During this sunset hours of my ministry as Bishop of Kuching and Brunei Darussalam, I write to you, and through you to all youths of the Diocese — to thank you for your love, prayers and support over the years that I have been privileged to serve you as your Bishop. In particular, I want you to know how blessed the Diocese has been by your youthful input to enrich our corporate worship and your unfailing presence, serving at the sanctuary.

I am also deeply touched by the many greetings, gifts and messages of goodwill that I received as I surrendered my responsibilities as the Diocesan Bishop and I thank each and every one of you for them all.

As I will continue to pray for you, so I ask that you will continue to remember me in your prayers as I serve the next phase of my ministry. I sense exciting days ahead. Do pray also for our new Bishop whom God has chosen to succeed me.

Most warmly,
Bishop Datuk Bobby Lapok

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
My Deputies and I (picture enclosed) made several parish visits since last year to encourage the young people at the grass root level, particularly those at the Central and Northern Archdeaconries, as well as to build closer relationship and better rapport between ADYC and the Church.

We thank GOD for the opportunity to see the involvement of our young people in their Church, the passion of serving in the Youth Ministry and working together with their PCC as a team. They are full of energy and enthusiasm!

I must thank all the PYF leaders and Regional Co-ordinators for putting your commitment, effort and heart to serve the young people in this Diocese. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at a proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9, NIV). The call to serve the young people and lead them to Jesus are indeed good things which have been entrusted by GOD to us.

In this crucial time and situation, may you all stay faithful in Jesus Christ who is the only way to Heaven, the truth and the one that leads to eternal life.
Blessed Diocesan Youth Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Phyllis Montegrai
ADYC President

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Taking Paul’s words to young Timothy, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity”, as our theme for this edition, we are reminded that we should live an exemplary life according to God’s standards, despite our age. Mother Teresa once said, “It’s very easy to give example, but it’s very difficult to become an example.”

Indeed, to be an example to our peers is challenging as it requires a huge amount of discipline, wisdom and courage to face the challenges along life’s journey. Therefore, do not be disheartened and degrade yourself to conform to society’s expectations and continue to find courage in God’s grace by faith in Christ. May you find encouragement in God’s word through the sharings from various ministry leaders in this edition.

We also feature a teaser page to the upcoming ADYC bi-annual event, One Voice, to be hosted by the Parish of Good Shepherd Lutong. Be sure to check it out and don’t miss out on this event.
We look forward to seeing you there!!

Last but not least, I wish to thank the wonderful contributors who have contributed to the production of VOL 1:2017 ADYC newsletter edition. We hope you enjoy this issue. We continue to encourage you to send your comments and contributions through berita.adyc@gmail.com

Lydia Jula Thomas
INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP BOLLY FOR BERITA ADYC
(by Sharon Cheong and Marlyn Gandau)

On the 16th April 2017, representatives from Berita ADYC had the privilege to interview the Right Reverend Datuk Bolly Lapok (+BL) where we got to talk to him about his thoughts on the works of ADYC, his vision and aspirations for the young people and his retirement plans. We would like to thank Reverend Danald Jute for giving us the opportunity to conduct this interview at Good Shepherd Church, Lutong; Nick W. the ADYC Vice President (Teens) for arranging on our behalf and Sharon Jara as our photographer.

Good afternoon, Bishop Bolly. Thank you for consenting to an interview for the Berita ADYC July 2017 issue. First of all, we would like to know how long you have served in the Diocese of Kuching. "It has been some 42 odd years and I have never done anything before that. Boring isn’t it? But it has not been boring."

We are sure you have seen many generations of young people throughout your ministry. Can you share what differences you have observed between young people in the past and now?
"In the past, we have our own challenges. They have become the antecedent to the movements of what it is now. We were your pioneers. Internet, globalisation, young culture – these are difficult times. Ours was not easy as well... but it was different."

Throughout your time ministering with and to young people within the diocese, what is your most unforgettable moment shared with them?
"The fellowship – had there been no fellowship, it would have been very easy for one to be axed and cut off from the branch. For me, the fellowship with my generation was one that was unforgettable."

What are your visions, aspirations and hopes for the young people in this Diocese?
“For them to be united as one - despite the distance, race and backgrounds. “

One personal question we are sure everyone wants to know. What are your plans after retirement?
“For the many years of ministry, I have been so busy and holidays are far and between. So, I wish to do nothing for a while. And then, I keep the option open. It would be ‘what can I do in my capacity as a retiree?’ If the young people invite me, it would be an honour."

Would you consider coming back on board as advisor to the ADYC?
“Yes, if so required. I would like the younger generations to choose and decide for themselves.”

Last, and most important question, do you have any word of advice for the young people of the Diocese?
“Unity is up to us. In my service. In my heart. By that I mean, we remain intact, as a fellowship. As a youth fellowship. As a young adult fellowship. Just like grapes - when it is all in a bunch, the price is a bit more expensive. Those little ones that has been dislocated - harganya turun sikit! Your value is less if you are cut off from it. If you wish to sustain and remain (as one), you need to remain intact with the bunch. Same thing with us, our values increase if that fellowship remains. I pray, I hope, the unity of the church remains - not just in the Diocese, whether it is technically or theologically, I want that to remain.”

On behalf of the editorial team, we would like to thank the Right Reverend Bishop Bolly for his many years of service to the Lord in His sacred ministry as well as his guidance and wisdom as he led the Diocese of Kuching (Sarawak and Negara Brunei Darussalam) in his capacity as Diocesan Bishop in the past 10 years. We wish you a blessed retirement and may God continue to bless you with excellent health as well as enrich your retirement life with happiness, love and pride for future endeavours.
I want to thank the Editorial Team of Berita ADYC for the opportunity to share a little about our youth ministry at the Good Shepherd Church, Luto. We praise God for the many young people that we have. We are very proud of them. Many are playing active roles in the life of the Church - in Music, Choir, Sunday School, Servers, Readers and Bible Studies, to name a few.

God’s Word in 1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no one despise you for your youth but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” is a warning, a challenge as well as an encouragement for all of us – not just young people. We are convinced that investing in youths is necessary in growing the Church, body of Christ. Teaching them to grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus prepares them to serve Him in all that they do.

For us, serving young people doesn’t just prepare them to become future leaders, but also allow them to contribute to the church now. Many times in the Bible, God used young people to do great things.

The Church has much to learn from the faith of young people, even that of a child as seen in Matthew 18:2-4, “He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” While letting the young people know that they are loved, sometimes we have to tell them “you are loved, so stop smoking...or drinking alcohol, or wasting your life...” Whatever, because of God’s heart for young people, it is important to recognize their value in today’s church.

Revd Danald Jute, Bishop-designate
The Church of Good Shepherd, Luto

I followed the NBA finals between Warriors and Cavaliers closely. A friend WhatsApped me, highlighting some of the obvious inconsistency in the refereeing which affects the focus and performance of players. A good coach would call for a timeout and get the team back to focus so that they can achieve the goal of winning and finishing well. 1 Timothy 4:12 is about staying focus, thus finishing well. Paul knew Timothy was discouraged by how others perceived his youthfulness. In verse 13, Paul coached ‘...give attention to reading ... to doctrine’. Put the first thing first. And the first thing must be God’s Word (not Facebook, Instagram or any social media). Young people, you will find discouragement (despise yourself) in your journey with God. Listen to the Coach. The Scripture is His words to you. Paying attention to Scripture all your life, you will be strong. Never see yourself as a loser. See yourself as Scripture sees you - you are made in His image. You are loved ‘A LOT’ by Him. How much? Just look at the cross. Distraction in the form of things that we are passionate about, example, music, friends, social-media, sports, can also affect our walk with God. This is what you need to do - have one Passion - Jesus. And let this one passion align all other passions into the correct place in your heart. When you do that, you will find Jesus instead of throwing these passions (the non-sinful ones) out, uses them in your life to serve and glorify Him.

Revd Johnny Chin
Priest-in-Charge, St Andrew’s Church, Bandar Seri Begawan

The Chinese Speaking Congregation Youth Fellowship have been really blessed in all measures by our Great and Almighty God these past years.

Over the years, He has ordered our footsteps and guided every step that we have taken as the numbers of youth increases weekly which not only helps to strengthen the relationship between our brothers and sisters in Christ, but also our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Our weekly Saturday night Fellowship is when and where we can come to learn more about and worship God through discussions, Bible studies and learning new songs and praise. Learning together has helped our youth to grow in faith and encourage one another to live out God’s word in our daily life wherever we are. Each Bible study ends with an opportunity for the youth to pray for each other.

The youth also show willingness and commitment to serve the Lord and each other and shows their desire to know God more. Besides spiritual growth, we also encourage our youth to join our outdoor activities where they are able to fellowship and bond with each other and members of the congregation. In the latest event, the youth participated in the grand finale performance for the 60th Anniversary celebration of our Chinese Speaking Congregation. It is important that the youth are given opportunities to meet other Christians and learn together.

May each one continue to walk in His favour and be the salt and light. I am personally honoured to be closely involved in this Youth Fellowship as I have learnt to always put our relationship with God first. Glory and honor to our God who has strengthened and provided wisdom throughout the years with Youth Fellowship.

Ong Yi Ling, Chinese Speaking Congregation
St Thomas’s Cathedral, Kuching
REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

REGION 1
Youth Camp for Region 1 was held on 20th-23rd March 2019, hosted by St. Andrew’s Church, Brunei with the theme “Empower”. During the 3 day camp, 160 youths were given the opportunity to bond with each other and also with the main speaker, Ps. Daniel from Kuala Lumpur and Ps. Stephen Chin from Brunei. Various sessions and activities were held to encourage campers to go out of their comfort zone, with hopes to spread the Good News after this event.

REGION 2
ReadySetGO - The Heart of Movement Training was hosted by St Columba’s Church, Miri on 11th March 2019 as was attended by young people from St Columba’s Church, Good Shepherd Lutong, St Barnabas Taman Tunku, St Margaret’s Seria and St Thomas Bintulu. The purpose of this training was to make disciples of all nations through sports and games. It also provided the young people with opportunities, trainings and resources to serve every city and every community with God’s love. The two trainers were Philip Devadas from Seremban and Pastor Stephen Chin from Brunei, both of whom are International Sports Leadership School, Stellenbosch, South Africa alumnus and practitioners in the ReadySetGO movement wherever they are.

REGION 3

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Leaving their mark on ADYC history, we kickstarted our 2017 calendar with the inaugural Region 4 Leadership workshop on 14th-15th January at St Luke’s, Sri Aman. The Venerable Chinlae Bunsie delivered his welcoming address while the ADYC President, Miss Phyllis Montenegro and her deputy, Mr Frankie Wranthly, as speakers, spoke about the various leadership aspects and challenges during the 2 days workshop.

On 13 May 2017, a friendly Badminton Match and Telematch was organized at the Lubok Antu Sports Complex by St. Philip’s Parish. St Philip’s Lubok Antu was crowned champion for both the badminton and telematch. Participation from all parishes within the region to this event was unexpected. Nevertheless, all teams showed great sportsmanship.

REGION 5


REGION 6

Program gabungan persekutuan antara remaja dan bapa gereja St Simon’s Taman Malinau diadakan setiap HARI SABTU (minggu ke-3) sejak awal tahun 2017. Tujuan program ini adalah supaya golongan muda dapat bersekuatu dan berdoa untuk mencari dan mendalami kata-kata Tuhan. Pada 20 Mei 2017 (Sabtu) program gabungan persekutuan telah diadakan pada jam 9.30 pm sehingga 10.00 pm. Seramai 36 orang telah hadir ke Gabungan Persekutuan ini termasuklah 16 orang muda-mudi dari Gereja St Mary’s Malang. Perkongsian telah disampaikan oleh Pengerusi Persekutuan Muda-mudi Gereja St Simon’s Malinau iaitu Saudara Brendon Ch袍us Wingate yang membaiki tajuk “Perkungsian Intim dengan Tuhan” (Yeremia 31:3).
Youth Leadership School

By: Florence Meredith

St. Philip’s Church, Lubok Antu granted me a great opportunity to participate in the 15th Youth Leadership School which was organised by the Anglican Diocesan Youth Council and was held at the House Of Ephyphany in Kuching from 3rd to 10th December 2016.

The Youth Leadership School has made an excellent impact in my daily live. I enjoyed the fellowship with youth from other parishes in Sarawak and Negara Brunei Darussalam. This leadership programme has also united us as brothers and sisters in Christ, despite coming from different places.

I would like to give my deepest gratitude to the Anglican Diocesan Youth Council and St. Philip’s Church, Lubok Antu for giving me the opportunity to attend this Youth Leadership School. I humbly hope that ADYC will continue to organise this leadership workshop again.

Anglican Ministry Center, Pontianak Mission Trip to Kuching

On 23rd June, a team of 6 young people from the Anglican Ministry Centre of Pontianak (RUKO - Rumah Toko), led by Septiyan Andre’ as Pastor Benjamin Baye (Bapak Ben) and Ibub Susana only arrived on 25th June, arrived in Kuching. The objectives of the visit was to answer the Great Commission calling and to return the favour of various Anglican churches in Sarawak who has greatly served and visited them in Pontianak.

The day after arrival, The RUKO team attended the Region 5 Youth Camp at Kampung Pichin, Serian and led the praise and worship in the morning session and prayed for the camp participants that night. While there, they also took the opportunity to visit the famous Senian waterfall, Ranchan Falls. On Sunday, they attended the Sunday service at St Faith’s, Kenyalang Park and was welcomed by Revd Kelvin Java. A welcoming dinner was also organised at Chicken Hartz Restaurant by the ADYC President, Ms Phyllis Montegna, and excus to welcome Bapak Ben and team. As they fellowshihp, they also discussed future collaborations between RUKO and ADYC.

On Monday, 26th June, the RUKO team paid a visit to Revd Dennis Gimmang, Vicar of St Francis's Church, Kota Samarahan, who shared with them personal stories and the church’s vision. Over the next two nights, Bapak Ben preached at St Francis’s and in return, the St Francis PYF and Campus Ministry also shared their activities with the visitors.

The RUKO team also paid a courtesy visit to the Right Revd Datuk Bolly Lapok for afternoon tea at Rumah Bishop on the 27th June. On their way back to Pontianak on the 28th, Bapak Ben and Ibub Susana also visited Revd John Sim. Meanwhile, the young people, who stayed on for a few more days, went on an overnight adventure to Fairy Cave, Bau and Lundu. The RUKO team returned to the House of Epiphany, Kuching, the next day and joined a farewell dinner in their honour at D11 BBQ and Steamboat Restaurant before heading back to Pontianak on 1st July.

Report prepared by,
RUDY MION CHAKU
(ADYC Mission Coordinator)
We are looking forward to the upcoming ‘One Voice Prayer Rally’ and all that comes with it! We have the opportunity to fellowship with our Sarawakian and Bruneian brothers and sisters-in-Christ, praising and worshipping our Redeemer King, praying for the needs of the church and the world, and be fed spiritually through our distinguished invited speakers’ sharings.

We, at Region 2, are excited to welcome you to this year’s prayer rally as we play host for the second time, having organised the 2nd ‘One Voice Prayer Rally’ in the heart of Miri City back in 2006. Preparations are ongoing and we can’t wait to see you there!

- One Voice Committee 2017
Testimony

Kesaksian Di Dalam Pelayanan Rebana


Staffker Time
St. Columba’s Church Miri (Region 2)

Shalom ini testomoni saya sebagai pengikut Kristus


Isabella Felicis
St. Helen, Serian (Region 5)

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   Datuk Bolly Lapok
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