

马来西亚基督教协进会

让我们严正的决定再委身追寻上帝永恒的真理，并且分享上帝无穷的爱。让我们在爱中勇敢的站出来向我们的国家和我们的同胞讲说这真理。“我们凡事不能抵挡真理，只能扶助真理。”

(CFM2015 马来西亚日献词)

大家好，

今年一阵“呛鼻的政治烟霾”笼罩，使我国陷入空前的混乱与危机。

叫人对我国惊恐的是国内政治的廉正和一些机构的法律独立地位面临被完全剥夺的危险。

在国家面对挑战的当儿，马基协会选择依随主题“拣选生命，你和你的后裔都必存活”（申 30:15-20）。摩西在带领以色列人前往应许之地时挑战他们遵行上帝公义的诫命生活，更以之塑造国家的生命。

照样，CFM 有鉴于国内政治的大动乱，就在马来西亚日献词中强调要以爱心讲说真理。

CCM 已代表交回就许多影响交回和社会的问题采取行动发言。以下是一些重要的 CCM 工作摘要：

1. 8/3/2015 跟天主教联办“团结日：马来西亚人的合一与和平”集会，逾 2,000 人出席。
2. 4/5/2015 与团结部长佐瑟古律对话，谈国内进口与分发马来文圣经的标准运作程序。CCM 的领袖们拒绝了所作出的献议，因为它限制了在国内分发和使用圣经的自由。
3. 20-27/5/2015，CCM 在耶加达出席了 CCA 大会。大会修订一项章程，产生大型执行理事会引导区域性的联合宗派事工。
4. 7-10/7/2015 在槟城举办原住民牧者大会，有 120 多位沙、砂和西马原住民教会代表参加。波利大主教和米尔特主教激励大家在国内兴起并建立教会的原住民膀翼。
5. 7 月间，CCM 正式参与在吉隆坡国际机场举办的马航 MH370 班机全国追悼会。
6. CCM 的“支持民主和正直的选择”运动。任务是告诉基督徒在选举的各层面参与的可能性，目的是确保自由和公平的选举。目前已在吉隆坡和新山举办论坛，其他州属会继续跟进。
7. 16/9/2015 在八打灵三一卫理堂举办 CCM 马来西亚日祷告集会。王怀德会督主领这项集会并与 24/7 国家祷告网联合。
8. 17-19/8/2015 CCM 又成功举办了一次各宗教圆桌会议。主题是：“越过宗教疆界建立和平的课题与展望”。南部菲律宾大主教费迪南和瑞士的克丽丝汀娜教授受邀为资源提供者。本地许多跨宗教工作者连同教会领袖作了创意的对话和策划。
9. 10-15/10/2015 CCM 在中心接待了梵蒂冈 - 世界卫理宗理事会双方对话委员会。该对话是由吉隆坡天主教大教区和卫理公会总议会支持。
10. 3/10/2015 亚洲妇女会崇拜在 CCM 中心举行。主题是“在基督里合一，我们建立一个惠赐生命的世界。”这主题是由 CCM 妇女委员会提供的。
11. CCM 青年在一年里很活跃，与不同教会，网络和机构联系，藉着有意义的改变影响国家。他们的活动多数都上载到 CCM 网站。

12. CCM 的中心进展很好。有很多教会、非政府组织和其他机构使用中心设施。客房使用率也很高。提供给教会和基督徒组织的配套广受欢迎。收入颇为健康，帮助了保养的费用。
13. 每星期在真光小教堂举行的泰泽当代崇拜吸引了很多人，借此也提供了跨宗派的灵性增长。我们跟泰泽社体有紧密联系。他们也提供机会给青年人到法国南部作灵性退修。

CCM 在协助联系、装备和加添力量给教会，让她能够把上帝的现实带到职场、家庭和影响网络时，上帝也信实的祝福了 CCM。

Rev Dr Hermen Shastri 报告

(参看附件一)

“...let us firmly resolve to recommit ourselves to pursue God's timeless truth, and to share God's endless love. Let us boldly go forth to speak that truth to our nation and our fellow citizens in love - "For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.” (2 Corinthians 13 : 8, NIV)

(CFM Malaysia Day Message 2015)

Greetings and peace to you in Jesus Christ!

A “choking political haze” shrouds the country this year and it has plunged the nation into a state of unprecedented crisis and confusion.

What is particularly alarming about our current predicament is the danger of the total emasculation of the political integrity and legal autonomy of major institutions of the state.

Amidst the challenges faced by the nation, CCM has been guided by its theme “ *Choose Life and you and your descendants will live.*”(Deut 30: 15-20). As Moses led the Israelites to the promised land, he challenged them to live by the righteous commandments of God and to allow that to shape the nations life.

Likewise noting the “ political maelstrom” in the country, the CFM message for Malaysia Day was to speak the truth in love to the nation.

CCM has spoken and acted on behalf of the churches to address many of the issues that have affected the Church and society.

To highlight some of the important work of the Council, a short summary is offered as follows:

1. CCM in collaboration with Superiors of the Religious Orders Council of the Roman Catholic Church organized a “ *Day of Solidarity: Malaysian for Unity and Peace*” on 8th March 2015 . Over 2,000 people participated in this event.
2. Dialogue with Minister of Unity, Tan Sri Joseph Kurup on 14th May 2015 on SOP on importing and distribution of Malay Bibles in the country. CCM leaders had rejected the proposal as it limits the freedom of distribution and use of Bibles in the country.
3. The CCM participated in the CCA General Assembly that was held from 20-27th May in Jakarta under the theme: *The Household of God*”. A revised Constitution was adopted which oversees a larger Executive Committee to guide ecumenical work in the region. Ms. Ithrana Lawrence was elected as an Executive Member under the youth category.
4. The Indigenous Pastor’s Conference brought over 120 people from Sabah, Sarawak and the Orang Asli churches. Held in Penang from 7-10th July, Archbishop Datuk Bolly Lapok and Bishop Melter inspired the pastors to rise up and build the indigenous wing of the Church in Malaysia.
5. CCM officially participated in the National Day of Mourning and the Memorial for MH 17 on 17th July at KLIA.
6. CCM’s Campaign: “*Supporting Democracy and Elections with Integrity*”. The task of the campaign is to offer Christians the possibility of participating in aspects of national elections with the view to ensuring it is free and fair. So far two forums have been held in Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru, with others states to follow.
7. The CCM Malaysia Day Prayer rally was organized on 16th September at Trinity Methodist Church, P.J. Bishop Dr. Ong Hwai Teik spearheaded the leadership in this effort and connected with the 24/7 National Prayer Network.
8. Another successful Interfaith Roundtable Conference was organized by CCM from 17-19th August with the theme: *On crossing religious borders: issues and prospects for peace building.*” We were privileged to have Archbishop Ferdinand Cappala of Southern Philippines and Prof. Dr. Christina Lienneman from Switzerland as resource persons. Many local interfaith practitioners joined church leaders in creative dialogue and planning strategies.
9. The CCM hosted the Vatican-World Methodist Council Bilateral Theological Dialogue Commission in the Ecumenical Center from 10-15th October 2015. The meeting was supported by the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur (Roman Catholic) and the Methodist General Conference of Malaysia.

10. The Asian Church Women's Conference Worship Service was held at the Ecumenical Center on 3rd October. The theme of the liturgy was: United in Christ, We Build a Life Giving World was developed by the Ecumenical Women's Committee of CCM for use in the Asia region.
11. CCM Youth has had an active year connecting to various churches, networks and organizations to impact the nation for meaningful change. Much of the activities they are involved in are reflected on the CCM Website under youth.
12. The Ecumenical Center of CCM has been progressing very well. Most of the facilities are being used by churches, NGOs and others. Guest room occupancy is very high. The special packages for churches and Christian organizations offered are popular. The income derived from the use of the facilities has helped the Property Management Committee maintain a healthy income for the upkeep of the facilities.
13. The regular Taize Contemplative Worship held every Sunday in the Chapel of Light has attracted interest and provided a ministry to promote ecumenical spirituality. There is close contact with the Brothers of the Taize Community who have offered places for our young people to participate in Spiritual retreats in their center in Southern France.

God has been faithful to CCM as it plays its part in helping churches in the nation to be connected, equipped and empowered as it brings the reality of God to their place of work, their homes and their network of influence.

Submitted by
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Kindly see the appendix 1

APPENDIX 1

GROWING FELLOWSHIP

1. The Heads of Churches Retreat was held in Kuantan, Pahang from 7-10th January 2015.
2. The General Secretary brought greetings at the Annual General Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Ipoh, Perak on 23rd March 2015
3. The World Day of Prayer was held on 7th March 2015 at St. Paul's Church, P.J. Around 100 people attended.
4. The CFM Biennial General Assembly was held on 27th April 2015 where 20 delegates from CCM attended it after which a 30th Anniversary of CFM with dinner was held in a Restaurant in P.J.
5. The GS took part in the service at the Church of Divine Mercy, Shah Alam on the theme "Healing Malaysia".
6. The GS attended the Methodist General Conference Panel Group on the theme "Current Challenges in Malaysia" on 15th April 2015 in P. Dickson.
7. ACWC General Committee was hosted by CCM Women's Work from 20-26th June at the CCM Ecumenical Center.
8. CCA General Assembly was held in Jakarta from 20-27th May 2015 and The delegates from CCM were Archbishop Datuk Bolly Lapok, Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri, Mrs. Mary Thomas and Ms. Ithra Lawrence.
9. The GS was invited to speak at the Grace Convention Center – "Day of Prayer" on 4th July 2015.
10. The Hebi Indigenous Pastor's Conference was held from 7-10th July at the YMCA, Penang. Around 110 participants attended.
11. US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRE) made a courtesy visit to meet the GS at the CCM Ecumenical Center on 19th August 2015.
12. Malaysia Day 16th September 2015 – A call to unite in Prayer with the theme: "Fill Our Cup, Lord! Organized by CCM and Prayer United was held at Trinity Methodist Church, P. J.
13. Vatican and World Methodist Bilateral Theological Dialogue was held from 10th October to 14th October at CCM Ecumenical Center and was hosted by CCM.

DISCERNING BODIES

1. The GS attended JPNIN meeting on 12th February 2015 which was on Annual Planning Workshop in Cheras.
2. Chinese New Year Dinner was organized by ASLI. The General Secretary was invited to attend.
3. Briefing on Goods and Service Tax By Mr. Dave Anand on 2nd March 2015 with the Heads of Churches and invited guests.
4. Meeting with Chua Tee Tong Deputy Finance Minister at Putrajaya on 3rd March 2015 regarding the Goods and Service Tax .
5. Day of Solidarity: Malaysians for Unity and Peace organized by CCM and Conference of Religions Superiors of the Major of the Roman Catholic Church was held on 8th March 2015 at Menara PKNS. Over 300 people attended.

6. JKMPKA meeting was held on 25th March 2015 at IKIM . The meeting was attended by the General Secretary.
7. The General Secretary attended the Hakam gathering at Lake Club, K.L on 8th April 2015.
8. Forum on Democratic Engagement of Citizens in the Coming Election Process was held at Wesley K.Lumpur on 18th April. Speakers were Ms. Marina Chin Abdullah and Mr.Wong Piang Yow and moderator Tan Sri R. Navaratnam.
9. Dialogue with YB Tan Sri Joseph Kurup on “ A discussion on the SOP on importing and Distribution of Malay Bibles and Christian Literature was held on 14 May 2015 at 11.00am at the CCM Ecumenical Center
10. Dialogue with Dr. Yogeswara Subramaniam on “ Land Rights of the Orang Asli Communities in Peninsular Malaysia” was held on 14th May 2015 at 2pm at the CCM Ecumenical Center.
11. MCCBCHST Dialogue at Buddhist Vidhara on 11th May at 11am was attended by the GS.
12. A Memorial for the MH 17 victims was held at Dewan Bungaraya KLIA organized by the Ministry of Transport on 11th July 2015. The GS was present at this function.
13. An Ecumenical Social Forum was organized by the Johor Regional Committee titled “HOW CAN THE CHURCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY BUILD SOCIAL CONSCIENCE FOR DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT OF CITIZENS IN THE NATIONS’ ELECTION PROCESS?” Friday, 24th July 2015, 7.30PM, Tropical Inn Hotel, Johor Bahru . Speakers Maria Chin Abdullah and PY Yong .Moderator Jerald Joseph. The General Secretary was also present.
14. An Ecumenical Social Forum titled “The Plight of Rohingya People in Malaysia” was organized by CCM on 2nd August 2015 at 3pm. The Speaker Mr. Karam Shaar a volunteer of the UNHCR assigned to work with Rohingya in Malaysia presented the talk at the CCM Ecumenical Center.
15. The GS was invited by the High Commissioner of Canada to a Roundtable discussion on human rights with Mr. Daniel Jean, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada on August 5th 2015.
16. A Forum on “Avoiding Inter-Religious Tension: The Challenge of Managing Religious Plurality in Malaysia”was held on 11th August, 2015 at the Fakulti Ekologi Manusia, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). The GS was invited as one of the panelist.
17. An Ecumenical Roundtable Conference (II) ON : “CROSSING RELIGIOUS BORDERS: Issues and Prospects for peace building” was held from 17-19th August 2015 at the CCM Ecumenical Centre. Prof Christine Lienemann was one of the prominent speakers.
18. A Public Forum “Towards A Just and Pluralistic Society” was held on 17th August at CCM Ecumenical Center. The panelists were Datuk Noor Farida Ariffin, Prof. Dr. Shad Faruqi and Mr Steven Thiru. The moderator was Tan Sri R. Navaratnam.
19. A Public Forum “A New Way of Being A Church” – Together as Neighbours was held on 18th August . the panelists were Prof. Dr Christine Lienemann- Perrin, Archbishop Fernando R. Capalla and Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri. The moderator was Archbishop Julian Leow.
20. The GS attended the Selangor State Exco Meeting which was held on 15th September in Shah Alam.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF MALAYSIA (CCM) PRESS STATEMENTS

1. Our Deepest Condolences to the Demise of Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat dated 13th February 2015
2. Statement on the protest against the existence of a church in Taman Medan by a small group of Muslims protestors on 19th April 2015.
3. Call for Humanitarian Aid on the plight of the Rohingyas – 19th May 2015
4. Response to Education Minister's remarks against Christians – 11th August 2015

CHRISTIAN FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA (CFM) PRESS STATEMENTS

1. CFM - Calls on Churches to Render Aid and Support to Stranded Boat People – 21st May 2015
2. CFM - Against Shrinking Public Space for religious Expression and Increasing Religious Repression - 22nd May 2015
3. CFM- Media Statement Merdeka day and Malaysia Day 2015 – A Prayer for Truth and Justice -28th August 2015

MCCBCHST PRESS STATEMENTS

1. One million translated copies of the Quran to be distributed to Non-Muslims a cause for concern. 9th February 2015
2. Negeri Sembilan leads the way – 11th February 2015
3. In Memorium The Late Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat – 13th February 2015
4. Malaysia Day and Merdeka Day Message 2015 – 30th August 2015

CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY

1. An Appeal for Nepal Earthquake Victims was made and collections have been sent.
2. An Appeal for Rohingyas was sent in cash and kind by the CCM Youth and CCM Ecumenical Center was the collection point for the items.
3. A visit on 22nd July by the CCM Taize community to the Rohingya Refugee school was done and goody bags were given to the children.