

Area President's REPORT:

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1. WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST & UNITING CHURCH WOMEN WORLD EXECUTIVE MEETING 18TH - 22ND MARCH 2019 AT YANG'S MEETING ROOM, KOWLOON, HONG KONG.

We are very grateful to have the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church (WFMUCW) World Executive officers and their family members some of whom came to Hong Kong for their first time. The participants stayed at The City View, which is an environmentally friendly hotel, the Greens as proclaimed. It is conveniently located near to the venue of executive meetings and has easy access to bus and Mass Transit Railway.

The meeting started with an ice breaking Welcome Dinner hosted by Mrs Ngui on 18th of March at The City View hotel. It was a delightful evening with a welcome speech from the World Federation President, Mrs. Alison Judd.

The (WFMUCW) Executive Meeting was held between 19th of March to 22nd March. The venue of the meeting is Yang's Meeting Room, Ward Building, Kowloon. The program of the meeting was as follow:

- Morning devotions by Mrs. Alison Judd on the theme, "Transformation", John 2:1-11.
- World Officers' reports for the past two years.
- President Emerita, Ann Connan presented a guideline of WFMUCW for all area officers and explained the duties of an area president.
- Mrs. Alison announced that the next World Federation Assembly will be held from 10th to 15th August, 2021 in Sweden.
- Most of the area presidents submitted our written reports.
- WF Executive Meeting closing worship ended with Holy Communion on 22nd evening led by Mrs. Alison Judd and Rev Jemina Amanor.

It is an inspiring time of sharing with World and Area officers.



2. EAST ASIA AREA WEAVING TOGETHER PROGRAM (WTP) 25TH - 26TH MARCH 2019.

Mrs. Alison Judd welcomed all unit presidents, translators and Cambodian representatives with a welcome lunch before the commencement of the official opening. At the meeting, Mrs. Alison Judd gave her thanks to East Asia Area (EAA) committee for arranging the venue and for their hospitality.

World Vice President, Mrs. Matilda Johnson encouraged each one of us to work towards achieving the goals of SDGs 11 and 16. Photo copies of SDGs 11 and 16 were given to all unit presidents as one of the unit presidents said the WF Hand book was thrown away when moving to other town and she has no knowledge of SDGs though some of her conferences were practising).

EAA unit is pleased to have two Helen Kim Memorial scholars, Sister Kyeo Re Lee and Sister Ruth. Sister Kyeo Re Lee is studying at Kentucky, USA and has constant contact through emails and her plan is to complete her doctorate in Theology in two years and return to work with the women's ministry in Taiwan. Sister Ruth of Malaysia is helping the women's group in Kuala Lumpur and teaches them in Christian living.



KETSO: It's the instrument to get to know the difficulties/concerns/voices of each unit. Each unit is encountering different problems and we hope that as a body of Methodist, we will share with our sisters financially, physically and spiritually. We hope that as one of the units of EAA, we will keep in constant contact using the free WIFI and help each other when we are in need as was in the past and will be in the years to come. The Holy communion was served by Rev Jemina Amanor and Mrs. Alison Judd who thanked everyone who attended this WTP which closed at 4:40 pm.

ASIAN YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP TRAINING & DIALOGUE 26th - 30TH MARCH 2019.

This leadership training was conducted for Asian Young Women Leaders from South East Asian countries, age between 18 to 35 and specially offered to those who participated in the past 9 years of our Asian Young Women leadership. The theme for this leadership Training &

Development is "Here I am, Send me; Young Women, We Will Go! (Isaiah 6:8). The training is led by Rev Heasun Kim, Rev Hikari, Emma Cantor and her team running simultaneously with EAA Seminar. 29 Young women participated in this leadership training and dialogue.

The program consisted of leading devotions, sharing their experiences and their future undertakings. The seminar was interactive, engaging and well received.



The AIMS are

- 1) Grow spiritually and respond in obedience to our Lord, Here I am, send me!
- 2) Train and equip leaders with skills and commitments to nurture young women;
- 3) Gain insight/knowledge on global issues which affect young people.
- 4) Share and build diverse cultural networks, relationship and fellowship among sisters.
- 5) Raising their awareness on gender issues; Voice and stand up against discrimination and inequality.

We are inspired by their keen spirit of learning. We pray that they will submit to God's calling and be transformed, renewed and revived in the time to come.





WFMUCW 11TH EAST ASIA AREA SEMINAR 2019 27TH - 30TH MARCH 2019, HONG KONG , “HERE I AM. SEND ME” (Isaiah 6:8)





253 participants attended the Seminar which began with an Opening Worship Service, with a procession of Banners, World and EAA officers, Pastors and honorable guests. EAA President, Mrs. Ngui gave a welcome speech. Rev Dr Lam, president of The Methodist Church, Hong Kong preached on Jesus' command to Go and do thou likewise, Luke 10:37. The Hong Kong Methodist Women Choir presented a melodious song, Prayer of St. Francis. And the Worship Service concluded by benediction from Rev Dr Li Ping Kwong, followed by taking a group photograph.



The Ward Memorial Methodist Altar



Procession of Banner at Opening Worship



The Photo taken After Opening Worship Service.

On the 27th evening, a Gala Dinner was held at the Palace. Sisters from each of the different countries celebrate and share the joy of their fellowship.



Our World President welcomed all participants and introduced the value, vision and mission of WFMUCW to improve understanding of our Global association. She explained how the theme of the previous assembly at Houston relates to the present theme, "HERE I AM. SEND ME!" (Isaiah 6:8). The theme of our last assembly was "But you are Chosen People". She explains how the Chosen People are "called to proclaim" – how in response, to proclaim the good news of God's love in 3 ways: through worship, in our

relationships and by engaging in social action.



The President Speech at Gala Dinner

The sisters of the 9 units performed on stage, local dances and songs. This helps us to see and understand other cultures and to appreciate the diversities of our Lord's creations and the unity that can bring us together in the Lord.

Gala Dinner Presentation:





International Market:





There were seven plenary sessions. The aim is to explain the commission, to exhort, to equip and empower the women to response to the calling and to commit to action "Here I am. Send me".

Dr Francis, in his talk “as the father has sent me, so I send you” - He spoke on Jesus’ commissioning his disciples as God ambassador, to minister the broken, the marginalized and to bring healing, transformation and reconciliation to the community around us.

Rev Pro Lo, in his talk, highlighted our World Federation theme," Chosen People: called to Proclaim", encouraged us to offer our time, talents and money to serve our Lord and let him decide how He will use us.

In her talk, "Crisis in the Family" - Miss Joyce Lee shared the rising crime rates amongst youngsters in Hong Kong due to risky behaviors, committed criminal offence, trying to earn quick money. As a world class business & financial center with a population of over eight million, there is a big gap between the rich and the poor. In the pressure to pursue material and monetary success and with enormous work demands, many families are under stress and youngsters fell to traps of criminals.

The Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service in Hong Kong (YMMSS, HK) aims to reach out to these youngsters and to equip them with technical skills to enable them to begin a new live. Yang has a few stalls at our International Markets to show and sell their hand made goods and has provided own baked pastries and cakes for an afternoon tea at one of our Seminar.



Thursday in Black: Most of the participants wear black to voice to the world without rape and violence for all female especially.

We were privileged to have one of The Methodist Church, Hong Kong Past President, Rev Ralph Lee to deliver a sermon at the closing ceremony, "Be Empowered! Bear Witness", (Rev Li started "forget closing, he began - this is the start of

mission”). We are urged to take the example of young people in the news who, fired by a passion for those in need, had spoken out for justice. He challenged us to consider whether we as church had become too middle class and little concerned for those in great need. We are challenged not to become too middle class and tolerant, instead we should uphold justice and advocate for the needies.

The Kowloon Methodist Church Choir gave a great presentation, Gloria (Mozart) and David Quah, Bel Canto Singers, a Malaysian born, one of our Ward Methodist Memorial Church Music conductors whose rendition of ‘I, the Lord of sea and sky’, spoke for all of us as we responded "Here I am. Send me".



During the Seminar, we also had a half day break to tour Hong Kong Island, from the famous Victoria Peak, to enjoy a panoramic view of Hong Kong, the Pearl City of the East and down to Stanley Bay of the southeast coastal strip, with the view of southern oceans.



Victoria Peak, Hong Kong Island.

2016-2021 English World Federation Hand Book was translated into Chinese Version. During the EAA Seminar, this Chinese World Federation Hand Books were handed to all Chinese Speaking participants who were thrilled to have this translated handbooks. Our special thanks to those who helped to translate our Opening and Closing Service into Chinese beside the translation of Chinese Version. We have a very compact Seminar and perhaps it's the Hong Kongers way of life.

During our Business Meeting, Mrs. Mary Devadason of Malaysia was elected as the president of EAA for the next quinquennium and we congratulated her and prayed for her to lead EAA in 2021-2026.



Photo taken after the EAA Seminar closing ceremony.

Finally, I wish to thank all participating in this seminar, especially those coming from afar to attend this Seminar at own expenses. This Seminar could not be possible without your commitments and sacrifices. We indeed build up our friendship with fellow sisters from across the world. We are inspired by the message of our excellent speakers. We bid farewell to each other. And may our friendship that had started, be continued and never ceases, to encourage, to edify and to pray for each other.

Good bye and God Bless.

Meet you all again in Sweden, 2021. Shalom! Shalom!

A Beautify tree, resembling 'Tree of Life', the official emblem of (WFMUCW) was set up with the twelve fruits, described in the Federation handbook, They are:

1) Evangelism, 2) Medical Work 3) Education 4) Literature 5) Children 6) Youth) Home and Family Life 8) Rural Projects 9) Economic Justice 10) International Friendship 11) Temperance and 12) World Peace. They are based on Revelations 22:2.

