



Date: 23rd November 2023

Bishop's Circular 09/2023 (*revised*)

To:

All Clergy, Deaconesses, Evangelists,
Chairpersons of Diocesan Boards and Committees,
Members of the Diocesan Standing Committee

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Trinity Greetings!

1.0 Movement of Clergy

- 1.1 Rev. Paul Khoo Boo Huat has been appointed as Priest in Charge of Emmanuel Harvest Centre, Sg. Ara, Penang with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.2 Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee has been posted to serve in Joshua Community Centre JCC, Seremban with effect from 1st November 2023. She continues to serve as Chaplain to the Anglican Students in STM.
- 1.3 I have approved the 3-month Sabbatical for Rev. Reuben Daniel from 1st October to 31st December 2023. His Sabbatical takes place in Penang. He is under the spiritual direction of Bishop Andrew Phang and Bishop Charles Samuel during this time.
- 1.4 Ven. Stephen Chan Mung Koon was appointed as Acting Vicar of St. Katherine's Church, Kajang from 1st October 2013. I have now decided to appoint him as Vicar of St. Katherine's Church, Kajang with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.5 Rev. Marshall Thomson has been appointed as Vicar of the Parish of St. Barnabas, Klang, with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.6 Dss. June Marshall has been appointed as Deaconess of St. Jude's Church, Sg. Way (an outreach of St. Barnabas' Church, Klang) with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.7 Rev. Immanuel Moses has been appointed as Priest of the Parish of St. Philip & St James, Sungai Petani, with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.8 Rev. Samuel Das A/L Mahendiran has been appointed as Deacon in charge of the Missionary District of St. Peter's Church, Kapar, with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 1.9 Dss. Marianne Kong Suk Yee has been appointed to serve as deaconess at St. Paul's Church, Petaling Jaya, with effect from 1st January 2024. She will report to Ven. Dr. Vijendra Daniel with regard to her pastoral duties there.



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- 1.10 I have appointed Dss. Marianne Kong as the Secretary of the Anglican Mission Schools Board (AMSB), with effect from 1st January 2024. She will be on duty at the Diocesan Office three days a week to carry out AMSB-related responsibilities.
- 1.11 Dss. Zaharah Ros has been appointed as Deaconess in Charge of the ARCH Shah Alam, with effect from 1st January 2024.

2.0 New Graduates from STM

- 2.1 Congratulations to the newly graduated STM students! STM held their graduation ceremony on 21st October 2023.
- 2.2 The new DWM-sponsored graduates have been appointed as Evangelists to serve in the following churches:

No.	Name	Church Posting	Effective Date
1.	Emmanuel Nickson A/L George	St. Martin's Church, Kota Baru	1 st November 2023
2.	Darry Lucas	St. Christopher's Church, Johor Bahru	1 st November 2023
3.	Davina A/P David	St. Katherine's Church, Kajang	1 st January 2024
4.	Dante Lum Lock Same	St. Katherine's Church, Kajang	1 st January 2024
5.	Paul Muthukrishnan	Currently serving at Good Samaritan Church, Shah Alam <i>Future: Christ Church, Sungkai (Outreach of Christ the King Church, Subang Jaya)</i>	-continuing- <i>1st July 2024 (to be confirmed)</i>
6.	Joshua Manogaran	Currently serving at St. Thomas' Church, Banting	-continuing-
7.*	Kelvin Cheah	Currently serving at St. Peter's Church, Ipoh	-continuing-

* Additional entry in revised BC 09/2023

- 2.3 These Evangelists will start preparing themselves for ordination as deacons and commissioning as deaconess in 2024.

3.0 Consecration of Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sabah and Provincial Gathering 2023 (PG2023)

- 3.1 The Consecration Service of Canon Kenneth Thien as Assistant Bishop was held at All Saints' Cathedral, Kota Kinabalu on 5th November 2023. The Provincial Gathering 2023 (PG2023) was held in Kota Kinabalu from 6th to 9th November 2023.
- 3.2 In all, around 300-350 persons attended the PG2023, with the largest delegation (159 delegates) coming from Diocese of Kuching. The Diocese of Singapore was also well represented. The Diocese of West Malaysia was represented by 10 delegates (smallest delegation).



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- 3.3 The PG2023 started off with a grand Thanksgiving Dinner for the Consecration of New Assistant Bishop Kenneth Thien and Opening of PSEA Gathering at the Hakka Hall on 6th November. Members of churches of the Diocese of Sabah entertained the guests with melodious songs, traditional music, and multi-cultural dances. An instant photo booth was set up for guests to take back a memento of this memorable occasion.
- 3.4 We spent most of the 2nd Day at All Saint's Cathedral, beginning with the Opening Service, and followed by talks by Bishop Ng Moon Hing on the Theme "Growing Stronger Together In Faith" and "Growing Stronger Together In Mission". After lunch, we participated in the Inter-Diocese Challenge Trophy (which was retained by the Diocese of Sabah) at the Hosanna Hall. Games included Quizzes, Nail-Hammering Relay, Hula Hoop Crossing Challenge, Penalty Shootout, and Coconut Bowling. The evening was "free & easy" for everyone to do their own thing in Kota Kinabalu.
- 3.5 The 3rd Day was packed with outings to the Highland (Nabalu Market, Desa Dairy Farm in Kundasang), Island (snorkeling near Mamutik Island), and Lowland (Kota Kinabalu City Tour). Dinner on the 3rd day was hosted at the All Saints' Cathedral by 15 parishes in the Kota Kinabalu area, giving us a taste of their own home-made dishes served "stall-style" by the church members.
- 3.6 On the 4th Day we said our goodbyes and returned to Kuala Lumpur after a sumptuous buffet breakfast at the hotel. We would like to thank the Diocese of Sabah for organising a meaningful, fun-filled and memorable Provincial Gathering. They were gracious and generous hosts, and all the delegates were well taken care of. New friends were made, and old friendships rekindled. Kudos to the Organising Committee led by Bishop John Yeo for a job very well done! Their hard work and meticulous planning was evident in the smooth running of the programmes.
- 3.7 The next Provincial Gathering will be held in 2027, and will be organised by the Diocese of West Malaysia. Let us rise to the challenge!

4.0 Appointment to Boards

- 4.1 Board of Governors, SK Yong Peng, Johor: Mdm, Foon Yit Hoong has been appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Governors, SK Yong Peng, for a term of 3 years beginning 14th September 2023. Rev. Alex Kong Teck Soon, Mr. Tan Pit Jie and Mr. Lee Swee Fong have been appointed as Diocesan Representatives in the Board of Governors; while Rev. Lee Yu Peng, Mdm. Lim Kee Yong and Mr. Nyeow Chin Seng have been appointed as Representatives of St. Stephen's Church in the Board of Governors. All appointments are for a term of three years, from 14th September 2023 until 13th September 2026.
- 4.2 Board of Governors, St. Aidan's Primary School, Bahau: Rev. Avean Elvin has been appointed as a member of the Board of Governors, representing the Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia, effective from 19th September 2023 until 31st March 2025.



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- 4.3 Board of Trustees, St. Nicholas Home, Penang: Mr. Chai Heng Hock has been appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Nicholas Home, Penang, effective from 1st January 2024 until 31st May 2027.
- 4.4 Board of Directors, St. Nicholas Home, Penang: Mr. Asohan A/L S. Ponniah and Dato' Dr. Lai Fong Hwa have been appointed as Co-opted members of the Board of Directors of St. Nicholas Home, Penang, for a term of 2 years effective from 1st January 2024 until 31st December 2025.

5.0 Google Feedback Form

- 5.1 If you have any comments or feedback, please fill up the Google Feedback form using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGwEh70RzlZCzQTepgYP7PwLN91UnMI8umJ1m9zAQWgyMWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Veni Sancte Spiritus,



The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow
Bishop of West Malaysia



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