

**National Day Thanksgiving Service (NDTS) 2021.** Our annual NDTS will be held at St Andrew's Cathedral New Sanctuary on Thursday, 19 August 2021 at 7.45pm. It is our hope that the Covid-19 restrictions will be further eased to allow for a larger physical gathering for worship. Bishop Dr Titus Chung, NCCS President will preach the word. More details of the NDTS will be forthcoming.

**New Book by NCCS.** As communicated last month, NCCS will publish a new book, *"Homosexuality, the Bible and the Church"* which will be officially launch at the National Day Thanksgiving Service on 19 August 2021. See details of the book in the [May Newsletter](#).

NCCS has kept the book very affordable. You may pre-order the book at **\$8** (GST included) before its official launch on 19 August. After the launch, the book will cost \$10 (GST included). Please follow this [link](#) to place your order. As we have printed only limited copies, we encourage you to take advantage of the pre-launch promotion and place your order soon.

**Census of Population 2020 and Fading Faith?** Although the number of Christians in Singapore remains stable, the church cannot afford to be complacent. It must be more deliberate in addressing the cultural forces at work that shape contemporary society and capture the imagination of young people. Ethos Institute engages the issue with ["No Room for Complacency"](#).

**CONTOC (Churches Online in Times of Corona)** is a research project that aims at an empirical and representative survey of the development and implementation of digital church practices and programmes under the conditions of Covid-19, especially in the period from March to June 2020. NCCS and Ethos Institute for Public Christianity collaborated with CONTOC to conduct a survey which covered 22 countries on five continents. We invited 250 churches in Singapore to participate in the survey but only 20% responded.

We believe that this massive research project will give church leaders a better picture of the ways in which churches across the globe have used digital media and the different challenges they face in these extraordinary times. This would in turn enable us to reflect on the place of digital technology in the life and ministry of the church, and how it may be used creatively in the future. We are making available the survey findings for your church's information with this [attachment](#).

**Phase 3 (Heightened Alert).** NCCS was requested by MCCY to facilitate the 10<sup>th</sup> engagement session for the authorities to answer questions of clarification on the latest Advisory. Some 400 participants from 247 churches attended the briefing on 14 June. MCCY has since released another [Advisory](#) that projected further resumption of religious activities in the month of July 2021.

**DialogueSpaceSG Forum for Interfaith Young Adults.** The Catholic Church's Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue invited NCCS representatives to two dialogue sessions recently. These sessions were part of the many events organized to celebrate the Catholic Church's Bicentennial in 2021. NCCS was represented by young adults at both sessions. The primary objective was to provide a platform for potential young leaders to mingle and build long term relationships among youth leaders from various faith groups.

**General Committee Meeting.** We look forward to meeting NCCS representatives for the next General Committee Meeting on the 29 July 2021 at 4pm. We will continue to meet virtually over Zoom Video Conference. Please do pray for our NCCS family that has grown in friendship and unity of purpose. And we continue to pray for the resumption of worship life and ministry so as to deepen the faith of our congregations.