THE BISHOP WRITES...

My dear young friends, greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

You have chosen for this Volume of Berita ADYC a very pertinent theme – “AMAZING CALL”, taken from Ephesians 4:1. This was also the theme for the ADYC Young Adults’ Conference in Brunel in July this year.

“Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called…” (Ephesians 4:1)

Here is a call, an exhortation, to all of us to commit to our Lord Jesus Christ, to His church and to the work of Christ in this world. Faithful, obedient, loving Christians - whatever our age - individually, but even more so, collectively, have the greatest potential for impacting the unbelieving world. All of us are exhorted “to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called”. Yes, all of us have received an Amazing Call from God - we have been called to be God’s children.

At Christmas, we remember how God became human, become a child, a babe. Through Christ’s death and faith in Him, we become children of God. As God’s children, we must grow in our love for Christ, in our love for each other and in our effectiveness in communicating Christ’s love for the world. Our Call is Amazing!

And so my dear young friends, you must know and remember that:

YOU ARE PRECIOUS TO GOD! God loves you and you are very PRECIOUS to Him. Sadly, many people don’t realize this. They look down on themselves, thinking that God can’t use them. That is not right! God can and wants to use each one of us.

GOD HAS AN AMAZING PLAN FOR YOU! You are not here by accident. The call that God has given you is something unique and no one will ever do exactly what God has called you to do. All of us are invaluable parts of Christ’s body and each part is necessary to get the whole body to work (1 Cor 12:12-27). As the body has many different parts with unique functions, we are different and unique too. Our calls may be different but our Lord is the same and that’s what counts.

And so, I want to encourage you to BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR CALL. God wants you to use. God can do great things through each one of you. The important thing is not if God has called us to something “big” or “small”. What is important thing is that we are faithful in our call (Matthew 25:14-30). One thing we mustn’t forget is that we are building GOD’S KINGDOM - not ours. Without deserving it we are saved and by grace we are God’s co-workers in spreading His wonderful kingdom. The glory belongs to God and to God alone.

If you let God lead you and use you in the calling He has for you, you will have the best, most fulfilling and exciting life you can ever have. As your bishop, I can assure you that we will continue to support and encourage our Youth Ministry. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a greatly fulfilling new year 2019!

Your bishop and friend,
The Rt Revd Danald Jute

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Shalom brothers and sisters in Christ!

It is Christmas time and an exciting season for us - friends and family gatherings, presents, parties and merry-making. There are also those who cannot afford to experience such moments.

Let us not lose or get carried away by the standard of this world on the meaning of Christmas. The passage in Luke 2:4-19 points out its true meaning. Christmas is when we remember the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement because they knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming, hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child. His birth is one of truth, love, and hope. He brought salvation to all of us. Without Jesus, we would all die in our sins.

It is also a time to reflect and be thankful for the things that God has allowed to happen in the ministry of ADYC. We thank God for the opportunity to serve the young people this year at our ADYC Teens Camp at Kem Juara Serian hosted by Region 5 and ADYC Young Adults Conference cum 13th ADYC Biennial General Meeting held at St. James’ Parish, Kuala Belait and St. Margaret’s Parish, Seria in Negara Brunei Darussalam as well as ADYC Mission Trip to Ruko in Pontianak, Indonesia.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to The Right Revd. Danald Jute, the Clergy, Diocesan Standing Committee, PCC and all Parishioners in the Diocese of Kuching for your continuous support whenever ADYC needs it.

Lastly, to all PYF members throughout the Diocese, have a blessed holiday and see you all at our ADYC Events 2019! Wishing all a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year 2019!

Phylis Montegorai
ADYC President 2018-2020

CHIEF EDITOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the 10th edition of Berita ADYC since its return in 2014! Through the years, we have witnessed many changes in the team: size, people and roles. Heartiest congratulations to the team for adapting well to these changes.

We continue to welcome more people who are keen to join the team. Do keep in touch via our social media account. Let’s continue to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, just as our theme, “Amazing Call” (Eph 4:1), reminds us.

In this edition, we feature a sharing by Canon James Juhari as he challenges the young people to respond to God’s call to full time ministry. Be sure to also check out special Christmas sharing by Revd Rodriguez as well as testimonies from our young people in the Diocese. Thank you to all contributors and to our dear readers, do share your views with us at our email: berita.adyc@gmail.com

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2019!

God bless all.

Lydia Ida
As Rector of Diocesan Theological Training, I have been tasked to create awareness regarding the current manpower situation in the Diocese, to recruit potential candidates for training, and to encourage our congregation to continue supporting the Diocesan Training Programme financially.

Between January 2018-April 2028, 24 out of 70 full-time priests will have retired. The question is: What should be our plan to counter our shortage of clergy in the Diocese? The truth is that we can never have enough clergy to serve in this ever-growing diocese but we can plan a strategy to prevent an acute shortage.

Preparing young people for priesthood does not begin when we enroll them into a theological seminary but from the most basic ministry - the Children’s Ministry (or Sunday School). Sunday School should not be a place to occupy or entertain children during worship services. It should be a place of nurturing as we build these children to become God-fearing, committed, serving members, and eventually leaders of the future. It is during this time intentional discipleship must start.

Discipleship does not stop there. As these children grow up and be part of their parish’s Youth Fellowship, we must continue to impart the same message - to remind them constantly that they are needed in the church and the marketplace. We should continue encouraging them to serve the Lord as He calls them.

Parents, you have an important responsibility in the vocation to the full-time ministry. Parents play an important role in encouraging their children who are called by God to offer themselves to full-time ministry. If you notice your child have a calling and is showing interest in the full-time Church ministry, encourage him or her. We also need young women in our diocesan full-time ministry team. They may not serve as priests (at least at this point of time), but our Diocesan Children, Youth, and Women Ministries need more capable and theologially-trained women leaders.

There are some parents who discourage their children from entering full-time ministry for financial reasons. Rest assured, the welfare of those called to serve full-time in church are well taken care of. When we talk about ‘Recruitment’ and ‘Training Programme’, we are not just inviting people to attend theological training but also to call upon those who are able to sponsor towards the recruitment and training of those called into full-time ministry. The Diocese needs more funds as we plan to expand our clergy manpower.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus told His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest”. Here, we are reminded that we must continue to pray and wisdom to employ more workers, as there will never be enough, to do God’s work for He is the Lord of the harvest. Let’s not be complacent but be encouraged to do more and give our best as we respond to His call today!

Rev. Canon James Juhari
(Rector, Diocesan Theological Training, Kuching)
“Yes, here I am Lord” | Jessy Hazel Anak Joseph (Guru)


Jessy Hazel

“通过事奉让属灵成长”
Carlson Tawi

我叫Carlson Tawi Anak Daud, 今年二十七岁。在圣公会达万堂的青年事工组担任秘书的职位。以往我都是在圣公会圣信堂崇拜, 直到二零二零年八月份, 圣灵触动我的心, 将我引领到圣公会达万堂崇拜。我记得第一次在达万堂崇拜时, 我是参加英文的崇拜。在八月份的第二个主日, 我决定去试试中文的崇拜。经过这一次的崇拜后, 我心深处有种奇妙, 舒服又温馨的感觉, 在达万堂中文的崇拜让我有种像在家的感觉。于是, 我就决定从此以后来参加达万堂中文崇拜。几个月后, 我被分配去参与我人生中的第一个事奉, 就是负责音响系统的操作。

之前, 我认为事奉是一个管道来接近教会。那时我也被认为在教会事奉的弟兄姐妹们, 他们的属灵生命比起普通一般教友还未得高。感谢赞美上帝, 因为通过TJAC的教友们的努力, 给我机会在今堂事奉。从那时起, 我才真正了解到在教会事奉是基督徒生命中的何等重要。事奉对我来说是信徒团契中的一个方向。通过事奉, 让我知道自己只是上帝的仆人之一。藉着事奉, 我的灵也慢慢地成长起来。

(1) 我渐渐地依靠上帝。现在, 我开始会常常祷告。

(2) 我就教会事奉为一种责任感。(在：在主日崇拜的前一天, 在无人的指示下, 我会自动去搬椅子)

(3) 我也渐渐地去运用怜悯的心去帮助有需要的人, 并利用上帝的话语来鼓励他们。

(4) 我也开始接受别人的批评和评论, 乐意改进并希望可以在事奉的道路上做得更好。

我感谢上帝这几年来的恩典。我也发觉到上帝默默地安排, 让我参与教会的其他事工, 比如青年事工组, 伴唱等等。此外, 我也是中文部执事委员会之一, 带领中文部组成一起来事奉。在事奉主的路上, 我感到很多喜乐, 平安和满足感。我也经历了上帝无条件的恩典和大能来从事上帝的工作。

虽然在事奉的路上我偶尔会碰到难题和软弱, 但只要我把问题和眼目定睛在耶稣的恩膏宝座前, 我就会重新得到像老鹰展翅腾飞的力量。无论遇到什么挫折, 我学习不靠自己的能力, 总不把眼睛转向神。箴言16:3, “你所作的, 要交托耶和华, 你所谋的, 就必成立。” 当我把一切计划交托给上帝并信靠祂的全能, 祂必使我的计划成立。因为在人不能做的事, 在神凡事都能, 阿们。

Carlson Tawi 执笔

“..lakukannya dengan kerendahan hati, membangun dan sungguh...”
-Lydia Humphrey Tungkat

Panggilan yang paling mencabar bagi saya adalah ketika dipanggil untuk menjadi Region 6 Coordinator. Pada mulanya, saya hanya ingin menjadi timbalan sahaja tetapi tidak sangka bahawa saya dilantik sebagai Coordinator Region 6 selepas Coordinator yang sebelum ini dilantik sebagai Young Adult Coordinator.

Saya berasa sangat terkejut, risau, dan juga kekecewaan kerana selama ini, saya lebih selesa dalam keadaan 'low profile' dan tidak dikenal orang. Tambahkan pula, tanggungjawab saya terhadap keluarga dan pekerjaan membuat saya risau jika saya dapat menggantang tanggung jawab sesuai. Saya tidak mau membeli komitmen dalam apa-apun pelayanan yang saya ceburi kerana tidak mau terbebankan dengan masalah dan karenas manusia tetapi apabila saya serahkan semuanya ke dalam tangan Tuhan secara automatik semuanya menjadi mudah. Halan dan cabaran tetap ada tetapi pasti ada jalan penyelesaian dari Tuhan. Secara peribadi, Tuhan telah memilih saya, pasti Dia telah mempersiapkan jalan untuk saya. Oleh itu, saya tidak menyesal memerima panggilan tersebut kerana Tuhan Yesus itu adalah sumbar kekuatan dalam kehidupan saya.

Lydia Humphrey
Gereja St Simon's, Malihah & Region 6 Coordinator


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Region 1: Festival of Praise

The Tabernacle Fellowship (TF) and Gerempung Iban Gerija St. Andrew’s (GIGSA) youth recently hosted a ‘Festival of Praise’ (FOP) on the 10th-11th September 2018 at St. Andrew’s Church, Bandar Seri Begawan. The event was attended by youth from various churches in Temburong. The seminar focused on ‘boy and girl relationships’. It was conducted by Ps. Kenny and targets on the issues related to ‘romance’. Through FOP, it is hoped that the church and youth leaders are able to provide encouragement and opportunities for the young people to use their talents, collaborate between ministries and indirectly strengthen relationship with each other.

Region 2: Annual General Meeting

The Region 2 Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd April 2018 at St. John’s Parish, Sibu. 13 youth leaders representing various parishes within Region 2 attended the meeting including ADYC President, Ms Phyllis Montegrail and ADYC Chaplain, Revd. Timon Lugi. The AGM began with the presentation of the Parish Youth Fellowship’s reports from each representatives and thereafter the election of the next Region 2 Office Bearers.

Region 3: Konsert Kristian

Region 4: Visit to St. Maria, Abok

A group of 20 representatives from all 5 parishes under Region 4 visited St. Maria, Abok. The visitation was held on 6th October 2018. It gave opportunity to the youth to have fellowship and pray with one another, besides encouraging each other in their involvement with the church ministry. The visit started with Praise and Worship session led by the PYF of St. Maria, Abok, followed by the sharing of the Word of God by Revd. Francis Nyegang. Subdeacon Boniface also shared his testimony to encourage the youth. Through visitation program such as this, the bond between churches and ministries can be deepened, despite the distance between them.

Region 5: ADYC Region 5 Leader’s Retreat

The parishes within Region 5 organised the ADYC Region 5 Leaders Retreat on the 6th-7th October 2018, at Kem Permai, Santubong, Kuching. 25 youths, consisting of committee members and representatives attended this retreat. The theme of the program was “DEEPER”. The retreat aimed to encourage and ignite the youth leader’s passion in their ministries and strengthen the bond between them. This retreat also served as a bridge between regional committee members as they connected and fellowshipped as a team.

Region 6: Leader’s Retreat

Region 6 organised a Leader’s Retreat from 31st August to 2nd September 2018. The retreat was held at Borneo Tribal Village, Kampung Apar Bau, Kuching. Forty two participants from Region 6 took part in the retreat. The theme, ‘Seeking God’s Wisdom’ from James 1:5, emphasized on the importance of living a God-centered life. There were prayer time and worship, workshops, forum and team building activities. A “Pillow Talk” session was also held, where challenging issues, such as difficulties in relationships, parental expectations and life principles with the church were discussed. This retreat has exposed the participants to use their leadership skills where some youths has been identified as future PYF Leader and other ministries as well.
Praise the Lord for the opportunity that was given to me to share our experiences during the “Amazing Call” Young Adult Conference on 19th-22nd July 2018. The conference was hosted by St. James’ Church, Kuala Belait and St. Margaret’s Church, Seria. During the four-day conference, we attended several sessions and activities. It was an interesting and enlightening conference as it addressed different faith-related dilemmas that young adults are facing at their workplace or in higher learning institutions.

The key event for the conference were the session by Dean Andrew Cheah from St. Mary’s Cathedral, Kuala Lumpur based on the theme. Each of these sessions spoke and met the needs of the participants in special ways. Another key event was the trip to Jerudong Park.

We would like to thank our hosts for their warm hospitality and hard work in organizing the conference. We urge that these gatherings continue as young people from across the diocese can gather and learn with and from one another. Leaders from each church can also gain new ideas and knowledge which can be implemented at their home churches to build up young leaders.
PYNET: LEADER'S RETREAT

Every now and then, we need a break from our usual routine in life. 42 youth leaders from the Provincial Youth Network (PYNET) gathered on 3rd-5th August for a retreat. Held at OUTBAC Broga, Negeri Sembilan, the retreat gave these leaders an opportunity to study God’s Word and challenged themselves through outdoor activities.

The participants completed various physical activities such as going hiking up Broga Hill at sunrise as well as team building activities like ‘Survival Race’, wall climbing and flying fox.

The ‘Survival Race’ was a memorable activity as each participant learned survival skills, the importance of teamwork and clear communication through the challenges. One activity required team members to create a human chain by crossing one’s leg over another’s waist in water to keep each other safe while waiting for rescue.

In the afternoon, participants were given an opportunity to bond and fellowship with each other while exploring the nearby town. Some even feasted on durians! In the evening, Archbishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing and Rev. Kelvin Jawa led the sessions and sharings. Despite the tiring weekend, it was well spent as leaders from within the province got to know and encouraged one another. We look forward to the next PYNET Leader’s Retreat in 2020!

ACS: HARMONY WALK 2018


Ini membuktikan perpaduan yang ditunjukkan oleh peserta-peserta Region 6 bukan sahaja untuk Region 6, tetapi untuk Sarawak juga. Biarlah Region 6 menjadi Garam dan Terang sesepertimana yang Yesus moahkan di dalam Matius 5:13-16!
Heartiest Congratulations!

to the Revd. Nelson Ugas
on being appointed the Assistant Bishop of Kuching
May God bless you as you enter a new phase in your ministry.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

1. TEENS CAMP 2019 (BIBLE CAMP)
   REGION 1 & 2: 25 - 27 JULY 2019
   REGION 3 & 4: 19 - 21 JULY 2019
   REGION 5 & 6: 22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2019

2. YOUNG ADULT GETAWAY
   18 - 20 MAY 2019

3. ADYC PRAYER WEEK
   22 - 28 JULY 2019

4. DIOCESAN YOUTH SUNDAY
   28 JULY 2019

5. ONE VOICE 2019
   10 - 13 AUGUST 2019