



**1. The National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS)** was established on 24 July 1974 and continues to facilitate healthy relationships within the Christian community, even as it expands its role of representing Christians in the public square.

**2. The Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee members for 2025-2027 are:

President	Bishop Philip Lim	Methodist
Vice-President	Most Rev Dr Titus Chung	Anglican
Vice-President	Rt Rev Dr Caleb Soo	Presbyterian
Vice-President	Rt Rev Anthony Loh	Lutheran
General Secretary	Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian	Methodist
Hon Treasurer	Elder Kevin Lee	Presbyterian
Member	Colonel Richard Borrett	The Salvation Army
Member	Rev Tony Yeo	Evangelical Free Church Singapore
Member	Mr Daniel Chan	Methodist
Member	Ms Lanny Widjaja	Lutheran
Assoc Gen Sec	Rev Edwin Tan	Anglican
Assoc Gen Sec	Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun	Methodist

**3. New Members.** NCCS is grateful for the support it continues to receive from the Christian community. At the General Committee meeting held on 23 October 2025, the Council received into its membership three new Associate Members. We are pleased to welcome them into the NCCS fellowship of churches and Christian organisations.

- Operation Mobilisation Singapore (OM Singapore) is part of a global Christian mission movement in over 110 countries, dedicated to seeing vibrant communities of Jesus' followers among the least reached. OM Singapore states: "We inspire and equip believers in Singapore to live missionally — whether through short-term or long-term service overseas, local outreach among migrant workers, or by partnering with churches to nurture a heart for missions". OM Singapore also supports the well-known OM Ships ministry, bringing knowledge, help, and hope to communities worldwide".
- Our Father's World (OFW) is a mission organisation seeking to inspire and equip the Church to love and care for God's creation. Founded in 2020 by a group of Christian young adults across the denominational spectrum, OFW hopes to inspire the Christian community to love our Creator and creation through education and experiential engagement, equip churches to make disciples that care for creation through resources and consultancy, and empower changemakers locally and regionally through training and networking. According to OFW: "We are a non-profit organisation registered in Singapore and focused on Southeast Asia. We are board-governed and staff-led, with a core team comprising a paid Executive Director and a team of committed volunteers. We are also guided by an Advisory Council, with members including local and international Christian leaders across diverse sectors".
- Living Hope Evangelism (LHE) began as a small weekly prayer fellowship which, through a series of divinely provided spaces, grew into a registered ministry. Central to its journey was a powerful healing service where many experienced miraculous healings, and the congregation steadily grew despite challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, which it navigated with hybrid

services. As God faithfully provided, LHE relocated progressively to larger premises, increasing its congregation and outreach which includes significant food distribution and community events for residents, celebrating its growth and God's continuous blessings.

**4. Chinese Churches' Seminar (5 April).** The packed audience attending the seminar, "Local Roots, Vision Worldwide - Sustainable Development of Chinese-speaking Churches" heard Guest-of-Honour Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, deliver the opening address on the challenges affecting both Singapore and the global community. He urged attendees to consider the mission of Chinese-speaking churches in a pluralistic society. He also emphasised the importance of fostering community care, embracing diversity and the Christian teaching to deepen relationships - whether with God, with one another, or with the world. The gathering also heard Archbishop Dr Titus Chung, Rt Rev Dr Caleb Soo, and Rev Dr Lim Teck Peng share their insights, focusing on key aspects crucial to the mission of Chinese-speaking churches within Singapore's unique context.

**5. Visit to the Church in China.** A delegation from the National Council of Churches of Singapore visited China from 23–29 April 2025 at the invitation of the National Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China, and the China Christian Council. This was the first visit since the Covid-19 pandemic, aimed at renewing longstanding ties. The delegation visited Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing, learning about the gradual recovery of worship and ongoing ministry of churches in China, which serve some 38 million Protestant Christians. The Amity Foundation in Nanjing announced on 12 June 2025 that it had printed 280 million copies of the Bible for both China's needs and publication orders from overseas churches.

**6. Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NJUTS)** NCCS was honoured to host a distinguished delegation from NJUTS for a dialogue on 28 November. The visiting team was led by Rev Wu Wei (吴巍牧师), President of the China Christian Council of the Protestant Churches in China, and Principal of the Seminary. They were warmly received by Bishop Philip Lim (NCCS President) and members of the Exco.

During the meeting, Rev Wu provided an insightful overview of NJUTS. Established in 1952, it holds a unique position as the only nationwide theological institution among China's 22 Protestant seminaries, drawing students from across the country. The Seminary currently has an on-campus student body of some 460 students, including those in research and PhD programmes. The dialogue provided a valuable opportunity for both visitors and guests to share perspectives and exchange ideas on common areas of interest, including church development and nurturing Christian growth in their respective contexts.

**7. Visitors from the Institute of Religious Studies** of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) were welcomed by NCCS on 23 December. The SASS is a leading think-tank and China's oldest institution for the humanities and social sciences. It is the largest academic institution of its kind in China outside of Beijing. Our visitors, led by Professor Yan Kejia, are researchers in the fields of religion, history, philosophy and law. They were all warmly received by NCCS President Bishop Philip Lim and members of the Exco. Recognising that Shanghai and Singapore are both cosmopolitan cities facing similar modern complexities, the dialogue proved particularly fruitful. Participants explored parallels in their respective contexts and shared perspectives on potential pathways forward, acknowledging the value of such cross-cultural exchange.

**8. NCCS Church Online Directory.** We are pleased to announce that the Church Online Directory now has a fresh new look with smarter features:

- Map feature – Locate churches and Christian organisations with ease
- Service times – Find out when and where to worship
- Smart filters – Search by denomination, language, or service timing

Churches are encouraged to update their church information in the directory by clicking "login" with email address.

**9. Acknowledgements.** We would like to thank all member churches and organisations for their prayers and support throughout the year. We deeply appreciate your attendance at the Council's official meetings, the National Day Thanksgiving Service as well as prompt remittance of annual membership fees. We also thank Archbishop Dr Titus Chung, Rev Christopher Chan, Vicar, leaders and staff of St Andrew's Cathedral for the use of its premises on numerous occasions throughout the year. Indeed, NCCS is blessed. We also look forward to another year of collaborative work and ministry with all churches in Singapore as we serve God together in church and society. To God be the Glory!

Submitted by:

Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian  
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National Council of Churches of Singapore

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## PROGRESS REPORT ON ETHOS INSTITUTE™ FOR PUBLIC CHRISTIANITY

This progress report covers the activities for the quarter: Jan to Dec 2025

1. Introduction to ETHOS Institute™
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7. Financial Giving

### 1. Introduction

ETHOS Institute™ for Public Christianity was formed by the National Council of Churches of Singapore, Trinity Theological College and The Bible Society of Singapore in 2014.

ETHOS Institute™ seeks to serve church and society by engaging contemporary issues and trends from the Christian perspective.

ETHOS Institute™ offers:

- Studies on important topics and public issues from the Christian perspective
- Regular lectures, seminars, conferences and symposiums for the Christian public
- Resources to Churches and Christians in different professions and vocations
- Resources to the National Council of Churches of Singapore

### 2. ETHOS Institute™ Events: [www.ethosinstitute.sg/events](http://www.ethosinstitute.sg/events)

- **ETHOS CONVERSATION 2025: Democracy and the Common Good**  
Speakers: Prof Joseph Liow, Rev Dr Jeremy-Joe Tan  
Date/Time/Venue: 21 March 2025, Friday /7.30pm-9.30pm/Bible House  
Attendance: 60 participants
- **ETHOS SEMINAR 2025: Christianity and Religious Pluralism**  
Speakers: Dr Mathew Mathews and Rev Dr Jonathan Wong  
Date/Time/Venue: 23 May 2025, Friday /7.30pm-9.30pm/Bible House  
Attendance: 40 participants
- **ETHOS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025: Pneuma: Exploring the Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit**  
Speakers: Dr Tan Seng Kong (BGST), Dr Dennis Lum (TCA), Rev David Lim (ACTS College), Dr Lewis Winkler (EAST)  
Date/Time/Venue: 20 September 2025/9am-1pm/Bible House  
Attendance: 96 participants
- **ETHOS ANNUAL LECTURE 2025: Neocolonialism in a Multipolar World**  
Speakers: Rev Dr Andrew Peh  
Date/Time/Venue: 31 October 2025, Fri, 7.30pm/Bible House  
Attendance: 44 participants

**3. ETHOS Institute™ Engagement Series: [www.ethosinstitute.sg/engagementseries](http://www.ethosinstitute.sg/engagementseries)**

All ETHOS Engagement Series booklets are now available as e-books.

**Recent Publication:**

- The Hope of Things to Come (*new*)  
Author: Rev Dr Rodney Woo (BTS), Dr Leow Theng Huat (TTC) , Dr Jarred Jung (EAST), Mr David Lang (SBC)

**Work-in-Progress:**

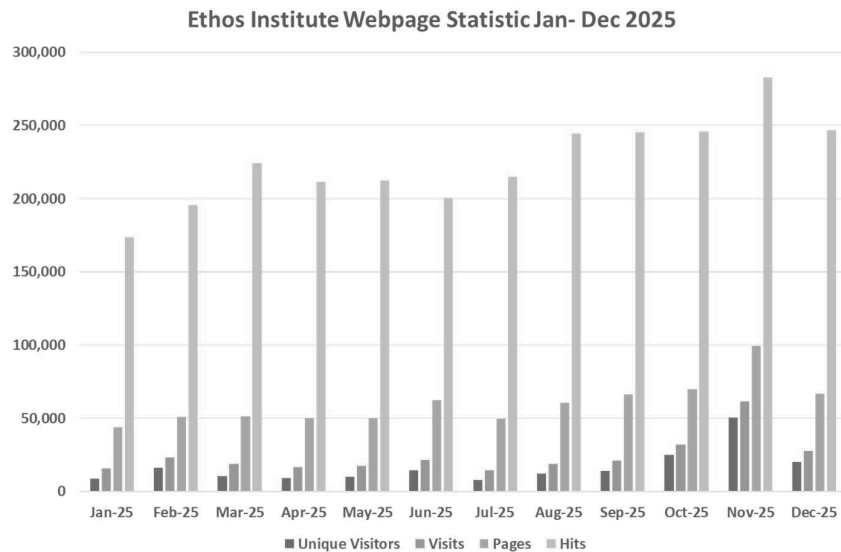
- Pneuma: Exploring the Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit (est. completion Sep 2026)  
Author: Dr Tan Seng Kong (BGST), Dr Dennis Lum (TCA), Rev David Lim (ACTS College), Dr Lewis Winkler (EAST)

**4. ETHOS Institute™ Articles: <https://ethosinstitute.sg/articles>**

- 1 Special articles
- 11 Feature articles
- 25 Pulse articles
- 27 Credo articles
- 4 Translated articles
- 6 NCCS Statement/Response

**5. ETHOS Institute™ Website: [www.ethosinsitute.sg](http://www.ethosinsitute.sg)**

As at Dec 2025, Ethos had **199,607** unique visitors and **2,698,335** hits were recorded.



**6. Mailing List and Social Media (Twitter and Instagram) Update**

- Current mailing list on Mail Chimp has 3,513 subscribers
- Update for Twitter and Instagram:

Instagram	Facebook
774 followers	100 followers

## 7. Financial Giving

In 2025, Ethos Institute organised a Fundraising Luncheon, inviting partners, churches, and friends to better understand and support its ministry. Through this effort, a total of \$21,000 was raised. We give thanks for the generous partnership and steadfast encouragement of our supporters and donors. Their contributions reflect the strength of this shared commitment and have been a great encouragement to the ministry of Ethos Institute.

NCCS received a bequest from a donor in 2021. It decided to use half of the donation to establish an unrestricted designated fund known as Ethos Endowment Fund. NCCS will manage the endowment fund and will use the proceeds from the investment to provide support for Ethos Institute, from time to time at its absolute discretion.

### *For Bank Transfer*

Account Name: ETHOS Institute for Public Christianity

Account Info: DBS Current 033-904-519-5

### *For Paynow*

Paynow Name: ETHOS Institute for Public Christianity

UEN: S70SS0023AE01



### *For Cheque*

Payable to "ETHOS Institute for Public Christianity"

Mail to: 7 Armenian Street, Bible House, #03-08, Singapore 179932

## Report on the 2026 Lenten Devotional to the NCCS AGM

This year marks the 21st edition of the Lent Devotional, faithfully produced by The Bible Society of Singapore since we were first commissioned by the National Council of Churches of Singapore in 2006. Each edition has sought to guide God’s people into deeper reflection during this sacred season, and we are grateful to continue this journey together.

The theme for this year’s devotional, “Behold the Lamb—Following Christ in a Fractured World,” invites us to lift our eyes once more to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In a time when our lives and societies often feel marked by division, uncertainty, and brokenness, we are reminded that true healing and hope are found at the cross. There, what the world regards as weakness is revealed to be the very power of God.

The Editorial teams for each version are:

- English version: Dr Florence Teo and the Publishing staff (Angie Eu and Alex Lim) of the Bible Society of Singapore (BSS)
- Chinese version: Elise Chang, Rebecca Ma and Edmund Tan (Chinese Ministry staff of BSS)

The following is the distribution summary of the 2026 Lenten Devotional:

Language	Edition/Format	No. of copies	e-book	Remarks
English	Normal print edition	3,400 copies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Large print edition	6,400 copies		
Chinese	Large print edition	4,000 copies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Tamil	Online PDF version, Free download	-	-	Translated from English version
Indonesian	Online PDF version, Free download	-	-	Translated from English version

Submitted by:

The Bible Society of Singapore, 7 April 2026

## **The Board of Visitors for SAF Detention Barracks (SAFDB) 2025**

### **A Report by NCCS Representative Rev Eric Ang**

I have represented the NCCS on the SAFDB Board of Visitors for multiple terms since July 23, 2008. My current term of service is scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2026. In this role, my primary focus is to ensure the proper treatment of detainees and to safeguard their fundamental rights.

My most recent visit to the SAF Detention Barracks (SAFDB) with the Board members took place on December 2, 2025. During the subsequent debriefing session, the consolidated issues and requests of the detainees were discussed with the Camp Commandant and his team of officers. The Board of Visitors thereafter submitted our findings and recommendations to the Director of Manpower (G1 MINDEF). The Board also commended the Commandant and his team for their professionalism in managing the SAFDB.

As the current Interim Senior Pastor of Sembawang Presbyterian Church and with the background of having served 28 years as an SAF Regular Officer and now as an SAF pensioner, I am honored to serve in this capacity with great joy and pride. I would like to thank the NCCS for the opportunity to represent the Council on the SAFDB Board of Visitors.

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