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ABWU's New Office Bearers (2026 - 2028)



Message from the President

Greetings to you all as I humbly begin my service as the newly appointed President of the Asia Baptist Women's Union ! May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who is the Light and the Life, be abundantly upon your lives, families, and ministries !

It is only by the grace of the Lord that I have been placed in this weighty position. Therefore, I am confident that it is not I, but the Lord Himself who will lead this ministry. Trusting fully in the Lord who goes before me, I stand in this calling with reverence and humility.

The weight of this calling feels especially significant as we witness signs pointing to the nearness of the Lord's return. Across the world, we hear increasing reports of wars, witness extreme natural disasters, and see the spread of injustice and evil. The distortion of God-given identity as male and female, the breakdown of families, and the crisis facing the next generation all stand as signs of the times.

With the global population estimated at around 8 billion, approximately 4.3 billion people in Asia are still in need of the Gospel. Furthermore, countless women and children across Asia remain bound by religious and cultural constraints, living without the freedom of faith and life, often in oppression and darkness.

In a world that is increasingly turning away from the God of truth, many are wandering without direction, uncertain of where to go or what standard to follow and losing the essence of life itself. In such a time as this, ABWU desires to proclaim Jesus Christ, the true Light and our only hope, to those living in darkness.

ABWU will continue to strengthen its ministries through Women Helping Women (**WHW**), Women Teaching Women (**WTW**) and Women Reaching out Women (**WRW**). In addition, we will expand into Women Praying for Women (**WPW**) so that women may overcome in this dark age.

Through these efforts, we pray for spiritual breakthrough in the lives and ministries of Asian women, for the restoration of souls, and for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is built like a Mission Mosaic. When each of us fulfils our unique role in our own place, the Kingdom is completed in unity. I invite each of you to take part in this calling by contributing your part to building God's Kingdom in Asia and beyond.

Let us stand together in prayer and partnership so that women and children across Asia may be restored in the image of God, and that His Kingdom may come among the nations. May God bless you all !

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President

Presidents & Leaders Summit

10th to 13th March 2026
Hong Kong



Over 140 Presidents and Leaders from 18 Asian regions attended the ABWU Presidents & Leaders Summit in Hong Kong and over 370 people gathered at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church on 10th March for the Opening Ceremony.



Advisor Reverend Edwin Lam led the Opening Prayer



President Dr Vernet Myint Myint San delivered her Opening Speech



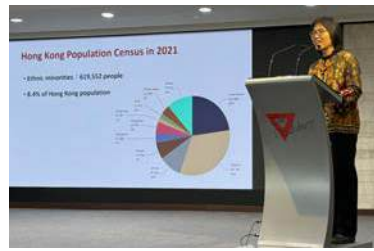
Performances by the Rainbow Chinese Orchestra, praise dance team and students from the Baptist Lui Ming Choi Primary School



The Presidents Meeting took place on 11th March. Please visit <https://www.asiabwu.org/presidents-and-leaders-summit-2026.html> to view the Programme Book and <https://www.asiabwu.org/videos-from-presidents-and-leaders-summit-2026.html> to view the Country Reports. All Presidents and guests enjoyed a relaxing dinner together after a hard day's work.



Leaders Meeting and the First Uptick Graduation Ceremony took place on 12th March followed by a Chinese banquet hosted by the Hong Kong Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Fundraising for “ **Women Helping Women** ” was very successful on that day too !



Closing Ceremony took place at the St. Peter's Seafarers' Church on 13th March. Dr Vernette Myint Myint San received flowers and hugs from the Presidents as she took her last walk to end her 7.5 years' term as President and to start her new role as President Emeritus. We thank Dr Sai Mooi Lim for her valuable contribution to ABWU for the past 7.5 years as Treasurer. We welcome the 2026-2028 Executive Committee to be led by our new President Soonsil Back !



1st & 2nd April, 2026 **Pastoral Leadership Training on Church Ceremonies and Licensing, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Majority of the Lay Pastors serving under Cambodia Baptist Union in 28 provinces are from rural areas of the country. Most of the men and women leaders are farmers or housewives that hardly have a chance to go through proper biblical college training. As these key leaders serve as lay pastors in the provinces and villages, an occasion arises where they are required to conduct marriages, funerals, baptism and serve the Lord's supper officially with a government approved license. Cambodia Baptist Union (CBU) collaborated with Asia Baptist Women's Union to offer a two days training with both theory and practical lessons by the overseas faculty, hailing from Singapore, India and Indonesia. 28 women and 35 men lay pastors from 15 provinces attended with age ranging from 30 - 65 years.

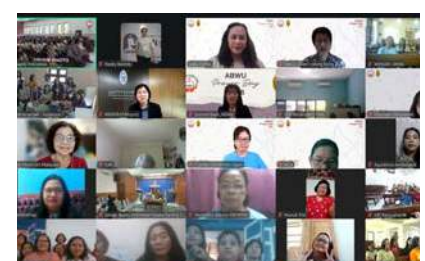


Practical Demonstrations on Marriage and Funeral Ceremonies

Certificate of Education from Baptist Trinitarian Federation of Cambodia and Asia Baptist Women's Union

9th May, 2026 **ABWU Prayer Day**

The ABWU Prayer Day was attended by 272 women at the Kebayoran Baptist Church, Jakarta, Indonesia. 10 individual rooms were used for group participation. 120 participants attended the meeting by Zoom. Total offering for Women Helping Women (**WHW**) collected was Rp. 3,814,220 (equivalent to USD 217). Until 12 noon, the number of viewers on the Baptis Indonesia YouTube channel was 252 people (this number exceeded 1,000 on 30th June).



6th to 10th July, 2026 **Baptist World Alliance**
Annual Gathering in Toronto, Canada - Photo Gallery



Congratulations to the 20 new UPTICK apprentices ! May God enable you to develop more Jesus-shaped leaders in your own country and your own language !





ASIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION
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1st Multilingual Uptick in 6 local languages!

REGISTRATION FEES
 ABWU members: US\$25 per person
 Subsidised rates for ABWU members (limited seats)

AGE: 25-50 YEARS YOUNG ONLY!
***LIMITED SEATS!**

*Join participants across other countries in Asia
 *Registration deadline: 31st December, 2026

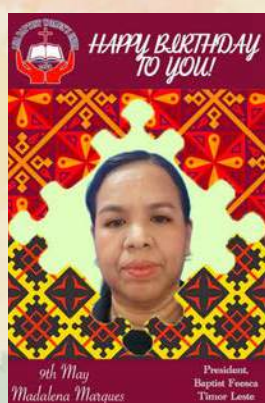
FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER 2027

CHOOSE YOUR COHORT!

No.	Language	Countries to Participate
1	English	Philippines
2	English	Myanmar Nepal Japan Bhutan Korea India (Nagaland)
3	Telugu	India (South)
4	Chinese	Hongkong, Taiwan, Macau Malaysia, Singapore
5	Bahasa Indonesia	Indonesia, East Timor Papua
6	Khmer	Cambodia
7	Laos/Thai	Laos Thailand



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
DEAR
PRESIDENTS**



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

1. We thank Maureen Goh for her 3 years of faithful service with Asia Baptist Fellowship Limited (**ABFL**) and wish her God's blessings and guidance in all her future endeavors.
2. We welcome Karen Pang as the new Administrative Director of ABFL with effect from 1st August, 2026.
3. The World Day of Prayer will be held on 2nd November, 2026.
4. For donations to ABWU, please visit <https://www.asiabwu.org/donate.html>