளோமா, நாம் சந்திப்பவர்களிடம்
கிறிஸ்துவின் அன்பையும் சவிசேஷத்தையும்
பகிர்ந்துக்கொள்கிறோமா?

‘வாருங்கள் நாம்...’, ‘இதில் நாம்
ஒன்றாயிருக்கிறோம்...’ என்னைப்
பின்பற்றுங்கள்...’ என்று நாம் உண்மையாக
கூறினால், திரளாய் அழைக்கப்பட்டால்,
வாருங்கள் நாம் ஒன்றாய் இதை
செய்வோம் என போதகர் பி.பி.ஆப்ரகாம்
நம்பிக்கையளித்தார், பலர் தங்கள் முதல்
அடியை எடுத்துவைக்க உந்தப்பட்டு,
விசுவாசிகளாகவும் சீஷர்களாகவும் நமது
ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவுக்கு ஏதாவது
செய்ய நாம் உற்சாகப்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம்
என நான் நம்புகிறேன்.

Tamils and Early Methodism in Malaysia

1. Introduction

Good morning, distinguished colleagues and friends.

It is an honour to share with you today on the theme *Tamils and Early Methodism in Malaya*. My purpose is not to revisit how Indians or Tamils first came to this land - that story is well known. Instead, I want to focus on how early Methodism reached the Tamil community in Malaya, how it depended heavily on outside support in its beginnings, and how over time it grew into a faith sustained and led by Tamils themselves.

This is not only a matter of history. It is also a story of resilience, faith, and leadership - a story that continues to shape the Methodist Church in Malaysia today.

2. Methodism Arrives in Singapore and Malaya

The Methodist story in this region begins in 1885, when Reverend William F. Oldham arrived in Singapore as the first Methodist missionary.

Oldham was a man of vision, but he also had a unique gift. Having grown up in India, he was fluent in Tamil. This allowed him to preach directly to Tamil-speaking migrants - dock workers, traders, clerks, and labourers.

Because of Oldham, the Methodist mission in Singapore had a bilingual identity from its very first days. Tamil services were not an afterthought but part of the mission's DNA. This set the stage for Tamil congregations to spread throughout Malaya in the years to come.

The Tamil Methodist ministry in Malaysia also owes much to a group of western missionaries such as Kensett, Pykett, Mr & Mrs Shellabear, Horley and others.

3. The South India and Ceylon Connection

Yet it is important to note that the Tamil Methodist mission in Malaya did not begin as a local movement. From the very start, it leaned heavily on outside resources.

As Robert Chelladurai has observed, *"practically everything came from outside Malaya."* In those early decades, pastors, teachers, and evangelists were drawn from South India, while some of the most significant leaders - including J.A. Supramaniam - came from Ceylon.

This reliance gave Tamil Methodism its strength and structure in the beginning. The theology, worship, training, and even the church schools bore the imprint of South India and Ceylon.

But it also meant that, at first, Tamil Methodism was not yet rooted in Malayan soil. That rooting would come later, as Tamils in Malaya themselves rose to leadership, shaping the church from within.

4. The Spread of Tamil Methodist Work Across Malaya

The Tamil work started in Singapore with the coming of a Ceylon Tamil, Mr William Underwood. As early as in 1894 the Tamil work was started in Penang by the Pyketts, and in Kuala Lumpur by the Kensetts and was continued by Rev. Samuel Abraham from Ceylon in 1899.

As Tamil workers moved across Malaya - into rubber estates, railway camps, and towns - the Methodist mission followed them.

In Kuala Lumpur, the Anglo-Tamil School was founded in 1897. This school did far more than teach literacy; it nurtured faith and produced leaders. From its classrooms grew Sunday schools, youth fellowships, and organized congregations.

In Ipoh and Sungai Siput, estate workers gathered under simple sheds or in workers' quarters to hear the gospel. What began as humble meetings grew into established congregations.

In Penang, Seremban, and Kuala Kubu, small family prayer meetings became the seeds of Tamil churches.

Repeatedly we see the same pattern: education and worship went hand in hand. The schools were not only classrooms; they were gateways to faith, character, and a Christian worldview.

5. The Rise of Local Leadership

At first, Tamil congregations in Malaya were guided almost entirely by missionaries and pastors from India or Ceylon. But over time, local leaders — both ordained and lay — began to emerge.

One of the earliest was Samuel Abraham, a South Indian pastor who served in Malaya. His ministry was both pastoral and evangelistic. He travelled among estates

and towns, preaching in Tamil, gathering scattered families, and forming them into congregations. Abraham's work reminds us that Tamils were not only recipients of mission work, but also agents and leaders in building up the church.

Alongside pastors, we must also remember the role of lay pioneers. In Penang, men like Simon Peter and Gnanamuthu were among the first to carry forward Tamil Methodist work. They were not ordained missionaries, but they faithfully gathered people for worship, taught the Scriptures, and helped form the nucleus of the Tamil congregation there. Their quiet service shows that the church grew not only through official appointments, but also through committed local believers who gave their time and energy to sustain the faith.

And then we have James Arumugam Supramaniam, a figure who symbolizes the maturing of Tamil Methodism. Born in Ceylon in 1880, he came to Singapore as a young boy in 1892. He studied at the Anglo-Chinese School, where he encountered Christ and was converted in 1896.

After graduation, he became a teacher at ACS, before offering himself for ministry. He went on to serve in Penang, Kuala Lumpur, and Seremban. In 1934, he was appointed Superintendent of the Central Tamil District, overseeing congregations across Malaya.

Together, Samuel Abraham, Simon Peter, Gnanamuthu, and J.A. Supramaniam represent the gradual transition from dependence on South India and Ceylon to the rise of indigenous Tamil leadership in Malaya. They show us how the mission moved from outside reliance to local rootedness.

6. The Contributions of Tamil Methodism

By the early 20th century, Tamil Methodism was firmly established across Malaya. Three contributions stand out.

First, Education. Anglo-Tamil schools provided more than literacy. They shaped character, nurtured discipline, and offered a Christian worldview. They became gateways to both social mobility and spiritual growth.

Second, Pastoral Care. Tamil pastors and evangelists gave support to migrant workers far from their homeland. For many estate labourers, the church was a source of fellowship, comfort, and hope in difficult circumstances.

Third, Leadership Development. Figures like Samuel Abraham, Simon Peter, Gnanamuthu, and Supramaniam embodied the rise of local leadership. They showed that Tamil Methodism could not only survive but also thrive under the guidance of leaders drawn from the community itself.

7. Lessons for Today

From this story, three enduring lessons remain.

One: The Gospel transcends language and class. From the Apostle Thomas in South India, to Oldham preaching in Tamil in Singapore, to estate workers worshipping in Malaya - the good news has always crossed boundaries.

Two: Education and evangelism go hand in hand. Schools were not just about literacy; they were mission fields, producing both disciples and leaders.

Three: Leadership must be indigenous. The future of the church lies in raising leaders from within the community, just as Abraham, Simon Peter, Gnanamuthu, and Supramaniam did in their time.

8. Conclusion

Friends, the story of Tamils and early Methodism in Malaya is a story of faith carried across cultures and continents.

It is the story of Oldham, the missionary who crossed languages and opened doors for Tamil ministry. It is the story of Samuel Abraham, who gathered scattered families into congregations. It is the story of Simon Peter and Gnanamuthu, whose lay service built up the work in Penang. It is the story of J.A. Supramaniam, the Ceylon-born boy who grew up in Malaya and rose to lead the Tamil Methodist churches.

And it is framed by Robert Chelladurai's reminder that, while everything once came from outside, over time the faith became local, authentic, and enduring.

This is a heritage of resilience, sacrifice, and hope. It is not just a past to be remembered, but a legacy to be carried forward with courage and faith.

(A paper presented by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar at the Symposium on the History of the Tamil Methodist Church, held on 13 September 2025 in Ipoh. Organised by the Board of Archives of the Tamil Annual Conference.)

Hari Anugerah 2025 at Rumah Hope Manjung



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar & Manjung District Superintendent, Rev Peter Ling presented trophies, certificates and gifts to award winners



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar addressing the children and guests at Hari Anugerah 2025



Creation Story by the children

On 16 August 2025, Pertubuhan Kebajikan Rumah Hope Kanak-Kanak Orang Asli Manjung, Perak, celebrated its annual Hari Anugerah (Awards Day) with joy, thanksgiving, and a spirit of encouragement. This meaningful event recognized the achievements of the children in academic studies, sports, character development, and spiritual growth, affirming their hard work and God-given potential.

The program brought together the chairman, Manjung church leaders, volunteer teachers, sponsors, donors, representatives of the Ling Chew Siang Foundation that funded the prizes and friends of the home, a reflection of the strong network of love and support surrounding the children. Adding to the joy of the day was the presence of Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, who encouraged the children to treasure this opportunity for growth and education, reminding them that such chances come only once in a lifetime.

Adding colour and vibrancy to the day were the children themselves, who presented two lively and joyful songs, a creative drama on the story of Creation, and a spirited Borneo dance. Their energy and smiles brought delight to the guests, while also bearing testimony to the nurturing environment that Rumah Hope provides.

Awards and gifts were presented to children who had excelled in academics, sports, spiritual growth, and personal character. These prizes were symbols of encouragement for each child to persevere and continue striving toward excellence.

Today, Rumah Hope Manjung is home to 48 Orang Asli children from Gua Musang, Gerik, Simpang Pulai and Muadzam Shah. Supported by a team of six dedicated staff members (mainly OA), the home provides food, shelter, education, and Christian nurture.



Children of Rumah Hope presenting a joyful "Borneo dance"



Group photo with Bishop, Rev Peter Ling, Mr Tan Ay Zing, Mr Anderson Lau, donors and sponsors

Many of the children come from difficult family or social circumstances, yet within this safe and caring community they are given hope, dignity, and the opportunity to flourish.

We thank God for His faithful provision through the kindness of sponsors, donors, and supporters. Your partnership – whether through prayers, financial gifts, or time spent with the children – has an eternal impact. It is our prayer that Hari Anugerah 2025 will not only encourage the children, but also inspire the wider Methodist family to continue journeying with us in this ministry of love.

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May the Lord richly bless every cheerful giver, and may the children of Rumah Hope continue to grow into shining lights for His glory.



Song presentation by the children



Tokoh Murid

Award presentations to children



Creation Story as told by the children. The children made their own props and wrote the narration themselves

Appreciation of volunteer teachers



Some of the major donors to ACS Melaka in support of the building fund



Plaques presented to major donors

School Celebrates 115 Years of History with a Fund-Raising Dinner

By Rodney Tan Chai Whatt, Organising Chairman

SMK Methodist (ACS) Melaka celebrated its 115th Anniversary with a Gala Fund Raising Dinner with the theme of **“Honouring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future”** on Saturday, 13 September 2025 at the Legend Zhong Hua Restaurant in Cheng, Melaka.

The dinner was graced by the presence of Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, who was a former alumnus of the school. In his speech, he

recounted the history and values espounded by the Methodist Mission Schools and introduced the concept of “One School, One Vision” for all Methodist schools and Boards to embrace. Through this concept, he hopes that there will be a strong, single focus on a common goal that drives both educators and students alike. Finally, he urged the state government to provide grants to help improve the teaching and learning facilities of the school. His message was well-received



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar saying grace before dinner



Principal, Ms Soh Lay Hui



Cheque presentation by YB Datuk Shanmugam a/l V. Pitchay, Exco Belia, Sukan dan NGO to ACS Melaka

by those present including representatives of state and parliament MPs and YB Datuk V.P. Shanmugam a/l V. Pitchay, Melaka State Exco for Youth, Sports and NGOs, who was also an alumnus of the school.

Principal, Madam Soh Lay Hui, in her speech said that the school had enabled numerous students to become productive and prominent members of society. However, the school currently needs to upgrade its aging and worn facilities to provide a more conducive environment for teachers to teach and for students to learn. Funds raised from the dinner and various donations will be used to improve its sports facilities which include refurbishing the basketball and sepak takraw courts, upgrading the science laboratories and 21 classrooms with smart TVs and air-conditioning to provide a more modern learning environment. The school is also taking the initiative in providing students with electronic gadgets to allow them to learn ICT, programming and the use of AI in their learning ahead of the Ministry of Education’s rollout of ICT skills subjects in 2027.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 115th Anniversary Dinner, Mr Rodney Tan thanked all who were present for their support and donations. As the past principal and teacher in this school, he was especially

grateful for the united efforts of the Board of Governors, the Old Boys Association, the Parent and Teachers Association, the local Wesley Methodist church pastors and members, ex-teachers and community for their strong support and participation to raise funds. He said that through this fund raising effort, we are investing in the future to ensure that generations to come will inherit facilities worthy of their potential. He also mentioned about the special classroom revitalization projects and the proposal to build a new 3-storey block.

Earlier in the day, a walkabout was organised for the old boys to view the school and the on-going projects to revitalize the classrooms followed by a thanksgiving service. The dinner event acknowledged donors and sponsors for their generous contributions. Many of the old boys, ex-teachers, parents and members of the community cherished the event as they reconnected with old friends, made new friends and reignited their commitment to this great institution. Together, we will ensure that SMK Methodist (ACS) Melaka will shine even brighter for another 115 years.

AD ASTRA PER ASPERA (to the stars through perseverance).

Part 1:

Unity in Diversity: A Celebration of Malaysian Identity at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International)



At Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) (WMSKLI), Unity Day is not just a celebration—it is a bold reflection of what the school truly stands for: unity, respect, and a deep-rooted pride in Malaysia's heritage.

This year's Unity Day was a vibrant showcase of Malaysia's multicultural richness, brought to life through traditional attire, cultural performances, interactive booths, and nostalgic games. Students, teachers, and guests from all walks of life came together, not just to enjoy the celebration, but to honour what it means to be Malaysian.

An International School, Rooted in Malaysia

While WMSKLI delivers the globally recognised Cambridge IGCSE curriculum, the school remains intentionally grounded in Malaysian values. What makes WMSKLI unique is its deliberate commitment to instil national pride—even among students pursuing international education.

In a purposeful initiative, WMSKLI encourages its Year 11 students to take the SPM *Bahasa Malaysia and Sejarah* (History) papers. This effort is not merely academic and preparing them to be highly employable in Malaysia—but it is also about giving students a deeper understanding of their cultural roots, national

language, and the historical journey that shaped modern Malaysia.

Unity Day is more than a day of celebration. It is a mirror of WMSKLI's intentional fostering of unity amidst diversity. Through shared experiences—be it food, dance, language, or heritage—students are taught to celebrate differences and find strength in common ground.

From the chants of dikir barat to the beat of kompang, from colourful baju kurung to traditional Indian dances, Unity Day served as a powerful reminder: while our cultures may differ, the spirit of unity binds us all.

In today's fast-paced global landscape, WMSKLI stands out as a school that educates not only for success, but for significance. Here, students are nurtured to lead with empathy, grounded in their heritage, and respectful of others.

Unity Day beautifully captured this vision. It reminded everyone that being truly international does not mean leaving behind one's roots. At WMSKLI, it means embracing them and using them to shape a more connected, compassionate world.



The thunderous rhythm of the 24 Festive Drums echoed across, uniting the crowd in awe. A powerful display of tradition, teamwork, and Malaysian spirit



Our students paid tribute to Sabah's rich heritage with a captivating dance, celebrating the beauty of East Malaysia's traditions



Students and teachers took to the stage to deliver a moving poetry recital—honouring Malaysia's journey and reminding us all of the power of words to inspire unity

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Part 2:

Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) Enters Malaysia Book of Records for the First of Its Kind in a Polygenre Anthology on Unity



Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) has earned a prestigious spot in the Malaysia Book of Records for producing the "Most Number of Contributors in a Polygenre Anthology on Unity." The remarkable literary project, a *Polygenre Anthology on Unity*, brings together a diverse group of over 100 contributors, including students, teachers, industries' professionals, and national journalism laureates, all united by a common theme: unity.

This anthology showcases a vibrant collection of literary works, from poems and short stories to essays, each offering a unique perspective on unity in today's increasingly complex and multicultural world. The works span personal reflections, cultural observations, and aspirational narratives, creatively stitched together to reflect Malaysia's rich diversity and shared values.

Initiated as part of the school's annual literacy and values-based education project, it is also a reflection of the school's

commitment to holistic education, blending academic development with moral and social consciousness. The anthology is also the result of months of collaborative work, from conceptualising and writing, to editing and publication making it a meaningful journey of learning and self-expression.

The recognition from the Malaysia Book of Records was officially presented at the celebration event on unity held at the school, where students, teachers, and invited guests gathered to celebrate this milestone. The acknowledgment underscores the school's belief in nurturing confident communicators and compassionate global citizens, individuals who not only excel academically but also use their voices to inspire change and promote unity.

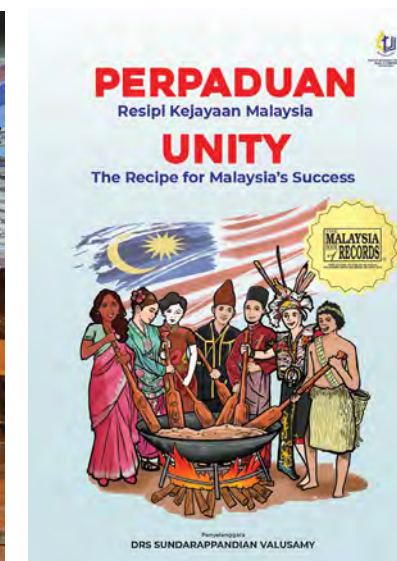
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WMSKLI representatives receiving the official Malaysia Book of Records certificate on stage during the celebration event



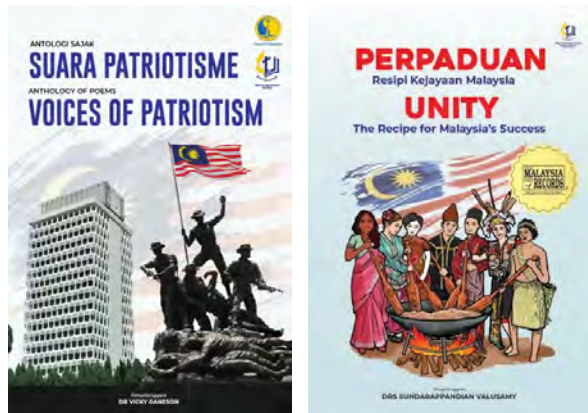
Bilingual cover of WMSKLI's Polygenre Anthology on Unity: *The Recipe for Malaysia's Success*, symbolising unity through diverse voices



Methodist Schools Commemorate 130 Years with Celebrations of Faith, Heritage, and Unity

In celebration of its 130th anniversary, Methodist schools in Ipoh marked this historic milestone with a series of inspiring events on 23 August 2025 that underscored the values of faith, patriotism, unity, and service. Central to these celebrations was the launch of a book set and a series of meaningful ceremonies reflecting the enduring legacy of Christian education in Malaysia.

Wesley Methodist School, one of the flagship institutions under the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), unveiled a special commemorative publication, *Anthology of Poems – Voices of Patriotism and Unity – The Recipe for Malaysia’s Success*. This two-volume collection, written by teachers and students, carries profound messages of hope and harmony. *Voices of Patriotism* showcases personal reflections and expressions of love for Malaysia, while *Unity – The Recipe for Malaysia’s Success* celebrates the nation’s strength in diversity and togetherness.



The launch, officiated by YB Wong Kah Woh, Deputy Minister of Education, was more than just unveiling inspiring works; it was a celebration of a nation built on inclusivity, diversity, and unbreakable unity. During his address, YB Wong emphasised the importance of patriotism in shaping Malaysia’s future and highlighted that education must cultivate well-rounded individuals, encompassing not only academic excellence but also patriotism, digital and financial literacy, social-emotional skills, and entrepreneurship. He commended MCOE for its vital role in strengthening Malaysia’s educational landscape.



ACS & MGS IPOH CELEBRATES 130 YEARS OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

The momentous occasion coincided with the 130th Anniversary Combined Thanksgiving Service of Anglo Chinese School (ACS) and Methodist Girls’ School (MGS) Ipoh, at Ipoh Wesley.

The joyful service began with the inspection of the Guard of Honour by the 1st Ipoh Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade, followed by the entrance procession and welcome from Rev Teoh Lee Y’ng, Perak District Superintendent and Chaplain of SMK (P) Methodist Ipoh and SK (P) Methodist Ipoh (“MGS Secondary and MGS Primary”). Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Director of Methodist Education from MCOE, gave thanks for generations of faithful educators. Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia preached on the theme *Built on the Rock* (Matthew 7:24-25), pointing to Christ as the schools’ foundation.



Highlights included the MGS Choir presentation and testimonies by Mr Daniel Devadass (ACS) and Dr Ting Cheh Sing, Chairman of the Board of Governors/Managers of MGS Secondary and MGS Primary. The celebration affirmed God’s faithfulness and renewed commitment to Christian education.



MGS IPOH'S FAMILY CANTEEN DEDICATION SERVICE

Adding to the day's significance, the MGS Family Canteen was dedicated by Bishop Jeyakumar, and the official opening by YB Wong at the Methodist Girls' Primary School Ipoh. Among those present at this dedication service were:-

Rev Teoh Lee Y'ng, Rev Joshua Khong, TRAC President, Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Dr Ting Cheh Sing, YB Jenny Choy, Deputy Speaker of the Perak State Legislative Assembly, YB Goh See Hua, ADN Pasir Pinji, Madam Sim Joan Meah, Ketua Penolong Pengarah Kanan, Sektor Pengurusan Sekolah, Jabatan Pendidikan, Negeri Perak, Madam Lee Wai Yin, Pegawai Sisc, PPD Kinta Utara, Negeri Perak, Madam Lee Bee Ling, Principal MGS Secondary, Madam Peggy Wong, Headmistress MGS Primary, Members of the Board of Governors and Managers, Parents & Teachers Associations, Teachers and Staff of MGS Secondary and MGS Primary, Principals and Staff of Wesley Methodist Schools, and Staff from the MCOE office.

It was a joyous occasion honouring the presence of God in the MGS Family Canteen where all participants were led through the Service of Dedication.



Dr Ting Cheh Sing, Rev Teoh Lee Y'ng, Madam Peggy Wong and Madam Lee Bee Ling presented the new canteen to be dedicated to the service of the Almighty God as a place of nourishment and fellowship, where kindness is shared, friendships are strengthened, and gratitude abounds. This will be a space to reflect the values of love, service, stewardship, and community and will always be used for the good of our students and school community.



It was an honour to have Bishop Jeyakumar and YB Wong to unveil the plaque. The dedication service ended with the ribbon cutting ceremony graced by the presence of nine honourary distinguished guests.

It was a beautiful and a meaningful service with God at the centre of worship and dedication. Just as it is written in the Scriptures:

“UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, ITS BUILDERS LABOUR IN VAIN.”
Psalm 127:1

THE METHODIST CHARITY RUN

In jubilant thanksgiving, the Methodist community also gathered for the annual Methodist Charity Run, a spirited event that exemplified heritage and service. Starting early in the morning, the run brought together students, alumni, families, and friends for a 2km and 5km race.



Despite a gentle shower that cooled the air, participants warmed up with enthusiasm, cheered on by supporters along the route.



A total of 88 runners took part in the 2km category, while 113 joined the 5km run. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation, laughter, and fellowship as participants of all ages prepared for the morning ahead with a warm-up session.

The 5km race was flagged off by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar and Mr Lim Kah Cheng, together with Dr Ting Cheh Sing, Dr Magaswari (Principal of ACS Ipoh), Madam Peggy Wong, Madam Lee Bee Ling and Madam Sarah Florence (PK Kokurikulum of MGS Ipoh), symbolising unity and community spirit. Proceeds from the run were directed to the Methodist Crisis Relief and Development Fund (MCRD), extending blessings beyond the school gates.



As the final runners crossed the finish line, there was a shared sense of gratitude and fulfilment. The event reminded everyone that anniversaries are not only moments to look back, but also opportunities to move forward together in faith.

CONCLUSION

Throughout the day, these celebrations reflected not only the legacy of Christian education brought about by our forefathers but also the ongoing commitment to nurturing patriotic, united, and compassionate citizens. As the schools and community gathered in faith and gratitude, they reaffirmed their mission: to build a future rooted in heritage, faith, and service, ensuring that the values of love, unity, and hope continue to flourish for generations to come.

For further information on the Methodist schools, please visit www.mcoe.edu.my or call +603 7956 5310.

MCKL Celebrates AUSMAT High Achievers

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) is incredibly proud of our students in the Western Australian Certificate of Education (AUSMAT) programme, who consistently go above and beyond in their academic pursuits. This year, we celebrate three exceptional Torchbearers of Excellence: Kaylene Lim and Kiruna Yee from the KL campus, and Chen Ling from the Penang Campus. These students have achieved outstanding ATAR scores, placing them among the top 5% of total students who sat for the recent AUSMAT examination worldwide.

Their accomplishments are a testament to their dedication and the supportive learning environment fostered at MCKL. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them on these remarkable achievements.

Kaylene Lim: Faith, Focus, and the Highest ATAR in Over a Decade

Behind every great score is a story of faith and perseverance. Kaylene Lim made her mark by achieving a near-perfect ATAR of 99.05, the highest score recorded at MCKL in over ten years.

For Kaylene, the AUSMAT journey was a continuous stream of challenges. "I constantly felt there was not enough time to balance academics and extracurriculars," she shared. "But I overcame the stress and pressure by doing my best and depending on God for the results. God was so good!"

She emphasised that the AUSMAT programme provided countless opportunities to learn and relearn. It also taught her to take both good and disappointing results in stride and constantly look ahead to the next goal. Her demanding schedule helped her sharpen her leadership skills and time management which she described as "the strictest priority-setting I've ever done before."

"Life after MCKL has been exciting," said Kaylene, who is now exploring her university options with confidence. She remains deeply grateful for the skills instilled in her through the programme and believes it will guide her well as she navigates the next stage of her journey. "I am confident that if I am careful to follow where God leads me, He will not leave me to face things alone. I am convinced that His grace will be sufficient in this next phase of my life."



Kiruna Yee: Consistency, Balance, and Quiet Determination



Inspiring as Kaylene's journey is, she is not alone in soaring to great heights. Joining the ranks of AUSMAT high achievers is Kiruna Yee, whose remarkable ATAR of 95.3 reflects her dedication, discipline, and steady pursuit of growth.

Kiruna shared that her achievement was not hers alone, but the result of unwavering support from her family, lecturers, and friends. "The journey to a high score was not always smooth. There were many late nights, stressful deadlines, and moments of self-doubt. But I also learnt a lot about time management and the importance of study-life balance," she said.

This, she believes, was the most valuable lesson that gave her the confidence to step into the next phase of her life.

She chose the AUSMAT programme because of its balanced approach to assessment, which includes both academic and non-academic components. The structure allowed her to spread her efforts across smaller, manageable tasks, making the workload less overwhelming.

One of her most memorable experiences at MCKL was volunteering at an animal shelter as part of her Service-Learning hours. She fondly recalled it as a meaningful and enjoyable break from academic pressure, while still contributing to a cause she cared about.

To future AUSMAT students, Kiruna offered this practical advice: "Always refer to the Assessment Outline to estimate when your tasks are due. That way, you can prepare ahead instead of cramming at the last minute. Some weeks will be heavier than others, so it is important to manage your time wisely because every task contributes to your final marks. It's okay to slip up on one or two but strive for consistency overall. ATAR scaling changes every year, the odds might just be in your favour."

With a strong foundation from AUSMAT, Kiruna is now pursuing her Bachelor of Civil Engineering at Monash University Malaysia, ready to take on the next chapter with confidence.

Chen Ling's Journey from Pykett to Sydney

While the KL campus is proud of its two high achievers, the Penang campus is equally proud to celebrate Chen Ling, whose dedication and focus led to outstanding academic results.

Chen Ling, who is now pursuing a Bachelor of Forensic Science at the University of Technology Sydney under the Academic Excellence International Scholarship, shared that her high ATAR achievement brought her one step closer to her dreams, enabling her to enrol in a top-ranking university with a generous scholarship.



Thinking back, Chen Ling's most memorable experience was when she served as a Facilitator in one of the Orientation Camps. With encouragement from some of her friends, she decided to take up a small leadership role mentoring new students. "If I could give one advice to my juniors, I would emphasise on note taking. It is crucial for retaining semantic knowledge and preparing for exams."

Chen Ling credits her experience in the AUSMAT programme which helped boost her confidence and provided a solid foundation for her studies in Australia. For her, MCKL was a stepping stone that equipped her with the academic readiness, leadership skills, and global mindset to thrive in the next chapter of her journey.

A Future Bright with Possibility

The journeys of Kaylene, Kiruna, and Chen Ling reflect the heart of the AUSMAT programme at MCKL—one that nurtures not only academic excellence, but also resilience, leadership, and purpose. These Torchbearers have shown that with the right mindset, strong support, and a willingness to grow, extraordinary achievements are within reach.

As they each embark on exciting new chapters, whether in Malaysia or abroad, their stories serve as an inspiration to current and future students.

At MCKL, we remain committed to empowering every student to discover their potential and take confident steps toward a future filled with promise.

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