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FORWARD IN FAITH

God's goodness in bringing NECF beyond its 19th Biennial General Meeting

NECF held its 19th Biennial General Meeting (BGM) on 25 May, 2024 at Full Gospel Tabernacle in Subang Jaya, Selangor. A total of 50 people attended. In his address, the Chairman Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng gave updates and shared his observations on a set of three good things, three bad things and three needful things that the church should consider at this time.

The good things are that the true strength and state of the church of Malaysia has emerged from the pandemic; many are returning to the Lord and pastors now have a keener appreciation for physical fellowship. However, there is also another side, the three bad things, which are – the rise of "new idols", especially seen in a spike of tourism due to post-pandemic lifting of restrictions; the stubbornness of those who refused to return to physical church gatherings; and the uncleanness that was carried from the Covid to the Post-Covid season.

Therefore. he surmised three things that are needful: the need to repent; the need to return to the Lord; and the need to focus on the return of Jesus Christ. He also cautioned that the Church needed to prepare the people for the last days and to expect a new wave of Covid and crises.

The eight aspects of NECF engagement were also highlighted. These were namely encouraging churches to undertake nation-building projects; the setting up of prayer altars; meaningful engagement with Government authorities especially on taxation matters affecting Christian organisations; leadership training; church planting and bible translation work; the welfare of workers through NECF's Foundation; promoting the Pastors' and Ministers' Fellowships; and making a united statement to the nation through Christian Federation of Malaysia and the interfaith Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBHST).

NECF also welcomed new members to the Council - Elder Lee Choong San, Elder Chai Cheng Sheng, Rev Paulus Wong & Rev Lee Yew Meng to replace out-going council members Elder Chan Cheng Lock, Pastor Chomy Ching, Rev Chan Theam Lai and Rev Dexter Low respectively. Additionally, the construction cost of the Training and Research Centre project at Cyberjaya, Selangor, was approved at the tender price of RM7.5 million including contingencies and fittings.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by exhorting the churches to pray for one another, pray for our nation and to get young people involved in every aspect of faith and ministry.

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New Members - Welcome to the Fellowship!

ORDINARY MEMBER

	CHURCH	TOWN
-1	Antioch Community Church	Mantin
2	Antioch Friends Church JB	Ulu Tiram
3	Ascent Church	Sungai Petani
4	Blessed Christ Life Church, KL	Kuala Lumpur
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12	The Church of Pentecost (COP)	Port Dickson
13	The Lord's Covenant Church	Petaling Jaya
14	Trinity Assembly of God	Kuala Lumpur



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This is the 24th year of our 40-days fast and prayer for the nation, and we are grateful for God's faithfulness that has carried us thus far. As we look back on our previous themes in 2022 and 2023, we are cognisant of the hand of God faithfully leading us step-by-step towards the greater realisation of His purposes for the Church of this nation. In 2022, our theme was "A Heart to Know You" based on Jeremiah 24:7. In 2023, it was "Urgency of the Times" based on Luke 14:23. Sometime before October last year, the theme for 2024 had been decided – even before the onset of the war in Gaza, the destructive earthquake in Japan in January this year, and amid the ongoing war in Ukraine with its global repercussions.

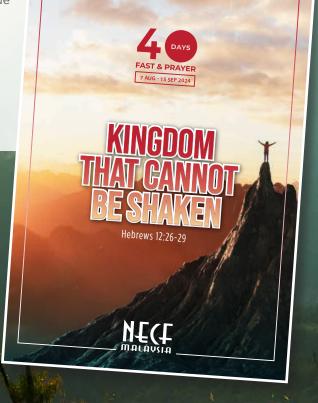
Indeed, this year's theme on "A Kingdom that cannot be shaken" aptly shapes the heart and mind of the Christian navigating a myriad of concerns, especially in view of the escalating geopolitical tensions, climate change and financial instability facing the world today. While many feel that we are living in the last days and some are losing heart over the increasing global volatility, the word of the Lord remains the same, exhorting us to "repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand", and to stand firm gratefully since we have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. This is the certainty and blessed hope we are anchored on. It is also the call to live a holy life of dependence on God, to seek His will, know His purposes, humble ourselves and love one another for the sake of the unity of the Church in this nation.

This year's 40-day fast and prayer marks the 61st year of the formation of Malaysia. As we come together as the Body of Christ in this nation, let us return to gather physically in our respective congregations and strengthen our bonds

of fellowship. This year's fasting and prayer will be launched on August 4, 2024 and will end on September 16, 2024. Here, we would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your faithful support and partnership. May the Lord continue to build His kingdom in our land!

Pastor Samuel Ang

Secretary-General





NECF has always maintained its mission statement which is, "Nation Building through the Local Church". We acknowledge that in order to build strong churches, the local churches need to remain strong.

Immediately after the pandemic and lockdown in 2023, NECF organised a leadership conference and invited Pastors Al and Chrissy Toledo from the Chicago Tabernacle to speak on the theme **"Reset by the Spirit"**





To keep the momentum going, we invited Pastor Al to conduct the **DNA of a Leader** conference. He believes that strengthening the health of its leaders is key to building the church. The end result is that the leaders become privately healthy and publicly fruitful. This event was conducted from 25 - 27 April at Wisma Eagles.

A total of 387 Pastors and leaders from 74 churches locally and abroad signed up for this conference. Those who attended were blessed by the anointed messages on the importance of our personal prayer altars, as well as personal stewardship/servanthood.

Examples of Stewardships

Stewardship 1: Husband/Father

Stewardship 2: Student

Stewardship 3: Preacher

Stewardship 4: Leadership Team Overseer

Stewardship 5: Writer

Stewardship 6: DNA Overseer

Stewardship 7: Home Administrator



Pastor Al Toledo at Wisma Eagles.



Pastor Al Toledo at Wisma Eagles.

Participants found that the speaker 'walked his talk'. The sessions were engaging, and even though Pastor Al condensed the conference to half its time, there were great moments of ministry to the participants.

The most striking comment Pastor AI made was his desire to bless the Malaysian Church, for he had to take time away from his busy schedule to conduct the conference. To him, it was of utmost importance "who you are and what you give out".

Feedback from two participants of the conference:

"The DNA of a leader is a course that every Christian who desires to walk strong and healthy with the Lord should attend, not just leaders." - Jadelyn

"It was a very impactful and well-organised conference that we experienced. Much of the teaching was crucial to harness better stewardship in our ministries and I am totally blessed by the very comprehensive teaching material for the purpose of equipping leaders and ministry heads. I also found that I can put to use the excellent material to nurture the young generation into different areas of stewardship." - Rev Dr Maria Wilson



OA Pastors' Retreat 2024

Embracing Unity and Collaboration

The Orang Asli (OA) Pastors' Retreat at Beacon Resort from 8 - 10 May 2024 brought together over 80 pastors and leaders from diverse tribes and denominations across Peninsula Malaysia. Under the theme "Kesatuan dibangun, Kerajaan Tuhan berkembang" (Where there is unity, the Kingdom of God flourishes), we embarked on a journey of unity and collaboration. Against the serene backdrop of the resort, the retreat featured moments of worship, exhortations and fellowship with participants eager to explore how they could serve in unity in advancing God's kingdom.

I Came, I Saw, I Believed

Meeting the passionate group of OA leaders and the dedicated NECF staff reignited my belief in working alongside NECF. Through our interaction, I discovered the joy in forging relationships for our collective journey ahead.

Witnessing the enthusiasm of the OA pastors and leaders, the future of the OA church radiates with promise and so much potential. Strengthening unity, fostering relationships across diverse OA churches, and serving with unwavering love are the guiding principles of our path forward.

Paths to Unity

Speakers Rev Sam Surendran and Pastor Sanusi encouraged us with these key points:

a. Unity

The OA is urged to unite and commit to Christ, strengthening each other in ministry and fellowship. In unity, we will find strength and victory. Using the analogy of the majestic Sherman Redwood tree, which stands firm amidst earthquakes and storms due to its interlocking root system supported by neighbouring trees, we learned that God provides support through others. Together, we gain strength to weather life's challenges.

b. Genuine Love

The OA is challenged to embody Christ's love and compassion, especially in resolving disputes, attending to each other's needs, and fostering resilient relationships. Showing respect and appreciation for one another's contributions and experiences fosters a positive and supportive environment. It's important to honour God, His servants, and fellow believers, recognizing the value each person brings to the community.



c. Building Bridges

Building bridges involves reaching out, understanding, and reconciling differences. It requires efforts from both sides and a willingness to forgive, move forward, and focus on God's kingdom rather than personal agendas.

As the retreat drew to a close, we departed with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. Our collective commitment to carry the torch of unity and hope into the OA communities stands as a testament to the transformative power of God. Though the journey is littered with many challenges, we carry the hope of the OA community. We witnessed diverse age groups brimming with talent and capabilities, offering hope for His glory and Kingdom. Our long-term plans are placed on identifying, nurturing, and utilising the talents bestowed upon us by God for His glory and the common good of His church in Malaysia.

Appreciation

I extend a heartfelt gratitude to NECF for graciously hosting the OA Pastors' Retreat at Beacon Resort. Special commendations to Sister Ngeh and Sister Joey for their tireless dedication in ensuring the retreat's success, and to the entire OA Komiti NECF for their unwavering commitment and service.

Conclusion

Let us carry forth the flame ignited at the OA Pastors' Retreat, illuminating the path to unity, hope, and transformation for the OA. May the OA community continue to shine brightly as beacons of God's love and grace, touching hearts and transforming lives across the nation.

Kami berdiri bagi Suku Asli kami dan membawa doa kami kepada-Mu. Sesuatu yang besar pasti terjadi dan mengubah bangsa kami. Hanya nama-Mu Tuhan yang ditinggikan atas seluruh bumi.

"We stand for our Indigenous People and lift our prayers to You. Something magnificent will surely come to pass and transform our nation. Your name alone, O Lord, is exalted above all the earth."



40-Day Prayer Launches & Virtual Morning Prayer Altar

The 40-Day Fast and Prayer for the Nation 2024 is fast approaching. With the many orders of the prayer booklets received, we believe, churches are geared up to participate in the fast and prayer season, which begins on 7 August and ends on 15 September 2024, the eve of the 61st Malaysia Day.

NECF invites you to participate in our physical and virtual meetings before or during the 40-Day Fast & Prayer as a family of Christ.

Besides this, we are thankful to partner with the various Pastors' Fellowship groups to host the 40-Day Fast and Prayer launches nationwide to create awareness among local churches to join us during this season of prayer. We have confirmed on-site bi-lingual launches in Kangar, Batu Pahat, Kota Bahru, Kuala Terengganu, and Kuantan. To find out more please contact your local Pastor's Fellowship regarding these launches.

In the Klang Valley, our Official Prayer Launch will be as follows:

Klang Valley 40-Day English/Chinese Fast & Prayer Launch

Date: 4 August 2024 (Sun)

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: GA611 Bread Of Life No.8, Jalan 13/4 46200

Petaling Jaya

40-Day Fast & Prayer Tamil Launch

Date: 25 July 2024 (Thu)

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: FGA No.14, Jalan Waterfall, 48000, Rawang

40-Day Fast & Prayer Bahasa launch

Date: 3 August 2024 (Sat)

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: SIB City Life No.6A-1, Tingkat 1 & 2, Pudu

In regard to our Virtual Morning Prayer Altar, we are collaborating with Malaysia United Firewall (MUFW) to host daily morning zoom meetings during the 40-Day Fast and Pray period. We would like to encourage your members to be part of this Morning Prayer Altar, so as to raise unity across the churches in Malaysia in the area of praying for the nation. We will be using the 40-Day Fast & Prayer booklet as the content for devotion and prayer.

The following is the info regarding the Virtual Morning Prayer Altar:

Date: 7 Aug - 15 Sept 2024 (daily, except Sunday)

Time: 6.30-8.00am Zoom ID: 854 9154 8189 Password: mufwpa

Link: http://tiny.cc/ariseshine

With challenging times ahead of us for both the Church and the nation, our desire is to encourage Christians to devote their time and effort, by setting apart this coming 40 days to make a spiritual impact through this significant event.





Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM)

NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR CFM

The CFM wishes to announce that Rev Andy Chi took over the role of the Executive Secretary of the CFM from Mr Tan Kong Beng on 1 June, 2024.

We are grateful to Kong Beng who has been the CFM's faithful and diligent Executive Secretary since November 2008. He completed his contract with CFM at the end of May 2024. We covet God's continued favour upon him and his family as he seeks to serve the Christian community at large.

We request your prayers for both Rev Andy as he assumes the role of the Executive Secretary of CFM, and for Kong Beng as he ventures into a new phase of life and Christian ministry.

The CFM would also like to announce the change of her official contact number. The new CFM contact number is 012-9830 561 and any inquiry should be directed to inquiry@cfmsia.org / cfmes@cfmsia.org.





Invitation to Partner with Us

The General Assembly at the recent BGM gave the approval to proceed with the construction of the Training and Resource Centre at Cyberjaya.

The land was given by the Selangor State Government in October 2015 and covers an area of 21,716 square feet, with a final built-up area of 15,623 square feet. It is situated in the heart of Setia Eco-Glades, which started development five years ago.

The project was reported at a cost of RM 5.3 million during the 2022 NECF BGM. However, with rising costs over the last two years, the lowest tender submitted now stands at **RM7.5 million** and this includes contingencies and fittings. With the current Building Fund balance of RM3.0 million, we now need to raise **RM4.5 million** to complete the project.

The tender process has completed its course and the project has been awarded to Harta Intan Sdn Bhd from Penang. The construction commencement is expected to **begin around July 2024.**

The building design has a low-maintenance strategy that will incorporate natural ventilation with an open space concept.

The NECF Council invites you and your church to participate in this national project. If you wish to make a contribution, kindly transfer your funds to the **National Evangelical Christian Fellowship**, **Public Bank Bhd**, Account Number **3223063701**.



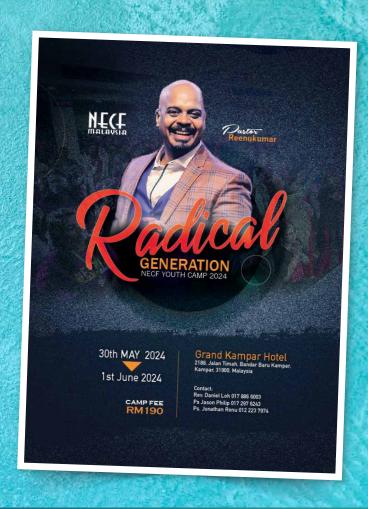
Tamil Youth Camp 2024

History was made when the NECF Tamil YouthNet hosted its first-ever youth camp, which took place from 30 May - 1 June, 2024, at the Grand Kampar Hotel, Perak.

The camp was attended by 200 vibrant young people along with dedicated volunteers and the NECF Tamil Commission committee members who were present to serve and encourage the youth.

The theme of the camp, 'Radical Generation,' had a profound impact on the youth, challenging them to live, walk, and serve God radically. The three-day, twonight camp was an open heaven, creating a tangible environment of God's presence through extravagant worship and hearts that longed for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit.

The main speaker Rev Reenukumar, Senior Pastor of Rock Eternal Church, Chennai, India, shared a simple, practical and yet profound message, encouraging the





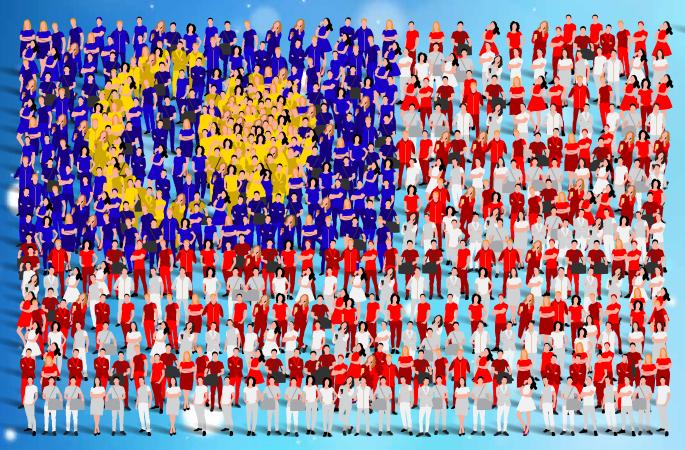


youth to think and change radically for God. Every session empowered, built up, and spurred the passion in every youth's heart; renewing, refreshing, and recharging them to be a radical generation that would make a difference in their lives, families and local churches.

The camp featured five workshop sessions, covering topics such as radical prayer, radical evangelism, radical mission, radical leadership, and radical kingdom building. These sessions were led by respected workshop speakers, including Rev Jayaraj Govindan, Rev Timothy Raj, Pastor Derwin Philip, Rev Vincent Selliah and Dato' Seri Dr Yakaya.

Additionally, there were two special sessions, one for boys and one for girls, led by Datuk Seri Windsor John and Sis Mary Daniel Loh respectively. These sessions focused on radically overcoming trials, temptations, and challenges in the lives of young people.

The camp was a success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of the team committee. All glory to God for the wonderful experience!



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