

NCCS Office in transition: As we work towards the completion of the sale of our existing office unit at #B1-27 The Adelphi, we have also begun the process of purchasing units #06-14/15/16 Peninsular Plaza. The purchase of the new office was approved by the Special General Committee meeting on 1 April, and endorsed by the AGM on 28 April. We thank God for guiding NCCS in the smooth process of transition from one office to the other. However, please note that the NCCS office remains at #B1-27 Adelphi until further notice.

New Associate Member: Gideons International (GI) has chapters in many countries around the world. They recognize the role of NCCS and are supportive of its service as an “official agency uniting and coordinating with churches”. As an evangelistic organization, GI is especially heartened to know that NCCS supports evangelism which they say is not necessarily true of national church councils elsewhere. Although late in joining NCCS, “they hope that their association with NCCS would be a start to a good working partnership”. GI fully recognizes the sensitivities of evangelism in a multi-racial and multi-religious society. NCCS admitted Gideons International to its membership on 28 April.

Alliance for Action to Strengthen Marriages and Family Relationships (AFAM): At the end of last year, NCCS encouraged churches to respond to this invitation from the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). This project hopes to provide a platform for religious organisations to learn from each other and consider what more they would like to do for their own respective faith groups. Through these sharing sessions, religious organisations could share with and learn from one another, and where appropriate, tap on community resources.

- The First Sharing Session was hosted by MOS Sun Xueling on 25 April. Pastors from 16 churches were present at the session which was also attended by religious leaders of different faith communities including the Buddhists, Catholics, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Taoists. During the session, the different religious leaders shared and learnt from one another about their initiatives for the Year of Celebrating SG Families 2022; to support their faith communities with marriage preparation and enrichment as well as to support families undergoing divorce. MOS Sun shared that she was encouraged by the cross-sharing of efforts by the various faith communities in supporting all families, including ageing families and those undergoing difficulties, and looked forward to partnering together to do more for families.
- SG Family Pledge: At the sharing session of 25 April, AFAM also launched the SG Family Pledge, which crystallises Singaporeans’ thoughts on what strong family bonds mean. The SG Family Pledge leads Singaporeans to commit to simple acts that can strengthen family relationships as follows: listening to each other; making time for each other; showing love, care and concern for one another; respecting each other, especially when resolving our differences; appreciating and affirming our family members and supporting one another through good and bad times. NCCS encourages you to invite your church members to support this national effort – the AFAM SG Family Pledge online at <https://go.gov.sg/ycf-pledge>.

- **Year of Celebrating SG Families (YCF):** The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) has dedicated 2022 as the YCF. YCF is a whole-of-society movement celebrating the importance of our families. Families can look forward to family-friendly events, programmes and resources all year round designed to foster stronger families in our community. MSF understands that churches organise programmes that focus on building strong families, so here are three things you can do at go.gov.sg/celebratingsgfamilies to support this national movement: (i) Post your church events (ii) Adopt the YCF Facebook Profile Frame and (iii) Encourage your members to visit the website to find out what are the events taking place each month.

Protecting Church Members from Fraud and Scam: The Charity Unit of MCCY in collaboration with Commercial Affairs Department, would like to help charitable organisations such as churches to be more informed about common fraud practices. They have organised a Zoom Conference for pastors and church leaders specifically to inform about these fraud practices as well as share some best practices to counter them. The virtual conference will be held on Wednesday, 29 June 2022 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. NCCS encourages churches to participate in this conference to better advise members of their congregations. For registration, please use this [Link](#)

Creation Care SG: This is a Christian community that aims to inspire and equip fellow believers and churches in Singapore to love and care for God's creation. They educate others about creation care, guide others to experience God's love through His creation, and engage with local churches and schools to catalyse practical change. Churches can participate in 2 ways: (i) join the organised reflective walks and contemplative beach clean-ups (ii) attend Creation Care Conference in September which seeks to provide learning opportunities on creation care, connect Christians to practitioners in the field, and encourage them to actively live out their beliefs in their daily lives. More information on the above activities can be found at <https://creationcaresg.carrd.co/>

NCCS would like to thank you for your positive feedback on its monthly e-newsletter. We encourage you to share the e-newsletter with other church leaders and members of your congregation for their information.