

**NDTS 2025.** This year's National Day Thanksgiving Service (NDTS) will be held on Thursday 14 August at 7.45 pm in the Cathedral New Sanctuary, St Andrew's Cathedral. We invite you to come celebrate SG60 with a time of worship, prayer and thanksgiving. Hope Church's dynamic music team will be leading the congregation in uplifting praise and the choirs of Anglo-Chinese Junior College alumni and the Emmanuel Tamil Annual Conference (of the Methodist Church) will bless us with stirring musical renditions.

Bishop Philip Lim of the Methodist Church in Singapore, President of the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS), will deliver the message titled *"Coming to Jesus"* based on Mark 2:1–12.

After the service, enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with fellow Christians. Do encourage your church members to join us with this publicity poster. [PUBLICITY](#)

**SG60.** Singapore turns 60 this year and we shall "strive to be bolder and kinder to one another; and play our part in building a stronger Singapore together". One way is for us to remember those among us who live with disabilities. NCCS invites you to share your ministry focus so that we can encourage and inspire one another to care for our neighbours who may have some form of disabilities. You may do so by sending photos or even a video of your special ministry programmes to those with disabilities, to [admin@nccs.org.sg](mailto:admin@nccs.org.sg) as we prepare to celebrate SG60.

**Congratulations** to Rt Rev Anthony Loh who has been elected the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore. Upon the retirement of Bp Lu Guan Hoe, the Exco has appointed Bishop Loh to the position of Vice President of NCCS. He previously led the Jurong Christian Church as Senior Pastor and has been in the ministry for over 20 years. Bishop Anthony has a heart for the outreach ministry, both locally and globally.

## **Executive Committee** of NCCS (2025 – 2027): updated list

President	- Bishop Philip Lim
Vice-President	- The Most Rev Dr Titus Chung
Vice-President	- Rt Rev Dr Caleb Soo
Vice-President	- Rt Rev Anthony Loh
General Secretary	- Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
Honorary Treasurer	- Elder Kevin Lee Chin Chai
Member	- Colonel Hary Haran
Member	- 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

**ICCS (International Conference on Cohesive Societies) 2025.** President Tharman Shanmugaratnam gave the opening keynote speech. He said that multiculturalism needs more than mere co-existence. It needs to be sustained by shared hopes, a shared purpose and a shared endeavour. To this end, a culture of respect is a source of mutual uplifting. He urged delegates to respect each other in the active weaving of multicultural societies.

Some 1,100 delegates from 50 countries came for the three-day ICCS 2025 at the Raffles City's Convention Centre on the theme, "Cohesive Societies, Resilient Futures". The Conference aims to convey the message that cohesive and resilient multicultural societies are key to promoting harmony. The programme comprises large group plenaries, practitioner-oriented breakout and sharing sessions and skill-based workshops. A two-day Young Leaders Programme for more than 200 young leaders under the age of 35 followed the main Conference. NCCS was represented at ICCS 2025 by Assoc Gen Sec Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun.

**服事教会，参与社会:** the Chinese translation of the NCCS 50th Anniversary book, "Serving the Church Engaging Society", has been published. The print copy is available at the NCCS office. However, both language versions are available online for download as follows: [English/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):

- The Creation Care Conference 2025 (CCC25) is a two-day conference designed to equip Christians with a theological understanding of creation care, empower them to love and care for creation, and connect like-minded believers to effect change together. The conference theme, "On Earth As It Is In Heaven", seeks to ignite a collective desire for God's restoration of creation. CCC25 affirms creation care as an integral aspect to the Christian mission. Details: [LINK](#)
- 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 [LINK](#).
- If your church or organisation is considering more space, rental in an Auditorium/Hall is available at The Evolution [LINK](#)