

An Advent Message: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Grace and Peace be to you and your families from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Advent is a season of patient waiting, hopeful expectation and soul searching for many Christians. This is a tradition developed over the course of the church's history as a time of preparation for Christmas Day. The English word 'Advent' is from the Latin '*adventus*', which means "coming". So, in the season of Advent, we remember the first coming of Jesus some two thousand years ago. But there is also the element of looking to the second coming of our Lord Jesus. Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. This year, Advent begins on the 27 November and ends on 24 December.

Let us journey through this season of Advent with much thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and also with honest reflection regarding our lives and our significant relationships as we wait for the second coming of Jesus...

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:21–23

— Rt Rev Dr Titus Chung, NCCS President

Fellowship with Church Leaders: On 16 November, NCCS leadership hosted a fellowship lunch with church leaders representing different Christian traditions and ministry focus. The small group of ten persons was meant to deepen friendships and understanding among church leaders in Singapore. Our guests were: Rev Dr Bobby Lee (Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Singapore), Rev Dr Johnny Kan (President, Seventh-Day Adventist Conference Singapore), Pastor Jeff Chong (Sr Pastor of Hope Church and Chairman-Designate, LoveSingapore), Pastor Pacer Tan (Sr Pastor, Lighthouse Evangelism) and Archdeacon Daniel Wee (Diocese of Singapore, and LoveSingapore leadership).

The fellowship was warm and the conversations spontaneous and candid. We were inspired and edified by one another's contributions. We thank God that we were able to appreciate one another's experience in ministry and learned of the urgent need to find appropriate ways to reach Gen Z. It is our hope that the conversations will lead to further collaborations between churches. The lunch fellowship was hosted by Rt Rev Dr Titus Chung, Bishop Dr Gordon Wong, Rev Tony Yeo, Rev Edwin Tan, and Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian. [Photo](#)

NCCS Executive Committee members serve for a term of two years. They are elected into office during the Annual General Meeting, usually held in April. Members of the Exco serve on a voluntary basis and several of them are heads of their respective church denominations. The current Exco members (2021 – 2023) will complete their term of office in April 2023. Our website has more information about the [Exco](#)

Past Issues of E-Newsletters: The NCCS monthly e-newsletter was launched in March 2021. Its aim is to share information that is relevant to the Christian community as well as build bridges of understanding among churches. The e-newsletter is circulated to all churches in Singapore, including those not on NCCS membership list. Should you wish to read past issues of the e-newsletter, you may visit this [Link](#)