#### THE CHOIR MINISTRY

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

The year 2022 blossomed with hope for our Choir Ministry, as covid restrictions were lifted from Feb 2022 onwards. We were able to sing again without masks and as a choir with more than ten persons. It was such a blessing to be able to sing in church as a live choir again from Palm Sunday Service on 10 Apr onwards! Glory be to God Almighty!

## **ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL EVENTS**

The activities and events for the year 2022 included the following:

## SINGING AND MUSIC MINISTRY

- a. Weekly leading of the Opening, Communion and Thanksgiving hymns in the 8am Tamil service.
- b. Supporting the Tamil service with live organ music for the preludes, hymns, responses and postludes.
- c. Supporting the Carol Service, Christmas and New Year services.
- d. Supporting of the English services by a few young choristers.
- e. Training to prepare for auditions for new recruits who have expressed interest to join the Choir ministry, since Oct 2022.

### OTHER AREAS OF SUPPORT

- a. The choir recordings have been used to support wake and funeral services of our church members who had passed on.
- b. Choir recordings were made to support our church members' wedding service.
- c. Fund-raising efforts were made by choir members through the baking and sales of cakes and pastries for the Building Redevelopment.

#### **EVANGELISM**

The Choir participated in Come Home This Christmas Outreach program through a video production of some Christmas carols.

## POINTS FOR PRAISE

- a. God's grace for the choir leadership to reinstate and rebuild the live choir post-pandemic.
- b. The abundance of young recruits who have expressed interest in the Choir ministry and have been training for auditions.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- a. For the Choir Ministry to be renewed as young members join the choir.
- b. To use our talents, skills and knowledge in multiple modes so that we can continue to serve the Lord our God in the year 2023 with dedication and drive.

We give all Glory, Praise and Honour to our Almighty God for all the great things He has done for and through the Christ Church Choir, even amidst the challenges of the pandemic and post-pandemic situations.

Submitted by:

Choir Director : Mrs Ruby Rufus
Assistant Choir Directors : Mrs Amutha Samuel
: Dr (Mrs) Shirley Suresh

#### PRAISE AND WORSHIP MINISTRY

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands."

Psalm 63:3-4

#### **OUR VISION**

To be a faithful member of the worship team who magnifies the magnitude of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit by skillfully combining God's word with music, thereby continuously motivating the church into deeper depths and greater heights of experiencing the **Presence and the Power of our Lord God Almighty**.

## **OUR MINISTRY**

We give all glory to our Lord for His grace, mercy and the many blessings that He has bestowed upon the Praise and Worship team. With the ease of Covid-19 restrictions by the government, we were able to switch from pre-recorded worship sessions to on-site worship for our Sunday 8.00 AM Tamil service. The worship team has since then been able to readapt through the resumption of live worship sessions weekly.

### POINTS FOR PRAISE

- Praise God for the dedication and commitment of our musicians, worship leaders and backup singers for the tireless support rendered each week.
- Praise God for enabling us to resume live worship and allowing us to come together as a community to worship God.
- Praise God for the growth of the worship team with 2 backup singers and 1 AV team member.
- Praise God that we were able to upgrade to an in-ear monitoring system for our musicians which helps to improve the quality of music support for worship.
- Praise God that we were able to resume our support for all church level programmes i.e. Night of Empowerment, Fasting and Prayer, Lent Home Meetings, Carolling etc.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- For the expansion of the worship team, to bless us with new worship leaders and musicians.
- For spiritual guidance and musical development of our existing worship team members.
- For God to continually bless the unity and camaraderie of the Praise & Worship team.
- For further improvement on the quality of worship to create a better experience for the congregation to be led by the spirit.

## **PLANS FOR 2023**

To further improve and develop our worship team, we have planned for the following programmes in 2023:

- Musicians Workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023
- Worship Leaders Workshop 3rd Quarter 2023
- Worship Team Retreat 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

- To all the members of the Praise & Worship and AV team for their dedication, commitment and continued support in building the church through worship.
- Clergy and office staff for the administrative and logistical support.
- To congregation members for their feedback, suggestions, encouragement and prayers.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1

Submitted by:

Coordinator, Bro Christopher Samuel

#### MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Matt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."

Matthew 25:35-36 "For I was hungry, and you gave me food,... I was in prison, and you came to me."

## POINTS OF PRAISE

## **Overseas Missions and Missionary Support**

#### Deanery of Nepal

We thank God for our Home-grown missionaries to Nepal, Bro Bose and Sis Vasanthi. Their work has been phenomenal including spearheading many church planting and building projects, establishing the Joy Land Kindergarten (JLK), and supporting may other development projects through the Deanery of Nepal including the new JLK project at Ranipauwa and Christ Church Pokhara building project. Attached separately is a short summary of the work done in Nepal through them.

#### India

We continue to support 10 missionaries and 20 orphan children, through various mission organisations in India. Thanks to our MFC members who have been diligent in supporting this ministry. This year we also supported Harvest Ministries, Bihar by providing winter clothing for the missionaries and also Sunday School stepped in to support the Borewell project in Bihar.

## Myanmar

We support Pastor Paulson, Peniel Faith Missions in Myanmar on a monthly basis and also contributed towards Grocery distribution in the mission fields early in the year and Gospel rallies at 9 locations in Dec 2022.

## **Local Evangelism and Community Service**

- Personal Evangelism Members were encouraged to connect with their non-Christian Friends through
  "Come Home for Christmas" in Dec 2022. 10 families from our church diligently participated in hosting
  families and about 97 individuals from 41 families were hosted and engaged during Christmas, including
  two families who were befriended by our volunteers through Prison Fellowship, Singapore.
- Community Services Pls refer to Community Services Report by Ps Moses

## **PLANS FOR 2023**

Mission month 2023 in Aug, taking ownership and supporting the building of Christ Church Pokhara which was our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commitment and Personal Discipleship Program (PDJ) are some of the key focus areas in 2023. Kindly uphold these initiatives in your prayers.

## **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?**

Missions and Evangelism is the heartbeat of every church, and we seek the active participation of our church members in this ministry.

**PRAY:** for the missionaries, mission fields and communities we support.

CONTRIBUTE: your mission offerings and your time regularly in giving and volunteering.

LOOK OUT: for missionaries and mission areas or community projects we can support as a church and

inform Missions & Evangelism Committee for consideration.

Thank you all and Praise God for your support.

Submitted by:

Convenor, Mrs Hamsavardhini Stanley

#### **NEPAL MISSIONS REPORT**

We praise the Lord for His grace, mercy, and protection throughout 2022. In the midst of many challenges and tasks, God is faithful.

#### **CHRIST CHURCH POKHARA**

The church has also faced many challenges in 2022 but God continues to sustain the ministry. There was a change in pastoral leadership as Ps. Kishan Nepali left Pokhara Christ Church in Sep 2022. However, we praise God for the arrival of Ps. Manoj and his wife Shoba who took over the pastoral ministry at Christ Church Pokhara. The ministry at Parvati Tole, in Pokhara has continued to grow under the leadership of Ps Manoj and Sis Suntali. There are home fellowships, women's ministry, youth, and children's programs conducted on a regular basis. They have started music classes and planning to restart tuition classes when possible. The 2022 Christmas outreach included carolling in two places and a Christmas program at a hall near Christ church Pokhara. It was attended by about 100 people from the neighbourhood and an opportunity for church members to be involved through songs, dances, food and fellowship.

## JOY LAND KINDERGARTEN, RANIPAUWA

The purchase of a permanent premise for the kindergarten and future Christ Church Pokhara was indeed a miracle of God. God indeed gave much wisdom to the team in the discussions, planning, budgeting, and presentations that were done for this project. Renovations will be carried out in the first quarter of 2023. Funds are required for Christ Church Pokhara building project. We must indeed thank the Lord that we need not spend on buying a piece of land but required only to put up the Church building which is estimated to cost us S\$250K.

## JOY LAND KINDERGARTEN, DAMSIDE

The current kindergarten continues in the rented premise at Damside. The leadership continues to think of ways to increase the enrolment and upgrade the teachers continually so that good education standards can be maintained and improved. We are involved in assisting in the management, teachers training, budgeting and resources at the kindergarten. Our Vicar has been appointed by the Acting Dean of Nepal (Bp. Kuan) to lead the Education mission in the deanery of Nepal.

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

There was opportunity for us to be involved in another kindergarten in the slums on the outskirts of Kathmandu as well as the ongoing coffee and water filtration projects.

## **CHRIST CHURCH NEPAL MISSION TRIP 2022**

We were blessed to have Christ Church mission team visit and be involved in the ministries of Christ Church Pokhara, Joy Land Kindergarten and children's programs both in Pokhara and Kathmandu. The church members of Christ Church Pokhara were very blessed by the teaching and ministry. Many children came to hear the good news of God through the programs. It was a time of refreshing, encouragement, and blessing for many.

## CONCLUSION

We thank God and appreciate our Vicar, Pastors, PCC, church staff and members for continually supporting us through all the challenges of the Nepal ministry. Your prayers and encouragement are invaluable and precious as it sustains us in every step. We continue to trust God each day as He leads us according to His plans.

Submitted by: Bro Bose & Sis Vasanthi

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **OUR VISION**

The Community Service Committee is currently under the Missions and Evangelism Committee.

Primary objectives are:

- To focus on local mission and outreaches
- To focus on the needs of the community and consider ways in which the church can come along to help.

Community Services partners with various agencies such as Singapore Anglican Community Services (SACS), Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS), Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA), Pek Kio and many other organizations.

## POINTS OF PRAISE

**Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS):** Many of our members are serving as volunteers in Family Care Ministry and In -Care ministry. Once again for 2022, we have supported the Angel Tree Project. 25 vouchers were delivered to families by our volunteers. We also encouraged 22 children of inmates/ex-offenders who are part of the Care Club (Family Care Ministry) by giving out POPULAR bookstore vouchers over the Christmas season.

**St Andrew's Migrant Worker Medical Clinic (SAMWMC)** – Bishop Titus Chung appointed our Vicar as Chaplain for the Migrant Workers Medical Centre on 1 May 2022. Since then, he has been encouraging SAIB pastors and Churches to be involved in this work. We thank God for the faithful work of our IFTM core team and members from 8am service who had been consistently reaching out to the Tamil speaking migrant workers. Some of our members including sisters have stepped up to volunteer in serving at SAMWMC. Our pastoral team along with some SAIB pastors regularly take devotions with SAMWMC Staff. However, we need more volunteers to serve in this ministry as we plan to reach out in 2023.

**Support for Church families/Toa Payoh Residents** – Some of our church members were affected by the Covid situation and we were able to bless them with NTUC vouchers and hampers over the Christmas season. Some of the hampers were also distributed to the Toa Payoh one room rental dwellers.

**SINDA** – We held a meeting with the CEO of SINDA, Mr Anbarasu Rajendran on 29 Oct 2022 at Christ Church to discuss on how we can work together in reaching out to the Indian community. On 25 and 26 Nov 2022, SINDA used our premise (St John Community Hall) for festive gift packing and distribution for SINDA recipients.

**Moulmein – Cairnhill Community Outreach:** We held a meeting with Professor Sean Rozario and Mr Kajendran from the Moulmein – Cairnhill Consultative Committee on 17 Nov 2022 at Christ Church to discuss and share ideas for community outreach to their residents.

**Pek Kio Community Centre** - This year we were able to partner with them to bless and distribute 160 hampers to Blk 47 Owen Road residents over the Christmas season. Volunteers from our church came together for hamper packing on 16 Dec 2022. The hampers were distributed on 17 Dec 2022. We went house to distribute and some of them allowed us to pray for them.

### **PLANS FOR 2023**

- 1. PFS Integrated Programs
- 2. Pek Kio and Toa Payoh (rental flats) outreach led by the English and Contemporary Service.
- 3. Medical outreach under St Andrew's Migrant Worker Medical Clinic (SAMWMC).
- 4. PSLE Enrichment Classes
- Café Excel by SINDA
- 6. Partnership with Sree Narayan Mission for wellness integrated programmes to encourage active living.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- 1. In 2022, the Community Service work was limited by the Covid-19 situation. Pray that in 2023, Community Service ministry will be able to engage the community and be a bridge to the church.
- 2. Pray for more members who have expertise in the field of social work or community services to join the Community Service ministry from the various services in Christ Church.

Submitted by : Pastor Moses Ajay Members : Mr Christopher Muthiah

: Mrs Mona Ponniah-Jayakumar

: Mr Raphael Rufus

#### **CARE GROUP MINISTRY**

The Care Group Ministry aims to see all members in Christ Church to be actively engaged in Care Group (CG), so that we can be a community that will be:

C-ARING	To be a <b>C</b> aring group of people towards one another, so that the love of Christ can be demonstrated to everyone who comes to CG
A-PPROACHABLE	To be an Approachable group of people, so that CG will create a non-threatening
A-FFROACHABLE	environment for interactive study of the Word of God.
R-EACH OUT	To be an active group of believers who will intentionally Reach out to the Lost around
R-EACH OUT	their vicinity with the message and Love of Christ
E-QUIPS	To be a group that will help to identify, Equip and empower every member in the CG
E-QUIPS	to discover their gifts and exercise it for the glory of Christ

## **Regular Activities**

In the first quarter of 2022, we continued our journey on "The Essential Commandment: A Disciple's Guide to Loving God and Others" via Zoom with key emphasize on C-ARING and R-EACH OUT. Each topic is structured as below and is covered over 4 CG sessions.

Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4
Core Truth	Memory Verse	Bible Study	Reading

Chapter #5 - 'Loving God with all your Soul - What does it mean to be soulful beings?' was covered at this period.

In the month of June i.e., School Holiday there were no CG meetings.

## **Change in CG Structure**

During the month of Jun there was a feedback session with all CG Leaders. CG Leaders shared that the topics are too heavy, and members also found it difficult to participate during discussion and hence preferred a lighter topic. Also, some CGs were struggling in getting their members to attend due to various reasons. In view of the above feedback, Pastoral team came up with the revised course material which is "**Teachings on Discipleship**". This is a video-based teaching from SAIB Pastors which will be followed by a group discussion, where members are grouped by gender.

The CG meeting days were also changed to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays in order to accommodate Church Level Discipleship training conducted by "The Navigators" which happens on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. 1<sup>st</sup> week is allotted for bonding session within their CGs like BBQ, Walking, Bowling, Social Activities etc. These are to integrate new members into their CGs and also to reach out to non-believers and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week we have the video-based teaching from SAIB Pastors.

We have covered the following Discipleship Series topics so far.

Aug 2022		Sep 2022	Oct 2022	
	Gender equality – Being One In Christ	United in Christ	Serve Willingly	

With the change in structure, we have seen more members attending CGs in many places. The CG Leaders meet once a month for training. At this time, we would like to thank all the CG members who are attending the CG meetings and the Pastors for training the leaders.

## Following are the CG Location and Leaders:

11AM CONTEMPORARY:

Ps Theodore Samraj

**BENDEMEER:** 

Sis Arulmary Nelson, Sis Sheila Dharmaraj

**BISHAN:** 

Sis Priya Aruldass, Sis Vimala Steven

**BUKIT PANJANG:** 

Bro Daniel Dharmaraj, Bro Kalaikumar

HIRONG

Sis Hamsavardhini Stanley, Sis Jeba Paulraj, Bro Stanley Daniel

SERANGOON/SENGKANG:

Sis Grace Vincent, Bro John Gipson, Bro Vincent

WOODLANDS:

Sis Havelen Sundar, Bro N Sundar

YIO CHU KANG (ENGLISH):

Bro Christopher Muthiah

YISHUN:

Bro Kingsly Christopher, Sis Linda Prem

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- CGs participated in donating auction hampers for Christmas mini food and fun fare held on 18 Dec 2022
- Every month CGs also arranged bonding session including walks, BBQ, outings etc. Point of mention is Bukit Panjang CG organsised a 2-day trip to Malacca in the month of Nov 2022 which was attended by four families.
- Jurong CGs initiated 2 Fishing with Jesus program in visiting single room blocks in Tai Ching Road in the month of Sep and Oct 2022
- CGs were rostered for breakfast serving on Sundays

## **POINTS FOR PRAISE**

- Relaxation on COVID rules so we were able to meet in person after 2 years.
- Participation of members attending CGs have increased.
- 5 to 6 non-believers have started attending CARE Groups regularly. Please pray for them.

# **POINTS FOR PRAYERS**

- To see all members of CC to be part of CARE Group and encourage ne another in bringing non-believers into CARE Group

We encourage all members to be part of a CG in order to see every believer in our CG's & Church to become a **FUNCTIONAL CHRISTIAN.** 

Submitted by: CARE Group Core Team

#### PRAYER MINISTRY

#### **VISION**

Praying to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's will through Jesus Christ.

#### THEME 2022

Be Strong in the Lord and Overcome the World, I Write to You, Young Men, Because You Are Strong, And the Word of God Lives In You, And You Have Overcome The Evil One. 1 John 2:14b

#### PARISH FASTING PRAYER

Prayer Ministry conducts Fasting and Prayer sessions every first Saturday (Except Lent Season) from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Due to COVID sessions were conducted via Zoom, After COVID we conducted physical Fasting Prayer sessions.

## **NIGHT OF EMPOWERMENT PRAYER**

Prayer Ministry also conducted "Night of Empowerment" on the fourth Friday of every month (Except Lent days) from 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm.

## **ALL NIGHT PRAYER**

Prayer Ministry made changed from 'Night of Empowerment' to 'All-Night Prayer'. All night prayer started on 5 Aug from 10.00 pm to 5.00 am in the sanctuary and 7th Oct in St Luke worship Hall and it will continue.

## **DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST**

Physical prayer is done on 5 Nov 2022 in St Andrews Cathedral. Fasting & Prayer and Night of Empowerment and All night Prayer are led by our Vicar Canon Rev Steven Asirvatham, Rev Edison N Wilson, Ps Byju Samuel, Ps Theodore Samraj and Ps Moses Ajay. These sessions were attended by members from all six services.

We Praise God for our Vicar Canon Rev Steven Asirvatham, Rev Edison N Wilson, Ps Byju Samuel and Ps Theodore Samraj support and active involvement. We also thank the Church Staff Sis Rani and Verger Bro Alex.

## **PRAISE POINTS**

- By the grace of God, the Prayer Ministry has entered its 21st year in Jun 2022.
- Every time God did miracles for many, and they shared the witnessed and glorified God. This made edifying others and make faith in Jesus Christ.
- Thank God that he made this pandemic situation end, and we can now come for this prayer onsite.
- We thank God for choosing us to pray for the world, Churches, and others.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

Let us continue to pray for our unity and revival to fulfil God's will.

All glory and praise go to Lord our Saviour Jesus Christ for His abundant blessing upon this prayer Ministry. praise be to God.

## Submitted by:

Coordinator, Bro George V Vethakan

#### **MEDIA MINISTRY**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **OUR VISION**

"Connect the Connected people with God" is the Vision and Mission of the Media Ministry.

Church website was originally developed with the goal to proclaim the gospel to all nations as we read in Mark 13:10 "And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations". Every year we've been learning new technologies and growing toward the vision through God's mighty guidance and grace.

It is a joy to look back at this past ministry year and reflect on how God has worked in our ministry and how He has used us as a tool to impact the world around us.

## **OUR MINISTRY**

The Church website not only serves as a communication medium within our church but to do outreach and to spread the gospel beyond manmade boundaries. During the pandemic times, God equipped us with appropriate new technologies that worked like branches from the church website tree. The team has worked efficiently on weekly seamless 'planning & implementation' of activities and also promptly responded to the dynamic guidelines set by the Diocese and the government.

## **POINTS FOR PRAISE**

#### **Kev Achievements:**

- 1. Website continues to maintain a top listing in "Google" search and has also achieved "zero downtime".
- 2. Team successfully helped the Clergy and the Leaders in organizing virtual AGM 2022 as per the guidelines set by the Diocese and the government.
- 3. Team uploads the weekly Digital newsletters, and church programs/events to keep the church members updated on church happenings.
- 4. We have been successfully live-streaming our regular Sunday Tamil worship service over YouTube channel.
- 5. Team completed a major project of live-stream telecast setup of the church programs from sanctuary to 'St. Luke's Worship Hall' or vice versa and Two (2) spill over rooms in Level 4 at 'Revd Canon Samuel Baboo Block'. This expands the capacity of people experiencing the program within our church premises.

## **PLANS FOR 2023**

Integration of online forms for pledges, member's particulars, New Visitor information, etc.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Media ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank those sponsors for being generous in supporting the cost of hosting and maintenance of our Church domain (https://www.christchurch.org.sg) for the past four years. Our website has been hosted by the hosting service provider WIX. We take this opportunity in appreciation as well as thanking the Audio-Visual team members for their voluntary support for its license cost for using the visual images and the effects during the visual display.

Kindly uphold our ministry in your prayers for this year, to become a stronger communicator of GOOD NEWS, connect with more people in need, protection from cyber threats and hackers.

Submitted by: Media Ministry Team

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

THEME	'Discipled To Disciple'	
VISION	To be discipled into a vibrant personal relationship with God, to bear witness for Christ and be empowered to serve and worship Him.	
MISSION	To read God's Word to grow spiritually, to build character, to instill Christian values and morals.	

Currently, we have Sunday School for 8am, Contemporary /Punjabi, English and IFTM/Malayalam services. We have 70 children from the 6 services attending Sunday School weekly and a dedicated, vibrant and committed team of 23 teachers.

## **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Ready, Steady, Go! programme was introduced to welcome the children for the new year and to establish routines and rules. This allows the teachers to bond with the children under their care, to provide a warm, inclusive, safe and caring environmental culture that promotes children's spiritual growth and development.
- 2. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, lessons were conducted via zoom from 15 Jan 2022 to June and face to face lessons convened from Jul.
- 3. Sunday School teachers' devotion and monthly meetings were held on 4th Saturday of each month.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 1. In conjunction with National Tamil month 31 children participated and recited bible verses, sang songs and impersonation of Bible hero or Biblical character in Tamil. It was held on 23 Apr 2022.
- 2. Movie Night A movie themed "Be strong in the Lord and overcome the world" on the biblical character on Job was screened on 9 Jul at 5.00 pm with games activities and reflections. 45 children including 5 new children joined in the event.
- 3. Sunday School supported fund-raising efforts with the sale food and set up games stall on Thanksgiving Sunday on 4 Sep 2022. A sum of \$1359.50 was collected.
- 4. Children's Day was celebrated on 9 Oct 2022 with games carnival. A sum of \$800.00 was collected for mission support at Bihar. The fund was raised to build bore well under Pastor Kalyan Kumar's mission support. This was an initiative by Parish's Mission Committee.
- 5. Nepal mission Craft 150 pencils with handmade decorations were done by Sunday School children to be given away for the children in Nepal during Nepal Mission trip on Nov.
- 6. Sunday School children made and presented appreciation cards with personalized messages to Clergy, Pastoral staff and office support staff.
- 7. End of The Year cum Christmas Celebration 2022 was held on 26 Nov. The theme was "We are Strong". Rev Hambali, from Church of the Ascension shared the word and 50 children and 7 new children attended the programme. Presents and goodie bags were given to the children by the teachers.

## **POINTS OF PRAISE**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). The children were taught and they caught and applied the Christian value to give towards mission and have shown great enthusiasm in partnering with missions and bringing their friends to Sunday School special programs.

We want to thank the Lord for leading and guiding us in 2022. We take this opportunity to thank Canon Steven Asirvatham for his advice, the Pastoral Team, Mrs Vasanthi Bose for her Sunday School training sessions, PCC for their generous support, PCC representative, Mr Raphael Rufus for his valuable advice, Mr V Christopher, and Parishioners for their prayers and generous support. We thank the parents for their cooperation and encouragement and our Amazing Team of dedicated teachers without whom we could not have finished strong!

Praise be to God!

Submitted by: Director, Mrs Vimala Steven Superintendent, Mrs Bali Margaret Superintendent, Mrs Priscilla Philip

#### **TEENS FOR CHRIST**

Teens were determined to set their priorities right to and cultivate the fervour to grow in God's love. The themes set for the year is "Discipled to Disciple".

Teen's fellowship started with encouragement and with plans to explore the opportunity to be discipled by the Bible study guide titled "Discipleship: The Growing Christian's Lifestyle". Teens continued their fellowship virtually through Zoom and onsite from mid-2022. Teens gathered at Rev Canon Baboo Building from Jul 2022 and this onsite gathering has been a blessing for teens. The timing for the Teens session was changed to 11am to accommodate more teens who attend the onsite weekly session.

Ps Moses and Mrs Serena Ajay continued the Bible study aligned to our Parish Theme "Discipled to Disciple" with our study guide titled "The Power of God's Promises". To study this topic we studied about Joshua, Some topics that teens studied were, "God's Call & My Insecurity", "Remembering What God has Done", "Claiming God's Victories", "Learning to Trust God", "Defeat, Confession & Victory". These study topics and discussions helped teens to strengthen their walk with the Lord. Bible Study and activities were also aligned to our Parish Theme for the year 2022 "Be Strong in the Lord and Overcome the World'.

As we embarked the journey during these new normal days, we organised Bowling at Home Team NS. Teens attended day camp during Nov last year that organized by SAIB, which was a blessing for the teens those attended the camp. As a new initiative during the new normal days teens and youths had their combined sessions once in a month either for bonding time and also for the spiritual growth.

We had a memorable onsite gathering on 13 Nov 2022, where more than 35 teens gathered to celebrate yearend fellowships sessions this year. Teens had organised Secret Santa and the word of God was shared by Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham and also addressed some of questions that were posted to him by teens. The day was closed with Potluck Lunch with various delicious food. This a successful event which would not have been possible with the unconditional support by Parents of our Teens. Special mention to two of our teens would be joining the Youth Ministry during the year 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ps Moses, Mrs Serena Ajay in leading the Bible study for teens.

We extend our appreciation to Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, Rev Edison N Wilson for their guidance, Ms Esther Rani and Mr Alex Fernandez for all the logistic support rendered.

Special mention to PCC Members and Building Committee in hearing us patiently and providing the required logistics for us to gather onsite.

We also take this moment to thank all the Parents who gave their support to us and encouraging the teens to attend the Teens for Gathering sessions virtually as well as in our onsite gatherings.

Above all, we are grateful to our Lord as we embarked another year in guiding the Teen's in their walk with Godly values during these new normal days and his guidance during our physical gathering in the year 2023.

Submitted by:

Pastor in Charge, Ps Moses Ajay

Co-Ordinators: Mr Prem Ambrose & Mrs Linda Prem

Mrs Serena Ajay

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

# **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Throughout the year 2022, the YM operated weekly at 11am on Sunday via zoom. From Jul, we resumed sessions in person at room 207 of the Canon Samuel Baboo block. All Christ Church youths were welcomed to join. An average of 12 – 16 youths attended this program regularly. Each session began with a 10-minute praise and worship, followed by a 50-minute session.

The schedule outline per month is as follows:

Weeks 1 & 3:	On the first and third weeks of every month, Pastor Theodore and Sis Lily	
Bible Study	Theodore led Bible studies. The study focused on various approaches to	
	personal Bible study, including the "Swedish Bible Study," "Pronounce It	
	"Picture It", and "Probe it" methods.	
Week 2:	The youth core team organized discussion and devotional sessions on	
Youth-led Biblical	subjects important to youths on the second week of every month. We	
Discussion	explored practical applications of the five Solae of the Protestant Reformation	
	and learned about key missionaries and their works.	
Week 4:	The youths and teens gathered for a time of worship and games on the fourth	
Teen and Youth Combined	Saturday of every month.	
Worship and Games		
Week 5:	YM organized recreational activities every 5th week of the month for youths	
Recreational Activities	to come together, bond, and fellowship over. Here are some of the activities	
	we did.	
	- Hike at MacRitchie Reservoir on 29 Jan.	
	- Bowling at Toa Payoh Safra on 24 Apr.	
	- BBQ at Safra Yishun on 10 Jul.	
	- Canvas painting in church followed by lunch on 30th October.	

#### Youth Day

On Jul 2, 2022, we combined the Teens and Youth Games Day with the Youth Day celebration. Youths and teens prayed for one another during the program's opening prayer session, which was followed by worship. Following that, we played games like Captain's Ball and Amazing Race.

On 10 Jul 2022, the Youth Ministry organized a Youth BBQ where youths gathered to have a good time of games and fellowship. The Pastoral team and Exco together with their spouses were also invited for this event.

## **POINTS OF PRAISE**

Praise God for the:

- support received from members in our activities.
- new building that's and the space allocated by the Church for youths to conduct weekly sessions.
- resumption of face-to-face sessions after the COVID restrictions was eased.
- new youths who have joined the ministry.

# **POINTS OF PRAYER**

- Pray that more youths will attend and participate in programs that are organized
- Pray for continued holistic growth among the youths in the ministry as they experience God in their lives

We concluded the program at the end of Oct 2022. The youths appreciate the support and prayers received from all members, Pastoral staff, as well as the PCC. We also thank Pastor Theodore and Sis Lily for dedicating their time to encourage and nurture the youths.

# Submitted by:

**Youth Ministry Core Team 2022** 

#### **WOMEN FOR CHRIST**

Proclaim the Good News of His salvation from day to day: - Ps 96:2

#### **OUR MISSION:**

- 1. To equip the members through the study of God's word, grow in prayer life and be strengthened in faith through fellowship.
- 2. To Evangelise the lost and needy women in society.

#### **OUR MINISTRY:**

The New Year gathering was held on 16 Jan 2022 with the theme "Be strong in the Lord and Overcome the world" 1 John 2:14b.

Bible study was conducted by Sis Vimala Steven on the Book of Galatians. Emphasis was given on the meaningful life application through in-depth study.

Sisters were committed to pray for the nations, community, churches, families, youths, teens, missionaries, for the sick and needy. Sharing of testimonies have encouraged and edified the sisters and they look forward to the sessions.

Bible quiz, Pebble colouring and baking activities were conducted. Sis Anironitha Vargees, Sis Suba Vinoraj, Sis Hamsavardhini Stanley, Sis Jeba Paulraj, Sis Shyamala Deselva and Sis Anitta Paulson helmed the activities.

We had our last gathering of the year at Botanic Garden on 16 Nov.

## **POINTS FOR PRAISE**

We praise God for the continuity of WFC meetings in the Church.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

To encourage all the sisters from the Parish of Christ Church to be part of WFC and to reach out to the sisters in Singapore.

## **PLANS FOR 2023**

To plan for culinary, craft activities and conversations on topics to engage the sisters.

## **SPECIAL THANKS:**

We thank God for all the sisters who served in WFC. We thank all our sisters who actively participated in the weekly WFC meetings.

We thank our Vicar Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, WFC Advisor Sis Vimala Steven and Sis Esther Rani for their continuous support towards the WFC ministry.

Above all, we thank our Lord Almighty for His guidance.

Submitted by:

WFC Coordinators: Sis Anitta Paulson

Sis Jeba Paulraj Sis Shyamala Deselva

#### MEN FOR CHRIST

#### VISION

Meditate on God's Word, Fellowship with one another and support our Church

### **THEME 2022**

## 'BE SRONG IN THE LORD AND OVERCOME THE WORLD'

'I write to you, young men, because you are strong, And the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the Evil one.1 John 2:14b.

We give thanks and honor to the Heavenly God for His unending blessings and direction in the year 2021. In carrying out every endeavour made by MFC to exalt His name. We keep on praying and putting our faith in Jesus Christ. Experiencing Holy Spirit to fulfil God's will.

## **POINTS FOR PRAISE**

Praise God for:

- His blessings, grace, mercy and protection upon all members and their families throughout the year 2022.
- enabling MFC to support various missionaries.
- the togetherness among MFC members and bringing more Men for the Sunday fellowship.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- Pray that God may give us opportunities to support more mission & charity works in the coming years.
- Pray that more men from our congregation will join 'Men for Christ' Fellowship.
- Pray for the Missionaries and their families for their good health, a blessed family life and to grow in the knowledge of God and serve Him faithfully.
- Pray for the children in the orphanages run by the Indian Missionary Society and Kanyakumari Diocese

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

## **Mission Support:**

By God's Grace, during year 2022, we could support missionaries belonging to and working in different mission fields spread all over India

- Blessing Youth Mission, Friends
- Gospel Echoing Missionary Society (GEMS)
- Missionary Prayer Band
- Indian Missionary Society

## **Orphan Children Support**

• During 2022, MFC continued to support 10 Children through Indian Missionary Society (IMS) and 10 Children through Kanyakumari Diocesan Mission Prayer Band.

# **REGULAR GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- MFC met every Sunday after the morning service for Bible discussion and prayer over zoom from 12:00PM
   01:00 PM till Jun 2022 and continued in Church Physically we could meet in person by the grace of God
- 2. Brothers in MFC took lead in Bible study and group discussions.
- 3. Rev Edison N. Wilson conducted study on 'Minor Prophets in Bible' during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of all months.
- 4. Bible Quiz on Genesis: This was conducted on 20 Nov. Many men actively participated, and it was a blessing for all.
- 5. MFC Family get together: MFC and their families gathered at Changi Beach for BBQ on 9 Aug. 2022.
- 6. Combined fellowship: MFC and WFC had a combined session conducted by Bro Clement Sastriar.
- We give thanks and praise to our Lord for all His blessings bestowed on MFC and Christ Church as a whole, for the faithful commitment and continuing dedication of all members to the mission and church ministries.
- We also thank all congregation members and other Functional Groups for their support, prayers and spirit of cooperation.
- We thank our Vicar Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham and Priest Rev Edison N. Wilson for their guidance, advice and support throughout the year 2022.
- We trust in the Lord to move forward in this year with our Lord's guidance as we serve Him through the MFC.

Submitted by:

Coordinators: Mr George Vethakan V

Mr John Vinoraj S Mr John Gipson

#### **SENIORS FOR CHRIST**

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Il Cor.12.9

We praise and thank God for His mercy and favour. After more than two years of Covid restrictions, we were at last able to meet as a group in May 2022. We started with four to eight people attending in May and grew to eleven by Nov at the last meeting.

We meet every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm for a time of Bible study witnessing and prayer. Bible studies were taken by Revd Canon Steven Asirvatham, Revd Edison NWilson, Pastor Byju Samuel and Pastor Theodore Samraj. Mr G Thomas Jeyaseelan also led us in several Bible Studies. We thank all of them for preparing discussions that engaged all of us.

We thank the church and the Pastoral team for their continued support and encouragement. We hope more people will join our fellowship and enjoy the camaraderie.

Submitted by:

**Coordinators: Ms Gnanam Abraham** 

Mrs Anironitha GV

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

By the Grace of God our church continues to grow, our facilities expand and we are blessed with The Rev Canon Samuel Baboo block in 2022. Building Committee manages the maintenance of the buildings and facilitate the best possible use of our facilities.

## **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT:**

- Replacement of Canopy at Sanctuary.
- Replacement of Carpet at Sanctuary.
- SCDF certification for Parish Hall and Sanctuary completed.
- Sanctuary exterior lighting was replaced with architectural lighting.
- Replacement of aging projector and TV wiring at Sanctuary.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CSB BLOCK:

- PFS moved to CSB Level 3, from Jul 2022.
- New Chairs/Tables purchased for CSB prayer rooms.
- CSB defects handling under Defect Liability through the main contractor.
- CSB room usage defined for functional groups.
- New conference room (Room 205) with furniture, TV and carpet completed.
- Carpet for rooms 208 and 209 completed.
- Training for members on M&E facilities provided.
- Cleaning contractor for CSB appointed.
- St John's prayer hall AV system installed.
- Curtains in prayer rooms installed.

### **OTHERS**

- AGAPE started using Level 3 of Parish Hall (portion previously used by EAST) from Jun 2022.
- Nepali worship (Grace Church) started using multi-purpose room from Aug 2022.
- Electricity for the church premises is from the new Substation in CSB block.
- Vanadium occupied with new tenant.
- Usual repair and maintenance of various items carried out.
- Facilitated SINDA using the CSB hall for outreach.

## **PRAISE GOD**

- For His grace in carrying out various works in 2022.
- Provision of funds through challenging times of COVID restrictions and Redevelopment Project.

## **PRAY FOR**

- Provision of funds as we need to carry out many works in Parish Hall building while we need to start repaying the Diocesan loan for the Redevelopment Project.
- The increased use of CSB block for serving the community.

## Submitted by:

Coordinator, Mr Jose Nathaniel

### CHRIST CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

"... "so that people may see and know, may consider, and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this..." (Isaiah 41:20)

#### **GIVING THANKS WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS!**

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23). We give thanks and praise to God Almighty as the Redevelopment of Christ Church Education Block was completed and the new building, named REVD CANON SAMUEL BLOCK was dedicated by Rt Revd. Titus Chung, the Bishop of Singapore on June 11, 2022. The dedication of the building was carried out after we obtained from Building Construction Authority (BCA):

- The Temporary Occupancy Permit (TOP) on 22 March 2023; and
- The Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC) on 18 April 2022.

The newly constructed block is now under the 15-month Maintenance Period (DLP) during which the main contractor will make good defects and discrepancies arising from the contractor's errors and omissions at no cost to us.

## SALIENT FEATURES OF REVD. CANON SAMUEL BABOO BLOCK

The 4-storey new building has a Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 2,815 sq.m. and offers the following facilities:

- A Community Hall and a Prayer Hall in Level 1.
- A Worship Hall in Level 4 with a capacity of 220 worshippers.
- 24 Prayer Rooms spread over the 4 Levels.

Since the dedication of the new building, the Contemporary Bilingual Service is being held at the Level 4 Worship Hall, named St Luke's Worship Hall. Our functional ministries are being held in Level 2 Prayer Rooms. Nepali Fellowship is using the Level 1 Prayer Hall, named St John's Prayer Hall for their Sunday Worship Service. Prison Fellowship Singapore has been licensed to use Level 3 rooms.

#### THE CHALLENGES FACED

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." (Psalm 127:1-2) We thank our gracious Lord for His protection throughout the construction period as several challenges were faced.

- The old Education Block built during 1952-1954 had asbestos material which had to be safely cleared.
- War relics were found during excavation time.
- The Level 4 roof of the old building had extensive cracks and holes and the entire roof casting had to be demolished and a new casting laid.
- Construction work had to be ceased from 7 April 2020 to 9 July 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic caused Circuit Breaker measures taken by the Authority.
- Manpower and supply chain constraints were faced due to COVID-19 safety management measures.

By God's grace and mercy these challenges were professionally handled without any worksite safety incidents. Our hearts are filled with gratitude, praise, and thanksgiving for His arm of protection over every phase of the construction work.

#### THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM

We record our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following firms for partnering Christ Church in the Redevelopment Project.

Forvis Construction Engineering (FCE) Pte Ltd
 Kyoob Architects Pte Ltd
 :Main Contractor
 :Project Architects

ECAS Consultants Pte Ltd
 HPX Consulting Engineers Pte Ltd
 :Civil & Structural Consultants
 :Mechanical & Electrical Consultants

Oliver Ho & Associates :Quantity Surveyor

• Gridline Interior Designers :Worship Hall Interior Design

• Smart Solutions Pte Ltd :Audi-Visual System Design and Supply of Equipment

We record our sincere thanks also to the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Building Construction Authority for all the needed approvals.

## **PROJECT FINANCIALS**

Total Approved Project Cost :\$7,700,000 Project Actual Cost Until Completion :\$7,758,496

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

We record our sincere thanks and appreciation:

- To Mr Philip Ng, the CEO of Far East Organization for the generous donation and sustained support through the provision of a Project Manager to help with guidance and overseeing of the construction activity.
- To the members of the Parish from all the services for their encouragement, involvement, prayer support, generous donations, and pledges.
- To the Fund-raising Committee and the PCC for their dedicated support and participation all through the last three years.
- To the Vicar Revd. Canon Steven Asirvatham, the Parish Priest Rev Edison N Wilson, Ps Byju Samuel, Ps Theodore Samraj and Ps Moses Ajay for their counsel and prayer support.
- To Ms Rani Kumar and Mr Alex for the administrative and logistics support.

"Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever, Amen." (Philippians 4:20)

# Submitted by, Mr Thomas Jeyaseelan

On behalf of the Redevelopment Project Committee consisting of:

Mr Sandarabose Mr Immanuel Jayasingh Mr Chandrasekar Mr JJ Joel

Mr V Christopher Mr Raphael Rufus Mr Jose Nathaniel Ms Sanya Deepak

# The Revd. Canon Samuel Baboo Block



# **View From Bristol Road**



St Luke's Worship Hall (Level 4)

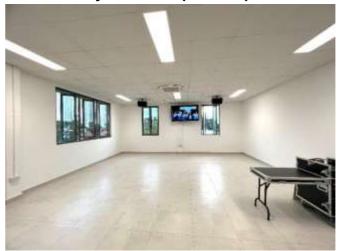




St John's Prayer Hall (Level 1)



Prayer Room (Level 4)



**The Redevelopment of Christ Church** 



### REDEVELOPMENT FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

"Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." Proverbs 3:9

The Fundraising Committee was set up in our Parish with an aim to plan and execute initiatives that would aid in raising necessary funds to service the newly built Canon Samuel Baboo Block. Although COVID 19 regulations were being gradually eased in 2022, the team still encountered some challenges to organise and execute major/large scale fundraising activities. By God's grace we did manage to carry out a few on-site initiatives such as the Sale of umbrellas, Biryani sales, Mini food fair, Special breakfast sales as well as the on-site auctions that were held during Thanksgiving Sunday and the Christmas mini food and funfair.

We praise God that we managed to raise a grand total of approx. \$41000 during the year 2022 though these fundraising efforts.

Fundraising Initiatives	Description	Amount Raised
Sale of Merchandise	Sale of Merchandise Sale of masks and umbrellas.	
Mini Food and Fun fair	Breakfast sales during thanksgiving Sunday and Christmas season.	\$10,950.15
Thanksgiving Auction & Christmas Hamper Auction	On-site Auction during Sunday breakfast.	\$21,575.00
Biryani Sales	Organised during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Mini Food and Funfair.	\$3,445.00
Special Breakfast Sales	Organised in Jul and sponsored by Punjabi Service.	\$1,342.00

## **Points of Praise:**

- Praise God for allowing us to resume on-site fundraising activities which enabled more participation among our members.
- Praise God for the continuous support received from the members of our parish.
- Praise God for the newly built Canon Samuel Baboo Block.

## **Points of Prayer:**

- For God's hand to be upon all our upcoming efforts, as we raise funds to service the loan of the Rev Canon Samuel Baboo Block.
- To generate new fundraising ideas and plan larger scaled events for the upcoming year.
- For the continuous support from our members as they give generously towards the initiatives planned for the year ahead.

## **Word of Thanks**

The Redevelopment Fundraising Committee would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all members who have come forward to help in the activities we have carried out thus far.

We do hope that you will continue to pray for this project and extend your support in all future initiatives.

Thank You and God Bless.

Submitted by, Redevelopment Fundraising Committee