

Pope Francis visits Singapore. The recent visit of Pope Francis to our island city (11 – 13 September) has inspired and rejuvenated the faith of our friends in the Catholic Church in Singapore. The busy schedule of His Holiness was well covered by the media and attended by representatives from a broad cross-section of society.

Pope Francis' visit has also strengthened the bonds of mutual respect and cooperation among people of different faiths. His message of compassion and solidarity resonates with the spirit of goodwill and harmony that has long been a hallmark of religious life in Singapore.

NCCS was honoured to be invited by the Catholic Archdiocese and was represented at the following events:

- State Address by Pope Francis at the National University of Singapore's University Cultural Centre
- Holy Mass with 50,000 people at the National Stadium
- Interreligious Meeting with Young People at Catholic Junior College

It is our prayer that the Love that binds Christians together will bring hope and joy to the people of Singapore.

Membership Enquiries. The NCCS office receives various kinds of enquiries, including request for information about membership applications. It is always encouraging when churches and Christian organisations express interest to be part of the NCCS family. Presently, we are attending to a few applications and will share more about these prospective new members when the process is completed. Joining NCCS entails an interview which will be followed by the Executive Committee's recommendation and a final decision to be taken by the General Committee.

Ethos Annual Conference. The Ethos Institute for Public Christianity is organising its annual conference on the theme: "The Hope of Things to Come". As the theme suggests, the focus will be on Eschatology, the doctrine of things to come. The conference is open for registration, and all are welcome to attend. The event will be held on

- Saturday 28 Sep 2024, from 9.00am to 1.00pm
- At the Bible House, 7 Armenian Street, Singapore 179932
- For registration, please visit this [LINK](#)

Partnerships on Fathering Matters. The Centre for Fathering would like to work with churches and organisations to complement existing work with fathers in their congregations. NCCS supports programmes and events that nurture family life and encourages fathers and soon-to-be fathers to consider this invitation. More information can be found in this [LINK](#)

Suspicious Transaction Report (STR). We would like to share this information on behalf of the Commissioner of Charities (COC). All organisations are required to file STR on any suspicious property related to criminal activities to Suspicious Transaction Reporting Office (STRO). The COC requests all charities to create a SONAR (STRO Online Notices and Reporting platform) Account for such reporting. Details are given in this [LINK](#)