

NCCS Update (February 2024)

Daily Devotions for Lent 2024. This year, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14 February, a 40-day spiritual journey to Easter Sunday. This period is marked by self-examination, repentance from sin, self-denial, moderation in lifestyle or fasting and spiritual discipline. Christians are encouraged to focus on Jesus Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for the salvation of humanity and God's power of personal transformation.

To assist Christians experience a meaningful season of Lent, NCCS commissioned The Bible Society of Singapore to produce daily reflections for Lent in 2006, and this year's Daily Devotions for Lent is titled "Ever changing WORLD, Never Changing WORD". Unfortunately, the hard copies of the Lent 2024 books have been sold out.

However, the e-book version is available online for download. The cost is \$3.43 (with 9% GST) per copy. If you wish to purchase a copy for your personal use, here is the link: https://www.biblesociety.sg/spc/lent/

15th **Harmony Games 2024** will be held on Saturday, 2 March at the Assumption English School, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Road. Organised by the Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church, the theme is "Getting to Know You More". The gathering is expected to see many youths intermingling with "new friends of diverse races, religions and backgrounds to foster friendships and better awareness of our precious diversity and unity as a nation".

NCCS will be represented by youths from Hope Church, St. Paul's Anglican Church, and students from Trinity Theological College (from Baptist, Methodist and Independent churches) for games such as Futsal, Captain's Ball and E-sports (mobile legends).

Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA): The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) would like to seek the assistance of pastors and church leaders to encourage church members to promptly make their Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and Advanced Care Planning.

- 1. Here are some information extracted from <u>Lasting Power of Attorney/Mental Capacity Act (msf.gov.sg)</u>:
 - Percentage of people who have made LPA and are 60 years and above as of 2021 – 17.8%
 - Percentage of people who have made LPA and are 50 years and above as of 2021 – 40.7%
- 2. NCCS, in partnership with MSF, is organising a sharing session with church representatives to be held on **11 April 2024 at St Andrew's Cathedral from 8.30am to 11am**. The sharing session will include the following:
 - The importance of making an LPA
 - How to make an online LPA
 - What churches may consider when organising their own talks and certification sessions
 - Resource package that churches may use to organise their own talks and certification sessions.

We welcome your church representatives to participate in the sharing session. You may register at this $\underline{\sf LINK}$