

Saint Luke's Church (Episcopal)

SAINT LUKE'S TALKS

Conversations with Saint Luke's Parishioners and Friends

Sharing a Passionate Pursuit

Wednesdays at 7:30pm on ZOOM

RSVP by the Monday preceding the program

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April 28 – Brian Percival

Mission to Malaya: The Peace Corps Years



Malaysia: was it going to be living in trees in a jungle eating coconuts, as hometown friends suggested? Or an air conditioned library and a gourmet paradise, as it proved to be. Malaya, as it was then named, had recently become independent from the British Empire and desperately needed academics, medical people, and community development for new towns. And yes, there was still lots of jungle, and we all took malaria pills for the whole time we were there.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, 1963-1966, I marveled at life in this multicultural society. My academic, architectural, musical, and political, careers, minimal as they may be, all were significantly advanced there, and I consider my Peace Corps years to be the greatest experience of my life.

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