

2003-2004 Activities

Program- I

Program: Session - I: Opening Ceremony
Session - II: Special Lecture on Interfaith Dialogue

Venue and Date: Diamond Jubilee Building, MIT, Yangon
on July 13, 2003 (Sunday) from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Session- I: Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Dr. Anna May Say Pa, Principal, MIT
Cutting Ribbon: Revd. Smith Ngul Za Thawng,
General Secretary, MCC
Music: Lahu Ethnic traditional song form Music Committee,
Student Council, MIT
Consecration Prayer: Revd. U Aung Khin, former G. S. of the MCC

Session- II: Public Lecture

Moderator: Dr. Samuel Ngun Ling, Director, JRC, MIT
Resource Person: Prof. Tun Aung Chain
Lecture Title: *The Christian-Buddhist Encounter in Myanmar*
Participants: Faculties, Staff members, students of MIT and invited special guests from churches and theological institutions in Yangon.

Program - II

Program: Seminar on Contextual Teaching Methodologies
Venue and Date: Mooler Hall, Diamond Jubilee Building, MIT, Yangon,
on August 13, 2003 (Saturday) from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Aim and Purpose

1. To develop the new contextual methods in teaching the Christian theology in the seminaries and Bible schools in Myanmar
2. To restructure our theological curriculums in a way relevant to Myanmar context.

Resource Persons

Moderator - Thramu Lily Kadoe
Lecture -I: Dr. Simon Pau Khan En- *Contextual Teaching Methodologies*
Lecture-II: Sayama Khin Swe Oo - *Contextual Teaching Methodologies from a Feminist Perspective*
Lecture-III: Samuel Ngun Ling – *Contextual Teaching Methodologies: Evaluation and Proposal for Myanmar Context*

Participants:

Teaching Faculties and Theological Educators from different seminaries and Bible schools based in Yangon.

Program - III

Program: Workshop on *Gender Issues*

Venue and Date: Mooler Hall, Diamond Jubilee Building, MIT, Yangon, on September 22, 2003 (Monday) from 8:00am - 12:30pm.

Theme: *The Role and Status of Women in World Religions*

Resource Persons:

1. Dr. Simon Pau Khan En -from a Primal religious perspective
2. Dr. Sandar Chit -from a Muslim woman perspective
3. Daw Hla Yi -from a Buddhist woman perspective
4. Dr. Anna May Say Pa -from a Christian woman perspective

Participants:

Woman leaders from churches based in Yangon, Bible School woman teachers and others who are interested in woman issues.

Program – IV

Program: *Symposium on Inter-faith Dialogue*

Venue and Date: Mooler Hall, Diamond Jubilee Building, MIT, Yangon, on November 18, 2003 (Tuesday) from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Aim and Purpose:

1. To conscientize the Christian ministers about the relation of Christian faith to other religious traditions, cultures, and ways of life.
2. To bring about the theological formations for the inter-faith interaction & dialogue.

Resource Persons:

1. Fr. Maurice Nyunt Wai -from a Catholic Church's Perspective
2. Daw Khin Nwe Han Kyi -from a Buddhist Perspective
3. Dr. Mary Dun -from a Christian Theological Perspective
4. Al-Haj U Aye Lwin -from an Islamic Perspective
5. Dr. Thet Lwin -from a Hindu Perspective

Participants:

Seminary students and teachers of ATEM school members, church pastors, missionaries of churches and organizations based in Yangon.

Program – V

Program: *A Special Lecture on Buddhism*

Venue and Date: Mooler Hall, Diamond Jubilee Building, MIT, Yangon, on January 10, 2004 (Saturday) from 8:00am - 1:00pm.

Aim and Object:

The aim and object of this lecture is mainly to share with the seminary students and teachers about the knowledge of Buddhist Meditation, Buddhist Meditation Centers and *Sahajadhammadassana* (Co Nascence Theology) so that these lectures help participants know how to relate Christian life and spirituality to the faith and practice of their Buddhist neighbors.

Resource Persons:

1. Daw Hla Yi -Buddhist Meditation
2. U Maung Maung Aye -Buddhist Meditation Centers
3. U Ko Ko Naing -*Sahajadhammadassana* (Co-Nascence Theology)

Participants:

Invited ATEM member schools' students and teachers and churches based in Yangon.