

MAINTAINING UNITY

“Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by helping each other. And seek to maintain the unity of the Spirit by bonds of peace“ (Ephesians 4:2-3)

This June 2023 is a special month for the GMI congregation, because this month the congregation of the Indonesian Mission Church in Frankfurt, will be the first to turn 30 years old. We should be grateful to God as the Head of the Church who has been willing to lead and be with us as His congregation for the past 30 years. Through moments of joy and sorrow, through various struggles and challenges that He allows, let us, as His congregation be able to become more mature and spread the gospel (GMI 2023 topic). Entering our 30th year, let us continue to learn to be humble, gentle and patient children of God. We must also be able to show love to one another in terms of helping one another and trying to maintain the unity of the Spirit by bonds of peace (Ephesians 4:2-3). We must also be more prepared in preparing the way to welcome the second coming of the Lord Jesus. Through His church, God intends for us as members of His family to attain growth toward full maturity and a level of growth befitting the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

In accordance with our sub-topic for May-June 2023, namely: "Keep building one another up and keep maintaining unity" (Building the unity and fellowship of a strong body of Christ in these last days; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11; Ephesians 4: 2-3) and also in accordance with GMI's motto as a church that "blesses to inherit blessings", then it is our prayer and hope as pastors of the congregation, that in entering its 30th year GMI in Frankfurt and also GMI in every other city, may become God's increasingly mature family and become a church that is always ready to bless to inherit blessings. We are not only designed for God's pleasure, but we are made part of God's family in order to work out His specific purposes. The Lord's Church is present and established by the Lord Jesus on this earth for the eternal purposes and purposes of God (Matthew 16:18, 19). His Church is present and becomes a place of fellowship where members of His family can be built together. “In this way you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:19-20). This is the key to the spiritual strength and mission power of God's church life. The early church was built on the teachings of the apostles and on close fellowship between members of God's family (Acts 2:41-47).

Teaching and family ties that work in balance will bring the congregation to full maturity. The Bible says that the fellowship of God's family that is built on the foundation of the apostles (New Testament) and prophets (Old Testament), or in other words on the foundation of the true teaching of God's Word, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone, will become a thriving and growing church. grow strong and mature. The early church was not only ready to be taught, but they also practiced the principle of living together as taught by God, so it is not surprising that every day God added to their number those who were being saved (Acts 2:47).

Let's continue to build each other up and let's maintain the unity of our church in order to enter His greater glory, so that we can be more prepared to welcome His second coming which is getting closer! Amen, come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20). Lord Jesus bless us all!

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