



BERITA ADYC

GOD'S ENDURING FAITHFULNESS
PSALM 119:90



THE BISHOP WRITES...

Dear Young People of God,

Aren't you glad it is Christmas? Even with the restrictions in place, you can still celebrate it with your family, watch the twinkling lights of your Christmas tree, and sip hot chocolate or some home-made ice-lemon tea, whilst listening to some Christmas carols or watching your carolling videos of years ago, for yet again, we are not able to do house-to-house carolling this year.

But is that all that is to Christmas? Well, you know it is not. Christmas is so much more than that. Sadly, we so often focus only on what "looks like Christmas" and forget the true meaning and message of Christmas! Some are often overwhelmed with being busy (I know young people are busy too!) that they even fail to reflect on the passing year or to glance at the year ahead.

Hence, "remembering" is important. The word "remember" is used a great deal throughout the Bible. God will "remember" the covenant He made with humanity. God will remember His promise. God admonishes His people to, "Remember the Lord your God." And didn't our Lord Jesus said, "Do this to remember me." Countless times, we are called to remember God's faithfulness, goodness and great mercy. Psalm 119:90 sums it well, as it speaks about GOD'S ENDURING FAITHFULNESS.

It is right that we give thanks to God and continue to remember God's Enduring Faithfulness! Our Christmas must be much more than the lights, colours, trimmings, and Christmas trees. It is because of God's enduring faithfulness that God sent His Son Jesus Christ. It is because of God's enduring faithfulness that we have become God's children. It is because of God's enduring faithfulness that this faith has been passed on to us by our parents and caring friends. It is because of God's enduring faithfulness that we are still here, sustained by God during this Covid-19 pandemic. It is because of God's enduring faithfulness that we can walk in faith and confidence into the new year 2022, knowing that the Lord is with us. His name is Emmanuel, God With Us!

As we look back to the past 25 years of ADYC, we are reminded of the wave upon wave of God's enduring faithfulness extended to us, our family, and friends. We can look forward with confidence! Our Big Family is much bigger than just our ADYC. There are many other young people out there who are not and (sadly) may never be part of our ADYC Family – such as those in public schools and other institutions of higher learning and training. We must reach out to them too. For this reason, we have now appointed a full-time Youth Pastor in the person of Mr Frederick Bin Romzy. He will work and minister alongside our ADYC leadership and Chaplains.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and walk into the New Year 2022, let us continue to proclaim and praise God for His enduring faithfulness. In doing so, we will surely find our hearts filled with a renewed appreciation of God's goodness. God is good, all the time!

Once again, may you have a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling New Year 2022. Amen.

The Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute
BISHOP OF KUCHING
(Sarawak & Brunei Darussalam)

President's Christmas message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
The most joyous time of the year is here again. We have so many things to look forward to especially on what we could not do last Christmas when MCO was in place as a precaution against Covid-19 virus. This year, these have gradually taken place again - family reunions, Christmas gatherings, the shopping malls are decorated to the hilt, Christmas songs are played and these attract a large crowd. Businesses benefit a lot from all these. Sadly, these incarnate the amorphous "spirit of Christmas."



Let's be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas. God is holy, sinless and righteous but we are sinners and separated from Him. We need to be sinless to be reunited with God but this is impossible because no one can be sinless. Isn't it a bad news? Yes, it is! We need to hear the Good News. God has made a way for us to be reconciled with Him. He sent His son Jesus Christ to earth, died on the cross to save us from His wrath so we could enjoy His presence and Heavenly Kingdom. The world can't save itself – the world needs to know the truth and listen to the Gospel so the Son of Man came down to earth from heaven.

The second stanza from a popular Christmas hymn "Once in Royal David City" greatly mentioned about the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour – meek and mild but tremendously impactful to those who believe Him.

*He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor, oppressed and wholly
Lived on earth our Savior holy*

May this Christmastide bring hope, peace, love and joy as we remember Jesus, the reason for Christmas. As we usher the new year 2022, let us remember too God's enduring faithfulness. I wish you and your kin a blessed, meaningful Christmas and joyful New Year.

Best wishes,

Phyllis Montegrail
ADYC President



Editor in Chief

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Berita ADYC team, I would like to wish a blessed Christmas and New Year 2022 to all of you. This Christmas is special as we are able to reunite with our loves ones once again. However, wherever you are, stay safe and continue to adhere to SOP set by the government.

Be sure to check out Page 3 as our new ordinands share their testimonies on hearing and answering the call to serve God in full-time ministry. In this edition too, we would like to share how our ADYC youth got into action during the pandemic, bringing relief to those in need.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to all who have contributed towards the contents of this edition!
Happy reading!

Lydia I. Thomas
Chief Editor.

ANSWERING THE CALL

During the ADYC 25th Anniversary Service, we heard the special message, charge and exhortation for 3 very special guests - Most Revd Datuk Melter Tiki Jais (Archbishop of Province of Southeast Asia), Archbishop Justin Welby (the Archbishop of Canterbury), and Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute (Bishop of Kuching). All three messages resonated with each other, whereby they called on young people to be sensitive and answer to God's calling to serve Him in full-time ministry. We are proud to share the testimonies of three of six of our ordinands who have recently graduated from Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM).



1. Ps Frederick Romzy (Diocesan Youth Pastor)

A local Sabahan, Ps Frederick served at St Francis Church, Kota Samarahan, when he heard the call to serve the people of Sarawak although it came with much initial apprehension. He believes that we may not fully understand God's calling for us as it is personal and different for each of us. "Each of us plays a significant role in God's kingdom. If God calls you to serve Him in His church as a priest or an evangelist, go for it. Get proper training and mentors so that when we serve our fellow congregations, we serve because of God's love, enabling us to serve others. In vice versa, if God calls you to serve as a lay reader or even as church members, we are together as a team. We need each other. Be a fruitful worshipper and a faithful servant wherever you are." Ps Frederick's encouragement to all is to be faithful to our calling as God is faithful, even if we are young and inexperience, for His grace is sufficient.



2. Ordinand Evriston Kisau Sireka (currently attached at St Basil's Church, Batu Kawa)

Ordinand Evriston grew up being an active member in his local church and school through Bible study group, youth fellowship and ISCF. During his university days, he found himself in a challenging environment and as a young working adult, continued to juggle being spiritually disciplined while being in the world. Ordinand Evriston was approached to pursue priesthood ministry at STM, where he felt he was most "molded and shaped to be a more holistic disciple of Christ" as he was equipped with knowledge and sanctified to commit to serve Christ. He acknowledge that though not confident initially of his decision, by God's grace and mercy, He will continue to put his trust in God. He encourages those who have a deep desire to serve the Lord in full-time ministry to be in the Lord alone for He will lead the way as He has promised just as it has been written in Romans 8:28-30. Last but not least, continue to pray and seek God's wisdom and consult the church elders and/or priests to discern.



3. Ordinand Andrew Smatik Brun (currently attached at Parish of St Baul, Bünük)

Ordinand Andrew was serving a Lay Reader at the Chapel of St Andrew, Biya Kamas and the Parish of St Philip, Padawan when he first decided to pursue full-time ministry. Despite facing many challenges that comes along with the reality of ministry, he experienced " joy and contentment in serving God and His people" while serving. He warned that being in full-time ministry "not the kind of bed of roses you could sleep on everyday, but the thorns is a glimpse of reality in this ministry; but it will make you better as His instrument each day for His ministry and Kingdom. Discern and pray for your vocation. May you be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community and respond generously to God's gift of your vocation. Let Him guide you, keep your ears and heart open; and you will serve in full-time ministry for the rest of your life with love, joy and thanksgiving."

We continue to pray for all our ordinands (those who have graduated, as well as those still in seminary), that they would continue to seek God's Kingdom first as they answer the call to this Holy vocation. Let us also continue to commit each other in prayer to be sensitive to God's whispers in our hearts to serve Him in His ministry, both in full-time ministry and as lay members in our parishes. Soli Deo Gloria!

ADYC 25th Anniversary

God's Enduring Faithfulness

Anglican Diocesan Youth Council (ADYC) turns 25 this year and what a year it has been. The ADYC exco have set 2021 as a year of celebration and a committee was set up to plan for a mega celebration. However, as we are still in the midst of a pandemic, original plans had to be changed to a safer option, yet still able to gather everyone together for a time of celebration

In conjunction with the anniversary, the theme 'His Enduring Faithfulness' was chosen from Psalms 119:90 as we reflect on God's faithfulness towards ADYC's ministry to the young people and beyond. Throughout the year, the committee worked together with past and current ADYC members across the Diocese to reminisce the past, celebrate the milestones and look ahead to a future with God leading us. A number of online events were held such as the logo competition, pop quizzes, special messages from past and present exco members, words of encouragement from the clergy and regional level celebrations.

Over the months leading to July, over 100 youths from across the Diocese took part in the preparation towards the climax of the celebration year - the 25th Anniversary. Videos were shot, edited and compiled - a great effort from each one that would not be possible if not for cooperation from everyone involved.



ADYC 25th Anniversary

The celebration

On 25th July 2021, we gathered together for a virtual premiere on the various ADYC social media accounts of the celebration service from the comfort of our home. The celebration service included a time of praise and worship, presentations and time of intercession led by representatives of all six regions as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness, grace and blessings. A highlight of the evening was the message of encouragement from Rt Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais, Archbishop of the Province of South East Asia, and exhortation based on the theme by Rt Revd Danald Jute who reminded young people that they are church of today and now, and challenged the young people to continue to walk closely and faithfully with Christ.

What is a celebration without a surprise? Archbishop Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, gave his charge in a message to the youth of the Diocese of Kuching to make a decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, to answer the call to ministry and to serve wherever they are called. Fun fact, this was pre-recorded 2 years ago, but the charge was apt today.

A special theme song was also commissioned and composed by Canon Alfred Damu, Mdm Josephine Augustine and Ms Alma Jerry. The words of the song, "Your Word proclaimed across the oceans, Your Spirit sweep across this land, Listen to the voice of truth and shine... Let's arise, tell forth His Word, Let's proclaim His enduring faithfulness" was inspired by the theme and truly echoes the messages that have been shared by the bishops. We can indeed see and experience God's hands in ADYC's ministry through the years and in every detail of the celebration.

25 years and more to go...

Thank you ADYC for your ministry to the young people of the Diocese of Kuching and beyond. We continue to give thanks to God for His directions and blessings upon ADYC for the past 25 years, and prayerfully for many more years to come. May God continue to raise and use the young people of this Diocese for the expansion of His kingdom and glory. Bring on 2022!



ADYC Relief Effort

Youth in action: Bringing relief to those in need

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The pandemic has affected us in many different ways. Youths from various parishes and regions came together to reach out to those in need and disperse food baskets and other assistance through funds provided by donors and supporters from ADYC and individual parishes. Strict SOP were adhered to throughout the distributions. We hope that with all that have been given through us by God, we have blessed those that really needed it. May we always be reminded to count our blessings every day and use all that we have been given for the glory of God and for the expansion of His kingdom.

"All things come from You and of your own do we give You."

There are no challenges too big for our God Almighty. All we need to do is let God intervene, guide, and give us wisdom as we go spreading God's love and touching lives as commanded in the Bible.



I first got to know of the shoebox project through YDM, my youth ministry. Over the years, I realised it's not about how much I don't have, but about what I have, which can help others who are limited to those areas. The boxes were sent to children in the quarantine centres and children in the cancer centres. I hope that the child who received our shoeboxes knows that there are people out there who care about them. I'm really glad I had this amazing opportunity to give instead of receiving and to love my neighbours just as Christ does.

- Sarah Pang, St Andrew's Church, Bandar Seri Begawan

Many of us take for granted small things in our lives like sugar or salt or even cooking oil. Recalling a story shared by an elderly where she and her husband had to live from hand to mouth, unsure of the next meal they would have. Smiles greeted with tears on their faces showed a multitude of joy. Daringly, I say we were the ones truly blessed by the families that we helped, even if with just a simple food basket. In total, we helped about 28 families by raising funds within the youth and young adults in our church and with the help of the funds that were distributed by ADYC. We are truly grateful to those in and around our community that we share the same heart in blessing and helping others as God commanded us to love our neighbours and ourselves.

- Aaron Stanley, Parish of the Good Shepherd, Lutong



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Pada 8 Julai 2021, wakil exco daripada Region 3 dan Region 4 mengadakan mesyuarat dengan menggunakan platform Zoom untuk membincangkan hal ehwal pemberian Relief Fund daripada ADYC. Terdapat 13 orang pelajar telah mendapat Relief Fund yang disalurkan oleh wakil dari Region 3. Seorang telah menerima wang tunai bagi bantuan kewangan pendaftaran Maktab. Bantuan dari segi makanan, pakaian sekolah, peralatan sekolah dan juga prepaid turut disalurkan kepada 12 orang pelajar sekolah rendah dan sekolah menengah di kawasan region 3. Beberapa orang wakil juga turut terlibat bagi menyalurkan bantuan ini kepada penerima sekitar Region 3. Program ini memberikan kami peluang untuk membantu mereka yang serba kekurangan sepanjang pandemik ini. Semoga rahmat Tuhan sentiasa ada bersama dengan kita semua dalam menyalurkan bantuan in

- **Aubrey Mendong Griffin, wakil Region 3**

Program bantuan dijalankan setelah mendapat galakkan & bantuan dana daripada pihak ADYC untuk membantu jemaat dibawah Region 5 yang memerlukan sokongan dari segi kewangan dan barangan semasa pandemik COVID - 19. Empat gereja dibawah Region 5 telah bergerak menyalurkan bantuan tersebut dan sebanyak 8 keluarga telah menerima bantuan berbentuk makanan. Meskipun menghadapi beberapa halangan, program ini membuka mata kami untuk sentiasa bersyukur dengan apa yang dimiliki dan terus menjadi saluran berkat kepada orang lain. Kami percaya, dengan bantuan yang disalurkan akan memberi semangat dan harapan kepada golongan tersebut dan berharap program ini akan diteruskan apabila keadaan kembali pulih dan selamat untuk bergerak semula. - **Fiona Febrie, wakil Region 5**



ADYC EVENTS

ADYC PRAYER WEBINAR

Prayer & Discipleship

Shalom brothers and sisters in Christ!

This year, ADYC Prayer Team came out with ADYC Prayer Webinar which is the final program of ADYC Virtual Prayer Meeting, in conjunction with our 25th anniversary celebration with the theme "God's Enduring Faithfulness". This programme was mainly to encourage our youth to be engaged in spiritual formation through prayer and discipleship, to learn to be disciples of Christ and moving forward. This programme was attended by 70 participants and sharing from three speakers - Revd. Canon Alfred Damu, Revd. Fred David, and Lr. Jason William.

We want to encourage our youth throughout the Diocese to join our Thursday Prayer in the Air which is organised through a Whatsapp group. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the youth leader at your respective parish. Finally, we want to give thanks to God for allowing us to successfully organise this programme virtually, and we hope to continue it for many years to come. All glory and honour belongs to God alone.

By Erwinner Elsy Entring

Testimonies

Darren Baji (St Luke's Church, Sri Aman)

Shalom everyone. I'm so glad that I got the opportunity to join the ADYC Prayer Webinar because I got to learn how to be more confident in my prayer and apply discipleship in my community especially among our youth in our parish.

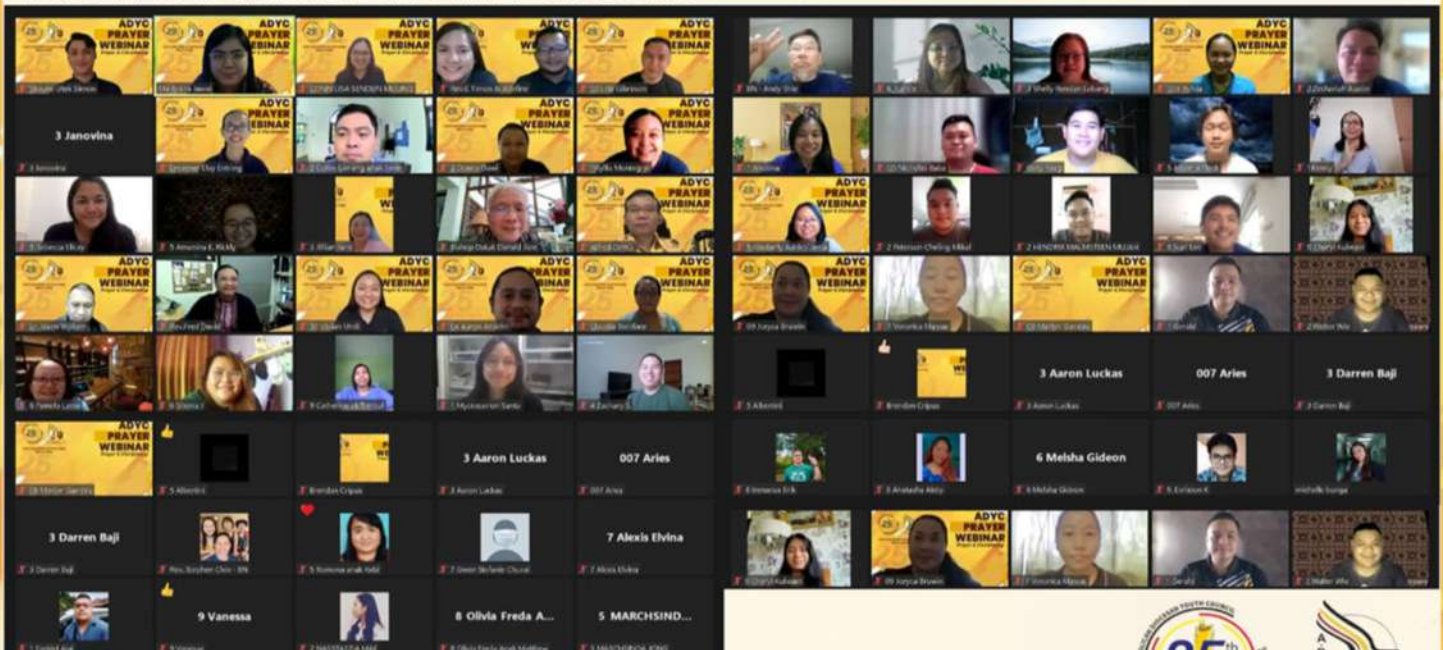
Gwen Stefanie Churai (Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church)

This webinar has taught me a lot, and now I have more faith in my prayer. During the webinar, the host requested that I give a closing prayer at the end of the webinar. I'd also like to point out that the youth in our diocese are quite friendly. I admire how well we got along and converse with one another.

ADYC PRAYER WEBINAR

Prayer & Discipleship

30th October 2021



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ADYC EVENTS

OBOR BELIA 2.0

Obor Belia

ADYC Obor Belia Edisi Khas 2021 telah diadakan pada 25 Julai 2021 yang lalu bersempena dengan sambutan Ulang tahun ADYC ke 25. Dengan bertemakan #kitajagakita Edisi Khas kali ini telah membawa para peserta mendalami tentang isu "Kesihatan Mental" daripada perspektif kerohanian. Penceramah jemputan iaitu Deacon Walter Macdaniel Nakan, Ordinand Frederick Romzy dan Encik Brendan Cripus Wingate. Seramai 52 peserta dari Diosis Kuching dan rakan-rakan dari Semenanjung Malaysia telah mendaftar menyertai program ini. Kami sangat berterima kasih kepada ADYC kerana telah memberikan ruang untuk Obor Belia mengupas tentang isu "Kesihatan Mental" yang kini menjadi salah satu isu yang penting di kalangan para muda-mudi.

- Jceyca Bruwin (Koordinator Obor Belia 2.0)

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalms 133:1)

Good and pleasant indeed that I could have my share and part to be with the gathering of the young people albeit online. Obor Belia is relatively new product of the ADYC and yet, through the many weeks we had spent together - soaked with the word of God - I could boldly testify to the fact the we are able to grow close to each other (in spite of not physically present) as well as grow deeper in our desire to serve our Lord! Never before such programs call the attention of other churches and yet we have few participants from other churches (denomination) come along together with us. Indeed, such a good and pleasant sight to behold - the churches (through the youth) united in love of Christ. Praise be to God! - Deacon Walter Macdaniel Nakan (Penasihat Obor Belia 2.0)



Region 1 (by Rebecca Elicay)

The youths from Region 1 came together to celebrate the ADYC 25th Anniversary on 15th July 2021 at Wasai Wong Kadir Recreational Park. It was a time of fun, sun and celebration. We had 69 in attendance, including Reverend Stephen Chin, our chaplain, and Canon Andy Shie. There were a lot of activities such as praise and worship, games, sharing of the word and lunch. Unfortunately, youth from St Mark's Church, Limbang were not able to participate due to borders still closed, but they were definitely there in spirit!



Region 4 (oleh Susan Wee)

"ADYC Region 4 Meet & Greet With ADYC President" berlangsung pada 10 Ogos 2021 melalui Aplikasi Zoom dan melibatkan wakil dari setiap muda mudi di bawah Region 4 bagi membincangkan perkembangan dan masalah yang dihadapi oleh Region 4. Pada mesyuarat ini, ADYC President mengetengahkan masalah utama iaitu ketiadaan ketua untuk mengemudi kepimpinan ADYC Region 4 dan segala pengurusan terkini dilakukan oleh setiausaha Region 4. Setiap perwakilan dari PYF juga diberikan peluang untuk mengutarakan permasalahan yang dihadapi di peringkat gereja masing-masing yang melibatkan belia gereja atau pengurusan PYF.



President ADYC menasihatkan agar Region 4 dapat mengatur semula komiti pengurusan dalam masa terdekat. Beliau juga berharap, di bawah bimbingan penasihat/Chaplain baharu, Rev. Rodriguez Unak, Region 4 akan dapat mengatur langkah untuk terus maju dan bertumbuh di dalam iman bersama dengan mengadakan pelbagai aktiviti kerohanian bersama seperti Bible Study.

ADYC BGM 2021

Anglican Diocesan Youth Council Biennial General Meeting 2021

Anglican Diocesan Youth Council (ADYC) has successfully organised the Biennial General Meeting (BGM) with election on 28th August 2021 (Saturday) virtually. The meeting was chaired by Nick William (Deputy President 2018-2021) and a number of 153 representatives attended the meeting from across the parishes in the Diocese, including the Bishop of Kuching, Bishop Datuk Danald Jute.

The meeting began with the message from the Bishop who highlighted that young people are the church of today. The Bishop also praised the youths for their active participation in the ministry. Quoting Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?", he challenged all present to continue to persevere and stand firm in Christ.

During the meeting, the reports from various ministries, programmes and regions were presented by the ministry/program/regional coordinators. Each coordinator reported on the activities that have been carried out in their ministry/program/regions over the past 2 years, and shared the challenges they faced, especially during the pandemic.

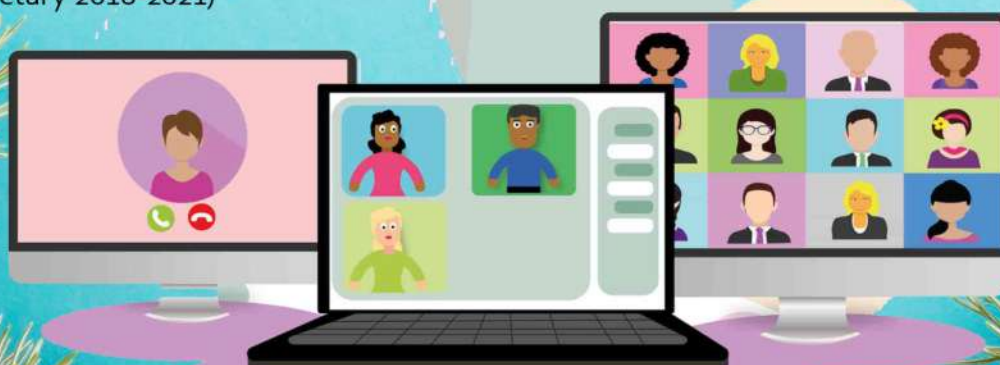
One of the issues raised during the meeting is regarding the mental health among the young adults especially during the period of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, seminars or webinars were suggested during the meeting to help out with our young adults and those who are going through mental health issues in our parishes.

Another key highlight of the BGM 2021 was the election of the office bearer for the term 2021-2023. Bishop Datuk Danald Jute reappointed Ms Phyllis Montegrai of St Thomas' Cathedral to continue her tenure as President for term 2021-2023. For full list of office bearers, please refer to the organisational chart. Let us uphold them in our prayer that they may be able to carry out their duty to serve our young people in our Diocese as well as to carry out programmes to enhance God's Kingdom and to make disciples among the youth.

Reported by,

Adeline Silluk

(ADYC Secretary 2018-2021)





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*We give thanks to God
and rejoice for the following :*

1. **Revd. Ramdan Mejem** inducted as an Archdeacon
2. **Revd. Trevor Tinda** collated as Canon
3. **Revd. Michael Pei** collated as Canon
4. **Revd. Robin Sabai, Revd. Almond Pritchie, Revd. Stanley Kiew, Revd. Walter Macdaniel Nakan and Revd. Pilot Mejem** ordained to the Priesthood
5. **Mr. Frederick Bin Romzy** as Diocesan Youth Pastor

May God bless you as you enter a new phase in your ministry!



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