



"Commit your way to the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." PSALM 37:5

LUTHERAN STUDY CENTRE

Ministry Newsletter



"This is what is meant by 'Thy King cometh.' You do not seek Him, but He seeks you. You do not search Him, He searches for you."

DR MARTIN LUTHER

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Established by FELCMS

Greetings from all of us at the Lutheran Study Centre (FELCMS) Malaysia. By the grace of God and His abundant mercy the Lutheran Study Centre has managed to stay on track in fulfilling its established goals and seeing to accomplishment our planned events for 2026. Hence, we are prayerfully confident the 2nd half of the year will be equally fruitful. Indeed, we are thankful to all our International Mission Partners, Heads of the FELCMS member Churches and Lutheran Congregations for journeying with us. Your unceasing prayers, financial support and encouragement has been exemplary and uplifting. Hence, as the Psalmist declares in Psalm 92:4-5 “For You make me glad by Your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what Your hands have done.⁵ How great are Your works, Lord, how profound Your thoughts!”, we too at Lutheran Study Centre would like to thank God and praise Him for all His timely blessings and providences.

Our key focus has always been on enhancing ‘Lutheran Confessional Identity’ among pastors, seminary students, lay-leaders and youths. We will also continue to network closely with the Lutheran Study Centre in Indonesia and the MMF (Mekong Mission Forum) which brings together the regional churches in the Mekong region. Lutheran Study Centre Malaysia has been requested to help develop the Curriculum for the Certificate in Lutheran Identity Enhancement for Pastors, Seminary Students and Lay Leaders in the Mekong Region through the Mekong Mission Forum – Theological Task Force. In order to enable postgraduate research and writing in the field of Lutheran studies, LSC will continue to improve the library resources. In the recent years there has been an increased interest among graduate and postgraduate students at Sabah Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary and Seminary Theoloji Malaysia in wanting to increase their knowledge in Lutheran Theology and Distinctive. Currently I am supervising 5 Master of Theology candidates and 2 Doctor of Theology Students.

As we move on in this year, we want to prayerfully commit all our plans into God’s hand, seek His guidance and power to accomplish His will. “To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue. All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:1-3. Blessing from all of us here at the Lutheran Study Centre - FELCMS

Wilfred J Samuel – Director LSC (FELCMS)



LSC EVENTS SCHEDULE – 2026

MONTH	EVENTS
16-18 January	PCS – Assistant Pastors/Evangelist Training (Certificate in Lutheran Ministry Course Module 5) – Kudat
6-7 February	ELCM Southeran District – Lutheran Training – Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit
10-12 February	ELCM Pastors Retreat (Lutheran Distinctives Training)
13-14 March	PCS – Assistant Pastors/Evangelist Training (Certificate in Lutheran Ministry Course Module 6 – Kudat)
20 March	FELCMS Meeting
22-23 April	MMF/NIC Meeting – Hong Kong
4-8 May	MMF Lutheran Theological Forum - Vietnam
16-17 May /23-24 May	Seminari Theoloji Malaysia – Tamil Module Lecture
19-20 June	PCS – Assistant Pastors/Evangelist Training (Certificate in Lutheran Ministry) Module 7 – Kudat
3-4 July	Orang Asli Theological Education and Lutheran Distinctives Training Seminar (LCM) – Cameron Highlands
7-9 July	ELCM Pastors and Church Worker Retreat (Lutheran Distinctives Training)
16-20 July	FELCMS Fraternal Visit to Medan / FELCMS Meeting
1 August	ELCM Central District – Lutheran Distinctives
4 August	STS Preaching (BM Chapel)
13-14 August /15	Archivist Training – FELCMS /ELCM Anniversary
4-5 September	FELCMS Youth Camp (English)
24 September	Preaching at STS – Thursday Assembly
1-3 October	BCCM/BM Pastors Training on Lutheran Distinctives
9-13 November	MMF/NIC Meeting Saigon
16-19 November	FELCMS Mission Partners Meeting – Singapore (LCS)
27-28 November	PCS – Assistant Pastors/Evangelist Training (Certificate in Lutheran Ministry Course Module 8 – Kudat and Graduation

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Concluded Activities

January to June 2026

16 -17 January – Protestant Church in Sabah - Kudat (Lay Pastors and Evangelist Training)

The Lutheran Ministry training was conducted in the Protestant Church in Sabah on 16-17 January. The event was attended by 42 Lay Pastors and Evangelists. The Module was on Introduction to the Old Testament Books and Theology.





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Lay Pastors
from the
Interior Regions



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Mr Jasman –
PCS EXCO
Member



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Class in Session



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With the
Dedicated PCS
Lady Church
Workers

7 February – ELCM Southern District – Lutheran Distinctive Training in Labis, Johor



95 Participants took part in the seminar on Lutheran Distinctive conducted in Bahasa Malaysia.



**10-12 February – ELCM Pastors Conference
and Lutheran Distinctive Training in Bethany
Church Teuk Intan, Perak.**



The Lutheran Distinctive focused on Sola Scriptura and Sola Fide



25 – 27 March – Lutheran Distinctive Training in Luther Seminary (Kudat)



The Training program for the final year 20 students Lutheran
Ecumenism



29-30 March –MMF Theological Education Task Force Meeting in Hong Kong

The Lutheran Study Centre has been incorporated into the Task Force to help with the formulation of the Curriculum for LUTHERAN INDENTITY ENHANCEMENT Certificate. The Certificate Program for Pastors/Theological Students and Lay Leaders will be conducted in partnership with the MMF Mission partners and Local Churches.

Recommendations from the task force:

1. MMF should develop a curriculum in Lutheran Theological Studies. The module-based "Certificate in Lutheran Ministry" offered by the **Lutheran Study Centre at Sabah**, Malaysia, would serve as a model.
2. Training should primarily target pastors and lay leaders from partner churches. A key emphasis should be on training trainers to ensure theological knowledge reaches grassroots communities.
3. High-quality teaching materials should be prepared and translated into local languages. Existing resources, such as those developed by Dr. Wolfgang Grieninger (MEW) and other partners, should be incorporated.
4. The Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) should play a central role in planning and coordinating the training initiative.
5. Participants who complete the courses will receive a Certificate of Attendance.
6. To ensure effective planning and implementation, MMF should appoint a dedicated taskforce to follow up for a three years term.

5-7 May - MMF THEOLOGICAL FORUM (Ho Chi Ming City, Vietnam)

Dr Wilfred J Samuel – Presenting the Proposed Curriculum to the Mekong Church Participants and Mission Partners.



Theological Task Force Members ↑



MMF Participants

Mission Partners from ELCA, LCA and Lutheran Church in Singapore



19-20 June – Lay Pastors and Evangelists Training in Kudat for the Protestant Church in Sabah

A total of 53 participants attended the Training Program





The Module 7 was completed in this session – Introduction to the Old Testament



VISITORS TO LUTHERAN STUDY CENTER



**Luther Seminary Staff from Kudat with Robyn from Lutheran Church in
Australia (9th April)**

PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE LUTHERAN STUDY CENTRE (LSC) MINISTRY

1. Please pray for the the successful implementation of all the LSC's programs for 2026.
2. For the Rev Joeferick Ating and his family (from BCCM-Sabah). Rev Joeferick is currently an ELCB/IM scholarship holder pursuing his doctoral studies in Germany.
3. Do pray for the continued financial support for the Lutheran Study Centre ministries.



LUTHERAN STUDY CENTRE - FELCMS

VISION

TO ENHANCE LUTHERAN BIBLICAL CONFESSIONAL IDENTITY AND CHRIST
CENTERED FOLLOWERSHIP

MISSION

TO EMPOWER THE LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, BELIEF AND
MISSIONAL APPLICATION OF THE LUTHERAN BIBLICAL DOCTRINES
CONTEXTUALLY.

OBJECTIVES

1. To serve the Lutheran Churches in Malaysia, Singapore and other Southeast Asian Lutheran Churches in training pastors, lay members and other non-program students for service in their churches and in the community.
2. To provide a center for research and for post-graduate studies in Lutheran Theology for graduate and post-graduate students.
3. To provide library resources, translation and publication of relevant Lutheran study material for use in the local churches and research purposes.
4. To network with other regional and international mission partners, Lutheran Theological institutions and Lutheran Study Centers to share publications, resources, ideas and technology.

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