



C.C.E.A. Council Meeting and Partners-in-Mission Consultation  
16th — 24th April 1975, Singapore.

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF  
EAST ASIA AND CONSULTATION AT SINGAPORE**  
16th — 24th APRIL 1975

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Council of the Church of East Asia met in Singapore from April 16th — 17th, and this was followed by a Consultation of the delegates with 'Partners in Mission' representing the Anglican Church in Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and U.S.A. together with the Rev. David Chaplin representing the Anglican Consultative Council.

The following East Asia Dioceses were represented:—

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| <b>KOREA</b>       | Dioceses of Seoul, Taejon, Busan.  |
| <b>HONG KONG</b>   |  |
| <b>TAIWAN</b>      |  |
| <b>PHILIPPINES</b> | Dioceses of Northern, Central and Southern Philippines, together with the Philippine Independent Church. |
| <b>SINGAPORE</b>   |  |
| <b>MALAYSIA</b>    | Dioceses of Kuching, Sabah, West Malaysia.   |
| <b>BURMA</b>       | The Province was represented by its Commissary, Bishop Chandu Ray.                                       |

Reports were heard from the Dioceses, a comprehensive paper on Theological Education in the region was considered, loan funds were apportioned, and priorities in Mission for the next three years were discussed.

The Council ratified an earlier decision to change its name from Council of the Church of South East Asia to the Council of the Church of East Asia.

The decision was made to invite the Church of England in Australia into full membership of the Council.

The following officers were elected:—

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| <b>Chairman:</b>                  | The Rt. Rev. James T. M. Pong<br>Bishop of Taiwan.     |
| <b>Vice-Chairman:</b>             | The Rt. Rev. Basil Temengong<br>Bishop of Kuching.     |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                 | The Rt. Rev. Gilbert Baker<br>Bishop of Hong Kong      |
| <b>Bishop delegate to A.C.C.:</b> | The Rt. Rev. Chiu Ban It<br>Bishop of Singapore.       |
| <b>Priest delegate to A.C.C.</b>  | The Rev. Yong Ping Chung<br>Diocese of Sabah.          |
| <b>Alternate:</b>                 | The Rev. S. S. Jesuthasan<br>Diocese of West Malaysia. |

## The Singapore & West Malaysia Diocesan Association

Annual Festival will be held this year at St. Martins-in-the-Field, Trafalgar Square, on Thursday 19th June.

If any of our members who should be in London during that time and is interested to attend, please contact Mrs. Margaret Bulford, Hon. Secretary, Eythrope, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10, IPU, or ring us at Tel. 643248 giving information. Lunch will be at 50p per person.

### Letter of thanks from the President of the Singapore Council of Social Service

14th May 1975

"Your Lordship,

On behalf of the Refugees from Vietnam and on my own behalf, many grateful thanks for the cheque for \$5,000/- being the very generous donation from the Diocese of Singapore towards the Vietnamese Refugees Fund. Official receipt for the cheque would be sent to you in due course.

In the meantime, I confirm that the money has been sent to the Ministry of Defence for the purchase of medical supplies, milk and other necessity especially for the children. Please rest assured that the gifts are being used only in deserving cases, which are too numerous to mention.

Warmest regards and please remember us in your prayers. God Bless.

Yours respectfully,  
Singapore Council of Social Service,  
Signed  
Ee Peng Liang  
President

## Extracts of the Archbishop of Burma's NEWSLETTER No: 3 dated 6th March 1975:

"Reading through the newspaper these days, I am encouraged to see pictures of farmers bringing in paddy by the cartloads to government buying centres. The mounds of paddy mean that there should be sufficient rice for consumption. As I reflect on this, the quotation of the Psalmist in Psalm 126: 5—6, 'They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Though he goeth on his way weeping bearing forth the seed, He shall come again with joy bringing his sheaves with him', seem to apply to us.

Last year on November 15, I set out on a 10 day visit to the Delta area. It was after the period when the floods had damaged and destroyed the crop. I went there primarily to visit the members of our Church. But Bishop West's words, 'Help all, irrespective of caste, colour or creed', was uppermost in my mind.

In the areas not affected by the floods, the farmers were reaping the paddy. The harvest was good too. In contrast, the farmers whose fields were inundated by the floods, were busy searching for seed if seedlings were not available. There was a big demand for seed but the supply was short, besides the price was very high. I was able to render some relief to farmers in real need, with aid received from Canada, Singapore and England. Somehow these and other farmers scraped up the necessary money to purchase seed and replanting was begun in earnest. Again I was reminded of Psalm 126: 5—6. The seedlings sprouted in time and the prospects of a good harvest appeared likely. My prayers were for them. I believed the words of the Psalmist would prove to be true."