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Mar Gay Gyi

REV. DR. SAW MAR GAY GYI

Rev. Saw Mar Gay Gyi was born on October 5, 1945, graduated with the Bachelor of Agriculture from Institute of Agriculture, Mandalay, and the Bachelor of Divinity from Myanmar Institute of Christian Theology, Insein, Yangon. He has attended diploma courses in the Asian Rural Institute, Japan and Rural Life Centre, Philippines. He was honored by Myanmar Institute of Theology with the Follow of Distinguished Christian Service in 2002.

Served in the Myanmar Council of Churches as Project Officer (1972-1972), Assistant Director, Christian Service Board (1973-1983), Associate General Secretary (1984-1985); in Myanmar Baptist Convention as Director, Evangelism and Mission Department (1986-1991), General Secretary (1992-1999) and as General Secretary, Bible Society of Myanmar from 2000 to the present; and also served as Honorary General Secretary, MCC (2006-2008).

Active as President, Myanmar Council of Churches (2000-2006), Co-chairman, joint commission of MCC and Catholic Bishops Conference of Myanmar (2000-2006), Vice-President, Baptist World Alliance (1995-2000), Secretary, Myanmar Christian Leprosy Mission Board (1984-1989) and member, Service and Development Committee, Christian Conference of Asia (1981-1989).

Also presently active as member of Board of Directors, YMCA, Board of Trustees, Myanmar Institute of Theology, Advisory Board, Shalom Foundation, Myanmar Interfaith Group, advisor, Kayin Baptist Convention and chair of a commission. Since the Nargis Cyclone crisis on May, 2008, acting as Chair, Myanmar Council of Churches-Nargis Relief Committee. Since January, 2009 is the President, Myanmar Baptist Convention.

Author of many articles for Myitta Taman, Myanmar Taman, Thadin Hlwa and other Christian periodicals; and one book **"Doing Your Best in Life and other articles"** in Burmese.

Has participated and represented Myanmar in several international conferences such as Asian Baptist Congress in Singapore (1992), Congresses of the Baptist World Alliance in South Korea (1990) and Argentina (1995), Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe (1998), World Assemblies of United Bible Societies in South Africa (2000) and United Kingdom (2004), WCC-CCA's Asia Church Leaders' Seminar in Cambodia (2006) and Thailand (2007) and the Interfaith Seminar in Indonesia (2006) and New Zealand (2007).

He has made outstanding contributions to the ecumenical movement of Myanmar in development work, organization and restructuring of MCC, rebuilding trust with ecumenical organizations during and after its financial crisis, and establishing strong relationships with the Roman Catholic Church and the evangelical churches. His work as denominational leader led to new initiatives in mission and deepening ties among the conventions. He has provided leadership in peace-building and interfaith relationships.

He is happily married to Naw Vashti Pan Po and they are the proud parents of Saw Mar Doh Gyi, Saw Mar Bwe Gyi, Saw Mar Taw Gyi and Naw Mar Moora. They reside at 262 Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.



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