

## **NEWSLETTER**

May 2025

**Annual General Meeting.** The NCCS held its 51st Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 4pm at The Chapel for All Peoples in St Andrew's Cathedral. 59 representatives and alternates attended to deal with a wide range of business which included the election of Executive Committee members for 2025-2027 and passing the NCCS Budget for 2025.

Reflecting on his term as President, Bishop Lu noted that NCCS celebrated its Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary last year and that S\$83,190 had been raised in 2024 for the ETHOS Institute and New Life Story. Bishop Lu gave thanks for the opportunities to serve and his ministry experiences, including witnessing the swearing in of the Prime Minister and leading a delegation to visit the leadership of the Church in China. Links to Bishop Lu's address and reports on the China visit can be found below.

New President, Bishop Philip Lim said after the AGM that, "Personally I am not the type that aspires for such high position. I accepted it because I was told the president is elected from among the heads of the five Founder Churches. My hope going forward is that we can reach out to more churches who are still not part of NCCS yet. Also, to continue working with Love Singapore, APCCS, the Catholic Church and others.

The new Executive Committee now has a woman - Lutheran member, Ms Lanny Widjaja, who had a sterling career in banking coupled with a deep devotion to Christian service.

Bishop Lu's address at AGM LINK AGM Photo report LINK

## NCCS Executive Committee (2025 – 2027)

President - Bishop Philip Lim

Vice-President - The Most Rev Dr Titus Chung

Vice-President - Rt Rev Dr Caleb Soo Vice-President - Bishop Lu Guan Hoe

General Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Member
- Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
- Elder Kevin Lee Chin Chai
- Colonel Hary Haran
- Rev Tony Yeo Kwee Yam

Member - Mr Daniel Chan Choong Seng
Member - Ms Lanny Widjaja
Assoc Gen Sec - Rev Edwin Tan

Assoc Gen Sec - Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun

**Congratulations to Prime Minister.** NCCS congratulated Prime Minister Lawrence Wong following the General Elections on 3 May. The letter expressed our prayers and support for PM and his colleagues in Government as Singapore navigates complex global challenges. Emphasising unity, resilience, and interfaith solidarity, NCCS reaffirmed the Christian community's commitment to contribute to the nation's collective strength and harmony. Let us continue to uphold our leaders and nation in prayer.

**Visit to the Church in China**. A delegation from the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS), led by Bishop Lu Guan Hoe, visited China from 23–29 April 2025 at the invitation of the National Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China and the China Christian Council. This was the first visit since the Covid-19 pandemic, aimed at renewing longstanding ties.

The delegation visited Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing, learning about the gradual recovery of worship and ongoing ministry of churches in China, which serve around 38 million Protestant Christians. The visit was marked by mutual encouragement and an invitation was extended to NCCS counterparts of the Church in China to visit Singapore to continue ongoing partnership and friendship.

For fuller report and photos, see the respective language report: <a href="ENGLISH">ENGLISH</a> CHINESE

**Notice Board.** NCCS would like to share with you the following upcoming events and other matters that may be of interest to members and friends (details are found in the attached links):

- A faith-based charity needs a temporary home during its redevelopment. They are reaching out to churches in Singapore who may have available premises suitable for lease during this transitional period. If you are able to assist, details are found in this <u>LINK</u>.
- If your church or organisation is considering more space, rental in an Auditorium/Hall is available at The Evolution. <u>LINK</u>
- Ethos Institute seminar "Christianity and Religious Pluralism" on 23 May. LINK
- Special Needs Ministry Conference by Koinonia Inclusion Network/Chinese Annual Conference (Methodist) on 31 May. <u>LINK</u>
- "Know Your Rights: Family Violence & Harassment Matters" on 17 May. LINK
- The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) advises that it is the duty of all citizens to call the National Anti-Violence and Sexual Harassment Helpline to report suspected domestic violence/abuse cases. LINK