

Pilgrimage in the Diocese of West Malaysia- a Diocesan Initiative.

We begin by seeking to understand what “Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi” mean to us. **Lex Orandi** is Latin and refers to the rule, or law, of prayer. This is the fundamental understanding of Anglicanism. The translation is “As We Worship, So We Believe, So We Live”. What an inspiring way to capture who and what we are to do.

The churches within Asia are relatively young in the mission field but vibrant in wanting to carry out the great commission of the Lord. In our diocese, the concept of developing pilgrimages derived from Bishop Steven Abbarow, the Diocesan Bishop of West Malaysia.

Bishop Steven adds that the pilgrim Church is missionary by nature since the mission comes from the triune God. A pilgrimage is an expressive act of desire to engage in spirituality on a practical level. To make the journey within the heritage churches and unique places as a way of contemplation and prayer with the how revealed himself in these places. While there were pilgrimages overseas, which is good in itself. Still, the direction of this vision is to capture the mission and spiritual development within the Diocese.

From time to time, the Church needs to trace the footprints of God within the local Diocese. So much work has been Diocese before the establishment of the Diocese. A spiritual journey into the missionary work and whom men and women toiled to build what we have now, is necessary to make our faith on a firm foundation. It will become a faith journey for the heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Anglican Church of West Malaysia has celebrated 53 years of God’s goodness in Malaysia. Throughout the years, we have witnessed God walking with his people, breaking new grounds and planting seeds of hope, faith, and love.

Since 2021, the Diocese has set aside the next ten years as a Season of Preparation, urging the Church to actively participate in the journey of watching and waiting for God’s promise to make everything new.

As part of Jesus Shaped Life, a Lambeth initiative, the Diocese Liturgical formation and footprints of God beckon her members and friends to embark on a spiritual journey, a time set apart for renewed faith and trust in God’s purpose. In line with our watching and waiting for God, we, too, must be intentional about our healing and journey to become the Salt and Light of the world. All pilgrimages are organised to encourage healing and reconciliation. Pilgrimages are also designed to include the history and heritage of the Malaysian Anglican Church – a narrative of the mission of leadership inspired by people and stories that stand as a testament to God’s hand in Malaysia.

We hope that at the end of their journey, pilgrims will be inspired to embrace a Jesus Shaped Life and continue the work before us.

If you want to know more about this initiative, please write to us.

Bishop Charles Samuel
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