

The **Chinese Work Committee** of the four founder denominations of NCCS invites you to a seminar on “*Local Roots, Vision Worldwide - Sustainable Development of Chinese-speaking Churches*” - 立足本地·放眼世界 – 华文教会持续发展研讨会”. This seminar aims to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Chinese-speaking churches in the context of Singapore’s national bilingual policy. DPM Elder Gan Kim Yong will be the Guest of Honour and speaker. Other keynote speakers include Archbishop Dr Titus Chung, Rev Dr Caleb Soo and Rev Dr Lim Teck Peng. The seminar is designed to:

- Encourage local Chinese-speaking churches to collaborate in nurturing the Chinese-as-a-Second-Language (CSL) generation.
- Generate awareness about the developmental opportunities of Chinese-speaking churches worldwide, and the contributions churches in Singapore can make.
- Share practical experiences and ideas in ministering to the CSL generation, and relevant programmes that are creative and forward-looking.

Details of the seminar are as follows:

- Saturday, 5 April 2025; 9.00am – 3.00pm, at St Andrew’s Cathedral
- You may register at this [LINK](#).

Democracy and The Common Good: An Ethos Conversation. In our plural and diverse societies, the notion of “common good” is acknowledged as a guiding principle. But what exactly is the ‘common good’ and how do we go about defining it? What about the relationship between political systems of government and the pursuit of the common good, in particular, democracy and the common good? How should Christians view the relationship between democracy and the pursuit of the common good? Join us as we deliberate over these questions.

- Speaker: Prof. Joseph Liow and Rev Dr Jeremy-Joe Tan
- Date: 21 March 2025, Friday
- Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
- Venue: Bible House, 7 Armenian St, Singapore 179932

Details and registration in this [LINK](#)

Notice Board. We are pleased to share with you the following upcoming events and other matters that may interest members and friends (details are found in the attached links):

- “Democracy and The Common Good” Conversation by ETHOS on 21 Mar - [LINK](#)
- “Healthy Family Day” family bonding event by Father School SG on 22 Mar - [LINK](#)
- Special Needs Ministry Conference by KIN/CAC on 31 May - [LINK](#)
- “Local Roots, Vision Worldwide – Sustainable Development of Chinese-speaking Churches” seminar by CWC on 5 Apr - [LINK](#)
- Building Strong Families Symposium by Catholic Family Life and MSF on 5 Apr - [LINK](#)

Registry of Marriages (ROM): NCCS assisted in the processing of 70 new and renewal applications for member and non-member churches. Here are some information on Licence to Solemnise Marriages (LSM):

1. ROM's new policy: For Renewal of LSM, applicants may "*wish to note that in reviewing the request for re-appointment, we will also take into consideration a number of factors, including the following criteria*":
 - a. Continue to be leaders of the organisation and supported by Nominating Body (NB);
 - b. Satisfactory and no adverse public feedback;
 - c. No significant negative incidents reported; and
 - d. Be a role model for marriage, i.e. no adverse feedback on family/married life.

2. 2025 schedules
 - a. New and Renewal LSM applications open on 1 October 2025.
 - b. Submission deadlines for both New and Renewal Applications for 2026 will be 31 December 2025.
 - c. Renewal of LSM: Licensed Solemnisers (LS) are to keep track of the expiry date of their own LSM. You may contact NCCS for renewal of LSM in October. Kindly note that the 31 December deadline for submissions is stipulated by ROM.

3. Reminder from ROM to Licence holders
 - a. According to the terms and conditions set out for LSs & Deputy Registrars of Marriages (DRMs), the licence is only valid if the LS/DRM remains in the office through which his or her application was made. The licence is not transferable.
 - b. When a licensee leaves the sponsoring church, the licence becomes invalid. When that happens kindly notify ROM and NCCS.