



CCM HIGHLIGHTS

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF MALAYSIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

KEEP THE FAITH

Dear Leaders, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so incredibly happy to welcome you all to the latest issue of our newsletter, **CCM HIGHLIGHTS: JULY EDITION**. Looking at our community right now, I am reminded of how God's love and support is a true constant that we can learn from to live, love and serve better.

Whether we are sitting down to understand new legal guidelines for our places of worship, cheering on the women in our ministry, or raising funds for special needs children, we are putting our faith into action!

I pray that God continues to bless your Churches, your families, and the ministries you serve in as we walk this journey together.

Above all, let us stay connected as one body.

Keeping the Faith in Christ,
Rev. Philip Lok
Council of Churches of Malaysia



REV. PHILIP LOK
GENERAL SECRETARY

SPOTLIGHT



REV. BALAN MOSES
CHAIRPERSON
ELCM DIAKONIA COMMITTEE

ELCM'S RUMAH BETHANY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (ELCM) Central District Pastors Fellowship and ELCM Diakonia Committee jointly organized a Fund-Raising Carnival for Pusat Jagaan Rumah Bethany on 20 June 2026 at Zion Cathedral, Brickfields.

CCM interviewed **Reverend Balan Moses, Chairperson** of the **ELCM Diakonia Committee**, who discussed the event's major milestone in community support for children with disabilities, the joys and challenges, and the critical role of grassroots support.

Please could you share Rumah Bethany's history?

Rev. Balan Moses: Pusat Jagaan Rumah Bethany (PJR) provides lifelong care for special needs individuals in Hutan Melintang, Perak. Bishop **Bertil Envall**, the first Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (**ELCM**), founded it in 1966.

Mr. Sörberg was the house's **first director** and he served alongside his wife to establish Malaysia's **first rural training ground** for children with epilepsy.

How does Rumah Bethany's inclusive charity work show the Gospel's message to a multicultural country?

Rev. Balan Moses: It began as a **social ministry** of the church, moving beyond the usual structural ministry such as house prayers and meetings. Bishop Envall wanted to spread the **teachings and love of Christ** by directly addressing the social needs of our community hence our **initial focus on epileptic children**

How did the community respond to the June 2026 Carnival and what were your biggest hurdle?

Rev. Balan Moses: It was overwhelming! Rumah Bethany own initiatives sold their goods as well as others. By God's grace, we raised close to **RM 130,000** to cover our daily operational expenses. To ensure safe, round-the-clock care for our **30 differently-abled children and adults**, we maintain a **strict one-to-one staff** ratio. These funds help sustain this vital setup.

Oh, our hurdles were **time and awareness**. We pulled off this massive event in just **three months**. Though many did not know about Rumah Bethany, their **surprise** turned into **deep support** when they realized the home serves differently-abled children and adults.

Ultimately, the carnival succeeded in its biggest mission: **putting Rumah Bethany on the map** for a wider Malaysian audience.

SPOTLIGHT

RUMAH BETHANY INITIATIVES

- **Kedai Bundle Amal:** To learn retail and stock management.
- **Bethany Blooms & Green Home:** Practical urban farming and gardening.
- **PJRB Masala Tea:** Residents blend and market signature spice tea.
- **Bethany Food Station:** Hands-on training in cooking and kitchen hygiene.
- **Mini Bakery:** Baked goods sold at Jenderata Estate, United Plantations.



CHEQUE HANDING CEREMONY

What is your closing message to our readers?

Rev. Balan Moses: I urge our community to **extend God's grace** to the children of Rumah Bethany and all marginalized individuals. Please visit Rumah Bethany to see our work firsthand. It is a powerful experience, especially for our youth.

It is far too easy for **the marginalized to slip through the cracks of society**, and your presence and support ensure they are never forgotten.

Why is this ministry close to your heart?

Rev. Balan Moses: Actually I was appointed **Chairman of the ELCM Diakonia Committee** in 2023 and our core aim is to assist the marginalised within our communities and Rumah Bethany falls under this category.

Personally, this mission brings me immense joy. I dote on the children; they are incredibly special to me so the children of Rumah Bethany have an incredibly special place in my heart.

SUPPORT RUMAH BETHANY

Congregational Giving

Raise funds within your local church.

Direct Bank Transfer

RHB Bank: 2082 0336000379 • A/c: Pusat Jagaan Rumah Bethany

Plan a Visit

Contact **Rev. Balan Moses** • 012-318 3414



HAPPENINGS

CUT THROUGH THE NOISE! TOWN HALL MEETING



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YB RAJIV RISHYAKARAN
ADUN BUKIT GASING



MODERATED BY: REV. DR. PHILIP LOK
(GENERAL SECRETARY OF CCM)

CUT THROUGH THE NOISE!

TOWN HALL MEETING

TOPIC: THE IMPLICATIONS
OF SELANGOR'S RISI*
GUIDELINES

*RISI 'Rumah Ibadat Selain Islam'

DATE: SATURDAY 4 JULY
TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM
LOCATION: CCM ECUMENICAL CENTER
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Saturday, 4 July 2026, CCM hosted a town hall meeting opened to the public at the CCM Ecumenical Centre to unpack and understand the Selangor State Government's recent updates to the **RISI (Rumah Ibadat Selain Islam) Planning Guidelines**.

We were incredibly privileged to have **YB Rajiv Rishyakaran** as our guest at the meeting. YB Rajiv helped break down the changes and the implications of the **RISI Guidelines**, putting the nearly 40 attendees at ease regarding the future planning of non-Islamic houses of worship for the state of Selangor.



Thank you to YB Rajiv Rishyakaran and everyone who attended this session!

Missed it? Do keep an eye on our page for future community briefings!
Stay tuned to this newsletter for MORE town hall meetings and events!

HAPPENINGS

HEBI

KONFERENSI WANITA



PART 2: CULTURE & LEADERSHIP

Dr. Judy Berinai – Dean of Studies and Lecturer at the **Sabah Theological Seminary**.

Sesi 4: Wanita yang menghadapi konflik budaya, adat resam, dan iman

Sesi 5: Wanita dalam menghadapi diskriminasi gender dalam kepimpinan di gereja dan luar gereja

Attention to all! Registration for the **HEBI Konferensi Wanita** is **OFFICIALLY CLOSED** and **READY TO IMPACT LIVES!**

Held from **30 July – 2 August 2026** at **YMCA PENANG**

"WANITA BERHIKMAT dan BERHARGA" (BUKU AMSAL 31:25)

We are blessed to have exceptional leaders leading our sessions for our ladies.

Also **Pastor Sam Surendran of Excel Point Community Church Penang** will be hosting prayer sessions for the crowd as well!

PART 1: LIFE & FAMILY

Reverend Jollify Daniel – Program Manager for **BCCM BM Migrant School** and **SAWO (Sabah Women's Action Resource Group)** Exco Member.

Session 1: Mengimbangi hidup sihat, keluarga, pelayanan, dan kerjaya

Session 2: Mendidik anak di zaman digital

Sesi 3: Kekuatan Iman Wanita dalam menghadapi cabaran rumah tangga dan pertumbuhan kerohanian keluarga

Please do lend your support by lifting our speakers, the committee and all the registered participants in your prayer! Let's celebrate and pray for this amazing milestone for our women's ministry!

Stay tuned to this newsletter for photos and a full recap after the event!



MULTIPURPOSE HALL



EXHIBITION HALL



FUNCTION ROOM ONE



FUNCTION ROOM TWO



CAFE



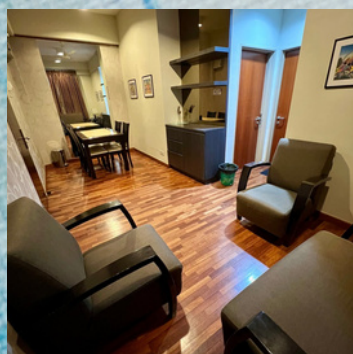
PUBLIC PARKING



CHAPEL



SINGLE ROOM



SUITE ROOM



TWIN ROOM



OKU ROOM



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