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45 Years of Service since 24 July 1974

Milestones of NCCS

1948: NCCS was previously known as the Malayan Christian Council. It was later reorganized as the Council of Churches of Malaysia and Singapore in 1963. However, after Singapore's independence in 1965, the churches felt it appropriate that Malaysia and Singapore, as separate nations should each have its own Council of Churches. Thus on 24 July 1974, the fellowship of churches in Singapore was renamed NCCS.

1975: The Inaugural service of the newly constituted NCCS was held on 25 Jan 1975. The service was conducted by the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia and Singapore Rev T.R.Doraisamy.

NCCS organised and conducted a Prayer cum Thanksgiving Service on the eve of Singapore's National Day at St Andrew's Cathedral.

1977-78: The Mission and Evangelism Committee was active in supporting and participating in evangelistic meetings including the Billy Graham Crusade in 1978.

1979: A coordinating body was formed to work with MOE on moral education in Schools.

1984: A Public Seminar on the Role of NCCS with President Devan Nair as Guest of Honour was held on 28 July.

1990: NCCS Property at No 14 Dalvey Estate was sold and the proceeds used to purchase the present office as well as set up an endowment.

1998: The inaugural edition of the Guide to Churches and Christian Organisations in Singapore (1999-2000) was published.

2000: In partnership with the Methodist Church in Singapore, NCCS became a minority stake-holder in the Garden of Remembrance (a Christian Columbarium) at Choa Chu Kang

2002: A delegation from the China Christian Council (CCC) and State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) visited NCCS from 15 to 22 March. Their visit coincided with the Official Opening of the new campus of Trinity Theological College.

“A Christian Response to the Life Sciences” was published in 2002, the first of many books including “A Christian Response to Homosexuality” (2004); “The Right to Die? The Christian Response to Euthanasia (2009); “Hybrids, Cybrids and Chimeras - The Ethics of Interspecies Research” (2012).

2004: “Christians in Nation Building” and “Many Faces One Faith” were published.

2005: “Seek the Welfare of the City” Conference from 10 to 13 August was jointly organized by NCCS, Trinity Theological College and Tyndale House, Cambridge. Participants included representatives from China (SARA), the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS) and Tyndale House.

2006: The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) invited NCCS and other faith groups to participate in strengthening the social fabric and religious harmony of the nation.

2008: NCCS initiated the “Community Engagement Day” on 19 April as its commitment to community bonding and religious harmony. It has since been renamed “Harmony Games Day”.

2011: The Registry of Marriages (ROM) appointed NCCS as the Nominating Body for the application of Licensed Solemniser and Deputy Registrar for Independent Churches.

2011-2012: NCCS organized two workshops on the Code of Governance and its practices for churches

2013: NCCS worked with the MUIS and leaders from Harmony Centre to launch the first Building Bridges Programme on “Traditions and Authority in the Post Modern Age” from 2012 to 2013.

2014: Ethos Institute for Public Christianity (ETHOS) was launched on 15 August as a think-tank of the NCCS in partnership with Trinity Theological College and Bible Society of Singapore.

2015: NCCS and Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore (EFOS) jointly organized the Jubilee Day of Prayer (JDOP), a one-day event at the National Stadium which was attended by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

2015: The Online version of the Directory of Churches and Christian Organisations in Singapore was officially launched on 1 December.

2017: Membership subscription fees were revised to ensure that its annual income would be able to provide for the enlarging work of the NCCS.

2018: A Public Seminar on “Problem Gambling” was held on 13 April and a tract on “A Christian Perspective on Gambling” was published. This was in response to the legalization of two exempt operators made in 2016.