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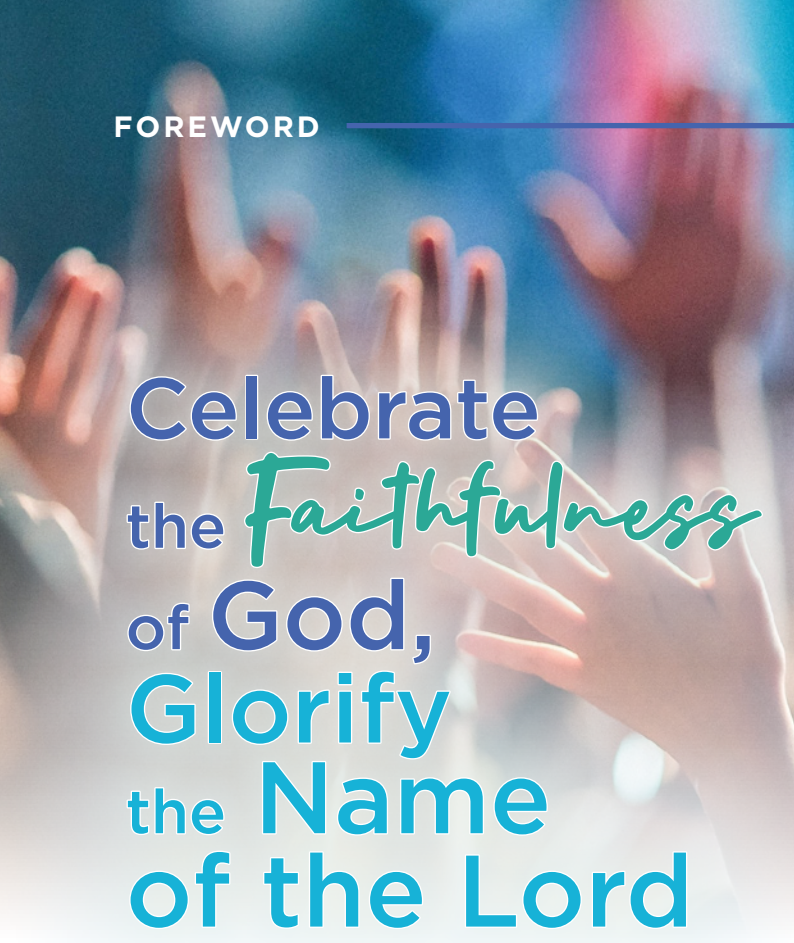
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Celebrate the Faithfulness of God, Glorify the Name of the Lord

Although we may forget what's behind us and strive toward what lies ahead, the mighty power of God, His grace, and miraculous works should not be forgotten, much less disregarded. Every aspect of the Lord's grace should be acknowledged...

In the blink of an eye, Church of Singapore (COS) has been around for 60 years. It is the guidance of God's grace that has brought it from non-existence to existence, to flourish and thrive; we will rely on the Lord for strength without ceasing. I joined the COS family in 1972 and witnessed God's great works.

From an "ancient perilous building" to a magnificent and spectacular architecture that is standing today.

Growing Numbers

As the church grew, more space was needed. In 1977, our landlord approached us about becoming the building's major tenant on the condition that the name "Tung Ling" be preserved. As a result, "Tung Ling Kindergarten" was established.

The congregation had approximately 1,000 members by the late 1980s. Our church leaders realized we needed a building. Therefore, land purchase requirements were made to the owners of 145 Marine Parade Road. We finally acquired the freehold land in 1987 with the owners' consent. Praise the Lord!

A new chapter began with the demolition and construction of the old building in 1989. During the period of construction, our meetings were held at Katong Odeon cinema and No. 41 Koon Seng Road. The new building was completed in 1992. With an Ark-styled architecture, our new church building became a landmark on Marine Parade. All glory be to God.

Number of Services

Our first service was in Mandarin-Hokkien, followed by bilingual services in Chinese and English. English and Mandarin services began in 1987. In response to the needs, Hokkien, Cantonese, Youth Ministry, China Ministry, Myanmar, and Filipino services were started. We now offer fifteen services under one roof. There are also Sunday schools and nurseries for children. Across four generations, the elderly and infants worship together, making this a family church. Besides being diverse in generations, Services in many languages are also offered, all under one church building. The Lord is praised!

Church Offering

For 60 years, the church has given the same way. An offering box with a prayer, fully trusting God in His faithfulness and provision. We have been given immeasurably more than we could ask for or imagine, according to His power in us! Today, we testify of God's blessing, with surplus to develop overseas missions, provide support to those in need, and conduct outreach community ministries, starting from the Kindergarten (1977), Community Services, Student Care Centre (1995), St. Luke's Hospital (1996), Elder Care Center (2000), and Counselling Centre (2022). All by God's grace and provision.

Hallelujah to our Jehovah Jireh!

“ Bless the LORD,
O my soul! and forget
not all His benefits. ”
[Psalm 103:2]

Pastoral Staff

From having no staff members 60 years ago, we have expanded to a dedicated team of 40 individuals supporting various aspects of the church, including pastoral care, administration, finances, maintenance, media, and other ministries. Notably, our staff members are becoming younger, and successors are emerging. While this is a positive trend, our aspirations go beyond the current scenario.

Our earnest hope is to witness a greater influx of young individuals or those called by the Lord into full-time ministry. Let me challenge you directly. Are you willing to respond obediently to the Lord's call, demonstrating your love for Him by taking up the cross?

Bible Camp

In the beginning, we rented school classrooms, combined several desks, rolled out a thin mattress over it and covered it with a quilt and pillows. Everyone stayed in dormitories; there were no single or double rooms.

In the school cafeteria, a cook catered to three meals a day. We were divided into groups to serve meals. Each group cleaned up after meals. In addition, a group of campers kept the dishes clean each day. Those were the days when there were no disposable cutlery or waiters, and we had to do everything by ourselves. There were no complaints, just praise. For subsequent camps, canvas beds were a treat, but everything else remained the same - **such as the unforgettable task of washing the toilets** - an activity which was fun in itself.

Camp fees were relatively low. It required everyone to work together, from carrying and distributing logistics, to arranging and sorting out various tasks. We worked together as one, coordinating and helping each other out of love without complaining, only giving. Thanks be to God.

After listening to the sermon, everyone would gather at the campsite to pray and seek God. Every camper felt empowered and refocused after camp. I'm reminded of the past as I reminisce about it today.

We have progressed today. Camps now take place in five-star hotels with free meals. In addition, we have more free time to shop, play, eat, and enjoy. What a pleasure! Additionally, we received spiritual nourishment, effectively accomplishing two goals at once. A rest for the body and soul! Thankful indeed! Thankful!

Territorial Expansion

In 1979, Church of Singapore (Balestier) was established, and in 1981, Church of Singapore (Bukit Timah). In 1987, the Church of Singapore (Woodlands) was founded, and in 1996, the Church of Singapore (Harvest). Besides planting churches, our first church planting missionary went to Thailand in 1977. Several mission points have been since set up in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, and India.

Our mission is to follow the Lord's footsteps and to fulfil His commission.

Looking Forward

Would you like to see a greater glory? - Go! and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).

Do you want to see God's presence? - Do! the work of the Lord with a reverent heart. Fear the Lord. Love Him, walk in His statutes, and keep His ways (John 14:21).

Do you want to see Christ? - To live is Christ! (Philippians 1:21). We are to live a life that magnifies Him.

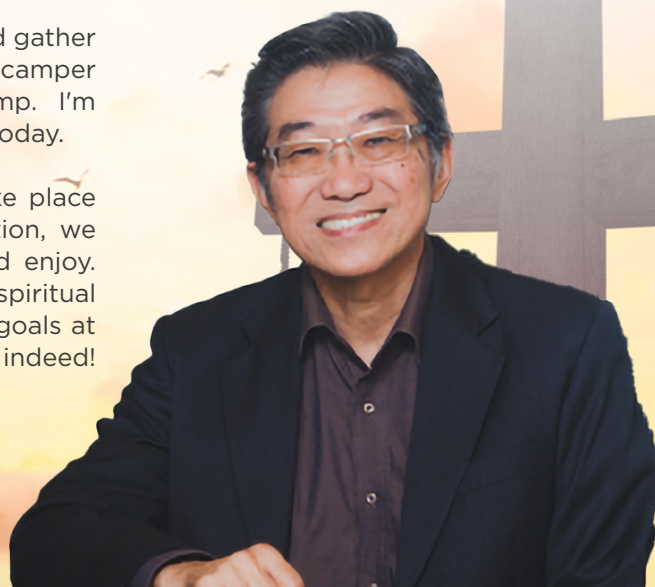
Let us deny ourselves and daily take up our crosses to follow the Lord (Luke 9:23)

Over 60 years, it hasn't been easy. Looking back, we saw predecessors worked hard to help us - they were our role models. God has always been our constant help and support all these years. In another 60 years, the latter glory of His house shall be more glorious than the former (Hag 2:9)!

Let's put our faith in Him! Let us continue to count His grace.

Daniel Foo

Elder



Restoring, Reaching Out, Rejoicing



The 60th Anniversary events were designed around 2 aims in mind: for us to align the church around the various sub-themes of loving God, uniting generations and transforming our communities; as well as to bring our church members to have a sense of belonging around our physical church.

We sought to first align ourselves to love God's creation, his people and for us to love God. This was exemplified when we washed each other's feet as a sign of humility, planted trees to restore his creation, and we came together at the church camp and during high praise to worship Him.

We then sought to impact our community, those that live in our neighbourhood. COS has existed for 60 years and we will continue to thrive if we continue to engage the people that live amongst us. We prayer walked on National Day and invited our neighbours to be part of our community and we organised a carnival to celebrate with our community, the reason for our existence.

Finally, ***we looked to unite generations.*** What better way than to have a meal together? When we seek to talk and understand our differences; we build bridges and break generational barriers. The 60th Anniversary Dinner and BBQ seeks to further those goals and we believe that with the church united, this will put us in a firm position as we look to the future! To God be the glory.

Caleb Koh

Co-chair - 60th Anniversary Committee



This opportunity to share my thoughts on the 2023 Annual Bible Camp is a blessing, as I recollect and appreciate God at work.

The 2023 Annual Bible Camp was challenging in three ways. First, it was a combined camp to celebrate Church of Singapore's 60th Anniversary. Second, this was the first post-Covid camp in three years. Lastly, the camp was moved from December to June only in January 2023, making planning and preparation challenging. However, we have a God who makes all things possible - from having no hotels available initially, to getting a choice hotel at an affordable price, to getting 451 church campers to cross the usually jam-packed Singapore/ Malaysian causeway smoothly, and to getting a suitable speaker to speak at the camp on a short notice. All of that could only be accomplished through God's divine favour. In addition, God had also provided a group of dedicated staff and co-workers who had worked tirelessly to ensure all that God had planned came to pass.

The process of planning for and executing the plans of the church camp culminated into what would be an inspiring camp experience for everyone; **God was evidently present from the beginning.** Everyone at

God's Family Doing God's Work Combine Annual Bible Camp



Paul Yeo
2023 Annual Bible Camp Chairperson

the camp had a wonderful time of worship every session, every day. The moving of the Holy Spirit was possible because campers were willing, expectant, and engaged. For many, church camp past and present have brought lasting memories. We are able to receive much when we anticipate an intense engagement with God's word and intentionally set aside time to be refreshed. This is a mindset needs to bring back to church. Encountering God can be a daily affair, even outside of camp when we give God priority over our routine and distractions.

COS is a family church, and this was evident in the combined camp - singing in English one minute, then switching to Hokkien or Mandarin the next, the fellowship during meals and breaks, getting to know the members you had never spoken to before. It's a mundane but important part of church camp, to experience what it means to be part of God's chosen people.

Dear members, it is imperative that we make attending the Annual Bible Camp part of our annual plans each year. We should consider attending this year's camps if you missed the last one. God can shape and use us more powerfully when we encounter Him personally. Regardless of whether we like the speaker, or whether we have been called to serve at the camp, let us attend the Annual Bible Camp. Let us attend to be refreshed; we can lay down on green pastures and be led by the Good Shepherd. He yearns to draw us close.



Restoring Ourselves to **Man** through *Feet washing*



**“ Now that I,
your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet,
you also should wash one
another’s feet. I have
set you an example that
you should do as I
have done for you. ”**

[John 13:14-15]

The feet washing event was the 1st event for the start of our various 60th Anniversary events. The team wanted to start this off with a sense of restoration; and what better than to have that between people. Many times, people are hurt by others and the act of washing the feet of another person is a humbling experience that can bring about restoration.

The team set up 50 sets of chairs at the front of the chapel and this was part of a combined prayer meeting. Bro Mun Chung spoke powerfully about the need for us to have a heart of humility; for us to emulate the example of Christ and he shared about the example of Christ entering Jerusalem on a donkey before being crucified.

Many who were initially filled with apprehension decided to take a leap of faith and to give it a try despite them not having done so before. Tears filled the eyes of many as they were touched by the simple act of washing another person’s feet.

I was especially touched that a dear sister (who’s more than 80 years old) shared that she wanted to wash the feet of a younger person; despite her having difficulty bending or squatting after she had a stroke. To God be the glory!

Caleb Koh

Co-chair - 60th Anniversary Committee

Restoring Ourselves to Creation through *Tree planting*

Genesis 2:7 states that *“Then the Lord God formed a man (Adam in Hebrew, also means mankind) from the dust of the ground (adama in Hebrew)...”* Each time “mankind” is mentioned, we are reminded of our origin, the adama. The inspiration behind the tree planting event is to remind us of humanity’s intricate relationship with creation, and that we are mutually interdependent. For many of us living in this concrete jungle, it is easy to see ourselves separate from the rest of creation. We hope that through this event, church members were able to restore their relationship with creation. It was heartwarming to see children playing hide and seek amongst the magnificent trees, observing ants in their natural habitat; an elderly member of the Cantonese congregation came in her wheelchair to be with her daughters who planted a tree. For the young people who are constantly bombarded with words like climate change, deforestation and global warming, we pray that these trees will remind them that we care about their future. I was pleasantly surprised when, Dr Tan See Leng, the guest-of-honour for the event, exhorted the participants to remember the cross of Jesus, for it was on a tree that He was nailed! What a splendid benediction.

Countless hands made the event a success - Nparks staff and workers, hand carried bottled drinks from



food rescue, scrumptious home cooked lunch by Taste & See ministry, willing hands who washed and dried every single piece of reusable crockery. My heart overflows with gratefulness and it is my prayer that as we reminisce the goodness of God in the past 60 years of our church life, we will also be inspired to glorify God in even more aspects of our church life going forward.

In the words of creationcare.sg who was the catalyst for this event:

“Caring for creation ultimately points us to the Creator - the beauty and complexity of the world we live in were made to glorify the One who crafted it.”

Serene Goh
60th Anniversary Committee



REMEMBERING HIS GRACE UNTO US
RESTORING

And I won't worry about tomorrow
我不为明天多加忧虑
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
我把惧怕和悲伤都给你
Where You lead me I will follow
你引领我 我将跟随你

Restoring Ourselves to God through Praising Him

Church of Singapore's 60th Anniversary celebration includes High Praise. As we praise and worship God in three phases: Rejoice, Remember, and Restore, ***we hope people will experience the faithful presence of God.***

Rejoicing: High Praise focuses on praising God's deeds and accomplishments. With joyful and relaxed rhythms, songs celebrate the grace of salvation by taking people back to their first love and joy.

Remembrance: Next, we pause to remember. Others remember highs and lows from their past; some walk a rugged road with difficulty; some have unresolved pain in their hearts; some are exhausted. We are reminded of God's unwavering love and faithfulness through the sharing of two testimonies.

Restoring: God restores His children when they remember Him and are open to Him. His glory is restored in the church and His children's lives are

restored. High Praise ended with hymns of victory and prayer of elders. Through High Praise songs, and testimonies, God's children were touched by His presence.

Worship is powerful; it enables people to give thanks in good times and to be released in times of adversity. Although the world is unpredictable and full of challenges, God's grace is sufficient for His church and children. Despite limited manpower to prepare the High Praise, God still gathered His people in positions that suited their gifting, touching each worshipper personally.

29th July 2023's High Praise was not a song and dance performance that stimulated the senses, but a worship and praise session that glorified our Lord, Jesus Christ. The High Praise saw God's children praising our mighty God through worship and praise, and encountering God. All glory to Jesus!



“ One thing I have asked the Lord, and I will seek after him: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all my days to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and inquire in his temple. ”

[Psalm 27:4]

Lee Yun Qi

60th Anniversary High Praise Co-Chair

Reaching Out in Obedience to Our Community: *Lens* into our Evangelism Ministry



In Mark 16:15-16, Jesus told them, **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone."** Those who believe and are baptised will be saved, but those who reject the gospel will be condemned. For Evangelism Ministry (EM), the key word is **"GO"** and reflecting on the consequences following these verses is crucial. In order to fulfil His command, we were compelled to act with urgency.

As an action-driven ministry, EM is always on the move. In addition to door-to-door outreach, members of various services have worked tirelessly to love those around us. Food and bread have been distributed at Jalan Kukoh and Marine Terrace respectively. We gathered the elderly at Bukit Merah and Dakota for food, fun, and Bible reading. These are only some of the activities that we have been doing to impact lives for Christ. Supporting lower income families emotionally, physically, and spiritually has opened up many opportunities to reach the lost.



Another area of strength for church is the Alpha course, through which many have turned to Christ and been baptised. With the help of a pool of dedicated ambassadors from our services, we are not only conducting courses, but also grooming new members to serve in Alpha after they have been saved.

Since 2012, street evangelism has been a weekly event. For more than a decade and by God's grace, we have reached countless people on the streets from all walks of life. Besides reaching out to the general public in Punggol, Marine Parade and Chinatown, it also serves as a platform for equipping members to share Christ in a non-confrontational way.

During our door-to-door outreach event on a Good Friday in April 2022, we came across two Vietnamese families living in a rental unit at Jalan Kukoh. Despite having Christian backgrounds, both families lacked fathers. We felt

burdened to provide for the children and adults to grow spiritually. With the help of a Vietnamese sister attending our bilingual service, we launch the first weekly gathering on the 5th of July 2023. Being Vietnamese herself, she understood the need to reach out and support these families. A shop unit within their home ground was used for the meeting. Nine Vietnamese adults and seven children attended the gathering. Praise the Lord!

A few sisters from other churches took care of the children as we gathered. All of us worked together like a big family with a Kingdom mindset. We have an average of 5-6 adults and 6-7 children attending each gathering. We were blessed to have much support from local church members and encouraging turnout.

This Vietnamese gathering also drew people from the community and became a blessing to them such as leading a sister from China to Christ! She was brought to the gathering by her daughter, who is a classmate of a girl from a Vietnamese family. She received Christ as her personal Lord and Savior after more than two months of regular attendance. Glory be to God!

Each week, the attendees have a great time bonding through Vietnamese home-cooked meals prepared by one of the members. Our focus is bonding over dinner in a **"family-like"** setting. The children look forward to coming together and some found meaning in this broken world by learning about God's love. We hope to nurture adult attendees in their walk with God and provide opportunities to serve Him. Our prayers are that more neighbours in the community will join our weekly gathering!

In this troubled world, there is an urgency in the body of Christ to bring the love of God to many who are in need of a **"Great Shepherd."** It is your opportunity to make a difference. We are constantly seeking support in all our evangelistic efforts. Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone to harvest for the Lord?

Thomas Lau
Evangelism Ministry Head



For more information on how you can serve in the various evangelistic efforts, please approach your **LG leaders** or contact **Bro Thomas Lau at 80123481**.

Reaching Out in Obedience to Our Community:

Unity Walk & Community Carnival

Hi Church!

Thank you for coming together to pray and serve our community in the 'Reaching Out' phase of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

On 9th August National Day, our hearts were full seeing you walk out together into the Marine Parade and Joo Chiat neighbourhoods to pray for our neighbours -- migrant workers who labour tirelessly to build the MRT just outside our church, domestic helpers who make our homes more comfortable every day, families who live and play and go to schools surrounding us; as well as other churches who co-labor with us in Christ to minister to the hurting and the needy in our community.

You walked and prayed together in unity--you slowed your pace for the one in the wheelchair, carried the stroller up the overhead bridge for the family with young toddlers, shared your snacks, your prayers ...and your lives. Language was no barrier with the one from another church service, neither was age nor background. You exemplified what it means to be one in Christ.

On September 9th at the Community Carnival, you turned your prayers into good works! You boldly invited and the Spirit brought our neighbours into our church. He brought back old friends and brought many new ones. A friend who had been invited to church met another who was also invited to church.



Both did not know the other was coming as both were invited by different members of our church! Our "walls" came down and our halls were filled with playful children, excited teenagers, laughing adults and chatty seniors. You baked and cooked, served and organised, played and facilitated to bring our neighbours a glimpse of what a Heavenly Community looks like.

“ We love because
He first loved us. ”

[1 John 4:19]

Thank you for loving our community. In a post covid era of rising mental health challenges and increasing threats to marriage and family, we pray Church of Singapore will continue to be salt and light in Marine Parade and Joo Chiat. With reference to Esther 4:14, for who knows? We were placed here at 145 Marine Parade Road **“for such a time as this”!**

Angela Chee
60th Anniversary Committee



Reaching Out in Obedience:

MissionTogether 2023

This year, as Church of Singapore celebrates our 60th Anniversary, the Missions Committee organised a wide range of programmes and activities to commemorate our church's active involvement and commitment to mission work since its early founding days. The theme for this year's Missions Month was **"Missions Together; Being PROactive in Missions"** - where P-Prayer, R-Relationships, O-Opportunities.

The Missions Committee had hoped for our church members to pray together in unity where mission work is concerned; to build strong and lasting relationships with our church's missionaries and our brothers and sisters from our overseas churches; and to discover fresh opportunities for everyone to serve in missions.

We invited 23 of our church's missionaries from 11 of our mission points overseas across 8 countries to Singapore to celebrate Missions Month together with us. Many of them had never been to Singapore before and this trip was a precious opportunity for them to visit Church of Singapore which has been faithfully supporting their ministry in their home countries.

We also organised a two-day retreat for our church's missionaries at chalets in Changi where they got to enjoy a time of physical rest, spiritual refreshment, enjoying delicious local food, as well as bonding and fellowshiping with all the other missionaries that our church supports.

Over two weekends when our church's missionaries were with us in Singapore, they shared their stories and testimonies during the Sunday services about the good work and ministry activities that were being done in their home churches and encouraged our



congregational members to support their ministries by praying for them and visiting them on a mission trip.

Pastors KyungNam and KyungA Park, the international directors of the mission agency WEC International, and Pastor Shane Comiskey, the executive missions director of a local church, Victory Family Centre, led missions-focused workshop sessions with our church congregation to excite our members to go for mission trips, and also conducted focus-group sessions with our church's missionaries during their two-days retreat.

We thank God that this has been an exciting Missions Month for many church members who got to interact with our missionaries; and for our missionaries as well in being able to physically worship with us in Singapore and to celebrate our church's 60th Anniversary and firm continued commitment to mission work.

Rachel Koh
Trent Ng

Missions Month Co-Chairpersons



Reflections and Testimonials from our Members and Missionaries

This year's Missions Month was extremely memorable for both our church members who got to play hosts to our church's missionaries who were visiting Singapore to celebrate our church's 60th Anniversary Missions Month, as well as for our church missionaries whom many are visiting Singapore for the first time.

Sister Tan Yiwen (English Service) who had been on past mission trips to Cambodia and Vietnam, and had hosted our missionaries Thon Kong, Sinat, and Lun Lay from Cambodia, and Man and Trang from Vietnam shared her reflections that ***"it was such a privilege and blessing to be able to host the missionaries when they came over in July. Being so used to them receiving us with such great hospitality every time we go over, I was thankful to get the opportunity to extend a small fraction of it to them by bringing them to see tourist attractions in Singapore and eating the local fare."***

Similarly, Sister Pamela Phor (English Service) who hosted our missionaries Redentor, Daisy, Levina and the other missionaries from the Philippines recounted the joys of hearing their stories of God's faithfulness in expanding the work in the Philippines. Sister Jen Phoon (Bilingual Service) who hosted our missionaries Khaing Min and Mimi from Myanmar shared about how she was deeply moved by their

testimonies of God's goodness despite the difficulties and uncertainties in their ministry back home. Sister Angela Chee (English Service) who hosted our missionary Won Chio from India marvelled at the report of God's amazing providence in his theological college ministry in West Bengal.

The missionaries themselves also had much praise and thanksgiving for the opportunity to visit Singapore and be part of our 60th Anniversary Missions Month celebrations. Sister Nerissa of the Philippines gave thanks that the retreat that we organised for the missionaries refreshed her spiritual strength, whereas Sister Hasturi of Indonesia said that the retreat recharges her to return to the mission field to be more enthusiastic about preaching the gospel.

Many of the missionaries expressed their gratitude to our church members for their time and enthusiasm in playing such wonderful hosts to bring them around Singapore to visit our beautiful tourist sites and attractions and treating them to the delicious local food. Although the time in Singapore was short, most of our missionaries hoped to be able to visit Singapore and our church again in the near future. We pray that it will not be too long before we get to fellowship with our church's missionaries again!

Ashley Ling, Teens For Christ

As someone who's quite disconnected from the world of missions, it was a really enriching and eye-opening experience! I learned a lot about how I can reach out to even just the people around me more to share Christ's word. Something I'd rarely thought about and barely knew about was the prevalence of unreached people groups even in first-world nations like Japan so I'm glad I got to learn more about that and can keep it in prayer.

Angela Tan Hue Mei, Hokkien Service

Hosting missionaries was a profoundly enriching and rewarding experience. I am grateful for their ability to spread the gospel and they have always been in my daily prayers. Conversations and shared experiences inspired personal growth, while witnessing their dedication sparked compassion and a desire to serve. Learning about the hardships they courageously faced taught me valuable lessons in perseverance and gratitude. Praise God for all the missionaries and their incredible work.

Angela Chee, English Service

Meeting and hearing from Won Chio God's work in West Bengal awakened me to the wondrous work God is doing in, what was to me, a remote part of the world. I realise how easily I am lulled by the comforts of home that I fail to marvel at how big God's world is and how bigger still, is His heart is for His people. So I am most grateful for the time spent with Won Chio! It was pure joy seeing the sparkle in his eye as he shared of God's transformative love in the people God led him to minister; and hearing the pride in his voice as he shared of God's amazing providence in the building of the new training school. How Great is Our God and all the world belongs to Him!

Pamela Phor, English Service

It was a joy hosting Pastor Redentor, Daisy, Levina and the missionaries from the Philippines. I had previously been to the Philippines to visit them more than 15 years ago, and it was encouraging to see their faithfulness and God expanding the work in The Philippines.

Jen Phoon, Mandarin Service

Deeply moved by the obedience and faithfulness that is displayed through Khaing Kin & Mimi despite the difficulties upfront and the uncertainties ahead. Their life affirms the fact that keeping our faith in the Lord through fixing our gaze upon Christ strengthens us, gets us moving forward, and causes us to stand triumphantly knowing that God is sovereign, and His hands orchestrate our life and destiny.

Praying Khaing Min & Mimi find themselves living out the reality of God's providence, provision, and protection as they continue to charge on pressing in all Kingdom partnerships with our Lord in the nation of Myanmar.

Hong Qi, Mandarin Service

As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the church, we have the opportunity to host overseas missionaries in Singapore, and we are deeply touched. We experienced joy through giving, and witness their sacrificial lives as we fellowshiped! This brief gathering will surely inspire us to win more souls for the Lord in our respective mission fields.

Tan Yiwen, English Service

It was such a privilege and blessing to be able to host the missionaries when they came over in July. Being so used to them receiving us with such great hospitality every time we go over, I was thankful to get the opportunity to extend a small fraction of it to them by bringing them to see tourist attractions in Singapore and eating the local fare. I know such visits do not come by often, and I'm very grateful to get the chance to be involved. I pray that more doors may be opened for us to strengthen our partnership with the missionaries as we work together to further God's kingdom!

Linda Lim, Mandarin Service

From the life of Sister Mary, we see that she works tirelessly and in return receives God's grace and power. Her children take on her passion and walk hand in hand with her. Thanks be to the Lord, she can rely on the Lord for strength, so can we!

Chen Chia Ling, Mandarin Service

I had the opportunity to host two missionary sisters from Nanning together with several brothers and sisters while listening to them sharing their missionary experiences in remote areas of China. These sharing include interesting stories of the warm reception of church members, the urgency of preaching the gospel to save souls, and the thirst of the people for God's words. As we give all glory to God, I also hope that I can serve more in mission work.



Rejoicing in His
Goodness:

Grill & Chill Fiesta



We gathered together for a barbeque, named Grill & Chill, as a celebration of God's goodness and faithfulness towards Church of Singapore. A barbeque not only gives us the opportunity to eat together, but also to share in a meal where we serve one another – be it through cooking for each other, getting drinks for each other or helping to get food for each other.

During the barbeque, we saw how different services – the different parts of our church body – came together in our own unique ways to rejoice. Significantly, the Hokkien service spontaneously led us in a song of praise, which is a joyous reflection of our uniqueness in unity.



Even though it rained heavily during the barbeque, we still came together in graciousness and patience and adapted to the circumstances. The barbeque not only filled our tummies (with steak, gourmet sausages and beef patties), but also filled our hearts with the joy of the Lord and the unity in the Spirit.

Cheryl Tan

60th Anniversary "Grill and Chill" BBQ Fiesta
Chairperson



Blessing Our Community with UG Cards



Prompted by the question, *“What is your dream for the church 10 years from now?”*, diverse generational perspectives converged around a shared vision of building a church for God’s glory. This inspired the creation of the *“UG Cards”* (Uniting Generation Cards) during an evaluation meeting that followed our church’s online prayer meeting themed *“Uniting Generations”* in September 2021.

Recognizing the potential of well-crafted conversation starters, Ben Huang and I, both members of the Prayer Ministry Committee at that time, envisioned a tool to bridge intergenerational divides through authentic and intentional conversations that foster empathy and understanding.

With the backing of the church’s leadership, we embarked on the journey to turn this idea into a reality. Together with Samuel Tan (3:16 church), a friend who played a crucial role in crowdsourcing questions, the *“UG cards”* came to life. Throughout the process, the



Lord graciously guided us as we navigated through the necessary steps for its production.

In partnership with Salt&Light, a Christian online article site, *“UG Cards”* was recently featured in an article that included a giveaway, enabling us to reach believers from over 50 churches. Additionally, it was recommended as an intergenerational tool for churches to use in the recent FOPx research book. To increase accessibility, *“UG Cards”* is also now available at Christian retail stores.

I am convinced that *“UG Cards”* is a divine gift to the body of Christ, and for COS to serve as a vessel to bless others with this gift. We give all glory to God for the healing and restoration work that has taken place through the use of these cards.

Eileen Lau
Co-creator of UG Cards





Testimony:

I wanted to express my profound appreciation for the **"Uniting Generational Cards"** that were generously gifted to me.

This gesture has held significant meaning for me. I've successfully used these cards to foster connections with my colleagues at the workplace, who come from diverse faith backgrounds. They have been empowered to openly share their beliefs with me, and in return, I've been invited to share my own. It's been a beautiful example of the law of reciprocity in action.

Furthermore, I've introduced the card games in various settings, using them as a tool for encouragement and affirmation. Many were curious about where I got these cards. I've also utilised them in casual conversations with strangers in public spaces, at my church to bring people together, and the results have been exceptionally enjoyable.

The **"UG Cards"** have undeniably fulfilled their intended purpose of uniting hearts and minds, one introspective question at a time, irrespective of factors such as race, age, gender, intellectual capacity, or ethnicity. I've prayed for the leading of the Holy Spirit guide participants to select the cards

most relevant to them, enabling them to open up and connect on a profound level I had not witnessed before. The feedback from all participants has been overwhelmingly positive. The objective was to build trust with them and it worked. I would also like to highlight that these cards played a significant role in reconciling my relationship with my family. It has become clear to me that we all share a fundamental desire to love and be loved, to feel engaged, to feel validated and honoured, regardless of our unique attributes. ***The passage from Hebrews 10:24-25 comes to mind, urging us to consider how we may encourage one another to love and do good deeds, emphasising the importance of gathering together.***

I firmly believe that these **"UG Cards"** are among the most interactive and powerful tools for outreach that have ever been invented. They have the potential to be embraced by anyone and are a remarkable means of fostering connection and understanding among people and helping to raise mental health awareness across different generations.

Sister from Brunei

A Recipient of UG Cards,
Salt & Light Giveaway

