

NEWSLETTER

July 2025

[Archbishop Titus Chung Introduction Message]

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2025 (NDTS) will be held on Thursday, 14 August at 7.45pm in the Cathedral New Sanctuary, St Andrew's Cathedral. We invite you to come celebrate our National Day with a time of worship, prayer and thanksgiving. Bishop Philip Lim of the Methodist Church in Singapore and President of NCCS will deliver the message titled "Coming to Jesus" based on Mark 2:1–12.

- Hope Church's dynamic music team will be leading the congregation in uplifting praise and the choirs of Anglo-Chinese Junior College alumni and the Emmanuel Tamil Annual Conference (of the Methodist Church) will bless us with stirring musical renditions.
- After the service, enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with fellow Christians. Do share this publicity poster with your church members and encourage them to join us at NDTS 2025. <u>PUBLICITY</u>

SG60 Celebrated at NDTS 2025. As our nation turns 60, we join fellow Singaporeans to "strive to be bolder and kinder to one another; and play our part in building a stronger Singapore together". NDTS 2025 resonates with the SG60 theme and seeks to remind us of those among us who live with disabilities. True to the SG60 theme of togetherness, this year's NDTS is designed to be inclusive.

- We will be partnering Koinonia Inclusive Network (KIN) and Wesley Methodist Church's Deaf Ministry to allow accessibility and participation for Christians with hearing disabilities. Sign language will be provided for the hearing-impaired.
- We are also encouraged by those who rise above their disabilities as exemplified by violinist Noemie Lee. She will inspire us at this year's National Day Parade as well as present an item at NDTS.

NTU's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) invited NCCS to send a participant to its 17th Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) from 21-25 July. The theme was "Violence and Upheaval: Confronting Polarisation and Extremism in Global Terrorism" with participants from government agencies, police forces and militaries from all over the world. Assoc Gen Sec, Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun joined other invited representatives from non-profit organisations. Participants were given different regional threat assessments by international specialists, taught to understand terrorist radicalisation and innovation, and given strategies for rehabilitation. They were also taken to visit the Interpol Global Centre of Innovation in Singapore where they were briefed on the work of Interpol.

Participants were also given a glimpse of the Interpol Command and Coordination Centre in Singapore, one of only three Interpol operation rooms in the world. It was a very useful and informative course on the ongoing threat posed by terrorism.

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

- The Creation Care Conference 2025 (CCC25) is a two-day conference designed to equip Christians with a theological understanding of creation care, empower them to love and care for creation, and connect like-minded believers to effect change together. The conference theme, "On Earth As It Is In Heaven", seeks to ignite a collective desire for God's restoration of creation. CCC25 affirms creation care as an integral aspect to the Christian mission. Details: LINK
- Kids@Play on 16 Aug. The event allows for walk-ins by children (accompanied by parents) or by churches bringing several children in a group to Kids@Play. For churches bringing children in a group, please let organisers know how many and the timing which they will be arriving by emailing: kidsatplay@royalrangers.org.sg. Details of event: <a href="https://link.nih.github.com/link.github.
- Kaleidoscope: Harmony in Motion. This event is an official part of Racial & Religious Harmony Month (RRHM) celebrating 60 years of unity!

Venue: Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre (SCCC)

Date: 27 July 2025 (Sun)

Time: Community Fair - 5:30-7:30pm & Concert - 7:45-10:15 pm

Register your interest here LINK.

- A faith-based charity needs a temporary home during its redevelopment. They are reaching out to churches in Singapore who may have available premises suitable for lease during this transitional period. If you are able to assist, details are found in this <u>LINK</u>
- If your church or organisation needs more space, you may wish to consider rental in an Auditorium/Hall at The Evolution <u>LINK</u>
- The Singapore National Employers Federation supports churches with employment matters and grants, e.g. churches may receive \$2,500 per senior staff member under the Part-Time Re-employment Grant. For more on grants, training, or HR support, visit www.snef.org.sg or email Kevin Poh@snef.org.sg.