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*Rooted & Built Up In Christ*  
(Colossians 2:7)

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## Message from the Bishop

The Rt Rev Datuk Albert Yun Cheong Fui



*"Do two walk  
together unless  
they have  
agreed to do  
so?"*

Amos 3:3

This year our Diocesan Synod will be meeting at the end of August 2010 (our Diocesan Synod meets once in 2 years). Among other things, we will be discussing the direction of the Diocese in the light of the developments we have seen in the Anglican Communion which intensified over the last 12 or more years, with many of the churches in the USA, the UK, Australia, NZ and other countries increasingly being influenced by the culture of the day rather than to base the authority of our faith in the revelation of the Bible. After more than a decade of effort, we still do not see clear leadership to resolve this serious departure from faithfulness to our Lord. One can only imagine what the risen Christ would say if He were to visit the Anglican Church like He did the 7 churches in the book of Revelation. Although we have engaged ourselves to find a solution over the years, we also realized soon as we began, that the effort we put in would be futile. **"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" Amos 3:3** We have to ask ourselves what has resulted from the investment of so much of our time, energy and resources. To say the least, the attention of many of our bishops have been distracted from the more important works of mission, disciples-making, evangelism and pastoral care over our churches.

Our churches are not growing in most places. In fact, churches are losing members. As a Diocese, we have no choice but to confront ourselves with the need to make a clear decision how we can be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and His calling to His Church. We ask our partners to pray for us and with us. We ask the Lord to give us clarity and courage to get our first principle right: to be faithful to Christ and to do what He has taught us in the Bible.

We will also spend time to sharpen our strategies to grow all our churches and build up the faith of our members. We will continue to expand and multiply in developing new mission districts, plant new churches, and to increase in our mission commitments.

On the bright side, we are glad to report continuous growth in our Diocese's Sunday attendance. On average, we have seen an increase of over 2000 every year in our regular Sunday attendance in the last 4 years. By God's help, we were able to overcome a period of stagnation.

This year, our average Sunday attendance has grown beyond 25,000. The momentum continues. With more emphasis put on our small-town churches, in planting new churches, and in training all our churches to be more effective in evangelism and discipleship - we can see growth in almost all our 230-plus congregations in the Diocese.

We are also encouraged to see growth in our youth and children ministries. We will continue to put in extra effort and attention to increase growth in our youth and children work until we reach at least half the people in our churches are below 24 years old (24.7 is the mean age of the Malaysia population). I will be mobilizing greater investment of resources into our youth and children ministries. We expect a greater harvest in the coming years as we increase our "sowing".

I ask all our churches to pray more. Ask the Lord to help us where we are weak. Ask for Him to supply where we are lacking. **"Ask and it shall be given."** Let us not lose heart. Let us continue to stir one another to love and good works. Let us not be luke-warm or complacent. Let us be strong in our spiritual fervor. Pray for me as I continue to serve as Bishop. Pray that I will not lose heart when I face overwhelming frustration and sometimes strong barriers. Pray that I will have boldness to speak forth the word of God.

Once again, I thank you for your support and encouragement to me and my family. ♦

*"To build local churches throughout Sabah and beyond that are passionate in worship, powerful in preaching and prepared for effective mission and evangelism."*

## Diocesan Youth Camp (CHI)

14 - 17 June 2010



On 14 - 17 June, near the tip of Borneo, 612 youths gathered for the Chinese Youth Camp at St James' Anglican Church, Kudat, Sabah. Also at the camp were musicians and artistes from Hong Kong and Faith Christian Centre, Sunway, who had recently launched their second album 'Life Enlivened'. More than 60 youths accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour during the camp, and 271 young people re-committed their lives to Christ; while another 140 young people answered God's calling to full-time ministry!

## Diocesan Youth Camp (BM)

7 - 10 June 2010

The Diocesan BM Youth Camp for the year 2010 went well, with a participation of 1595. During the evangelistic night, a total of 48 youths accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. While 29 youths made a decision to serve the Lord. The speakers are Bishop Melter Jiki Tais (Assistant to the Bishop of Sabah), Rev. Canon Musa Ambai, Rev. Canon Lidis Singkung, Rev. Samamadin Uloi, Rev. Clarence Fu, Rev. Jackson Araman and Rev. Arun Kuak. During the camp, participants were mobilized to bless the town of Telupid through a garbage-cleaning campaign. Praise the Lord for a powerful BM Youth Camp 2010!



## Youth Pastors School (Chinese & English)

22 - 31 March 2010

The Youth Pastors School is part of the diocesan training program to equip young workers throughout the Diocese. The training is designed to help them to be clear in their *calling*, *character* and *competency* through biblical teaching, character development and practical tools for their ministries. The YPS is under the supervision of the Diocesan Vocation Committee which has helped many young workers to eventually move on to theological studies and pastoral ministry.

The Diocese has been running the YPS for the past 16 years. It was originally known as *Intrigue* (Intensive Training in the Gospel for Urban Evangelists) and later changed to *Youth Pastors School* in 2001 when the focus of training included equipping



Group photo of the participants at Anglican Vision School, Tawau.

and pastoral skills. More than 100 young workers have gone through this training, and today, many of them are pastors and missionaries in our Diocese. We are proud that Rev David Wong, Rev Lin Khee Yun, Rev Jeremiah Liew, Ps Janet Lee, Ps Chin Yock Len and Ps Wong Hyen Tze were among the pioneer Class of 1994. Others, including Rev Chin Pit Yun,

Rev Genry Caluste, Rev Ho Kee Chung, Rev Alan Lim Heng Long, Rev Samuel Sampe, and Ps Faustina Foo, have also joined the ranks over the years.

With such a "cloud of witnesses", I would like to encourage the 31 participants in this year's Class of 2010 to remain faithful to the end. I would like to challenge you to join the others in full-time vocation. The Lord Jesus clearly exhorts us to look at the fields that are already **ripe for harvest (John 4:35)**. This speaks of the urgency of harvesting lest it suffers loss. It also speaks of the lack of workers to do the work. Will you pray and offer yourselves for the work of the Lord?

## Diocesan Young Adult Camp (Chi & Eng)

"Experiencing God"  
15 - 18 September  
Kokol Prayer Retreat Center, Kota Kinabalu

## Diocesan Youth Camp (Eng)

"Impact Generation: Knowing Him Passionately"  
29 November - 2 December  
Anglican Vision School, Bandar Sri Indah, Tawau.



Contact the information counter at your church to get your registration form or you can also download from:  
[www.anglicansabah.org](http://www.anglicansabah.org)

# Fourth Anglican Global South to South Encounter

19 - 23 April 2010

Excerpt from  
<http://www.anglican.org.sg/index.html>

The Fourth Anglican South to South Encounter took place in Singapore from April 19th through April 23rd, 2010. The theme for this encounter was: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ - Covenant for the People; Light for the Nations." We marveled at the power of this Gospel as we met together from all corners of the globe united in our commitment to Jesus the Christ and the proclamation of His message of eternal assurance and transformation open to all people. We were renewed in our determination to assist each other in fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations and to do all that Christ has commanded.



## Ordination Service

20 June 2010



It was the first ordination service that was conducted fully in Bahasa Malaysia. 3 priests were ordained on 20 June 2010.

## Diocesan Conference on Early Childhood Education

7 - 8 June 2010



A group photo of the participants outside of Wisma Anglikan.

"You should go back with a song in your heart and a dance for your feet!" With this the Bishop concluded his keynote address to some 50 kindergarten and playschool board members, principals and teachers from all over the diocese. Many chaplains (clergy) were also present.

The Diocesan Conference on Early Childhood Education, held on 7-8 June at Wisma Anglikan, Kota Kinabalu, was called by the Bishop to gather representatives from all the 12 kindergartens and playschools in the diocese. Saddened by the closure of 5 kindergartens in the past 4 years (for various reasons), but rejoicing over the prospect of opening 3 new ones in the coming year, it is high time for the diocese to consolidate her resources to continue serving the community via early childhood education. A diocesan board has been set up, under the leadership of Archdeacon Moses Chin, to empower and equip all the kindergartens and playschools to serve

with a much higher standard; some of which should aim to be premiere institutions.

The board seeks to streamline the administration, organise benchmark visits, provide professional training and plant new kindergartens and playschools. Every kindergarten and playschool is an outreach centre to share God's love in Jesus Christ. No education is complete without the child being educated in the ways of God. With such encouragement, the diocesan ministry of early childhood education could look forward to the future with a song and a dance!

# Dedication of The Anglican Church of Holy Spirit, Kunak

23 May 2010

The Kunak Outreach Center began in 2005, beginning with a small team from St Patrick's BM Ministry, which eventually grew to an average attendance of 110 members.

In 2009, two new shop lots were bought in the new Kunak township by the main road. Renovation soon began and the church moved into the new worship sanctuary on 25 December 2009.

The dedication of the new church bearing the name The Anglican Church of Holy Spirit (Gereja Anglikan Roh Kudus, Kunak) was held on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2010 by Bishop Albert Yun. The service was attended by more



than 250 people. Apart from Kunak members, the PCC and early pioneers from St Patrick's Church, Tawau were also present. Representatives from Lahad Datu, Semporna and Sandakan also graced the occasion.



## Kokol Prayer Retreat Center Update

21 July 2010



The building for the Center is completed and finishing work is in progress. The tiling work for the interior is almost complete. Plumbing and installation of fittings and fixtures for the toilets is also in progress. Work on the water and electricity supply is being implemented simultaneously. The front and rear canopy is under construction and will go hand in hand with the external infrastructural works. The furniture for the center has also arrived on site and is awaiting fitting as soon as the building work is completed.

## Faith Anglican Academy Update

9 June 2010



Outside view.



Downstairs learning centre partition.

Faith Anglican Academy of Faith Christian Centre (FCC) in Sunway, Petaling Jaya will be launched in September 2010, pending completion of renovation work.

This is our third private church school under the Sabah Diocese's Anglican Academies Board, using the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Curriculum also known as School of Tomorrow. The academy is located at a corner industrial shop lot just in front of FCC.

Renovations are currently underway to build 3 learning centres, 3 teaching rooms, offices, a kitchen and a cafeteria to serve the future students as well as FCC members.

Faith Anglican Academy will operate under FCC as part of their church ministry in the Sunway area.

Pray for us as we prepare to take in students from kindergarten to grade 12, to educate them in a Christian environment and teaching Christian values to build godly character in their lives.

For more information, please contact Datin Mary Yun (019-8079436) or Chong Hui Ling, FCC (016-2193029)

## Diocesan Mission Works at Nunukan

2 June 2010



Archdeacon and Mrs John Yeo, Archdeacon Moses Chin and Ps Philip Lo visited Nunukan on the 2nd June 2010 enroute to Siemanggaris. The average weekly attendance has grown to 160 and the Rev. Samuel Sampe is looking into starting a second service. The ministry of Gereja Raja Segala Raja in Nunukan will be enhanced with a new Avanza van given by St Patrick's Church.

## Diocesan Mission Trip - Rangsit, Bangkok

13 - 19 May & 15 - 21 July 2010



A time of praise and worship during cell group with the team led by Ps Stella.

A team of 6 led by Ps Stella Lo were in Rangsit, Thailand on May 13th -19th. The team was welcomed with, "Why are you here in this time of chaos in our country?". That sharpened their sense of vision and purpose for the trip. They were there to love Thailand. Love in action included cooking for the missionaries, supporting them in everything they do, praying for them and for their ministry in Rangsit Anglican Outreach Center (RAOC). The team spent time doing visitation, prayer walks and prayer drives, being in the streets trying to 'enter' into the life of the town and the lives of the beautiful Thai people. Their love for the people grew stronger with each passing moment, their burden for the evangelization of the country increased with each passing day.

They have been blessed by their time with the missionaries and very thankful that they could (for a short while) be part of the exciting work there. To God be the glory.

On 15th to 22nd July, a team of 8 from FCC led by Jimmy Wong, visited RAOC. They learned to manage their

**2010**  
Mission trips  
to Rangsit  
9th - 14th September  
11th -17th November



Guitar beginner's course conducted by Danny Wong.

time between painting the four walls of the center and other mission activities. At the Rangsit University, they helped out at the Inauguration Night of the Powered Youth Club, which is a channel for the students to know God through this Christian student club, on 19th July together with YWAM Thailand. Besides a successful guitar beginner's course, three sessions of Deep & Strong with topics on 'Generational Curse & Witchcraft', 'Bitterroot & Judgement' and 'Forgiveness' were conducted to minister to the Thai members. All in all, the team learned to rely on God in the mission field, as He will open ways and provide opportunities to touch lives and minister through their abilities and skills to serve in different ways.

## Malaysian Christian Student Convention 21 - 25 June 2010

Students (aged from 9-18 years) from All Saints' Anglican Academy (ASAA) and St Patrick's Anglican Academy (SPAA) of the Sabah Anglican Academies were joined by participants from 3 other ACE schools from West Malaysia for the first Malaysian Christian Student Convention held at BSI Vision School, Tawau, from 21st – 25th June. Over 210 (students, teachers and a few parents) were registered as full-time participants.



The daytime programs consisted of competitions in academic, music, art, sport and platform events. Many local parents and families also attended the nightly rallies with the students, where Ps Moses Afful shared on the

convention theme "Make a Difference" challenging students to make a difference in the world with their lives and talents, and to offer them to God. More than half the participants responded with rededication of their lives and several non-believers accepted Christ for the first time. We thank God for the good response and wonderful testimonies resulting from this convention.



A trilingual Prayer Drive, led by Ps Flora, was conducted for all the Anglican Churches in Kota Kinabalu on 2nd May. Each church had mobilized their congregation weeks ahead to come in full force that Sunday afternoon.



Every church covered a specific area and drove out from All Saints' Cathedral. It was like a vast army marching out for battle with Jesus Christ as our commander!

The Prayer Drive was to bless the city of Kota Kinabalu; in preparation for the works of evangelism and the Evangelistic meetings in May and June.

We strongly believe that when we pray, God moves!

**Participating churches:**

The Church of the Risen Christ, Inanam; Church of Our Redeemer, Kolombong; Christ Church Likas, Christ the King, Church of the Good Samaritan; D'Steam Anglican Church; Heritage Anglican Church; St Andrew's Church, Tuaran; Logos Anglican Church, Putatan and Church of Ascension, Papar.

## Diocesan BM Children Leaders' Training & Retreat

15 - 17 March 2010



Participants receiving the Holy Communion.

**Above right:** Praise and worship session at the Valley of Blessing.



We praise God for His wonderful works at the Diocesan BM Children Leaders' Training and Retreat held at the Valley of Blessing on 15-17 May 2010. 416 people attended the training. Rev Augustine Saang was the speaker. During his one day session, many were ministered to and set free from the ancestral bondages and curses. This is to help the children

workers to be free from bondages and hindrances when they serve God and also be able to nurture and teach the children effectively according to the Word of God. At the closing, Bishop Melter quoted Matthew 19:13-15 to challenge and remind the children workers, that children are chosen by God and included in His plan of Salvation.



### Diocesan Children Ministry Leaders' Training (Chi & Eng)

6 - 10 September

All Saints' Cathedral, Kota Kinabalu

Registration available at every church office.



# Release Evangelism Training

17 - 18 May 2010



On 17th to 18th May, the Diocese of Anglican Sabah hosted Tony Anthony, an international evangelist, at All Saints' Cathedral to share about his past and the miraculous transformation from his destructive lifestyle. Addressing an audience of 431 people, Tony presented the Gospel through his dramatic testimony. Thirty-two people responded to the challenge to re-dedicate their lives to Christ and 11 people accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

The following day, more than 130 people attended the evangelistic training, with participants coming from Brunei, Lahad Datu and Tawau. Tony conducted the training with a belief that an evangelist is someone who trains others to do evangelism. He also shared passionately that it is every believer's responsibility and priority to do evangelism and the consequences of not proclaiming the Gospel. Beside's revealing the secret of Satan's strategy

in discouraging believers to do evangelism, he also taught the participants 7 steps on how to do evangelism through gospel tracts, surveys, direct interaction and others.

The training ended with a powerful story of Frank Jenner of George Street, Sydney; of how one person's life can impact the lives of thousands by faithfully giving out gospel tracts on the street.

# Effective Evangelism Training

21 - 25 June 2010



The Anglican Diocese of Sabah were blessed and privileged to have invited speaker and evangelist, Robert Siakimotu, on a five-day training at All Saints' Cathedral from 21-25 June. Sharing through his personal experience, added with a dash of humour, Robert taught and also gave practical advices on personal evangelism to the Anglican leaders, evangelists and participants. The participants were also provided with visual tools to use and aid them to share the Gospel. One of the highlights of the training was when all 300 of the participants were sent out in groups and pairs, spreading over different commercial centres in Kota Kinabalu, to share the Gospel and hand out gospel tracts as well as invitations to the evangelistic services. More than 100 people heard the Good News

during the street evangelism and at least 7 received Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

On 3 consecutive nights from Thursday to Saturday, Robert preached and invited the people to come forward to accept Christ or to be prayed for. Counselors, including the clergy and pastors, stood ready to pray and minister to those who came forward. There were a total of 43 open hearts and 55 people who rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ on those nights.

Many participants returned to their churches with a renewed passion for evangelism and the clergy are also excited to equip their congregation with the tools and knowledge they had received during the training.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

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|---------------------------|---|
| 29th August<br>- 1st Sept | Diocesan 26th Synod   |
| 5th                       | Vocation Sunday   |
| 6th - 10th                | Diocesan Children Ministry Leaders' Training<br>(Chi & Eng) |
| 7th - 10th                | Diocesan Young Adult Camp (BM)                              |
| 16th - 21st               | Diocesan Mission Trip - Rangsit, Bangkok                    |
| 14th - 17th               | BM Lay Readers' Training                                    |
| 15th - 18th               | Diocesan Young Adult Camp (Chi & Eng)                       |
| 22nd- 23rd                | Diocesan Vocation Committee Meeting<br>(2nd Interview)      |

## Appointments

- ◆ Rev. Tan Chor Kee as Rector of Faith Christian Centre (FCC), Sunway.
- ◆ Rev. Eric Ling as Priest-in-charge of Church of the Good Samaritan, Kota Kinabalu.
- ◆ Ps. Jacob Lim as Pastor at All Saints' Cathedral, Kota Kinabalu.
- ◆ Ps. Phong Su Yung as Pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Tawau.
- ◆ Rev. Lin Khee Vun - 1 year study in Trinity College, Bristol, UK.

# Alpha Courses & Training & Student Ministry

May - June 2010

## Campus Alpha



◀ Christ the King conducted the BM Campus Alpha on 23 January - 13 March (7 weeks). We praise God for an average attendance of 42 students from various campuses in Kota Kinabalu – University Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Masterskills, Politeknik Kota Kinabalu, Univeristy Institut Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Institut Latihan Perindustrian (ILP) and Institut Kemahiran Mara (IKM).

Among the topics covered during Campus Alpha were 'Who is Jesus and

Why did Jesus die?', 'How can I be sure of my faith?', 'Why and how do I read the bible and pray?', 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' and 'What about Church?'.

Apart from learning the Word of God, Campus Alpha was also a platform for students to build friendships from different campuses and background. Truly, we see the unity in diversity when the love of Christ binds us together.

## Youth Alpha & Training



▲ Youth Alpha Training was facilitated at Faith Christian Centre (FCC), Sunway, on 14 - 16 May. Jonathan Tse was the invited speaker and the training was attended by 39 participants from FCC and various other churches in Klang Valley.

Youth Alpha, which is currently running at The Church of the Risen Christ, Inanam and Church of Our Redeemer, Kolombong have been blessed with new friends and visitors, where 22 youths accepted Christ on the first session itself in Inanam!



## Marriage Course

◀ Christ the King conducted the fourth round of Marriage Course on 30 March - 11 March 2010. A total of 4 couples attended. Among the topics covered during Marriage Course are Building Strong Foundations, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflicts, Power of Forgiveness, Parents and In-laws, Good Sex and Love in Action.

## Miri Student Ministry



▲ The Miri Student Ministry started 2 years ago with the objective of providing spiritual care for students studying in Curtin University, Miri, Sarawak. Ever

since then, we have seen many students have grown in the Lord. Some have graduated and are still serving the Lord. There are weekly cell groups where students gather together to encourage and edify one another. Currently, an average of 40 students are attending the Sunday Service in Good Shepherd Church, Lutong. The ministry is now under the supervision of Rev Timothy Sng. Every Sunday, clergy and pastors from the Diocese take turns to fly to Miri to minister the Word of God. We also have local ministers from Miri partnering together with us. Continue to uphold this ministry in prayer.

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