

**National Day Thanksgiving Service 2022.** The National Council of Churches of Singapore will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 57<sup>th</sup> National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service (NDTS). We invite you to join other Christians in our nation at this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we shall seek the Lord together for Singapore.

- Date: Thursday 18 August 2022, 7:45pm to 8:45pm
- Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary
- Speaker: Bishop Dr Gordon Wong  
Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore,  
Vice-President of the National Council of Churches of S'pore
- Message: "Peaceful Peacemakers" based on James 3:13–18

You need not register to attend the NDTS.

**Fellowship Lunch with Church Leaders.** The NCCS leadership has held fellowship lunches periodically with leaders from other denominations and churches over the years. These past occasions helped to strengthen friendships and establish trust among church leaders in Singapore, which led to recent events such as the Jubilee Day of Prayer (2015) and the Celebration of Hope (2019). The NCCS leadership believes that such informal gatherings will continue to help congregations build bridges of understanding as we serve God together in our society.

On Friday, 15 July, NCCS organised its first lunch fellowship since the easing of Covid-19 measures. The guests consisted of Cardinal-Elect William Goh of the Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore, Senior Pastor Alvin Tan of Bartley Christian Church, Rev Dr David Wong, General Secretary of the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore, and Elder Foong Daw Ching of the Church of Singapore. They were hosted by Rt Rev Dr Titus Chung, Bishop Dr Gordon Wong, Bishop Lu Guan Hoe, Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian and Elder Kevin Lee. After warm introductions, the church leaders shared openly about their ministries and the challenges faced by their churches. [Photo](#)

**Homeless and Rough Sleepers.** It was in August 2019 when Yio Chu Kang Chapel (YCK Chapel), a member of NCCS, first thought about opening up the church premises to provide a night shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers. They converted the church basement into a Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P@YCKCHAPEL), equipped with ten beds, lockers, WIFI, hot showers, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators and a pantry corner. They officially opened S3P@YCKCHAPEL on 29 November 2019. When COVID-19 hit our shores, they quickly moved to expand the capacity to 20 beds and also extended operations to 24 hours during the Circuit Breaker.

Are there truly homeless people in Singapore? The situation of homelessness in Singapore is not triggered by the pandemic. Homelessness is a prevailing issue in Singapore. A study by NUS's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in 2019 revealed that at least 1000 people were sleeping rough on the streets of Singapore. The pandemic only brought the issue to light. We invite you to read about their ministry and encourage churches to consider this ministry. [YCK Chapel story](#)

**More on Countering Fraud and Scam.** With increasing digitisation, and accelerated by our ongoing pandemic, churches are increasingly becoming more comfortable with sharing on digital platforms with digital devices and services becoming integral to our members' lives. However, for the fraudsters and scammers out there, the future of fraud is not yet diminished, and for churches that are leaning on technology as enablers, this requires every effort to stay vigilant.

NCCS Treasurer, Elder Kevin Lee believes that “we are faithful stewards of donations and of His Good to serve and do good to our community with public accountability. So, church board members and leaders are especially instrumental to provide effective governance and risk management in serving our community. This means that church leadership must actively be involved in reviewing and assessing preventive, detective and corrective controls and safeguards to prevent and detect fraud, and be faithful advocates to deter scammers and fraudsters from engaging our community, especially with the vulnerable members in our midst.”

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