

**NDTS 2023:** The National Day Thanksgiving Service was held on Thursday, 17 August at the Cathedral New Sanctuary, St Andrew's Cathedral. The NDTS saw Christians coming together from many different churches, with their pastors and church leaders uniting in praise and thanksgiving as they prayed for church, nation and the world. More than 500 people attended the NDTS and many stayed back after the service for fellowship over light refreshments. NCCS President, Bishop Lu Guan Hoe preached on the topic "May all the peoples praise you, God". Here is a summary of Bishop Lu's sermon in English: [SERMON SUMMARY / PHOTOS](#)

**Toilet Tyranny:** On 18 August 2023, Channel News Asia reported that a photograph of a set of 'gender neutral' toilets at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre has provoked radically mixed reactions. There were comments that Suntec was going 'woke'. A person on Facebook wrote: 'Apparently it is true. Are there any petitions for us to vote to take this down? Why is Singapore doing this? I fear for my children's future.' You may wish to read a response on the Ethos Website: [TOILET TYRANNY](#)

**SGSecure:** The next phase of SGSecure with a new tagline, "What's Your Role?" focuses on deepening social cohesion among Singaporeans, and to encourage Singaporeans to play an active role in safeguarding our society from terrorism and extremism. MCCY has developed the Crisis Preparedness for Religious Organisations (CPRO) Programme to raise Religious Organisation's (RO) security awareness and enhance their capabilities to manage a range of crises, including the threat of terrorism. Crisis training programmes will be organised for ROs.

Meanwhile, MCCY would like to update the Christian community on the next phase of the SGSecure Movement and you can begin the process by completing the CPRO self-assessment checklist to take stock of your church's current level of crisis preparedness through the [WEBLINK](#) or QR CODE:



**MCCY Risk Management Survey:** This 2023 survey that was sent to churches is to update the risk management landscape with the end goal of creating an updated Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Toolkit for Charities 2023. The 2023 Survey (last conducted in 2016) includes new genres of risk and also Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) matters. To equip Charities with a useful toolkit to help in their risk management journey, we encourage your church and Christian organisation to participate by completing the survey, by the extended deadline of 31 August 2023. Thank you. [SURVEY LINK](#)

**NCCS E-Newsletters:** Since March 2021 NCCS has served churches in Singapore through its monthly e-newsletters. It is our hope that senior pastors receiving it will share the relevant and helpful information with their church leaders. If you wish to read past issues of NCCS e-newsletters, please visit this [LINK](#).