The Bishop writes...

Dear Beloved Young Friends,

Christmas is here again! Yet this Christmas is so unlike the Christmases of yesteryears. We have heard (at least through popular songs) of White and Blue Christmas. This year, it’s gonna be either red, orange or green Christmas – depending on which divisional zone you reside in. Our celebration and observance of Christmas is to a degree coloured by the thick cloud of Covid-19 pandemic, which has swept across the globe, causing a great deal of disruptions, interruptions, and inconveniences.

We were all excited about our YOUTHABLAZE 2020! Many of you were getting yourselves ready to come to Kuching and join your friends from all corners of the Diocese, including some from overseas. The dreadful Covid-19 has managed to disrupt it! But Covid-19 will never have the last say! And we will definitely not allow it to dim our ADYC Vision, which is “Reviving God-Fearing Generation: Gospel Centred and Prayer Focused”. We are grateful that our ADYC leaders have risen up to the challenge and been proactive in taking several initiatives such as the Obor Belia, Christianity Explored, Faithline, Online Service for Youth Diocesan Day and many more. All of these, of course, could only happen with the hard work, support and cooperation of many of you. For that, let me express and record my personal thanks and gratitude. The social media platforms is a gift from God – let us use it well to encourage one another and build each other up, even as we share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason for this Christmas season. Jesus is the colour of Christmas! And so, whether we are in red, orange or green zone, Christmas must remain Christmas! We must not allow Covid-19 or any pandemic or ills, to dampen the spirit and real significance of Christmas. My earnest prayer is that this Christmas be more meaningful for each one of us as we are reminded of the depth of God’s everlasting love for us. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). God so loved the world – God so loved you - that is why He sent His only Son, who is the colour, the reason for the season.

As we look forward to a better, a more blessed 2021, we are also looking forward to the 25th anniversary of ADYC. We pray that we will be able to gather in different regions as we celebrate God’s goodness and share the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Finally, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7)

With much love and prayers for a blessed Christmas and 2021!

The Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute
President's message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year, Christmas Day is celebrated in an unusual way. Christmas carols and church services are done differently, mostly online. In this new norm, there would be no sight of big crowd attending the Christmas Eve service at the Cathedral and no Christmas carolling from house to house, especially in the major cities in Sarawak. I hope you will have a great time with your family and enjoy the season. Covid-19 is still and already part of our Community, hence, let’s continue to adhere strictly to the SOP.

Even so, this does not stop us from reflecting the real meaning of Christmas: God’s love for mankind. There is no way sinners like us, because of our sinful nature, are able to reconcile with God...not even our good deeds. Therefore, He sent His Son Jesus to this world to save sinners (Romans 8:29). Indeed, Christmas is a time for us to be reminded about the Good News - Jesus as our Saviour! This Good News brings hope and joy.

Finally, thank you for journeying with us this year. It has been a rough year but we thank God for His faithfulness and your support as well as your participation in ADYC’s virtual sessions namely Christianity Explored, Obor Belia, Faithline and Diocesan Youth Sunday online service. ADYC will be celebrating her 25th Anniversary next year and I am pleased to invite all of you to join us to give thanks to God for His guidance throughout these years. Stay tuned for further information!

On behalf of ADYC Exco, I would like to wish you and your kin a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year 2021. Stay safe!

Regards,
Phyllis Montegrai

Editor in Chief

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Christmas is the season to spread love, mercy and goodwill of Christ with others so many more will hear the Good News. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic restricting our movement and changing the way we serve and reach out to you, let us take this opportunity to continue to encourage one another via social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

In this edition, we will be sharing more testimonies from participants of ADYC programmes such as Faithline, Youth Diocesan Sunday, and Intentional Discipleship programmes (Obor Belia and Christianity Explored) with you. Be sure to check out a special editorial piece and get to know the ADYC Media Team. We continue to welcome more youth to join us! Do keep in touch via our social media account.

Lastly, we are grateful to our contributors! Your fantastic contributions helped to boost Berita ADYC into becoming a borderless platform in sharing news on your activities with others.

Let us all well, stay safe and healthy in this time.
May this blessing be the gift to you on this Christmas.

Lydia Ida
ADYC launched its first ADYC-in-the-new-normal programme on 1st May 2020 called ‘Faithline’. It is an initiative by ADYC to share the Word of God from various chosen thematic topics. It aims to clear doubts among our youths and get them to know Jesus. Faithline is delivered through short videos, beginning with worship led by different Parish Youth Fellowships and then, sharing by advocates. Our first video was on 9th May 2020 where our first advocate, Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute, shared on the topic chosen by our youths; “How do I know I am saved in Christ?”.

So, how does Faithline works?

Every second Saturday, we will post a polling question via our Instagram Story and Facebook post (with google form) where readers are encouraged to vote on the question they would like to be answered. After we receive the poll results, the advocates will answer the chosen topic on the following Sunday.

We would like to thank all advocates (both clergy and ordinands) and the various parish youth fellowships who were involved in this Faithline programme.
Region 2 Coffee Session

Region 2 organized a ‘coffee session’ via Zoom on the 22nd of August to meet with Revd. Stephen Chin. It was an introductory session and the topic that was shared was about “Leadership”. All chairpersons or representative of the PYFs in the region attended this meeting.

Prepared by,
Walterson Kasa

Region 3 Seminar Gerakan Reformasi Protestan


Selain itu, peserta juga belajar mengenai akar gereja Anglikan yang bercambah melalui gerakan Reformasi Protestan pada abad ke-16. Seramai 54 orang peserta hadir secara atas talian pada hari tersebut. Melalui seminar ini, mereka diperingatkan agar sentiasa berpusat kepada injil keselamatan dan mempertahankannya daripada segala jenis penyimpangan. Pihak pengangju iaitu ADYC Region 3 mengucapkan tahniah kepada semua peserta dan sebagai penghargaan, setiap peserta yang hadir untuk semua sesi pada hari tersebut diberikan e-sijil melalui email.

Disediakan oleh,
Donna Dawi
REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Region 4 Norma Baru

Disediakan oleh,
Suzan Wee

Region 5 Ibadah Online
Shalom aleichem,
Semasa MCO pertama dilaksanakan, gereja kami mengadakan ibadah online setiap Ahad. PCC & Muda mudi telah bekerjasama dalam pelayanan ini. Muda mudi ditugaskan untuk memimpin Puji & Sembah. Pengalaman kami, jujur pada mula berasa pelik dan tidak lengkap kerana sebelum COVID kita biasa beribadah dalam jumlah yang banyak dan susana meriah.

Namun, lama kelamaan, kami dapat menerima norma baru dan bersyukur kerana masih diberi kesempatan untuk terus melayani Tuhan dan menaikkan pujian bagi Dia. Tidak kira dalam situasi apa pun kita berada, kita dipanggil untuk tetap setia melayaniNya selama kita masih hidup (KIS 20:17-38).

Disediakan oleh,
Fiona Febrie

Region 6 Norma Baru

Kami terdiri daripada kurang daripada 10 orang yang terdiri daripada paderi, pemain musik dan penyanyi, pembaca inil, jurukamera dan juru audio. Norma baru ini sememangnya merupakan cabaran dan pengalaman baru buat kita semua untuk sentiasa melayani Tuhan dimana sahaja kita berada. Tuhan memberkati!

Disediakan oleh,
Karlmann Satok
ADY Cec INITIATIVES

OBOR BELIA

“BERTUMBUHLAH DI DALAM IMAN DAN MENGENAL YESUS DENGAN LEBIH DALAM LAGI”

Kesaksian dari Alexer Tingang Anickson (All Saints’ Parish Tabuan Kuching)
- Pengalaman saya sepanjang menyertai Obor Belia adalah sangat menyeronokkan. Hal ini dikatakan demikian kerana melalui program ini saya dapat belajar tentang Firman Tuhan dengan lebih dalam lagi serta menambahbaikan hubungan saya dengan Tuhan walaupun ianya dijalankan secara alam maya. Akhir sekali saya, berharap program Obor belia ini dapat dijalankan secara fizikal.

Kesaksian dari Eunice Quenga Anak John (St. Luke Church Sri Aman)

Kesaksian dari Jesstina.P (Gereja St. Andrew Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei)
- Sebagai salah seorang pengajar dalam Obor Belia merupakan pengalaman yang mencabar dan menarik. Kerana memerlukan persiapan yang baik dan rapi, dan dilakukan melalui sistem maya (zoomlink) yang tidak pernah dilakukan sebelum ini. Menariknya adalah peserta-peserta berkerinduan mahu memperdalam pengetahuan Alkitab. Sepanjang sesi pengajaran itu ada “give and take” antara pengajar dan peserta. Puji Tuhan banyak pengalaman yang saya perolehi sekaligus membantu saya untuk menambahpulih dalam pelayanan saya secara peribadi. "...Segala kemuliaan bagi-Nya untuk selama-lamanya, Amin." (2 Kor 4:18b)

Kesaksian dari Asher Vikki anak Sibey (St. Andrew's Chapel, Kg Skuduk)
- Obor Belia telah memberikan kesempatan kepada saya untuk fellowship bersama-sama rakan seimian di dalam masa yang mencabar ini. Selain itu, sebagai seorang fasilitator, saya turut diberkati oleh perkongsian hidup para peserta dan hal ini membuktikan bahawa program ini sangat memberkati pertumbuhan iman kedua-dua peserta dan fasilitator.

Having to answer all the questions prepared for each session makes me realize that I know nothing about Christ. I found myself scratching my head looking for answers to what look like an easy question but no avail. I was not that sharp in my interpretations and this proves me one thing: It is not easy to comprehend Bible doctrines. Learning together with others is a humbling experience for me and makes me realize that I cannot grasp the word of God simply with my own logic and intellectual knowledge. By listening to others during the discussions I get to see how the Holy Spirit inspires each and every one who diligently seeks to understand His Word. No matter what age we are, it is never late to join any bible study such as CE because the Bible also teaches us not to lean on our own understanding. Plus, it was nice to get together with like-minded believers. - CLEO NANANG-

It’s a great opportunity for me to sign up for Christianity Explore (C.E) as I followed the strong voice in my heart and I know it must be the work of the Holy Spirit. As a new believer, I am still learning about the true meaning of Christianity. C.E has helped me to understand the Gospel from the Bible and messages from Jesus Christ for us to live as a Christian and our responsibility for His mission through His Love and Salvation that He has given us. I am touched by His unconditional Love that He died for our sins which separate us from the love of God. As such, I strongly recommend others to join C.E especially for new believer, a refresher session that allow us to discuss and solve our mysterious questions in open conversations. - SALENA HO-

In the book of Mark we are introduced to a young man who approached Jesus and asked what he should do to obtain eternal life. Jesus wanted to show him, the disciples, and those who read the Bible today that with man it is impossible, but with God it is possible. I can’t do it, but God can. But who is Jesus? He’s the Messiah, God’s only chosen King. God appointed Him to bring about the plan of salvation for humankind. He died and rose for our sins so that we know that our sins are forgiven and that our hope is secure because sin and death has been defeated through Him. In the very last session, we were all asked if we were sure that we will go to heaven when we die and why. Being reminded that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, I know that I will be saved since I called on the name of the Lord for help. - JESSICA-

The reason why I’m interested in joining C.E was because I wanted to explore more about Jesus Christ as well as to learn deeper about Mark’s Gospel. Throughout C.E, the most impactful session for me is “The Cross”. Through this session, we know how much God loves us, that He died upon the cross to forgive the sins of the world just to make us clean through his holy blood. This is His mission on earth, based on God’s purpose for all mankind. Through His crucifixion, we are saved and our faith towards Him will never fade. I hope that others can join this class in the future to explore more about what we believe in. God bless us, Amen. - SHAYNE UTEK-

Sesuai dengan tema ADYC - Gospel Centred and Prayer Focused - kita ingin mendorong pemimpin berdoa dengan harapan mereka juga boleh melakukan perkara yang sama di dalam gereja mereka. Resepi berdoa adalah PATI - Pujiian, Ampun, Terima kasih, Ingat perkara doa.

Now Everyone can Pray! Saudara dan Saudari di dalam Kristus yang berminat untuk mengikuti sesi Doa ini melalui Whatsapp group boleh hubungi saya di talian 013-5658567. Tuhan memberkati!

Disediakan oleh,
Adeline Silluk
Honorary Secretary ADYC

Apabila kita mendengar perkataan ‘doa’, ramai muda mudi masih takut atau menjauhkan diri mereka atas prasangka bahawa ‘doa’ atau ‘doa syafaat’ itu adalah untuk orang Kristian yang sangat matang atau mempunyai kosa kata bahasa yang mantap. Ini tidak betul sama sekali! Secara ringkas, doa adalah perbualan kita dengan Tuhan Bapa kita. Prayer United (PU) Youth ditubuhkan kerana ketua-ketua gereja Malaysia ingin melihat muda mudi di negara kita bangkit dalam pelayanan doa. PU Youth melihat dirinya sebagai platform dimana mereka mengumpulkan ketua muda mudi dari setiap negeri dan memberi sokongan dan galakan kepada mereka untuk teruskan pelayan doa di gereja/bandar/negeri mereka sendiri.

Hampir setiap bulan, PU Youth akan berkumpul dengan ketua-ketua muda mudi melalui aplikasi ZOOM di mana mereka mendengar keluhan hati dan juga saling mendoakan. Diketuai oleh saudara Jed Tin, PU Youth mempunyai AJK dari seluruh Malaysia dan denominasi gereja, termasuklah Sarawak.

Marilah anak-anak muda Malaysia bangkit untuk berdoa!

Disediakan oleh,
Guinevere Aring Pakar
Pastoral Worker (Youth)
Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church
我生命中的耶稣，祂是谁，是个怎么样的神？这道题，不只我，而是身为基督徒的我们在信仰旅程中应该思考的问题。

我生命中的耶稣，是充满爱的一位神，是不离弃祂儿女的天父。祂让我出生在一个充满爱的家庭。从小到大祂都在我身边安插爱我的人，校友、契友、教友、同事。无论在哪里，做什么，都可以感受到周围的人的爱。在我面对挫折的时候，可以感受到祂的看顾和带领。在我做的每个我认为是错的决定，祂会让我看见错的决定里好的方面，助我成长。我也见证了祂对我爱的人不离不弃的爱。祂让我爱的师母在与病魔作战时经历神的看顾和保守。祂让我爱的曾祖父母在年迈时无病痛的安详死去。祂让我爱的至亲跟病魔作战时没有其他人那么辛苦。例子十指数不完。感谢天父的恩典，让我在年幼时就认识祂，一直有这份福气经历祂赐的爱，也让我有这个机会把这份爱传出去。

你是否曾经认真想过，你生命中的耶稣，是谁？

刘如倩 Michelle Lau Ru Qian
St. Matthew's Church, Maong

线上团契

主内的弟兄姐妹们，主里平安！
随着疫情，除了在生活中的大小调整，为了确保自身的健康，教会团契的模式也跟着转变。感谢主，虽然无法实体进行，我们拥有因现今科技而可以在线上团契的特权。从中我们也体验到诸多因不同的团契形式而产生的差别。

由于活动都只能在线上进行，契友们的互动被局限，感谢团长和契友们的创意来设想流程，使得线上聚会也可以很有趣。除了一同查考圣经，进行门徒训练，我们也使用不同频道来实行竞答比赛和游戏。对于我来说，最有别于实体团契的是敬拜赞美的环节。因网络和技术上的限制和问题，我们不能如往常，拥有在现场敬拜的团队，弹奏乐器来歌颂主荣耀的名。即使如此，这不浇熄我们敬拜赞美主的心意。我们利用网络上的资源，来播放及分享诗歌影片给契友们。这也给予大家持有轮流带领此环节的机会。

除此之外，线上团契使得不在同个地区的弟兄姐妹，只要按下通往线上频道的链接，就能够在同一时间一起参加团契。这赐予很多处在外地，或者因其它原因而无法出席实体团契的弟兄姐妹们可以一起参与团契的机会。这使得我们在这具历史性的时段，不会因为疫情而阻断因着主的圣名来聚会的团契时间，可以保持联系及互相扶持。

在这人心惶惶的时候，感谢主的恩典，还可以享有这每个星期团契的时间，一起阅读神的话语，互相鼓励，我认为这足于赐予我们心里的平安。让我们继续儆醒祷告，求主带领及保守我们的心怀意念度过这段日子，并拥有来自主的盼望，期盼可以实体团契的那一天！

刘善怡 Keren Liew
圣多玛座堂华语部青年团契
St. Thomas's Cathedral
Chinese Speaking Congregation Youth Fellowship
Have you always wondered about the people behind the scene in compiling the Berita ADYC, bringing you updates via social media and the creative minds behind the promotional videos? Well, in this issue, we will introduce the team.

**Lydia Ida, Editor-in-Chief**
An auditor by training, Lydia is the Head of ADYC Media Team since her appointment in 2014. She took up the challenge with the aim to revive the Berita ADYC, and in six years, have brought the team into the digital age as we connect the Diocesan youths and beyond with one another. As we progress into a digital presence, Lydia wishes to see more youths step up and be part of the team, without fear of not having the skill set, as long as you have the passion to serve. True to her passion with technology, she is an avid fan of all things Apple - if there is an Apple car, she will definitely be driving it now! Lydia is currently serving in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Kuala Lumpur in the Welcoming Team, but she is never too far to connect the team, thanks to technology.

**Sharon, Co-Editor**
The second team member recruited in 2014 following the commissioning of the ADYC Media team, Sharon has held the position of co-editor since then. She supports the work of the editor-in-chief and mainly does the behind-the-scenes work before final prints. An experienced community worker with a local Christian organisation, she sees ADYC as a mission field to reach out to young people in Sarawak and beyond. She also serves at St. Columba’s Church, Miri, as the Honorary Assistant PCC Secretary and Assistant Mission and Outreach Coordinator for AYC. Her love for cakes and kolo mee is second to none!

**Kasa, Sectional Editor**

**Mummy Yen, Sectional Editor**
Lydia, juga dikenali sebagai Mummy Yen, baru sahaja mengikuti tim Media ADYC tetapi mempunyai peranan yang amat besar, iaitu sebagai penterjemah bahagian Bahasa Cina. Dia kagum dengan semangat kerja berpasukan di mana setiap ahli mempunyai peranan masing-masing, tidak kira besar atau kecil, untuk menghasilkan sebuah penerbitan yang berjaya. Lydia juga melayani di St. Simon’s Parish Malihah, Matang, sebagai Pembantu Ministry Fund Registrar dan penyunting bulleting mingguan. Lydia sebenarnya tidak pandai berenang, tetapi suka (dan rendu) lepak di tepi pantai.

**Juds, Sectional Editor**
Judith is a stay-at-home mother of two precious children. She first joined the team in 2014 for a year, and recently returned to the team in 2020. Her passion to reach out to youths and young adults is reflected in her role as the Young Adults Cell Group Coordinator for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lutong. Through her role in Berita too, she wishes to use it as a platform to reconnect with ADYC and build relationships with youths and young adults from other parishes. In her spare time, she takes time to scroll through the ‘Makan Apa Tak Jadi Hari Ini’ Facebook group as a stress reliever and entertainment.
Shayne, Sectional Editor
Shayne is our latest addition to the team, having joined in 2020. He aspires to see ADYC programmes be promoted more effectively to the youths in our diocese and beyond. Through this, he hopes to motivate them to be part of their youth ministry, replicate the programmes and ultimately, to serve Christ. Being a full time student does not stop Shayne from serving in his church, St Luke's Church, Sri Aman, as an Exco Media and Publicity officer. He may be quiet and appear clumsy, but get to know him, he is friendly and has the gift of the gab!

Marlystra, Graphic Designer cum Video Editor
Marlystra has been part of Berita ADYC since March 2017 and her first task was to design a congratulatory poster for SPM candidates. Time has flown past as fast as the level of task difficulty for Marlystra as her latest feat was to edit a video for the recent ADYC Sunday in July 2020. Designing graphics and editing videos are challenging, but to learn to do it biblically sound takes it up another level. Marlystra wears multiple hats as she works as an account executive professionally and also leads the Parish Youth Fellowship of St Alban’s Church, Sarikei, as chairperson.

Dee Dee, Graphic Designer
Diana currently worships and serves as a Sunday School Teacher at Gerija Pemandang Shah Alam (GPSPA) but when she's back in her hometown, she plays sweet music as the organist for St Columba’s Church, Miri’s Iban choir. She began her journey in Berita ADYC as a designer and juggles her media team’s role with her day job as a Maintenance Engineer cum Supply Chain. She firmly believes she manage to pull through the odds “...through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). A multi-talented woman of God, she is a singer, dancer and musician who uses her talents to praise and worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Abe Ibi, Graphic Designer
As a Nursing Clinical Instructor, Ibi’s work relies on working with students face-to-face. However, he took up the challenge to be in a team where discussions and coordination are done virtually (even before Covid-19 came along) as team members are spread throughout Malaysia. Ibi is a jack-of-all-trades, stretching himself wherever he can serve and learn from others for God’s glory. He is an active youth member of St Mary’s Mission District, Matang and the ADYC Region 6 Honorary Secretary. He also serves in ADYC programmes such as a facilitator for Obor Belia and media support for Christianity Explored. Fun fact: ‘I am Batman’!

We would like to give a shout out to previous team members who have contributed their ideas, time, efforts, skills and experiences with Berita ADYC since 2004. You have made Berita ADYC into what it is today. May God continue to bless you.

And you, the readers, if you are interested to explore the journey with us, you may reach us through ADYC social media or email us at berita.adyc@gmail.com. Let us explore our creativity and let God use us to reach out to many more through ADYC. We really do have cookies (literally, and IT related)!
Shalom, I'm Lencemmer Dorcas.
I would like to thank BERITA ADYC for this opportunity to write a few things about our St Christopher’s youth activities. Firstly, during the Diocesan Youth Sunday, some of the youth served as church wardens by taking the body temperatures and attendance of the congregation to make sure they comply with the SOP. At the beginning of the service, we led praise and worship, read the Gospel and intercession. We ended the service with a gospel song before a candle blowing ceremony to mark the special day. In addition, we also prepared some light refreshments. Besides that, we also had a fellowship with various schools and had a praise and worship session with them. I hope that we become strong and continue to trust in our faith especially during this pandemic. God bless all of us. AMEN

Lencemmer Dorcas, St. Christopher’s Church, Debak.

Shalom! I’m Abby Chelsea.
2020 has been a tough year for everyone. It is undeniable that this year’s celebration has many differences compared to the years before as we had limitations on the activities. Praise the Lord, we had the chance to experience and celebrate Diocesan Youth Sunday by adapting to the new norm.

During the service, our youths took part in Bible reading and the intercession. The celebration was held at night with a praise and worship session, watching the ADYC Youth Sunday Service video and appreciation video for our youths and ended with enjoying the refreshments together. Although we had to cut the time short and limit the numbers of youths, the celebration went on smoothly. Let us continue to praise and glorify His name humbly, wholly and continuously. In the name of Christ, together we grow more in faith. Amen!

Abby Chelsea, St. Luke’s Church, Sri Aman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Youth Ablaze
   - Online classes
     (Mid January - end February 2021)
   - On-site trainings & Mission trips
     (27 February-21 March 2021)

2. Bible Overview
   - Every Wednesday
     starting 6 January 2021