

## NEWSLETTER

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**The Chinese Translation** of the NCCS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative book "Serving the *Church Engaging Society*" is being translated to Chinese. We thank Bishop Lu Guan Hoe, NCCS President, for leading the team to ensure that the translation is accurate and appropriately captures the theme and spirit of the original English publication. We expect the Chinese print version to be ready sometime in April. Here is the cover design <u>LINK</u>.

**The Four-Denomination Chinese Work Committee** of NCCS will hold a seminar on *"Local Roots, Vision Worldwide - Sustainable Development of Chinese-speaking Churches*" - "<u>立足</u> <u>本地·放眼世界 – 华文教会持续发展研讨会"</u>. This seminar aims to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Chinese-speaking churches in the context of Singapore's national bilingual policy. The seminar is designed to:

- Encourage local Chinese-speaking churches to collaborate in nurturing the Chinese-asa-Second-Language (CSL) generation.
- Generate awareness about the developmental opportunities of Chinese-speaking churches worldwide, and the contributions churches in Singapore can make.
- Share practical experiences and ideas in ministering to the CSL generation, and relevant programmes that are creative and forward-looking.

DPM Elder Gan Kim Yong will be the Guest-of-Honour and speaker. The keynote speakers include Archbishop Dr Titus Chung, Rev Dr Caleb Soo and Rev Dr Lim Teck Peng. Details of the seminar which will be conducted in Mandarin, are as follows:

- Saturday, 5 April 2025
- 9.00am 3.00pm
- St Andrew's Cathedral

Join us in this enriching seminar to explore the sustainable development of Chinese-speaking churches and contribute to a vibrant bilingual Christian community in Singapore and beyond. Registration form that includes details of the workshops and registration fee payable can be found in this <u>LINK</u>.

"Let Your Light Shine" is a Christian Preschool Career Fair. The faith-based pre-school sector is organising a career fair to encourage more Christians to take on career opportunities in church pre-schools. There will be career talks, panel discussions and career booths. More than just a career, teaching in Christian pre-schools is part of the church's continuing mission to imbue sound values in young lives. Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 15 March 2025 Venue: St. Andrew's Cathedral Pavilion Event Details, please visit this <u>LINK</u> Register Now @ <u>www.bit.ly/reg-cpcareer</u> **The NCCS General Committee** appointed a second Associate General Secretary, Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun, at its meeting on 20 February. As the Council's work continues to expand, there is a need to enlarge the team at the NCCS office. Rev Chiang has been a pastor of the Trinity Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore since 2002. After graduating with a PhD from the University of Cambridge in 2015 he was appointed to the faculty of Trinity Theological College (TTC) and now teaches "Church History and Global Christianity". He was previously Dean of Students and Associate Academic Dean at TTC.

The title of Rev Chiang's doctoral thesis was "*Jostling for Space; Church and State in Singapore since Independence*" which has relevance for his service at NCCS. He will work closely with Rev Ngoei (Gen Sec) and Rev Edwin Tan (Assoc Gen Sec) and will serve an initial two-year term commencing 1 March 2025.

**A Light for the Nations** (Lenten Devotional 2025). As we approach the season of Lent, the Lenten Devotional offers daily readings starting from Ash Wednesday (5 March). Lent is a period of 40 days during which many Christians remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundations of the Christian faith.

The booklet is designed to prepare our hearts for Easter and deepen our connection to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year's theme, "A Light for the Nations," is taken from Isaiah 49:6: "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of what truly matters. Lent serves as a reminder to slow down and reflect on the significance of Christ's sacrifice, which grants us salvation and hope.

We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Do not miss out on ordering your copy! For inquiries, please call 63043771 or <u>orders@soweressentials.com</u>. Alternatively, please download the order form in <u>LINK</u>.

**Seminar on Crisis Preparedness** for Religious Organisations. MCCY invites nomination of up to 2 representatives from each church and Christian organisation to attend this seminar to help with crisis preparedness and to respond to the threat of terrorism. The seminar will take place on Thursday, 13 March 2025, from 2 - 5 PM, at the Lifelong Learning Institute, Lecture Theatre, 11 Eunos Road 8. We encourage your participation. Register here LINK