

CURRICULUM VITAE

This writer was born on January 22, 1952 in Sibolga, North Sumatra, Indonesia. After finishing his elementary and secondary (junior and senior) school in Medan (1964-1970), he studied theology in *Sekolah Tinggi Theologia Jakarta* (Jakarta Theological Seminary). He got the first degree (*Sarjana Theologia/S.Th.*; equivalent with Bachelor of Divinity) in 1976.

He was ordained as a pastor in *Gereja Kristen Protestan Indonesia* (GKPI; Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia) on May 8, 1977, and while serving as "evangelist pastor" he finished his *Magister Theologiae (M.Th.)* in 1980 from the same seminary, under the supervision of Dr. Thomas van den End.

After serving as "resort pastor" (consists of ten local congregations) in 1980-1984, he continued his study in 1984-1987 by joining the Doctor of Theology program of the South East Asia Graduate School of Theology (SEAGST) in cooperation with the Faculty of Theology of the University of Leiden (among others under the supervision of Prof.Dr. M.R. Spindler). During that period he made a *quellen studium* in a number of libraries and archives in Germany and the Netherlands, a.o. in the library and archive of the *Vereinigste Evangelische Mission* Wuppertal, the library and archive of the *Raad voor de Zending der Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk/Hendrik Kraemer Instituut Oegstgeest*, the library of the *Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* Leiden, and the *Algemeen Rijksarchief* Den Haag.

From 1988 up to now he teaches Church History in his *almamater*, STT Jakarta, while also entrusted several administrative tasks (Dean of Academic Affairs, 1988-1995; President/ Rector, 1995-1999; and Director of Graduate Studies, from January 2000), besides continuing his pastoral service in GKPI.

He married Endang Pamerdihati Sopater and they have three children: Asteria Taruliasi (Bintang), Romatio Wulandari (Tio), and Samuel Unggul Natigor (Unggul).