



**Diocesan Women's Committee
51st DWC Conference Report
Held at City Bayview Hotel, Penang
17-19th June 2022**

All Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for making the event successful.

- The Opening Service and the Business Meeting were held at St. George's Church on 17th June. The rest of the program were held in the hotel. Presidential Address were given by Bishop Steven Abbarow and Bishop Stephen Soe shared at the opening service. There were 180 ladies in 4 languages joined the conference. I would like to thank Bishop Steven Soe who has been there helping and advising in the arrangement of this conference.
- I would like to thank Our Diocesan Bishop, RT. Rev. Dr. Steven Abbarow for his advice and ever present whenever needed. He was our theme speaker too for the English session.
- The team from UNAWC under the leadership of Irene had done a great job to organize this conference successfully.
- DWC blessed with RM1000 for the bus chartered from Kuala Lumpur and RM500 for the bus from Ipoh. This to lessen their burden for the ladies.
- Few highlights from the Business meeting
 - a) Women speaker – will look and find suitable speakers
 - b) E-booklet – will do at next conference
 - c) Door gift – organizing committee decide (the reason we gave that bag this year because it convenient for grocery shopping)
 - d) Timetable - Will consider for changes in next conference
 - e) External Auditors – will appoint in the next AGM.

Report by
Mrs Rethi Grace

Diocesan Women's Conference Report for English session



Penang. After the service end, Bishop of DWM, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Steven abbarow chaired the 51st Diocesan Women's general meeting and welcome everyone. The meeting started with the chairman address, presentation of the reports from various archdeaconry and language boards and some important highlights.

We continue to meet on the second day of the conference on 18 June 2022. The event started in English language group with opening prayer and worship. This was followed by theme talk. Overall, Bishop Steven Abbarow had shared the message about women in Discipleship, Leadership and Church planting. Bishop in his sharing begins the theme talk 1 with the meaning of the disciples and discipleship. He emphasized the importance of sacrifices, commitment and responses as a disciple of Christ. The participants also enjoyed time together in group discussion based on the bible passage from Act 9:36-42.

Meanwhile, at the theme talk 2, Bishop shared about women in leadership from Jeremiah 13:23. The group then presented their discussion points on the lesson learned from the life of King Saul and King David. In the last theme talk 3, Bishop shared about the Church planting and the group discussion was from Act 16:11-15 on the story of Lydia. Overall, we had a wonderful time of hearing God's Word and receiving encouragement from Bishop Steven Abbarow. Other events that took place on 18 June were zumba, praise dance and sightseeing. The atmosphere was filled with great excitement as participants took part in various activities.

We continue to meet on the third day of the conference on 19 June 2022. The events started with the holy communion service then followed by worship, bible study and testimonies. Before we left, we had a closing prayer. It was a joy to come back together after a difficult last two years. We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His grace and strength for the successful conference.

Report prepared by:



English Work Representative,

Dss. Logeswary.K

West Malaysia Diocese Sister Conference (Chinese Group)

The previous sister conferences held by the Anglican Church in West Malaysia was halted due to the impact of the pandemic. Under God's grace, the conference resumed at Penang's Bayview Hotel. The dates are from 17/06/22 till 19/06/22 lasting for 3 days and 2 nights.

On 17/06/22 (Friday) at 5pm in Penang, St. George's Church, the opening ceremony was led by Bishop Steven Abbarow followed by Bishop Stephen Soe sharing a message to encourage and affirm the dedication and participation of the fellow sisters. After that, there was a dinner at the church. Lastly, everyone returned to the main hall for the sister's conference before heading back to the hotel to rest.

On 18/06/22 (Saturday), after having breakfast everyone moved to their assigned conference hall. The day started off with Dss Dorina Tan leading in praise followed by Dss Vivian Siew explaining the first topic " I am making everything new" (Revelation 21:5). It mainly discusses the difference in church, personal life, mentality, thinking, or behaviour after the pandemic. The speaker even encouraged us to understand ourselves better, to abandon the old normality of the past and to express the renewal of our inner life through the word of the Lord. After that she split us into several groups to share the struggles and changes during the pandemic.

Through self-acknowledgement and the renewal of inner life, Dss Vivian Siew encouraged us to become God's bearers through the second talk. Using the parables of Elijah and Elisha, she encouraged everyone to put behind their old self and surrender to the work of the Lord. Just like Elijah, continuing to believe, follow and obey God's word and learn to be like Elisha and ask God to give us double the spirit to accomplish the work God has entrusted to us.

After lunch that day, some elder sisters chose to go back to their rooms to rest or chat while only a few chose to go out for a walk due to the hot weather.

After a rest in the afternoon, everyone seemed much more lively. The last talk held at night was quoted from (Proverbs 31) by the speaker to get women who need to develop good character and virtue, secondly to be passionate about life and thirdly to be generous and diligent in doing things. At the end, the speaker cites "The Measure of Life" to test and face her inner problems in order to become a God fearing person.

On the last day 19/06/22 (Sunday), everyone was ready to worship God together early in the morning. Rev Matthew Chay shared and officiated the Sunday service. After that, a bible study was held led by Dss Emily Yap. In the end, after receiving the encouragement of God's word and fellowship everyone returned home.

Dss Emily Yap
09.07.22

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA Women Ministry

By Deaconess Pushpathai (Rani)
(Tamil Session) 2022

From 7TH - 19TH JUNE 2022 51ST DIOCESAN WOMENT'S CONFERENCE
was successfully held at City Bayview Hotel, Penang.

A total of 61 women participants were at this Tamil session. During this
conference

SPEAKER: REV. GERRAD EMMANUEL

The main theme was Season Of Preparation (Diocesan Theme)

Many of the participants were visibly moved by the messages from the three
talks and when
the time of sharing the response was tremendous.

On behalf of the Diocesan Women we thank Rev. Gerrad Emmanuel for his
encouragement. It was
Indeed an eyeopener for those who attended first time for the Conference and
all.

Above all we give praise and thanks to our Heavenly for His guidance and
blessings throughout the Women Conference.

THEME TALK 1 - Season of Preparation : Discipleship

To be a disciple (Mark 8 : 34 - 38)

- Respose, sacrifice, commitment

Discipleship consists

- Faith (Hebrews 11: 1-3)
- Prayer life (Ephesians 6: 18) Relationship with God
- Word of God (2 timothy 3: 14 – 17) Come with preparation
- Service (1 Samuel 12: 24) our life - the living sacrifice
- Whatever I do is for God
- Kerygma (1 Corinthians 1;21 Where God leads
- Love (Romans 13: 8-10)

Discipling others 2 Timothy 2: 1-12

- To help others to grow
- To continue the work of Christ

THEME TALK 2 - Season Of Preparation : Leadership

- Introduction (Proverbs 11 : 14)

- What is Christian Leadership?
- Servant Leadership (Matthew 20; 20-25 (start from verse 20)
- Leadership in Bible – Moses and the judges (Exodus 18; 13-27)
- How can one be a leader? Born or nurtured?
- Values we need in a leader.
- Problems and challenges in leadership today
- Passing the baton (Paul & Timothy, Titus)
- Harvest are plenty but the labourers are few (Luke 10: 2)

THEME TALK 3 - Season Of Preparation : Church

Planting

- Introduction
 - Purpose : Our Mission (Acts 14 : 19-23)
 - Evangelism and reaching out (Acts 8: 4-8)
 - Holy Spirit : Spiritual gifts, roles (Ephesians 4: 11-16)
 - How can you participate
- Importance of small groups
 - One to one
1. Be aware of : Nature of Spiritual battle (Ephesians 6: 12)
 2. The challenges in reaching out today
 2. Awareness of the need to grow and multiply (John 15: 8)

Laporan Seminar Wanita Dioces ke-51 (Bahasa Malaysia)

Tarikh: 18. June. 2022
Tempat: City Bayview Hotel
Pengkhotbah: Rev. Yong Thiam Choy

Tema: Musim Persediaan

Acara dimulakan dengan kata alu-aluan oleh Bishop Stephen Soe kemudian doa pembukaan oleh ArcD. Jacob George. Sebelum sesi pengajaran dimulakan, semua peserta mengambil gambar berkumpulan bersama-sama.

Selepas sesi bergambar berkumpulan, semua peserta bersama-sama menikmati sesi pujian dan penyembahan yang dipimpin oleh Ps. Shilda Tais dan tim pujian penyembahan. Kemudian, Bishop Stephen Soe menjemput Rev. Yong Thiam Choy untuk memulakan sesi pengajaran beliau.

Rev. Yong Thiam Choy memperkenalkan diri dan berkongsi kesaksian, pelayanan dan pengalaman beliau sebelum memulakan pengajaran sesi pertama.

Bagi memulakan pengenalan dan pembelajaran sesi pertama, Rev. Yong Thiam Choy menjelaskan fokus seluruh Dioces pada tahun 2020 - 2023 tentang Persiapan Musim Baru.

Pembelajaran sesi pertama, beliau menjelaskan bahawa Persiapan musim baru akan membawa 3 hal utama iaitu :- perubahan, cabaran dan terobosan.

Dalam memperjuangkan persiapan musim baru ini, beliau menegaskan kita perlu mengikuti teladan firman Amsal 3: 5 – 6 “ ***(Percayalah kepada TUHAN dengan segenap hatimu, dan janganlah bersandar kepada pengertianmu sendiri. Akulah Dia dalam segala lakumu, maka Ia akan meluruskan jalanmu)***”. Sesi pertama berakhir dan semua peserta berehat untuk jamuan ringan pada jam 10.30 pagi.

Sesi ke dua dimulakan dengan menyanyikan lagu penyembahan “Ku mau cinta Yesus selamanya.” Kemudian, Rev. Yong Thiam Choy meneruskan pengajaran pada sesi ke dua tentang 3 akibat ketidaktaatan manusia kepada

Allah iaitu:- kutukan, pembuangan dan kematian.

Tetapi kerana Allah begitu mengasihi kita maka Dia mahu menukarbalikkan kutuk menjadi berkat, pembuangan dengan penebusan dan kematian dengan kehidupan kekal dalam Kristus Yesus.

Beliau mengakhiri pengajaran hari ini dengan menekankan Fokus Dioces tentang Persiapan Musim baru - persiapan, penyebaran dan pengisytiharan. Kemudian bersama-sama dengan semua peserta berdoa memberkati kehidupan masing-masing.

Selepas itu, AchD. Soong Hoe Pin menyampaikan pemberian kasih kepada Rev. Yong Thiam Choy disertai doa pemberkatan bersama semua peserta untuk beliau dan ahli keluarganya yang dipimpin oleh ArcD. Jacob George.

Selepas itu, Rev.Melder Tais mengetuai doa menutup acara seminar hari ini dan doa berkat untuk semua peserta. Kemudian, para peserta mengambil peluang untuk menangkap gambar kumpulan demi kumpulan bersama pengkhotbah hari ini Rev. Yong Thiam Choy dan pengerusi DWC Pn. Rethi Grace.

Seminar Wanita Dioces ke 51 diakhiri dengan jamuan makan tengah hari bersama-sama sebelum peserta pulang ke rumah masing-masing. Kesimpulannya, semua peserta berasa sangat gembira dan diberkati dengan pengajaran yang disampaikan dan menikmati peluang persekutuan dengan peserta-peserta dari gereja yang lain dan berharap dapat bertemu lagi pada masa akan datang.

Sekian.

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Ps. Shilda Tais