

## **NCCS Update (January 2024)**

Congratulations to Archbishop Dr Titus Chung. The General Committee of NCCS at its meeting on 11 January congratulated Bishop Dr Titus Chung on his installation as the 7<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia on 23 January 2024. As the next Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia ('Province'), Archbishop Titus will be providing spiritual guidance and direction to the Province, in matters of doctrine, particularly in its administration and application. The Province is made up of the dioceses of Sabah, Kuching, West Malaysia and Singapore, including the six mission deaneries of The Diocese of Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam. He also represents the Province to the larger global body of the Anglican Church.

Bishop Titus was NCCS President (2021-2023) and presently serves as one of three Vice Presidents in the Exco. We appreciate his collegiality and camaraderie in the collective leadership of NCCS. As St Andrew's Cathedral had limited capacity for the service, Bishop Titus invited General Committee members to be part of the sacred and momentous occasion via the livestream link. <a href="PHOTOS">PHOTOS</a>

Rev Xu Xiaohong, Chairman of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches of China (National TSPM) met the leadership of NCCS on 24 January. Rev Xu was recently re-elected for a second 5-year term in December 2023. Rev Xu Xiaohong, who was a guest at Archbishop Dr Titus Chung's installation was accompanied by Ms Liu Jin, Secretary of Overseas Relations Department of National TSPM/CCC, and Mr Kua Wee Seng, retired Director of United Bible Societies China Partnership.

The National TSPM was established in 1954 by the Chinese Church leaders to promote patriotism and the three-self principles of self-governance, self-supporting and self-propagation amongst the Chinese Christians. In 1980, the China Christian Council (CCC) was formed to support the churches in their ministries. Both the National TSPM and CCC serve as the national umbrella organisations of the Protestant Churches in China. There are TSPM committees and Christian councils established at the provincial, municipal and county levels throughout the country. Rev Xu shared with NCCS leaders that:

- Church attendance in China is slowly returning to pre-Covid levels but there are many Christians, especially the elderly who are continuing with online worship.
- While the city churches have grown much larger, the rural churches have dropped in attendance because many younger people have migrated to the cities for better prospects in life.
- They expect Bible circulation within China to reach 100 million soon and the church leadership is looking forward to the occasion. <a href="PHOTOS">PHOTOS</a>

**Harmony Games 2024.** NCCS welcomes your church to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Harmony Games 2024, organised by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese with the theme *"Getting to Know You More"*. We invite your youth members to represent the Christian community for a meaningful and exciting day of mingling with new friends of diverse races, religions and backgrounds to foster friendships and better awareness of our precious diversity and unity as a nation.

Date: 2 March 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 7.30am to 1pm (breakfast 7.30am to 8.15am)

Venue: Assumption English School, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678117 (5 mins

walking distance from Cashew MRT)

For more details regarding participation, please visit this LINK.

**A New Animated Jesus Film** is due for release in 2025. It is a multi-generational medium enjoyed by global audiences. It would be an opportunity to re-introduce Jesus to our society. We encourage you to rally all students in mission schools and other youth organisations to watch the film at a local cinema in Singapore. <u>LINK</u>.