

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Testimony of Ms Rhema Karasu, CCW 2022 participant

"When TRAC Board of Worship and Music (Malaysia) invited me to enroll for the CCWI course, I must admit, I was quite skeptical. This was partly due to my ignorance and pride...As a long time worship leader and having gone through training which was more Holy Spirit-centric, I had my doubts. Perhaps, I figured, in my misguided perception, that the course itself might be dry and not really helpful to me in my personal journey and growth as a worship leader. Nothing could be further from the truth, or in this case, my perception!

I was pleasantly surprised right from the get go. As I prayed to God and asked him to remove my pride, that I may learn something, I found the sessions to be absolutely beneficial and engaging and they opened up my understanding to what worship is in a deeper sense.

The lecturers were so approachable and encouraging. They were kind and made sure we understood what was being taught. My fear of the subject matter being purely academic and difficult to understand was put to rest immediately. The lessons were easy to follow and light while the practicum sessions were especially beneficial to me, as I was able to put into practice what I learnt immediately.

I finally understand why we do what we do in worship and that has made me experience much joy in appreciating every part of the liturgy and why they are important. I now also understand that the Holy Spirit inspires the preparation, therefore, preparing well for all areas in the liturgy is foundational. Worship being a conversation was revelational to me and the session on in-between words was particularly beneficial. I understand now why they need to be carefully thought out for the congregation to have a more meaningful experience in worship.

How wonderful it was also to discover that God uses the worship service as a discipleship tool to disciple the congregation. Therefore, telling the whole story of God through the different segments of the worship service is vital for this discipleship process to happen.

I am now looking forward to continue with the next level of CCW2. I'm excited to discover what God wants to teach me in a more in-depth way in this next level.

CCWI has been one exceptional journey for me, to say the least. I have been thoroughly blessed. I went in a skeptic and came out a believer! All glory be to God!"