

## A Message from NCCS President

Dear NCCS members and friends

As the Lunar New Year approaches, I would like to extend my warmest greetings and blessings to all brothers and sisters on behalf of the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS)! May the grace, love, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your lives and ministries, as well as those of your families, in this new year.

The Lunar New Year is a season of reunion and thanksgiving, as well as a time to look ahead with hope. Over the past year, we have worked together in unity under God's guidance to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord, witnessing the abundant fruits of many ministries. Most significantly, we celebrated God's faithfulness and protection through the joyous commemoration of NCCS's 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee.

Despite the challenges posed by geopolitical tensions and the instability in the Middle East, we have remained steadfast in love, faith, and wisdom. We have cared for the marginalised, promoted unity among churches, and served as salt and light in society, spreading the Gospel to every corner of our island nation. Through these efforts, may many personally experience the love and faithfulness of God.

The Year of the Snake symbolises wisdom and resilience. The Bible reminds us, "Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" (*Matthew 10:16*). In the coming year, let us face the complexities of the world with wisdom and respond to God's call with humility. May we, under the leadership of the Council, continue to work in unity to bear a beautiful witness for Christ.

In the new year, may we seek God's will through prayer, support one another in love, and stand together in truth. Let us dedicate ourselves to glorifying God with our lives so that our churches may become havens of peace for more people, and that the light of the Gospel may continue to shine upon our nation.

Finally, I wish you a blessed and joyful Lunar New Year. May you and your families be filled with God's grace, happiness, and peace, and may your ministries flourish abundantly! Amen.

In His Service,

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