

## NCCS Exco lunch fellowship with church leaders on 26 March 2025



L-R: Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian (Gen Sec, NCCS), Sr Pastor Dr David Seah (Tabernacle Church and Missions), Rev Fr Valerian Cheong (Rector, St Francis Xavier Major Seminary), Bp Lu Guan Hoe (President, NCCS), Pastor Wallace Chin (The Crossing Church), Sr Pastor Yang Tuck Yoong (Cornerstone Community Church), Elder Kevin Lee (Treasurer, NCCS), Rev Edwin Tan (Assoc Gen Sec, NCCS). Not in picture: Pastor Jacob Ng (Redemption Hill Church).

**Cornerstone Community Church:** Sr Pastor Yang Tuck Yoong shared with the group that when it comes to ministry, there is not a single dull moment. His own personal ministry has been more than eventful and colourful and he encouraged the pastors at the lunch fellowship with insights on how to share the Gospel boldly, yet remaining sensitive to interfaith matters. Regarding the acquisition of commercial spaces for Orchard Towers, he said moving into a property with a "dark past" was something the church is not unfamiliar with. Since their first property purchase of Music World KTV in 1997, the church has subsequently taken over six other units which were formerly KTVs, pubs and massage parlours. Pastor Yang mentioned that the acquisition of the two adjacent properties at Orchard Towers would be the seventh and eighth such purchase. It will primarily be used to house the congregation at Bugis+ which is growing steadily. Many members especially with kids, would benefit from a Cornerstone location along Orchard Road. (Cornerstone website: [LINK](#))

**Redemption Hill Church:** Pastor Jacob Ng said "to everyone who was at the table, I really enjoyed our lunch conversation today. Appreciate the wisdom from all of you on the various things that were shared." Pastor Jacob, who stood in for Lead Pastor Simon Murphy, felt there was much to learn from the more senior church leaders at the lunch fellowship. He was grateful for the ongoing partnership between Redemption Hill Church and the Crossing Church and the group felt that such church partnership is an encouraging model for the Christian community in Singapore. (Redemption Hill website: [LINK](#))

**The Crossing Church:** Pastor Wallace Chin shared that church members who have joined their church indicated their preference for expository teaching of God's Word. At the Crossing Church, all worshippers are free to express their praise by raising their hands during worship as the church affirms that God is looking for disciples who worship him in spirit and in truth. Pastor Wallace said that his church is also open to refer worshippers to another church if their members seek a different worship experience. In such cases, they would usually refer them to the Redemption Hill Church, which has a good relationship with the Crossing Church. In thanking NCCS for organising the lunch fellowship, Pastor Wallace, who represented Sr Pastor Elder Divyanathan Denesh, said "it was good to get to know the wider Christian church leadership". (Crossing website: [LINK](#))

**St Francis Xavier Major Seminary:** Rev Fr Valerian Cheong shared that he found the informal lunch gathering on Wednesday, 26 March very enriching in helping church leaders get acquainted with each other. Fr Valerian said, "It was indeed a wholesome time filled with sharings of anecdotes and lively conversation which helped me appreciate both the spiritual and secular encounters of other churches". As a priest overseeing the Seminary of the Catholic Church in Singapore, Fr Valerian counts among his friends many pastors beyond his church community. (SFX Major Seminary website: [LINK](#))

**Tabernacle Church & Missions:** Rev Dr David Seah thanked NCCS for the fellowship lunch invitation and was pleased to meet senior peers among church leaders. He also reminisced his younger days when he attended Youth For Christ meetings where he also met Rev Ngoei. Since then, Rev Seah has come a long way when he founded The Tabernacle Church and Missions (TCM) in 1975, to cultivate a community of believers who embody God's presence to fulfil the Great Commission through discipleship, church planting, and missions. TCM has established overseas churches in the Philippines and Thailand and inaugurated the Asian Pastoral Institute (API) in 1999, offering accredited programmes in pastoral studies and counselling. God has also richly blessed TCM with four properties in Singapore located at Windsor Park, Pasir Panjang, Tanjong Katong and Aljunied to serve the Christian community here. (Tabernacle website: [LINK](#))