THE BISHOP WRITES...

My Dear Young Friends,
I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! I praise and thank God for each one of you. It is my joy and privilege to have the opportunity to meet, share and listen to many of you during my recent visits to parishes, the ADYC “One Voice” at Good Shepherd Church, Lutong as well as the Youth Leaders’ School and ADYC Leaders’ Training in Kuching. Thank you very much for all your contributions to the life of our Diocese - whether at Chapel, Parish, Diocesan or Provincial levels. I want to reassure you that you will continue to be one of our top priorities as youths are important for who you are today and what you will become. This is why the church should, and must, invest in youth as by investing in young people, we cultivate a life of faith and create leaders. Young people, you are part of the Church NOW! Yes, your time is NOW! We must not allow anyone to “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” (1Timothy 4:12).
The theme of the recent One Voice Prayer Rally was “The Great Awakening” (Joel 2:28-32). Let the Awakening begin with you! You must know that you are special and of eternal value and significance because God doesn’t make trash! You have an amazing contribution to make with incredible gifts, skills and abilities to develop for God’s glory. I want to encourage you to passionately pursue God and have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Live life God’s way! Your pathway will always be littered with traps and pitfalls, so follow the ultimate Guide - God’s Word. When you know God, His principles, and allow the Holy Spirit to work in you, there is going to be a Great Awakening!
With prayers and blessings for a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year 2018!

Bishop Donald Jute

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Times flies and we are coming to the end of the year. I thank God for His providence and by His will, ADYC was able to carry out a number of events. I am blessed and grateful to have a committed ADYC Exco - serving together with them is such a humbling experience for me.

Some highlights for this year include the mission trip to Pontianak, Kalimantan, the Young Adults Getaway (YAGA), One Voice Prayer Rally, the 16th Youth Leadership School, and the inaugural ADYC Leadership Training. I know you are all excited and are looking forward to a great holiday and Christmas celebration. Christmas has now become too commercialised. Therefore, let us be reminded that Christmas is not just about holidays, Christmas trees and presents but a symbol of God’s love to us where He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to earth so those who believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). As we face challenging times now, and as we hope for a better future, let’s remember Christ, our Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3).

On behalf of ADYC Exco, I would like to thank all members of the Anglican Diocese of Kuching for your support towards the youth ministry. Have a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year! Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!

In Christ’s service,
Phyllis Mongesrali
ADYC President

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dari mejta Ketua Editor...
Salam damai buat saudara-saudari dalam Kristus,
Dalam edisi ini, kami memaparkan perkongsian daripada para pemimpin di dalam Dosis yang bakal bersara serta coretan daripada Chaplain baharu ADYC. Semoga para pembaca, khususnya golongan belia, memanfaatkan perkongsian tersebut sebagai motivasi untuk terus tumbuh dan bersemangat di dalam ministri dan pelayanan Tuhan.
Dengan ini, saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Krismas dan Tahun Baru 2018 kepada para pembaca sekalian. Kami mengalu-alukan komen dan idea untuk tujuan penambahbaikan melalui saluran email: berita.adyc@gmail.com. Selamat membaca semua!

Lydia Jva
REFLECTION FROM RETIRING PRIESTS

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Aeries Sumping Jigan

I started my 4-years theological training at the House of Epiphany in 1978. Prior to that, I completed the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) course at Uitm, Shah Alam (1972-1976). When I retire, I would have been involved with the Diocese of Kuching for 40 years, and served, among others, as a School Chaplain, vicar, the Warden of the House of the Epiphany, the Dean of Kuching and lastly, as an Assistant Bishop.

I first felt called to serve in the Sacred Ministry upon completing my ICSA course in 1975. It was not an easy decision to leave my professional line of training and restart training for the priesthood, but I was determined to serve God to thank Him for His many blessings upon my own life and family.

The most exciting period of my ministry was while serving Betong (1983-1990).

Back then, roads were few and were not in good condition either, so we travelled by foot and boat. One example, to get to Ng. Tiga, Ulu Layar, we either walked for 6 hours from Ulu Paku or by longboat from Betong, which took a whole day during the dry season. We had some very exciting times bringing the Gospel message to the non-believing longhouses. The greatest satisfaction was to hear their positive responses. We even broke the Diocesan record in 1989 when 1052 candidates were confirmed - poor Bishop Leong had to come to Betong two successive weekends by helicopter!

To the young people of our Diocese, especially the men, God needs you to serve full time as priests here. Quite a number of parishes are served by only one priest, when there should be more. God continues to call us to serve him but often, we are deaf to His call, or come up with hundreds of excuses so as not to respond. Why should the private and government sectors have the best of young people and not the church? I always feel serving Church full time is the most noble of vocations because we are simply continuing Jesus Christ’s ministry. I thank God I have done that for 40 years and it is now time to pass the torch to a new generation.

I look forward to my retirement in March, more time to travel and see new places with my wife, spending more time gardening, fishing and of course, looking after our grandchildren.

Archdeacon Chimbie Bunsie

I would like to thank the ADYC Editorial team for giving me the privilege to write my reflections as I prepare for retirement on 4th March 2018. I have been in the Sacred ministry for 38 years - 36 years out of which I served in rural parishes.

My theological training began at the House of Epiphany Theological College, Kuching in 1975. I then continued at St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary, Manila from 1976 - 1980 where I graduated with Bachelor of Theology and in 1999, a Master of Divinity. I was also conferred a Master of Ministry from Trinity Theological College, Singapore in 1998.

My journey in the sacred ministry began when I was ordained as Deacon on 12th June 1980 and into the Holy Order of Priesthood on 22nd March 1981. I was later appointed a Canon of Cathedral in 1996 and the Archdeacon of Central Sarawak Archdeaconry in 2007.

In recognition and acknowledgement of my service to the people and the State of Sarawak, I was conferred ‘AHLI BINTANG KENYALANG’ (ABK) by the Head of State in 2004.

I am married to Regina Gisu and we are blessed with four children, Deardrey, Stephanie, Audrey and Salome; one son-in-law, Dr Chea Chan Hui; and two grandchildren, Evangeline and Michael.

One of the unforgettable challenges that I faced was when I was tasked to build 4 parish churches in Lubok Antu (1983), Debak (1987), Saratok (1996) and Sri Aman (2007). This was not an easy job but I was committed to the task given, mobilized the entire congregation and put my trust in the Lord. Thank God, works were completed before my retirement.
Revd. Timon Lug

Salam damai kepada semua,


Melihat kepada situasi Diosis kita sekarang, jumlah paderi yang melayani semakin berkurang. Dalam tempoh sepuluh tahun yang akan datang, sudah pasti kita akan kehilangan lebih kurang 50% orang paderi daripada jumlah yang kita ada sekarang. Kekurangan paderi akan mendorong kepada ketandasan sumber disebabkan gereja di dalam Diosis kita sedang pesat membangun.

Oleh itu, saya ingin mendorong generasi muda untuk bangkit menyahut panggilan Tuhan seperti hamba-hamba Tuhan yang telah menyahut panggilan tersebut dan melayani Tuhan.

Saya ingin mengakhiri kata-kata saya dengan satu petikan “hymn” berjudul “Hark, the voice of Jesus calling”
- Daniel March:

Hark! The voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheave away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I; send me, send me”?

Revd. Wilston Trin

I would like to express my gratitude to the team of Berita ADYC for allocating me with something to share with our readers. This is more of a self-introduction of me and the ministry I am currently involved in.

My name is Wilston Trin, a deacon within the Diocese of Kuching who currently serves at St. Peter’s Church, Saratok, since November 2016. I am also one of the youth chaplains for ADYC, serving the Central Archdeaconry. I grew up in a Christian family, so it is hard to pinpoint the time and event in which I came to know the Lord. I first sensed my calling to full-time ministry when I was 17, months prior to taking my SPM examination. The one whom I look up to when it comes to ministry matters is none other than my friend and mentor, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Barker, who is currently an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Melbourne. He modelled to me a ministry that is faithful to the Bible and the urgency to preach the Gospel. As a youth chaplain, it is my hope and prayer to see that the youths within our diocese to be disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge, love and service for the Lord. This is done in response to the grace that God has shown us through His Son, Jesus Christ.
The 3rd Region 2 Olympic Rally was held on 8th – 9th July 2017, and was hosted by St. Thomas’ Church, Bintulu, at Tanjung Batu Beach. 120 participants from across the parishes in Region 2 participated in this event. The event kicked off with Zumba & aerobic, followed by the tournament. The tournament consisted of 3 games - frisbee, volleyball and telematch. Good Shepherd Church, Lutong, emerged as overall champion. That evening, the participants had a time of fellowship and sharing, led by brother Frankie Wranthye, based on 2 Peter 2:1. On Sunday, the participants attended Sunday service and lunch fellowship before returning to their respective home towns. The aim for this annual event was to strengthen ties between brothers and sisters in Christ within the region.


The various PYFs in Region 4 have actively hosted a number of events across the region recently. St. Luke Sri Aman PYF, together with the Parish Women’s Fellowship and Men’s Fellowship, held a Sports Day & Telematch on 22nd July 2017 from 7am till 4pm. The event, which was held at the St. Luke Church’s car park, gave participants an opportunity to fellowship with one another as well as to emphasize on the importance of maintaining both physical and spiritual health. St. Maria Abok PYF hosted the region’s prayer meeting while St. Philip Lubok Antu PYF organised a mini sale to celebrate the Diocesan Youth Sunday. Meanwhile, a special seminar was organised by the PYF from St. Michael Engkilili, aptly named ‘PYF Seminar’. The day seminar, held on the 30th September, aimed to share with the youth members what is the role of a Parish Youth Fellowship, also included topics of character formation which reflects the personality of a child of God.

“Let them praise His name with dancing. Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.” – Psalms 149:3

Dancing to lift His name is widely use in praise and worship sessions. Just as Psalms 149:3 says, Region 5 held a dance workshop on the 29th November to 2nd December 2017 at St. John Taee, Serian with themed name Holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:7). The workshop saw 53 participants from across Region 5 coming together to be exposed to their calling to serve in God’s ministry. Miss Penelope from St. Faith Kuching stands as the speaker of the event. Dance instructors from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lutong which include Sis Rose Seeman, Sis Pexy Zadora, Bro Walterson Kasa and Sis Melenie Renik and Sis Marlyn Gandau from St. Columba, Miri were invited to teach and guide the dancers more about worshipping God through dance and tambourine.

“Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” -1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Region 6 kick started their monthly prayer meeting on 17th June 2017 at St. Simon Malliah & St. Mary Matang and is scheduled monthly until February 2018. The prayer meeting is held from 9am to 11am. The prayer points include prayers for the Church, the priests, parish workers and the participants. Different parishes within the region have been scheduled to take turn in hosting. The youth-led prayer meeting is held to encourage all youth to understand the power of prayer, to encourage them to fellowship with one another as well as to create awareness and increase their confidence in taking up the role of prayer leader.
The 5th Biennial One Voice Prayer Rally was held from 30th August to 2nd September and was hosted by the PYF of the Church of Good Shepherd, Lutong. With the theme “The Great Awakening” (Joel 2:28-32), a total of 407 participants from across the Diocese of Kuching attended, and Rev Lizune Bah Chong, Ms Chrisanne Chin and Bro Stephen Gendang were the invited speakers who spoke on various topics. Throughout the rally, we were constantly reminded to put the Bible as the centre of our lives as through God’s Word, we will see God’s holiness and realise His wrath against sin. We then need to seek His restoration, through the Holy Spirit, and repent from our unrighteousness, and be reconciled with God. It is only when we see a revival in ourselves then we would see a changed society and nation. Therefore, let us encourage and build each other up in growing and living a life that God intends us to live. We would like to express our gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this event. We are deeply touched by the overwhelming support given from all participants, especially those who have traveled far and near to join us in Miri. We look forward for the “One Voice Prayer Rally 2019” in Sri Aman!

The Young Adults Getaway (YAGA) was held from 28 until 30 April 2017 at Siar Beach, Lundu. YAGA, with the theme ‘Rest, Renew and Refocus in Christ’ was attended by 24 participants from across the Diocese. This programme targets young adults from the age of 21 and above.

In 2016, a programme was initiated for the President and Deputy President to visit at least one Parish Youth Fellowship (PYF) in each Region, or Archdeaconry, to foster closer relationship between the ADYC, PYF, Vicar/Priest-in-charge and the Parishioners (parents and grandparents). This is also an opportunity to reach out to the youths at the grass root level whereby PYF leaders are able to share their challenges and problems in their PYF with ADYC. The President and Deputy President then find ways on how to help, encourage and pray with them. This year, ADYC Meet and Greet sessions were focusing on our youths at the Central Archdeaconry. We thank you for your warm hospitality and fellowship!

ST. JOHN’S PYF, SIBU
11 MAY 2017

ST. ALBAN’S PYF, SARIKEI
11-12 MAY 2017

ST. AUGUSTINE’S PYF, BETONG
7-9 JULY 2017

ST. LUKE’S PYF, SRI AMAN
23-24 SEPTEMBER 2017
**ACS, ADYC, PYNET ACTIVITIES**

**ADYC**

Khemah Belia BM Diosis Sabah 2017

Segala pujian syukur bagi Tuhan Yesus atas jemputan dari Diosis Sabah untuk menyertai Khemah Belia BM Diosis Sabah pada 16-19 Oktober, bertempat di Gereja Good Samaritan, P’emampang yang bertema “Rise Up”. ADYC telah diwakili oleh 12 peserta yang diketuai oleh Saudara Nick William, termasuklah dua Chaplain ADYC.


**PYNET**

The PYNet meeting was held from 24th until 26th October 2017 at St. Thomas’ Cathedral, Kuching

**ACS**

Shalom saudara & saudari dalam Kristus.

Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kerana memberi kesempatan kepada saya untuk memberi kesaksian. Saya terlibat di dalam pelayanan rebanah dan, pada awalnya, adalah perkara yang mustahil kerana saya tidak mempunyai kemahiran asas dalam tarian. Akan tetapi, panggilan Tuhan yang kuat telah menemukannya dalam saya dalam pelayanan ini. Pada 13-16 Oktober yang lalu, saya telah menyertai “Mega Feast of Tabernacle” di Miri.

Beberapa hari sebelum acara tersebut, saya rasa tertekan kerana bebanan kerja yang mengakibatkan saya lupa akan pola-pola tarian yang telah ditemukan, malah hampir mengundurkan diri. Walaubagaimanapun, saya bersyukur kerana segala pembayaran untuk kos perjalanan dan penginapan telah diselesaikan dan cuti pun sudah diluluskan. Kesetiaan Tuhan terhadap saya terbukti pada hari acara tersebut apabila saya mampu meneruskan penglibatan dalam program ini tanpa sebarang kebimbangan dan kesiasan.

Saya merasakan betapa luar biasanya Tuhan ketika Dia melayakkan kita ketika kita merasakan diri tidak layak. Saya juga belajar untuk merendahkan diri pada setiap masa agar dapat dipakai Tuhan sepenuhnya untuk pekerjaan-Nya yang dahsyat.

Tuhan memberkati.

Erikson Christopher Agek
St. Paul's, Bintulu

“Bukan kamu yang memilih Aku, tetapi Akulah yang memilih kamu”
(Yohanes 15:16).


Janet Garin
St. Thomas's, Bintulu

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

1) YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE 2018
   [DATE: 19TH-22ND JULY 2018]
2) TEENZ CAMP 2018
   [15TH - 17TH JUNE 2018]
3) LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2018
   (2 SESSIONS)
   [DATE: TBA]
4) ADYC PRAYER WEEK 2018
   23RD - 29TH JULY 2018
5) ADYC SUNDAY 2018
   (DIOCESAN YOUTH SUNDAY)
   [29TH JULY 2018]
6) ADYC YOUTH LEADERS’ SCHOOL 2018
   [1ST - 10TH DEC 2018]