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CELEBRATING AND
REJOICING ON NECF'S
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A unique milestone indeed, all made possible by the prevailing and unspeakable goodness of God, and through the dedicated leadership and oversight of various churches represented under NECF.

As we rejoice with NECF on its 40th anniversary, we are privileged to enjoy in the following pages the recount of many on the heartbeat of God, and His goodness and faithfulness through the thick and thin of NECF's remarkable journey.

We pray that the endeavours of the future will be rooted in the word of God and prayer, with persevering faith and soaring passion to be the vehicle that will transform the nation.

1 Corinthians 2:9 – But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Journeying forward, may our love for God be rekindled to spur the churches to greater works in being the salt and light for His kingdom on earth.



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"Do Better"

By Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng, NECF Chairman

As we reflect on our 40-year journey, we witness nothing but the incredible grace of God with our pathway continuously strewn with the goodness of God.

Since the formation of NECF, we have seen the Lord leading us to leaders with a shared vision and burden to form and build a national alliance of evangelical churches. Today, NECF represents over 4000 evangelical churches. And being united as one of the 3 founding component members of the Christian Federation of Malaysia, it has become a credible voice in our nation.

The process of defining and refining our goals to give support, strength, and leadership has been demanding. We struggled with finding good men with a burden for the Kingdom beyond their local churches, to embrace the vision of "transforming the nation through the local church." With time, the Body matured with many rising to put off narrow visions of local church interests and to engage in community works, besides taking on the "seven-mountain vision" of nation building.

The first inaugural meeting of NECF was held 40 years ago, in Luther House, Petaling Jaya. We witnessed the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night as we meandered through the wilderness. Indeed, it has been a fruitful journey. Some noteworthy milestones in our 40-year journey were:

1. The many good men who stepped up to be Secretary-General for NECF.
2. The formation of the various language commissions besides the prayer commission, the business commission, the women's commission, the research, the evangelism, and the leadership commissions.
3. The hosting of the WEA (World Evangelical Alliance) conference in Malaysia.
4. The founding of the NECF Foundation to provide financial assistance to pastors and their families who are in need of medical and educational support.
5. The formation of the Christian Federation of Malaysia, representing no less than 95% of all churches in Malaysia (today we remain one of the 3 component members of CFM).
6. 20 years of hosting the life transforming 40-Days Fast & Prayer movement.
7. The launch of the nationwide "prayer altar" movement.
8. The establishment of the Christian Heritage Fund, to spearhead the promotion of the Word and encourage the study of apologetics.
9. The significant revival meetings with Reinhard Bonnke, Carlos Annacondia and Guillermo Maldonado, which brought about extraordinary breakthroughs in individuals and in the nation.



As we reminisce about our past, all I can think about is God's goodness - His amazing favour is indeed upon NECF. We acknowledge we are in a good place today. As we look forward to the future, we are hopeful.

The harvest is plentiful and there is much to be done. Though the future is fraught with daunting challenges, we are determined to be both purpose-driven and promise-guided.

I want to claim Ezekiel 36:11 as God's promise for NECF for the next ten years. We can be encouraged that He will "do better" for us. In Ezekiel 36:11 God says, "I will... do better for you than at your beginnings...". It is not that we need to do better - though this we must - but *it is He who will do better.*

With this blessed assurance, our next ten years can be and will be better than our first 40 years.

As we embrace the future (would we have another 40 years before Jesus finally returns?), my exhortation to all is that we will diligently aim to be the bride ready for His return. May we be found ploughing in His vineyard with our garments untainted by any form of uncleanness.

When the people of God ended their 40-year journey, the resounding exhortation to the leadership and the people at the edge of the Jordan River was "be strong and courageous." This is God's exhortation to the generation who are privileged to cross over. As we faithfully sanctify ourselves and prepare to march forward, He will "do better" for us "than at our beginnings."

On our 40th anniversary, let us all proclaim, "To God be the glory, great things He has done for us."

The Late Mr David Boler

NECF First Chairman

Mr David Boler was the man responsible for the ground work for what is now the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship of Malaysia (NECF Malaysia). He would then go on to serve as the first Chairman of NECF from 1983 to 1994 with the main purpose of uniting evangelicals from various denominational backgrounds so as to further the cause of God's kingdom here in Malaysia.

During his tenure as the NECF Chairman, one of his major contributions within the NECF grouping of churches has been to convince the evangelical churches of the need for Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) and Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST). In his article entitled "Christians in a Plural Society-Cooperation-An Evangelical Perspective," he presented the case with the relevant reservations and objections raised against such an involvement.

Mr David Boler who came from the Brethren Assembly, was able to provide a moderating influence through some difficult issues that related to the Christian community and churches.

Where NECF is today, is attributed to both his vision and foresight in understanding the role of evangelicals for the Malaysian Church in a pluralistic society like Malaysia.

Note: This is an extract from The Pursuit of God's Cause: In honour of David Boler, ed. Ooi Chin Aik and Tan Jin Huat, NECF Malaysia (1998, Selangor) and based on interviews with Dr Ooi Chin Aik, Rev Dr Tan Jin Huat and Pr Samuel Ang.



Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Guneratnam

Advisor, NECF

God has certainly blessed NECF these past 40 years since its inception when a small group of like-minded individuals from diverse Christian traditions initiated a fellowship that has become the voice of the evangelicals to our nation.

The unity through a shared vision and mission of each member church and organisation to promote and propagate Christian values has enabled NECF to bless our nation. Through its strong advocacy on issues related to Christian practice and witness, and dialogue with relevant groups, the fellowship has continued to show the relevance of the gospel in our national life.

I believe that the strength of the Malaysian Churches is invariably linked to the spiritual health of each individual believer and the vibrancy of each local church. NECF has been dedicated to emphasise the importance of biblical leadership, prayer, evangelism and discipleship through the setting up of specific commissions, and activities such as prayer rallies and evangelistic efforts which cross denominational boundaries.

May we continue as a people united by God's call and "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that (our) labour is not in vain in the Lord". (1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV)

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity ...

For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

(Psalm 133:1,3b)

“Lord, Make Us Bold About Jesus”

Pastor Samuel Ang



Since its incorporation in 1982, without a shadow of doubt, many who have journeyed together in NECF can testify that God’s goodness has been evident and transforming in the past 40 years. Indeed, God has been faithful to us.

What God has been to us in the last 40 years was like what He was with the Israelites during their 40 years in the wilderness, a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire during the night.

The challenge for us as Evangelical Church for the future should be this cry **“Lord, Make Us Bold About Jesus”**. As a church of tomorrow, we are expected to face challenging times and the road ahead will not be easy.

In Acts 4:29-30 (NKJV) the early church declared this prayer, “Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

We are familiar with this account in Acts 4, but the event changed the future direction of the early church in the following areas:

1. The content of the prayer shaped the people who prayed.
2. The people became unusually bold because they had been with Jesus. They spoke of Jesus clearly, both of his person and work, on the grounds of what the Scriptures say, even when it might have cost them their lives.
3. Being “uneducated, common men” (Acts 4:13) and with the profession as *Fishermen*, they had prayed for boldness to speak the word of God and that greatly agitated the Jewish leaders.

Like the early church, my prayer is that our churches will rise up to the same measure of boldness as Jerusalem did in the days of Peter and John. We need the crystal-clear witness of who Jesus is and what He has come to do.

To begin with we need to know *who we are*. We are to recover the truth as needed, and live it out — even though it is the last thing our society wants to hear from us.

Dato' Dr Daniel Ho

Ex-General Secretary of NECF



As the founding General Secretary of the NECF from 1986-1995, there were the highs and the lows, the agonies and the ecstasies. But it had been well worth the amazing faith-stretching journey. There are three significant milestones I would like to highlight:

1. NECF was able to build a strong, clear, credible and respectable evangelical voice in the nation and bringing its contribution to national and social life. It was able to garner much respect in her engagements with the social, political and religious groups in the nation. Moreover, the various commissions within the NECF were able to utilise their expertise to bear on the spiritual, social, legal, ethical, economic and political issues in the nation.
2. We contributed significantly towards building understanding and consensus in working with the Catholic Church in Malaysia and the Council of Churches of Malaysia. Through that, the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) was formed to represent the Christian voice in the nation ever since.

The CFM was also unique in the global evangelical world where we could speak with clarity on the perimeters of Christian cooperation and representation. Furthermore, NECF had the opportunity to contribute in the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism, which represents the non-Muslim voice in the nation on issues affecting all non-Muslims in common like places of worship, burial grounds, visas for foreign priests, and the teaching of moral education in public schools, etc. Such inter-religious cooperation and representation is again unique in the world.

3. In the 10 years period, NECF became one of the top 10 evangelical movements in the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). It also contributed significantly in the Religious Liberty Commission of WEA and we played an important role in WEA, securing a seat in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in the early 1990's. This has been a crucial platform to speak on behalf of Christians persecuted for their faith or denied their religious rights across the globe.



Dr Ooi Chin Aik

Ex-Secretary-General

It is an honour and privilege to be invited to pen a few words on the occasion of NECF's 40th Anniversary. Having served for 6 years in NECF (1991-1997), it is heart-warming to trace its development and contributions to the Church in Malaysia and beyond:

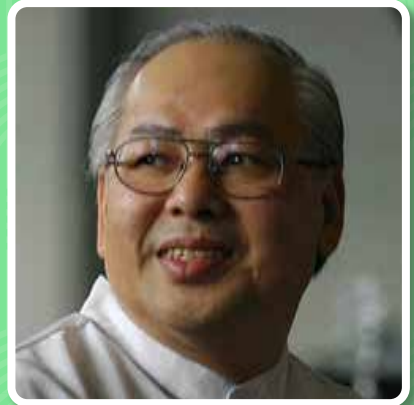
- 1) As an Evangelical voice together with the Christian Federation of Malaysia in representing the interests of the Malaysian Churches to the government on Religious Freedom and practice of the Christian faith;
- 2) As an enabler in the strengthening of the Evangelical churches through the many equipping seminars and Commissions e.g. Fellowship of Missions, Legal Commission, Youth Commission, Bahasa Malaysia Commission etc.; and
- 3) As a member of the Evangelical Fellowship of Asia and World Evangelical Alliance in disciplining the nations for Christ.

I sincerely wish NECF Godspeed and God's richest blessings as it seeks to honour the Lord by strengthening and equipping the churches in Malaysia for more effective witness in the years ahead.

Happy 40th Anniversary!

Rev Wong Kim Kong

Ex-Secretary-General and Executive Advisor



Since its inception, the NECF has further strengthened the visible presence of the evangelical churches in Malaysia. The outstanding growth and contributions of the evangelical churches, especially in the urban cities are significant and noteworthy.

In reminiscent, the late Elder David Boler, first and retired Chairman of the NECF then, challenged me to consider taking up the full-time position of the Secretary-General. It took me almost a year to relinquish my other positions and responsibilities before assuming the new leadership role.

I felt most inadequate to assume such leadership responsibly, yet at that juncture it was crucial for the evangelical presence to be felt and heard in the nation. The national and spiritual climate of our land required a strong and viable evangelical presence and support.

Our immediate task was to establish a workable and efficient staff-team. Over a period, we were able to establish one to carry out the various functions. The NECF prayerfully and successfully hosted and organised international and national leadership conferences and be a visible presence of our Christian witness to the community.

It is my prayer that NECF would remain visible, viable, vital, and visionary in its future endeavours. God bless the ministry!



Rev Chan Theam Lai

NECF is a household name for Malaysian churches simply because of its inspiring impact and remarkable role that has been fulfilled over the past 40 years. I want to celebrate together with you the Goodness of God upon NECF as we give thanks for the 40 years of fulfillment in sharing and working out the burdens of local churches.

I served as a council member of NECF for 10 years and a brief tenure as the Secretary-General for one year in 2012. There were significant moments when NECF stood up for churches that were threatened with closure due to legal and financial challenges. The long stretching 'Allah' and 'Alkitab' issues that were critical to our Bahasa Malaysia churches were taken up by NECF legal teams. Even throughout the 2 to 3 years of Covid-19 pandemic period, and compounded by the yearly devastating floods, were overwhelming concerns that greatly affected the local churches and its communities.

NECF rallied together to explore and execute recovery plans to assist churches regain grounds to offset the losses incurred. Another significant role of NECF was on the aspect of national developments. They were key support in helping local churches expand and negotiate with local and national authorities on tax and fund relief issues.

Mr Eugene Yapp

Ex-Secretary-General



As Biblical history has consistently demonstrated, the goodness of God is an act of mercy by God to preserve the life and witness of the nation of Israel and then the Church as God's people. The nation of Israel and the church then was never meant to live for themselves, but for the sake of God and His kingdom.

So, it is with NECF Malaysia. Over the 40 years since its inception, the goodness of God over NECF on many counts and over many fronts was never meant for the benefit of the organisation but for the sake of being a witness in this land and the society we all call Malaysia. While praising God for all that He has done in times past, such blessing of goodness over the organisation also bespeaks of an urgent and indeed much needed realisation; NECF was preserved through God's goodness so that it may continue to shine forth and be a voice in matters of truth, justice and righteousness in these challenging times.

Congratulations to NECF on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, and may God grant abundant grace to NECF as a living witness and testimony!

Rev Andy Chi

Ex-Secretary-General



My term as Assistant Secretary-General to Acting Secretary-General and eventually briefly as Secretary-General provided me an invaluable exposure and experience in NECF. These were often hidden or unknown to the general Christian body, of the complexity and challenges of the ministry of NECF due to the national political and religious environment. It gave me a greater appreciation and fresh perspective of NECF's vital and necessary role as a representative, a voice, a fellowship, a movement, a catalyst and an advocate for the evangelical body and the Christian community at large.

Let us continue to give our unified support to the NECF leadership and secretariat as they navigate and lead us into the next 40 years.



(L to R)

Elder Chan Cheng Lock, Honorary Treasurer; Bishop. Ong Sek Leang, Vice-Chairman I; Rev. Elisha Satvinder, Honorary Secretary; Rev. Dr Eu Hong Seng, Chairman; Elder Dr Khoo Kay Hup, Vice-Chairman II (2nd. right) & Pr. Chomy Ching Choon Mee (extreme right), Assistant Honorary Treasurer with Pr. Samuel Ang, Secretary-General (3rd. right).

ROLE OF EXCO

Made up of 6 principal officers, each blessed with His gifting, often meet to discuss, deliberate and provide the direction and spiritual oversight to the Council and Evangelical Churches in the country.

United by a spirit of mutual respect, camaraderie and discernment, they continue to pursue God's purpose for His Church in our nation.

Bishop Ong Sek Leang

NECF Vice-Chairman I and General Superintendent
Assemblies of God of Malaysia



Congratulations National Evangelical Christian Fellowship (NECF), as you celebrate the auspicious occasion of your 40th Anniversary.

The National Evangelical Christian Fellowship was birthed 40 years ago with the vision of "Transforming the Nation through the Local Church". You have been a great blessing to the local churches, denominations and various Christian ministries in Malaysia.

God has used you and your leadership to be a steady influence to the Body of Christ at many crucial and defining seasons in the spiritual, social and political arenas in the nation. We pray that God will continue to release His divine favour and goodness that is so evident on NECF the last 40 years in an exponential measure as you continue to impact the Evangelical churches and ministries in Malaysia.

May God make NECF a prophetic voice that will bring clarity, hope and direction as we venture closer to the 2nd Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe the "Goodness of God" upon NECF will bring new anointings and opportunities for wiser, greater and more effective engagement on the spiritual, social and political platforms of our beloved Malaysia.

God Bless You.

Elder Dr Khoo Kay Hup

NECF Vice-Chairman II



My Role in NECF: Prayer Altar Discipline

I have been a Council member since 1992, and in April 2015 I was seconded to NECF full-time to help spearhead the Prayer Altar Discipline with members of NECF. It fell in line with my desire to see lives transformed through earnest prayers.

My desire is to train members of local churches to rise up in prayer for their church, their community and this nation, on a regular and consistent basis like what Daniel and his 3 friends did when they were taken as captives to Babylon.

I believe God wants us to develop a burden for prayer for His kingdom. After my late wife and I experienced a deep encounter with God in the Prayer Revival in Full Gospel Assembly KL in 2012, my hunger for prayer grew, and so did my faith.

My greatest joy through this journey is to see God's people enjoy reading many chapters of the Bible daily in a chronological order. As a result, their prayer lives improved, and their love and devotion for God also increased.

Encouraging more people to dedicate their time to intercede for the nation was challenging. But I am grateful to God for providing me good and supportive pastors, leaders and intercessors who have taken this journey and are urging others to join them.

As the NECF enters a new season, my hope is to see the reflection of the believers' attitude in Daniel 11:32b, to rise up in spurring others fulfil their God-given destiny in this nation.

Rev Elisha Satvinder

NECF Honorary Secretary



Congratulations to The National Evangelical Christian Fellowship for its 40th year anniversary, with the vision of “Transforming the Nation through the Local Church”.

The number 40 in the Bible is fascinating, generally symbolising a period of testing, trial and at the end, triumph, strongly connected to the fulfilment of God’s promises.

We have been through many valley moments and mountain top experiences, where faith and vision were tested, forged and solidified; preparing us for the next 40 years, even as we believe that the best is yet to come!

Rev Chomy Ching

Assistant Honorary Treasurer



Keep up the good work

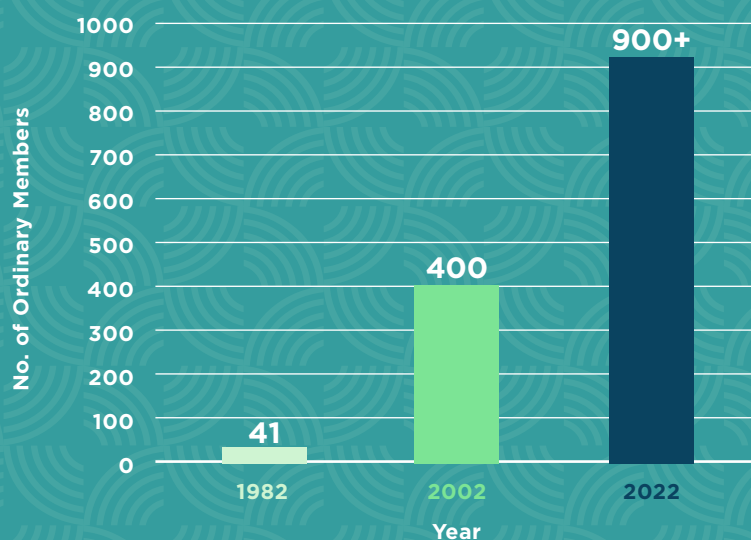
Forty years is neither a long nor a short time! Congratulations to NECF for not giving up its role and holding staunchly its position to help establish and maintain a well-built network system among the evangelical churches in Malaysia.

For the past 2 decades, NECF has mobilized churches of all languages to fast and pray for the nation for 40 days during the Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day celebrations. Furthermore, it has also organised a donation drive for disaster victims, churches and families who were badly affected in the pandemic season. We believe education is the building block of the nation and it was our joy to be able to provide financial assistance in the education aspect as well as investing towards the development of certain spiritual ministries.

I hereby congratulate NECF and may it continue to create a greater impact and significant progress in the coming years!

Keep up the good work as the journey is long and the task is heavy.

NECF Membership



Growth in NECF Membership

NECF started with 41 ordinary members in 1982, the year it was founded. The membership grew to 400 ordinary members in 2002. There is further growth to over 900 ordinary members representing more than 4,000 churches in 2022.

**Front Row (L to R) :**

Pastor Clement Tan,
Rev Andy Chi,
Pastor Samuel Ang,
Rev Daniel Loh
Pastor Nick Resien

Back Row (L to R) :

Tan Poh Kian,
Mashelle Kasumin,
Usun Wan, Yvonne Chin,
Dr Ngeh Hoong Eng
Kathryn Tan

TESTIMONIES OF NECF STAFF

“ Thanks for the opportunity to serve in NECF. Praise the Lord for His Grace, Strength and Providence. ”

Katryn Tan (Executive Secretary Finance/NECF Foundation)

“ Through NECF, God gave me the vision for unity among the churches. (Psalms 133:1). ”

Dr Ngeh Hoong Eng (Executive Secretary Chinese/Orang Asli)

“ It has been a great journey and experience for me in NECF. The current leadership in its drive for excellence has poured out their heart and soul to lead and train me to be passionate, efficient, and effective in serving the nation. ”

Rev. Daniel Loh (Executive Secretary Tamil Commission)

“ I am thankful for God's faithfulness and how He has brought NECF through the many moments and times when we needed His wisdom and intervention. It is good to be able to witness God's goodness to NECF for up to 40 years now and I am waiting to see how God's goodness unfolds as NECF approaches a new season. ”

Ms Yvonne Chin (Confidential Secretary/Personal Assistant to Secretary-General)

“ I thank NECF for the opportunity to serve churches through my involvement as a staff in the annual flagship event of the 40-Day Fast and Prayer, prayer altar initiatives in Peacehaven and pastor fellowships nationwide. Serving in NECF has enlarged my vision and love for this nation. ”

Ms. Tan Poh Kian (Assistant Executive Secretary Prayer)

“ I give thanks to our great God for the opportunity to serve and be part of NECF's ministry in our nation. It is a joy to witness NECF being a blessing to the churches and community at large. ”

Pastor Clement Tan (Assistant Executive Secretary Legal and Research)

“ I am grateful for the opportunity that God has given me to be indirectly involved in the national transformation of the church in Malaysia through the local church. ”

Ms Usun Wan (Administrative Secretary)

“ Working for NECF has been a blessing and great experience for me. May this anniversary of our organisation be a sign that its good work and blessed ministry will continue. ”

Ms Mashelle Kasumin (Administrative Assistant)

THE PRESENT NECF COUNCIL COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS :

REV. DR EU HONG SENG | BISHOP ONG SEK LEANG | ELDER DR KHOO KAY HUP | REV. ELISHA SATVINDER |
ELDER CHAN CHENG LOCK | PR. CHOMY CHING CHOON MEE | PR. BINA AGONG | REV. DEXTER LOW |
REV. RICHARD YUN | PR. TAY WAH SENG | ELDER THOMAS LIM KOK BENG | REV. DR. VICTOR LEE |
REV. FOO MOY PENG | REV. CHAN THEAM LAI | REV. SESURAJA ANTHONY | REV. DATUK JERRY DUSING

WORD FROM SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Foo Moy Peng

We give thanks to God that under His faithful guidance, NECF has been faithfully and courageously assuming its role and calling for the land of our beloved nation since its inception. Some of the notable initiatives taken were as follows:

1. Safeguarding the purity and holiness of the Body of Christ, exalting the truth, championing faith and proclaiming the Gospel;
2. Organizing an annual event of 40-Day Fast and Prayer for the nation, and mobilizing churches in building prayer altars, so as to comprehend and align ourselves to the heartbeat of God in this age;
3. Facilitating the unity among churches, promoting revival and driving transformation;
4. Synergizing the gifts, professions and resources of the believers, and functioning as a united platform to shape wise stewardship and provide leadership to the churches;
5. Caring for the vulnerable communities, calling forth and promoting social righteousness and justice.



Dr Victor Lee

Personal Reflection: From One Generation To The Next Generation

As the youngest member of the NECF Council, I witnessed the transition of the baton of leadership from one generation to another. The Lord has raised strong and faithful spiritual giants in the past, paving the way for future generations. Many spiritual leaders have set good examples of dedication and diligence in the ministry of the Gospel. They have devoted their time and resources to the purpose of extending God's kingdom on earth. Although some have fallen into temptations of power, wealth, and immorality, there were still others who humbly served God faithfully until the end. God has always preserved a remnant of saints, regardless of the ugly existence of evil in the world. These Christ-like leaders of NECF will join the cloud of witnesses to cheer on the next generation in fulfilling the journey of faith.

Truly, the next generation will require the support of the wise sages of the former generations to continue the work of the Kingdom.

The Lord is good, His love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations! (Psalm 100:5)





Rev Dexter Low

Council Member

The Pivotal Role Of The Church In The End Time

The “Last Days” (Heb 1:2-3) started when God sent Jesus, and continues to this day (Acts 2:17-20 c.f. Rev.6 - pertaining to events before the Day of the Lord). We have seen the “Blood Moon”, witnessed various elements, a foretaste of things to come. Not the full manifestation yet, but we are seeing an increasing momentum.

Based on Acts 1:6-8, our role is not to be fearful, nor be bystanders. Rather, to be the agent of God’s kingdom to transform lives and nations by the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to be equipped to bring in the harvest

and prepare His people to be the triumphant church like the White Horse of the First Seal (Rev.6:2), partnering with God to bring down principalities and powers in the unseen realm and experience the transformation of cultures in alignment with His kingdom purposes till Rev 11:15.

When we witness the unleashing of the spirit of war and bloodshed of The 2nd Seal (Red Horse), we should arise to stand in the gap, humble ourselves and pray that nations turn implements of war into implements of peace and productivity (Is.2:4).

When we witness the outbreak of “scarcity of food and high inflation of essentials”, like that of the 3rd Seal (Black Horse) and the devastation of pestilences, wars, plagues, wild beasts (Rev.6:6-7), the people of God need to stand between the living and the dead, like Aaron with his censer and David with his burnt offering, to turn away wrath and plead for His mercy to spare people and nations, forgiving our sins and healing our land. (2 Chron.7:14)

Pastor Tay Wah Seng

I wish to thank God for the vision of our pioneering leaders in establishing NECF. It has been the voice of the evangelical community for over a generation and leading us through the many challenges facing the Malaysian church. Throughout the years, many churches have come together in unity and prayer at the local, regional and national levels as we realise the need to be God’s mouthpiece for the nation.

It has been a privilege to serve in the Council and at the local level for a good number of years.

May the Lord continue to lead us the way forward in the future, to bring about a great revival and growth, spiritually and numerically.



Rev Richard Yun

I count it a great privilege to serve in my first term as Council Member of NECF. There are 4 observations worth mentioning about NECF:

- I witnessed the unity, cooperation and fellowship of the Evangelical churches and ministries that have certainly blessed the work of God in our nation.
- God has blessed our nation through “NECF member churches who have united together on a shared vision and mission to promote and propagate Christian values” (quote from Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Guneratnam, former NECF Chairman).
- I am so encouraged that through my involvement with the NECF Council I could see how the Lord has helped NECF to be a strong advocate on issues related to the Evangelical churches and the nation and make our faith very relevant in our national life.
- In their participation together in the 40-Day Fast and Prayer as well as the many specific works and events of the NECF Commissions, the churches and Christian ministries associated with NECF have certainly been a voice of the Evangelical community in Malaysia and beyond.

Congratulations to NECF on your 40th Anniversary!



Bishop Efraim M. Tendero

Global Ambassador, World Evangelical Alliance



For forty years, God has raised and directed the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship (NECF) in Malaysia and to a certain extent, NECF has fulfilled the three greatest concerns of Jesus.

First is the “Greatest Commandment” in Matthew 22; that is, for God’s people to become agents of transformation as they manifest His standard of loving God above all and loving their neighbours as themselves.

NECF accomplished this when they initiated the 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting where not only adults but also children are encouraged to fast, pray, and act for the good of the nation. This annual event moved them to action in 2004 when they raised RM 100,000 for the suffering children in Darfur, Sudan due to the ongoing armed conflict and famine there.

Second, for people to observe the greatest commandment, they need to accomplish the “Great Commission” of Jesus, which is to make disciples of all nations as stated in Matthew 28:18-20.

NECF’s obedience to the Great Commission was seen by their partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in mobilizing the national evangelistic outreach through the Mission World Asia.

The desire to disciple the nation was also shown when a crowd of about 60,000 attendees from more than 1,200 churches filled the stadium each night for three successive nights during the Emmanuel Celebration and Evangelistic Rally that provided the impetus for a Breakthrough Conference and Rally in the year 2000.

Third, for the Great Commission to reach fulfilment, the church as the body of Christ needs to live out the “Great Collaboration” that the Lord Jesus prayed for in John 17:20-21: “that they may be one” so that the world may believe in Him.

The NECF was also established to showcase unity in diversity so that the evangelicals could gain a credible voice in Malaysia. Unity among Christians gave a strong witness to the community and to the nation as well as the credibility that encouraged a few businessmen to provide the funds to purchase an office for NECF.

It also allowed them to host the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) International Consultation on Globalization and the 11th General Assembly of the WEA that was graced by none other than then Prime Minister Dr. Mohamad Mahathir.

For the past 40 years, God has shown His love to you. As you celebrate your years of existence, you also face challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. However, being assured of His faithfulness and lovingkindness, you can look forward in the years ahead to achieving greater growth, pursuing further development, and making a more significant impact.

Godfrey Yogarajah

Chairman, Asia Evangelical Alliance



On behalf of the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA), it is my joy to extend our greetings and best wishes to NECF Malaysia on its 40th anniversary. Throughout the years, NECF has been faithful in defending and advancing the gospel in Malaysia. It is also noteworthy that, during this time, NECF has grown in influence and stature and today represents over 60 percent of the churches in the country. Furthermore, NECF has also shown great commitment to the work of the AEA and extended its support to other national alliances in the region. We are truly proud, therefore, to have NECF as a long-standing member.

I want to especially take this opportunity to congratulate the NECF's leadership, both past and present, for their dedicated work during the past four decades. We praise and thank God that their labour of love has led to much fruit over the years! In particular, I also want to commend the present leadership, Rev. Dr. Eu Hong Seng, the Chairman of NECF and Pastor Samuel Ang, the Secretary-General of NECF for the leadership which they have provided to the ministry. It has truly been a joy to witness their unwavering passion and commitment to God's work in Malaysia and beyond.

As the AEA, our prayer is that NECF would continue to be a visible, viable and vibrant entity that blazes trails for the gospel in the nation and beyond. We look forward to working closely with NECF as it continues its work to foster Christian unity, strengthen identity and serve as a platform for gospel witness in Malaysia.

May God guide you and bless you as you build His Kingdom.

Bambang Budijanto, Ph.D.

General Secretary/CEO



Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits (Psalm 103:2)

Indeed, in these past 40 years, God has always been good and faithful to the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship of Malaysia (NECF). The Asia Evangelical Alliance is grateful for the way God has used NECF to strengthen the Kingdom of God in Malaysia and the way NECF has blessed churches outside Malaysia.

On this important occasion, the Asia Evangelical Alliance would like to congratulate the leaders and members of NECF on their 40th year anniversary of impacts and fruitfulness. May the Lord continue to bless, strengthen, and enlarge the ministry of NECF.

AEA is looking forward to a strong and Kingdom driven collaborations with NECF in the years to come.

All Glory to God!

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF SINGAPORE (EAS)

Dr Lawrence Chia

Chairman



As NECF Malaysia celebrates its 40th Anniversary, we in the Evangelical Alliance of Singapore, greatly rejoice and resonate with our dear brethren across the causeway. We truly thank and praise the Lord for the much admired and appreciated work and witness you have sown and displayed over the years. We send you our prayerful congratulations and best wishes.

You have been exemplary and encouraging in serving HIM, not only in your own nation but also in HIS wider work such as through both the WORLD and ASIA EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES.

We look forward to our increasing partnership in prayer and a multitude of other ways in days ahead to HIS GLORY.

NECF's Relationship with Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA)

NECF has been part of Evangelical Fellowship of Asia (EFA) since its inception. EFA subsequently changed its name to Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA) to follow World Evangelical Alliance (WEA).

NECF continues to support the mission of AEA which exists to promote and nurture networks and collaborations among Evangelicals in Asia for the purpose of strengthening and expanding the Kingdom of God in Asia and beyond.

The current vision of AEA is that by 2030 AEA will be recognized as the highly trusted and strategic platform for collaboration among Evangelicals in Asia.

We are truly honoured to receive congratulatory messages from Godfrey Yogarajah, Chairman of Asia Evangelical Alliance, Dr Bambang Budijanto, General Secretary/CEO of Asia Evangelical Alliance and Dr Lawrence Chia, Chairman of Evangelical Alliance of Singapore which is a member of Asia Evangelical Alliance.



NECF's Relationship with Christian Federation of Malaysia and the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST)

In order to present a united voice for Christians, NECF is fully committed to CFM's objective to unite the Christian community based on the authority of the Holy Bible and the cardinal doctrines as set forth in the Apostles' Creed. NECF also supports CFM's efforts to reinforce and extend through dialogues and consultations, the areas of common agreement among the various Christian groups in the country.

As a component body of CFM, NECF participates in MCCBCHST which is the non-Muslim voice on issues and matters that affect or are of interest to the non-Muslims. It is at this platform where mutual respect is given to each other and where our emphasis relates to nation building and preserving our religious freedom as enshrined in our Malaysian Constitution.



CFM's Hi-Tea 2017 at Metro Tabernacle A/G Church

NECF was very much involved in the formation of the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM). The founding Chairman of NECF was the first Chairman of CFM. As a national body, CFM represented the Christian community so that the united voice of Christians in Malaysia on national issues and other matters that affect or are of interest to them could be heard, especially in Malaysia.



MCCBCHST members celebrated the 8th Anniversary of the World Interfaith Harmony at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre on 21 February 2019

What Has Happened In The Last 40 Years?

God's timely direction and provision through His people was indeed the guiding light that anchored NECF during its 40 years journey. Prior to the founding of NECF, the evangelical churches were lacking a credible voice in Malaysia. There was a need for unity in diversity to present a strong Christian witness to the community and the nation. This opened the door to the formation of NECF, to stand in the gap as a transforming agent in nation building.

As described according to the following timeline, are the major events of NECF since its founding till the present day.

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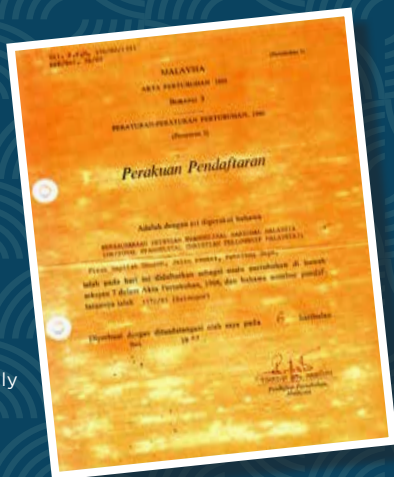
On March 21, 1982, 41 people from various churches gathered at Luther House in Petaling Jaya to form the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship Malaysia. At this First Inaugural Meeting, Mr. David Boler was appointed the Chairman.



Minutes of the First Inaugural Meeting

1983

On May 6, 1983, NECF Malaysia was officially registered with the Registrar of Societies (ROS). Mr. David Boler and Pastor James Lai were elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively at the 1st Annual General Meeting on March 24, 1984 at Luther House, Petaling Jaya. Mr. Boler remained as NECF Chairman until the 4th Biennial General Meeting (BGM) on April 23, 1994.



NECF officially registered with ROS

1985

In 1985, the Christian Federation of Malaysia comprising NECF Malaysia, the Council of Churches of Malaysia (CCM) and the Roman Catholic Church was formed. Then in January 1986, Dato' Dr. Daniel Ho joined as the General Secretary and the newsletter *Berita NECF* was started in the same year.



Formation of Christian Federation of Malaysia

1987

The early years were relatively calm beginning with the ship M.V. Doulos' visit to Malaysia in 1987 which received wide publicity and attracted huge crowds.

However, in October 1987, the nation faced a serious challenge when politicians and others were arrested, including a number of evangelical leaders by the police during *Operation Lalang*.



Visit of M.V. Doulos to Malaysia

1988

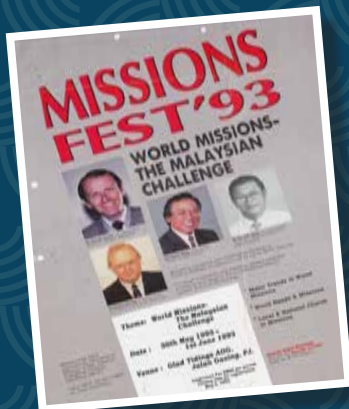
In 1988, approval was received from the Home Affairs Ministry (KDN) to publish *Berita NECF*.

1990

In 1990, NECF partnered with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) to mobilise a national evangelistic outreach through Mission World Asia.



BGEA's Mission World Asia Meeting



Dr Leighton Ford speaking at the event

1993

Missions was given due importance when the Missions Fest '93 was held from May 30 to June 1, 1993 to motivate more locals into worldwide missions. Mr George Verwer of Operation Mobilisation was among the speakers.

The 1st NECF Institute of Leadership Development with Dr Leighton Ford was also held in 1993.

1994

At the 4th.BGM on April 23, 1994, Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Guneratnam was elected Chairman and remained as Chairman until the 10th.BGM on May 20, 2006.



NECF Office

1995

A significant milestone in 1995 was when NECF purchased the present shoplot which houses the NECF office. This was made possible when a few businessmen provided an interest-free loan which was subsequently converted into gifts.

1997

NECF entered into another phase when in April 1997, Rev Wong Kim Kong took over as General Secretary.



Emmanuel Celebration and Evangelistic Rally in Bukit Jalil Stadium

1999 - 2000

In December 1999, the *Emmanuel Celebration and Evangelistic Rally* was held which featured Argentinian evangelist Carlos Annacondia. More than 1,200 churches came together to make this event held in Bukit Jalil Stadium a memorable one. Crowds of up to 60,000 attended nightly for three nights. This event was followed by the *Breakthrough Conference and Rally* in 2000.

2001

It was during this period that NECF hosted the World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) International Consultation on Globalisation in January 2001. WEF is now called the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)

In 2001 NECF launched its cornerstone ministry - the inaugural **40-Day Fast and Prayer** project which culminated on National Day on August 31. Prayer booklets were published in four languages for adults and three languages for children with the aim of encouraging Christians to fast, pray and act for the nation, the Church and the world.

The WEF's 11th General Assembly was also held in Kuala Lumpur in May 2001. This three-day event was officiated by then Prime Minister Dato' Seri (now Tun) Dr Mahathir Mohamad. It was attended by around 600 Christian leaders from 84 countries.



WEF International Consultation on Globalisation



Anne Graham Lotz delivering her speech

2002

In 2002, NECF achieved an important milestone, its 20th Anniversary with a celebration dinner at the Sunway Resort Hotel, Petaling Jaya and Anne Graham Lotz as the guest speaker.

2004

On October 7, 2004, a total of RM100,000.00 was raised by NECF through the 40 days of fasting and was handed to the Star newspaper group at Menara Star in Petaling Jaya to boost the Darfur's Children Fund.



Donation to Darfur's Children Fund

2006

At the 10th BGM on May 5, 2006, Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng was elected the NECF Chairman.



NECF Past and Present Chairmen: Mr David Boler (Sitting left), Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Gunaratnam (Standing right) and Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng (Standing left)

2007

In 2007, another milestone was achieved i.e. NECF's 25th Anniversary which was celebrated at Vistana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur with special guest Joni Eareckson Tada. This was followed by the Transformation Agenda and Nation Building Consultation.



Mr David Boler and Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Gunaratnam with Joni Eareckson Tada

From March 2007 to February 2008, NECF partnered with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) to organise the Celebration of Hope. We had active participations from 796 churches, 5,720 homes were opened and 38,277 were invited.

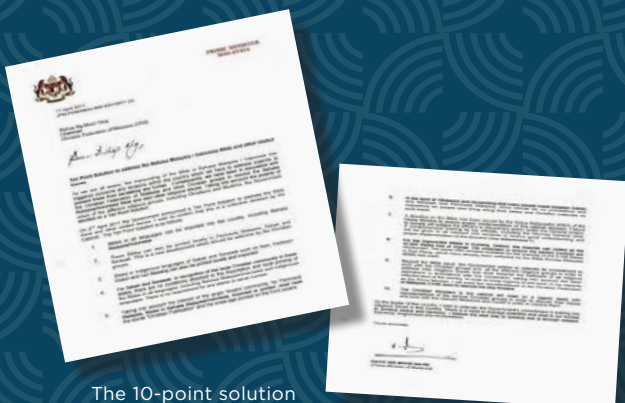
2008

At the 11th BGM on May 24, 2008, Pr Samuel Ang was appointed Secretary-General and continued until the 13th BGM in 2012.

It was during this interim period that we had Rev Chan Theam Lai, Mr Eugene Yapp and Rev Andy Chi who filled the role of Secretary-General before Pr Samuel Ang was reappointed in 2020.

2011

On April 11, 2011 the government introduced the 10-point solution as a viable means to resolve certain difficulties the church was facing in the publication and import of Alkitab as well as the use of "Allah." It became the most amicable and workable solution for our Bahasa Malaysia churches to continue to use these words and exercise their constitutional rights to freedom of worship.



The 10-point solution

2012

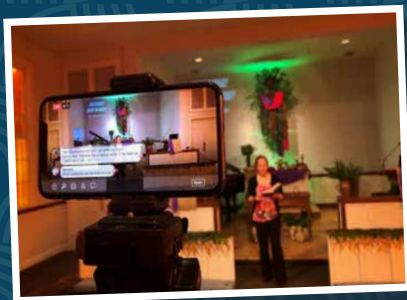
On April 2, 2012, NECF launched the Commission of Sabah Affairs (COSA) to represent NECF's interests in Sabah. Gradually, COSA filed an application under the Trustees (Incorporation) Ordinance, with the Sabah State Government which was approved on April 7, 2021 as Christian Organisation Sabah Alliance (COSA)



NECF Land in Cyberjaya

2020 to Present

Since 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic took the world by surprise and many were hit by uncertainties. Malaysia, like the rest of the world was greatly affected. In order to contain the spread of the disease, the government imposed the Movement Control Order (MCO). We gradually moved on to Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) and in early 2022, we transitioned into the National Recovery Plan (NRP).



Use of technology for online service

By God's grace, we are currently moving into the Endemic Phase. With the substantial population having received the requisite vaccinations, we are learning to live with the virus. We pray that the Lord will continue to grant wisdom to His Church, as we set sail through uncharted waters in the years ahead. Indeed, God is faithful. All glory to Him.

2016

It was on January 8, 2016 that NECF received the good news that its application for religious land in Cyberjaya had been approved by the Sepang Land Office on October 22, 2015.



Empty road in KL during MCO

During the two years of lockdown, NECF provided the advisories on the necessary SOPs in relation to Places of Worship (POW). Churches began to embrace technology of having online services, and onsite services when permitted. They also began to adapt to frequent and close communication with the flock to maintain a spirit of encouragement and support. We believe it was crucial to their mental and spiritual well-being during these challenging times.



Pastor Chin Chi Kiong (3rd left) in COSA's temporary office

The NECF Commission Of Sabah Affairs, or NECF-COSA in short, has faithfully served members of NECF in Sabah for the past 8 years. NECF-COSA's Committee comprises the following:

Chairman : Rev Chin Chi Kiong

Vice Chairman : Pastor Daniel Chin

Secretary : Pastor Saw

Treasurer : Pastor Brandon Chin

Committee Members :

Dr William Pan, Pastor Julikah, Pastor Clement, Sebastian Chong, Rev Aster Soong, Gayle Jokinin, Michelle Chin

As of April 2021, the commission has been incorporated under the Trustees (Incorporation) Ordinance 1951 Cap. 148 (Sabah), under the name of The Registered Trustees of Christian Organisations Sabah Alliance (COSA).

As a state-registered entity now, the new COSA strives to work closer with the Sabah Government and the evangelical churches and non-profit Christian organisations in Sabah to protect, promote, and strengthen the unity among diverse groups in the land.

COSA will continue to represent the Christian community on issues and matters affecting the church and society at large, in consultation and joint action with other religious bodies in the nation. Among the key focus of COSA are welfare services for community development, development of quality education and training, development of creative arts and media, and the improvement of socio-economic health of disadvantaged communities.



**Pastor
Chin Chi Kiong**
COSA Chairman



Rev Sam Surendran

Chairman of Bahasa Malaysia (BM) Commission

40 Years of God's goodness!

We are so grateful for God's gracious guidance in leading NECF to impact, influence, inspire and infuse the nation and evangelical churches with its wide range of ministries.

The BM Commission has been actively influencing and impacting the BM speaking churches for many years now, especially in keeping them informed and watchful of the several sensitive national issues affecting them. It had the privilege to focus on the well-being of the pastors, their marriages, and the ministry effectiveness of their churches.

The greatest joy of serving in the BM Commission is seeing the BM churches remaining strong in spite of the countless challenges they experience with regards to the long standing "Alkitab" and "Allah" issues. Many smaller churches suffered financially and some faced closures due to the pandemic, but they still remained strong in faith, relevant and resolved in keeping the work of the Lord going.

Moving forward, I believe the BM churches will need to be focused in creating a greater awareness among their brethren, to engage wholesomely and radically in evangelism and raising a strong ministry to the next generation of young people in the Peninsula and East Malaysia.



Rev Sesuraja Anthoney

Tamil Commission Chairman

Role of the Tamil Commission

Since the inception of the Tamil Commission in NECF, we have organised several programmes and events that have benefited the Tamil Church such as the National Prayer Conference and the National Pastors and Leaders Conference.

The Tamil Commission continues to grow in fruitfulness with many Tamil churches realizing the work of NECF and the importance of churches operating with proper registration and covering.

The key challenge is to impart the right information and burden to the Tamil Church and encouraging them to identify and flow together with the vision for the community and for the nation.

Though we recognize that there are many Tamil evangelical and independent churches with diverse viewpoints, our hearts desire is to see them unify as a body of Christ and cooperate with NECF as a national body for the betterment of our nation.

The vision of the Tamil Commission is to motivate Tamil churches to rise up to the increasing and composite contextual challenges in our nation. We still have a long journey ahead, and only through a joint effort with churches will we be able to achieve our vision.

It has been 40 years since NECF was formed, and there will be many more years of challenges that we will encounter as an organization. Moving forward, I believe God will continue to display His goodness and faithfulness.

I want to congratulate NECF on its 40th Anniversary together with its notable accomplishments.

Rev Looi Kok Kim

Prayer Commission Chairman

Role of the Prayer Commission

Prayer is an absolutely essential foundation in the arena of disciple-making. Crucial to both spiritual growth and intentional disciple making, prayer is fundamentally vital for developing spiritually-strong Daniel 11:32 men to face the challenges of difficult times ahead. This is the greatest need of the hour; multiplying authentic disciples who are praying Kingdom prayers to fulfil the destiny of God in a nation. For indeed, “the people who know their God will display strength and take action” (Daniel 11:32).

This then, was my humble aim for taking up the leadership in the Prayer Commission since 2018. I would not assume this role, unless it was God’s counsel and conviction which led me to this decision. Through the leading of God, the 40 days prayer contents and format has advanced to a daily reading of the Bible Chronicle Challenge of 10 chapters per day with a short daily Bible reflection.

We hold monthly zoom prayers for an hour, covering every city and town via the pastors’ fellowship, prayer altar trainings and small group Bible reflection. This has resulted in a greater depth in prayer and commitment to interceding for the nation. Furthermore, the “Prayer shield for pastors and leaders” initiative has also provided tremendous encouragement and breakthroughs among families and ministries.

I am totally convinced that the key to the vision of a national transformation of a godless society to a holy community lies in multiplying spiritually strong Daniel 11:32 men and women of God.



Dr Living Lee

Member of Research Commission



It was after the Y2K (Year 2000) scare when the world was jolted and plunged into chaos that I joined the NECF Research Commission as a member. Amidst the great uncertainty, Y2K was the key motivator for the formation of the Research Commission. The Commission moved on to conduct research works and kept the NECF churches updated on current topics affecting the Christian community. They required a scientist to provide input on science related matters; hence I gladly contributed as a geologist and as an academic.

As a result of in-depth research work and discussions, a series called the “Watchmen’s Forum” was successfully published and my contribution articles on Scripture, Science and Creation Care deemed beneficial for the churches to guide their members. My greatest joy in serving with the Commission was the rich interactions with the different members of diverse backgrounds as we worked together on various research projects.

There were challenges in the ministry to keep abreast with overwhelming information streaming in from multiple fronts, especially in politics, economics and religious developments in our country and beyond. Thankfully, the vast experience and expertise among our members will enable us to work out proposals and provide strategic solutions to the issues encountered.

Pastor Albert Cheng

Member of Chinese Commission

We praise God for the 40th Celebration of NECF with the theme “The Goodness of God”.

By the goodness of God, throughout the 40 years, He has led NECF through a journey of wilderness, and I believe NECF is now armed and equipped with sufficient experience and wisdom to overcome all hardships and adversities that come their way!

The Chinese Department of NECF was formed in 2003, and the Commission was established in 2004. Keeping in mind of the vision of NECF, although the Commission leaders come from different denominational backgrounds, but they served with one heart to promote unity among the churches. We have achieved certain effectiveness especially through united prayer, care and network built among pastors, leaders and churches.

Moving forward, we will continue to train and groom young leaders, equipping them to carry the baton in the next five years. Meanwhile, devoting our time and resources in community work would be our main priority. To God be the glory.



Ms Grace Hee

Chairperson of Women Commission

She Arises - A Reflection

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic derailed the Women Commission's conference themed “She Arises” where we had plans to host up to 750 women across Malaysia. Despite the setback, we were determined to live up to the theme and managed to organise a Facebook Live virtual conference that attracted over 4000 viewers over four weekends. This is the NECF Women Commission - resilient and adaptable.

Over the years, we have had conferences, seminars, retreats for single women ministers, regional roundtables in Penang, Ipoh, Johor, Kuantan, Kota Kinabalu and Miri, and more recently, Destiny Talks and Dialogues. All these serve ONE purpose - to reaffirm our women across the land that they are loved and created in the image of God.

My greatest joy as the Chairperson has been the friendships and relationships I had developed across the nation and beyond. Each gathering inspired me with renewed hope where more than 60% of women (on average) in churches across the land would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve the Almighty with joy, as well as having the blessings of their pastors, their husbands and their children to serve

I thank NECF for the opportunity to serve and congratulate this esteemed organisation on its 40th anniversary.

Elder Chai Cheng Sheng

Chairman of NECF Foundation

Role of the NECF Foundation

The NECF Foundation was established in 2003 with the aim to complement member churches by extending financial assistance to needy pastors, missionaries, full-time Christian workers and their families.

The Foundation started with 2 offerings, namely **“Interest free education loans”** for tertiary education in local institutions of higher learning up to undergraduate degree and **“Welfare Assistance”** in medical expenses at local government hospitals. It also covers medical aids for the physically challenged, such as wheelchairs, and urgent living expenses.

The assistance has now been extended as follows:

1. Interest free education loans have now being extended to cover vocational education in local colleges.
2. Group Multiple Benefits Insurance Scheme for pastors, full-time Christian workers, and church members who are attached to NECF. It also subsidises the annual premium for needy pastors and full-time workers, especially for those who are from East Malaysia.

We want to praise and thank the Lord that over these years, the Lord has used the Foundation to assist and relief the burdens of many pastors and full-time workers throughout Malaysia.



Pastor Emeritus Richard Toh

Community Baptist Church (CBC)

The Goodness of God

Looking back, I am honoured to be involved with NECF during its formative years. It was indeed a privilege to work with Mr David Boler, Rev Tan Sri Dr Prince Guneratnam, Dato' Dr Daniel Ho and Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng.

Those early years were exciting. NECF managed to enlist the majority of churches who were not among the mainline churches.

There were struggles with the charismatic issue, especially during public prayer times. This was easily overcome by the NECF leadership - just refrain from practising it in public, and it was amicably accepted by all.

NECF organized a few significant evangelistic rallies. The most memorable one was the Reinhard Bonnke rally held at Merdeka Stadium in 1989. God miraculously provided an open heaven where the Gospel was preached to thousands and souls were saved and healed. God also provided overflowing funds for this event. Praise the Lord!

Blessings to NECF on your 40th Anniversary!



Rev Simon Chandran

Pastor of Emmanuel Christian Assembly, Taiping

It gives me great joy to pen this message on the occasion of NECF's 40th Anniversary. 40 years is a milestone to celebrate.

My association with NECF began in 1987. I had just pioneered a church and needed spiritual covering. When contacted, the General Secretary, Dato' Dr. Daniel Ho and the Chairman, Mr. David Boler, both encouraged me and gave me the right hand of fellowship.

In 2004, Rev. Dr. Eu Hong Seng invited me and a few Tamil Church pastors to join the Tamil Commission. The purpose was to rise up to the challenges in our nation. Furthermore, there was a need to unite the Tamil-speaking churches, to function with greater spiritual power and to advance the gospel to the unreached Indian community.

Over the years, by God's grace and His empowerment, the team of dedicated Tamil Commission pastors, who shared NECF's vision of "Transforming the Nation through the Local Church", did make an inspiring and a positive impact on the Tamil-speaking churches.

Having been closely associated with NECF, it is my prayer and desire that NECF will continue to be a strong evangelical voice, speaking up on issues that affect the church and nation.

God bless NECF. Shalom!

Rev Esther Kong Nget Har

Senior Pastor, GA611 Bread of Life Centre)

Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of NECF!

We have been in close collaboration with NECF for 22 years. Throughout the years, we had received from NECF much assistance and inspirations, especially in the year 2000. It was the year I took part in a conference organized by NECF entitled “Breakthrough 2000 Conference and Renewal Rally” which was led by Pastor Carlos Annacondia of Argentina, with the objective of bringing revival to Malaysia and Asia.

It was during this conference that I rededicated myself at the altar and made a pledge to God. This encounter had profoundly stirred up in me the hunger for revival, particularly the National Revival.

Over the last many years, the most significant aspect that touched my heart was the numerous large and small prayer meetings which NECF had faithfully organized towards stoking the intercessory fire in the churches, which in turn played a key role for revival in Malaysia.

We greatly cherished the works and efforts made by NECF in respect of the churches and the revival of Malaysia. May God shower His blessings upon NECF in the coming 40 years, to be empowered to mount up with wings like eagles, with the apostolic anointing to lead the churches into the next level of transformation in Malaysia!



Mr Fong Hoong Heng

National President, FGBMFI Malaysia

On behalf of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) Malaysia, it is my utmost pleasure and joy to extend our heartiest congratulations to NECF on your 40th anniversary celebration. We thank God for the significant contributions and role NECF has made and played over the last 40 years in providing strong leadership and significant voice within the Body of Christ and governing authorities in Malaysia.

FGBMFI Malaysia considers it a privilege to have partnered with NECF in many of their initiatives and projects, especially having a strong presence in the marketplace. Since our founding in 1979, we have continuously endeavoured to fulfil our apostolic calling in the marketplace in reaching men everywhere for the Lord Jesus Christ. In line with this, since 2012 we have launched the Look East Emphasis (LEE) initiatives to reach out to the Orang Asal community of Sabah and Sarawak, in both the urban and remote villages.

May NECF continue to be the prophetic voice that unites the body of Christ in Malaysia.

May we remain steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Dr Wong Hong Meng

Member of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMI) Malaysia Governing Council



NECF – Going forward together

Since joining as an associate member, I have taken a keen interest in the growth and development of NECF. From being a junior member of Christian Federation of Malaysia, which includes the Catholics and Council of Churches of Malaysia, NECF has become the evangelical voice within our community of faith.

Having served in its Leadership Commission for quite a few years, my relationship with NECF has strengthened over time. The most significant project undertaken by the commission was the study on the compensation packages paid to pastors and full-time workers. Churches were provided with guidelines in the structuring of their packages to ensure just and adequate compensation.

As NECF steps into a new season, adequate fund is required, not only to sustain the on-going work but also develop new initiatives necessary for these changing times. We believe such contribution will arise from a strong and stable membership base with the willingness to contribute financially for a stronger evangelical voice in this nation. Pastors and churches must also be ready to share their in-house talents for the greater good of extending His Kingdom.



Rev Dr Ng Swee Ming

Ex-Pastor of Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church and presently CREST Director

Looking back together with my wife, we have seen how NECF has developed progressively and steadily to become a clear evangelical voice, even as our beloved nation have changed and morphed over the intervening years.

The religious space for non-Islamic faith has shrunk with new limitations and limits as to how, when and where it can be practised. I know NECF have been in the forefront to 'speak' out for continued freedom of religion to be practised in the nation. Though not always in the media or eye of the public, which is wise and prudent with the progressively heightened, even extreme and irrational sensitivity to all things religious in our public sphere.

NECF has not confined herself to only Church and Christian issues and activities, but had also been involved in and responding to local disasters relief work. Crisis Relief, Services and Training (CREST) in which I am a director, has partnered with NECF disaster relief efforts, notably during devastating flood crises in our nation. CREST was a beneficiary of a boat donated by NECF which we used during the recent Taman Sri Muda, Shah Alam floods in December 2021.

As NECF celebrate her 40th Anniversary, my prayer will be that as NECF has been blessed abundantly in the past, she will continue to be a blessing in the coming years, not only to the Christian community, but more evidently to the entire nation.

Rev Jeremiah Yap,

Group Senior Pastor, New Life Restoration Centre (NLRC)

The Goodness of God – reflecting on the Ministry of NECF

My relationship with NECF started when I congratulated Pastor Daniel Ho on his appointment as the General Secretary. Over the years, my church has been a recipient of their assistance, guidance and advice during times of need. The leadership and members were always ready with open arms and a lending hand which I am grateful for.

In my association with NECF, in the Church Planting Commission and also the Combined Prayer Meetings in Petaling Jaya, NECF has shown initiatives and openness to progress in the purposes of the gospel. The establishment of the Women Commission, Prayer Commission, and the attention given to the Chinese, Tamil, Orang Asli and other ministries put in perspective the support of ministries in Malaysia. I believe these are the result of progressive thinking in the NECF journey in the last 40 years.

If there is a desire to see NECF taking leadership in the future it would be in the area of promoting and developing a Family Ministry. In today's world, there are rising concerns on the second generation faith and faith formation in children, due to the adverse influence of social media and online games.

I believe as churches unite in prayer and support, we will be able to overcome such influences with an increase focus on family based programmes and initiatives to strengthen the network of families in the community.



Pastor Dr Chew Weng Chee

Senior Pastor of SIBKL

As NECF turns 40 this year, I sense a new beginning, a new breed of leaders and a new breath of fresh wind blowing through the organisation. It is time for NECF to reinvent itself to overcome the challenges of the new post pandemic era.

I believe with the right encouragement and empowerment, the present ceiling will become the floor of the new breed of leaders. We will ascend to greater heights!

Finally, the fresh wind of God will not only blow through NECF but also to every church in Malaysia who has a desire to soar with Him. The two years of lockdown have been a time of deep reflection and drastic reset. Now is the time to move forward and move together in unity and in the power of God's strength.

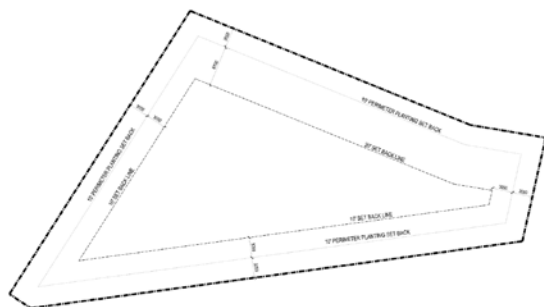
We thank God for His continual favour and grace upon the Body of Christ in Malaysia. His goodness will not cease but will instead increase, resulting in the cup of NECF to be overflowing with the abundant blessings of God.

My best wishes to NECF for the next 40 years of fruitfulness!



NECF TRAINING & RESOURCE CENTRE

transforming the nation through the local church



LAND DETAILS

TOTAL LAND AREA : 0.50 Acres/21,716 SQFT
DISTRICT : Sepang, Selangor
LOCAL AUTHORITY : Sepang Municipal Council

	m ²	sqft
LEVEL G	477.86	5143.64
LEVEL 1	483.16	5200.69
LEVEL 2	490.45	5279.15
TOTAL BUILT-UP AREA	1451.47	15623.48



REAR VIEW



OFFICE



1ST FLOOR



LOBBY

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION
RM 5.3 MILLION

PROJECTED DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
OCT / NOV 2022

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
MID-2024

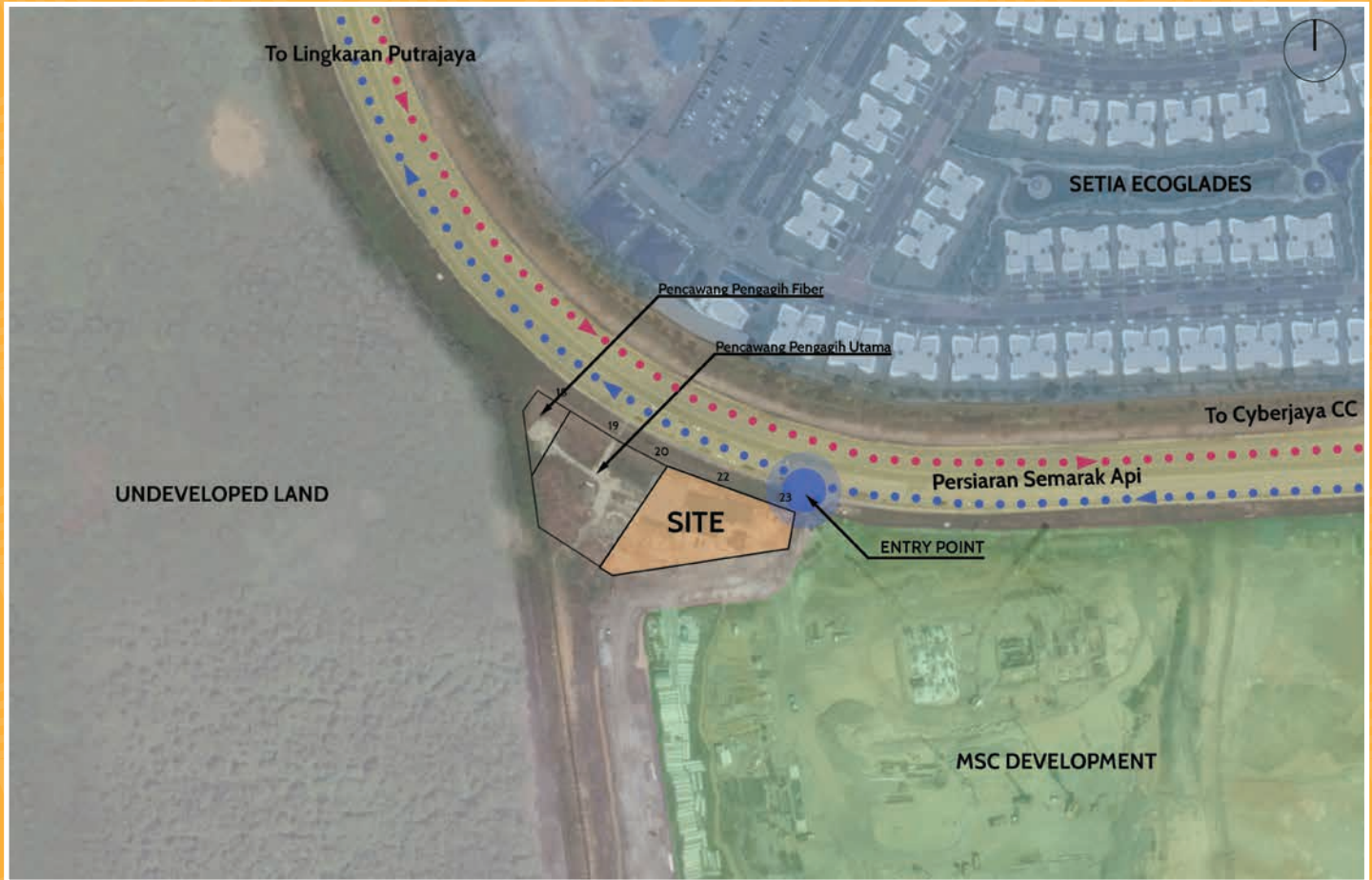
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UNIQUE FEATURES

- Low Maintenance Strategy**
 Reduce maintenance cost, using materials with natural finish (bricks & concrete) and vent blocks for natural ventilation.
- Use materials with natural finish**
 Lower energy usage and create more naturally ventilated space plus light by having enclosed spaces with air-conditioning with windows. Natural ventilated spaces with openings for natural lighting will also be created.



NECF Training and Resource Centre, Cyberjaya



Location of NECF Land in Cyberjaya

Since its founding in March 21 1982, NECF Malaysia has been occupying three different rented premises. It was truly by God's grace that NECF was able to finally purchase a two-storey corner shoplot in SS2, Petaling Jaya. The official move took place in 1995 and we only occupied the upper floor for the staff while the ground floor was rented out to generate income. However, we took ownership of the ground floor from the tenant in 1999 and set up a dedicated resource area and boardroom to cater for the increasing ministry needs.

On 22 October, 2015, God continued to show His goodness when the Selangor State Government officially reserved a piece of land for NECF for church purpose. The land is located at Malaysia's IT Hub along Persiaran Semarak Api, opposite Setia Eco Glades, Cyberjaya. The size of the land is 0.5 acres or 21, 716 sq. ft. It was only on 27 August 2020 that the land was officially handed to NECF after the condominium developer demolished its site office which occupied the land previously.

By God's provision, the Planning Approval for the building plan project was obtained on 28 September 2021 from the Sepang Municipal Council despite the

setbacks arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns. NECF will be applying to Sepang Municipal Council for the approval of the Building Plans.

As an organization that believes in building people, the NECF Council has approved the design to build a Training and Resource Centre on the site. The total built-up area is 15, 623.48 sq. ft. with a sitting capacity in the hall for approximately 200 people. It is envisaged that the construction of the building would begin between October to November 2022.

The estimated construction cost which includes basic fittings stands at about RM 5.3 million. NECF would like to invite you to be part of this noble project by being a donor towards the construction cost of this Training and Resource Centre. Remembering that our God is magnanimous, we can lay hold of His promise from Philippians 4:19 (Amplified Bible): "And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Reflecting the 40 years at where we have come from, we acknowledge that all glory and praise is attributed to our great and mighty God, who ensured that the NECF leadership had men and women who valued faithfulness, integrity and oneness with mutual respect for each other's gifting. We therefore take pride in honoring our God with this hymn.

*To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And Give Him the glory
Great things He has done*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives
Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see*

Our Prayer

O Lord, as we look ahead to the future, we want to fix our eyes upon You, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Our desire is that You keep each of us, as the apple of Your eye that we may be found precious and worthy of Your high calling. In all things we seek Your divine wisdom and that the future leaders You will raise will serve You with joy and gladness for Your namesake and glory. AMEN